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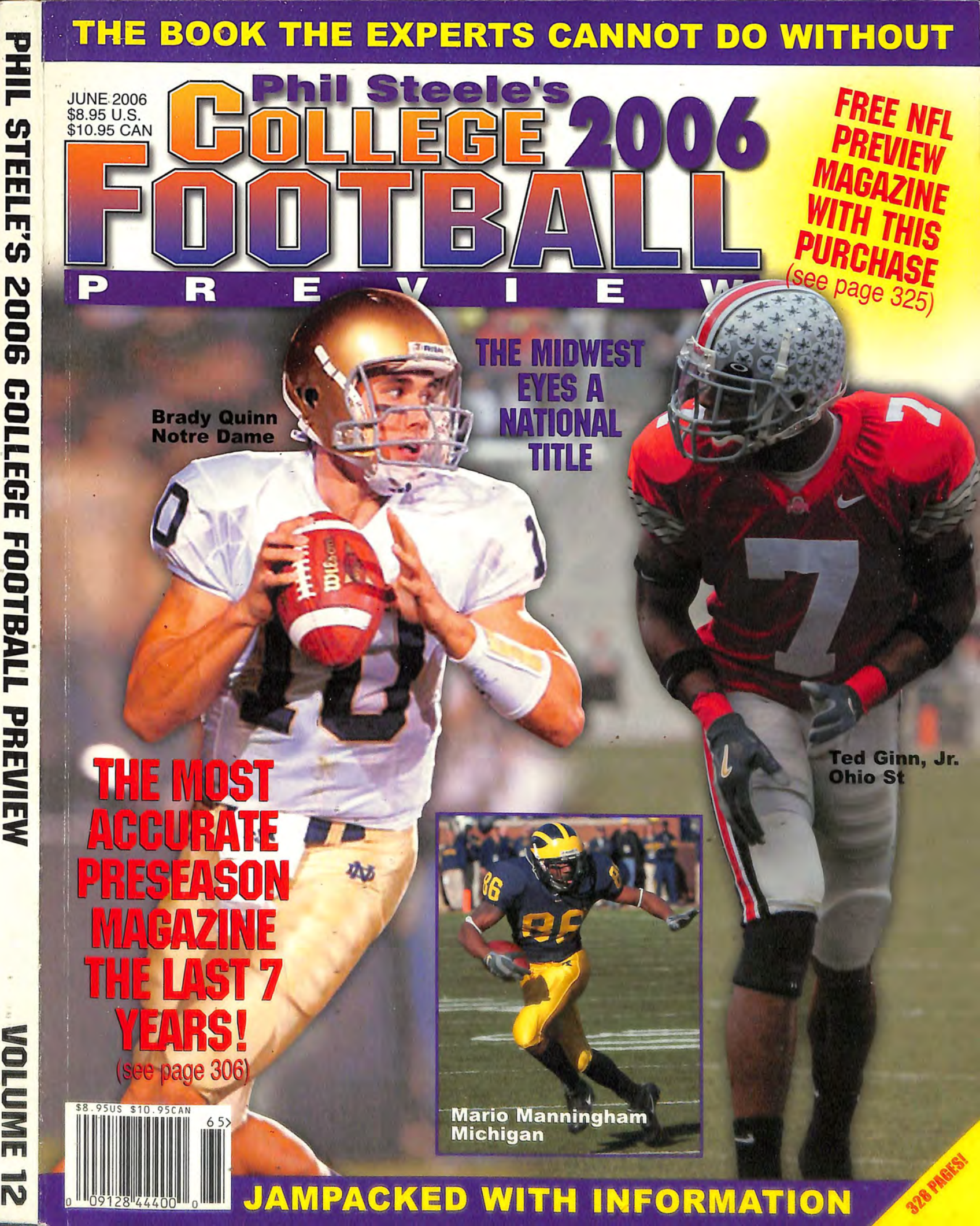

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Welcome to the 12th edition of my College Football Preview. In the back of the magazine I have the questionnaire form and each year I read through each one of the thousands that are sent back. I want to thank everyone who returned theirs and really would like to thank everyone for their very nice comments. Those comments keep me going during the long hours of "magazine season" from of January through May. I keep adding features thanks, in part, to the questionnaires that YOU have filled out.

In 2004 I added the Power Poll and Top 119 ratings after reading the questionnaires. Also due to your requests I have added jersey numbers for players in the Projected Starting Lineups and have included each school's career passing, rushing and receiving leaders. This year we have listed opponent rankings in the last 5 years' results and rankings for each team from week to week for the 2005 season.

Also this year we have added the website www.philsteele.com. It will be up and running and will be loaded with football information during the football season. After I write the magazine in May there are always numerous players who get injured, suspended or quit over the summer. I will have a complete list of those players up there as well so you can update your magazine (I circle the players that are gone in mine). Also if you would like to get a weekly football update emailed to you for FREE, just fill out the box on page 326 and mail it back to us.

There are some fine preseason magazines out there, like "The Sporting News," "Athlon," "Lindy's," "Sports Illustrated," "Game Plan" and "ESPN". Magazines in this class usually use numerous writers from around the country to analyze each school or conference. As always, I have written EVERY single team preview myself. I do not know of any other magazine that has as MUCH information as my College Football Preview. Please check out the two full pages crammed with information on each team and see if you agree. If you like the information in this magazine, you will love Power Sweep. It is an eight page newsletter that is also loaded with information and comes out each week during the football season.

I am very pleased to report that we are the most accurate magazine over the past 7 years (see page 306). This year I am also writing an individual magazine for the SEC, Big 12, Big 10, Pac 10 and the ACC/Big East conferences (see pg 11). The Regional Magazines have SIX FULL pages for each team in the conference and each will contain a "smaller" conference i.e. PAC 10 (WAC), Big 10 (MAC), etc. We are, once again, writing an NFL Preview Magazine. Make sure to check out page 325 for details on how you can receive my PRO FOOTBALL PREVIEW MAGAZINE ABSOLUTELY FREE!!

You will notice there is a lot of small type and abbreviations in the write-ups. This is done so I can put as much information in this magazine as possible. Refer to the glossary on page 3 if you need assistance with some of the abbreviations. We also have an index on page 3, so you can find your favorite team more quickly. This year we tried to list as many newcomers on each page as space would permit. Some only have the Top 10 or 15 signees but most include the teams' entire recruiting class.

I would like to thank my dad, Hank, who passed away in 1989. He instilled in me a hard work ethic and a passion for football, which will always be my favorite sport. He is a true inspiration. Also I want to thank my mother, Mary, who has invested many hours and prayers into the business' success.

In closing, I hope you are as excited about this magazine as I am. I want the 2007 version to be even better. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how I can improve this magazine, please fill out the questionnaire on page 326. I will try to incorporate all of your good ideas into next year's magazine. You can order the 2007 version early, directly through our office or online at www.ncsports.com at the NCstore. The Preview will sell for $8.95 and if you order before March 1, 2007, we will pick up the cost of the shipping. Call us at 1-800-654-3448 to order today.

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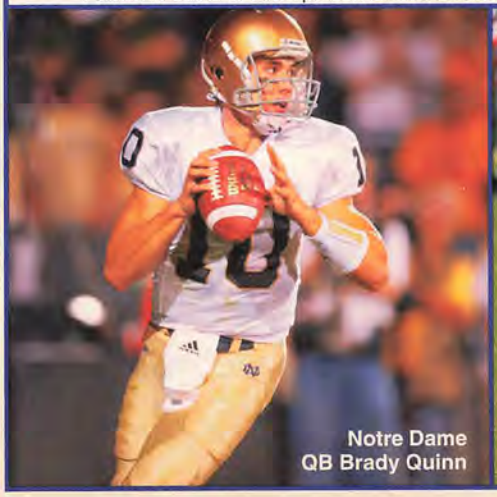

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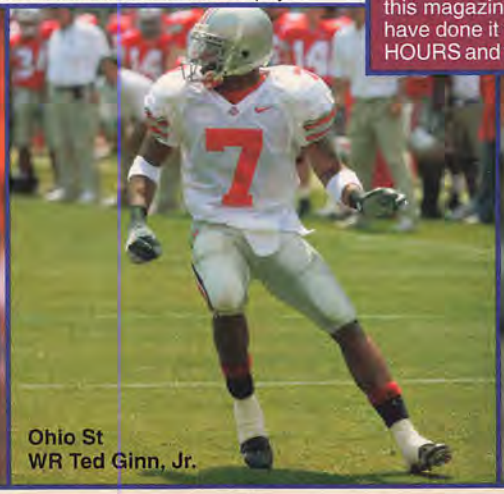
QB Brady Quinn



Ohio St
WR Ted Ginn, Jr.

Louisville
RB Michael Bush

2006 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

For more Projected Bowl Matchups check out page 16.

GMAC BOWL

Tulsa vs N Illinois

GMAC BOWL LAST 4 YEARS

2005 Toledo (-3) 45 UTEP 13
2004 Bowling Green (-3) 52 Memphis 35
2003 Miami, Oh (-14) 49 Louisville 28
2002 Marshall (-2') 38 Louisville 15

MPC COMPUTERS BOWL

Wake Forest vs Fresno St

MPC BOWL LAST 4 YEARS

2005 Boston College (-2') 27 Boise St 21
2004 Fresno St (+5) 37 Virginia 34 [OT]
2003 Georgia Tech (-7) 52 Tulsa 10
2002 Boise St (-12) 34 Iowa St 16

EMERALD BOWL

Virginia vs Arizona

EMERALD BOWL LAST 4 YEARS

2005 Utah (+9) 38 Georgia Tech 10
2004 Navy (+3) 34 New Mexico 19
2003 Boston College (E) 35 Colorado St 21
2002 Virginia Tech (-11') 20 Air Force 13

POINSETTIA BOWL

San Diego St vs Navy

2005 Navy (-3) 51 Colorado St 30

NEW MEXICO BOWL

BYU vs Nevada

BIRMINGHAM BOWL

S Miss vs Connecticut

INTERNATIONAL BOWL

Rutgers vs Kent St

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2006's Projected Championship Games:

Big 12 Oklahoma vs Nebraska
MAC N Illinois vs Kent St
SEC Auburn vs Tennessee
ACC Miami, Fla vs Florida St
CUSA Houston vs UCF

Past Championship Games:

2005

ACC Florida St (+14')27 Virg Tech 22
Big 12 Texas (-26') 70 Colorado 3
MAC Akron (+13) 31 N Illinois 30
SEC Georgia (+1) 34 LSU 14
CUSA Tulsa (-2') 44 UCF 27

2004

Big 12 Oklahoma (-22) 42 Colorado 3
MAC Toledo (+1') 35 Miami 27
SEC Auburn (-14') 38 Tennessee 28

2003

Big 12 Kansas St (+14) 35 Oklahoma 7
MAC Miami, Oh (-7) 49 Bowling Green 27
SEC LSU (-3) 34 Georgia 13

2002

Big 12 Oklahoma (-7') 29 Colorado 7
MAC Marshall (-4) 49 Toledo 45
SEC Georgia (-8) 30 Arkansas 3

2001

Big 12 Colorado (+7') 39 Texas 37
MAC Toledo (+3) 41 Marshall 36
SEC LSU (+7) 31 Tennessee 20

HOUSTON BOWL

Iowa St vs USF

HOUSTON BOWL LAST 4 YEARS

2005 TCU 27 (-3) Iowa St 24
2004 Colorado (-4) 33 UTEP 28
2003 Texas Tech (-11') 38 Navy 14
2002 Oklahoma St (-10) 33 S Miss 23

FORT WORTH BOWL

UTEP vs TCU

FORT WORTH BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2005 Kansas (-3) 42 Houston 13
2004 Cincinnati (-1) 32 Marshall 14
2003 Boise St (-11) 34 TCU 31

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

UCF vs Louisiana-Lft

NEW ORLEANS BOWL LAST 4 YEARS

2005 S Miss (-15') 31 Arkansas St 19
2004 S Miss (-6) 31 N Texas 10
2003 Memphis (-4) 27 N Texas 17
2002 N Texas (+7') 24 Cincinnati 19

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Boston College vs West Virginia

MEINEKE CARE CARE BOWL LAST 4 YEARS

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2004 Boston College (+1) 37 N Carolina 24
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4★ Kansas St (-9) 21 MARSHALL 19	loss	4★ BYU (-6) 62 Air Force 41	WIN
4★ ARIZONA ST (-14') 52 N'western 21	WIN	4★ Byu (-12) 55 UNLV 14	WIN
4★ Arizona St (-6') 42 OREGON ST 24	WIN	4★ Byu (-4') 35 WYOMING 21	WIN
4★ Colorado (-3) 34 OKLAHOMA ST 0	WIN	4★ Colorado St (-15) 31 UNLV 27	loss
4★ Missouri (-4) 38 OKLAHOMA ST 31	WIN		
4★ TEXAS A&M (-20) 62 Okla St 23	WIN	4★ Notre Dame (-15) 38 STANFORD 31	loss

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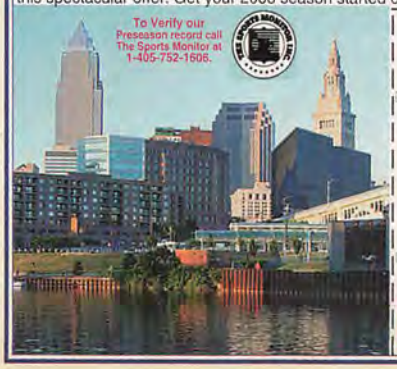

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AA	All American	FB	Fullback	INT	Interception	OC	Offensive Coordinator	RG	Road Game(s)	TKL	Tackles
AC	All Conference	FD	First Down	IB	I-back (running back)	OG	Offensive Guard	ROV	Rover	TOP	Time of Possession
ACL	Anterior Cruciate Ligament	FF	Forced Fumble	JC	Junior College	OL	Offensive Line/O-Line	RS	Return Specialist	TO	Turnovers
AD	Away Dog	FG	Field Goal	JR	Junior	OLB	Outside Linebacker	RS	Redshirt Frosh	TO	Timeout
AD	Athletic Director	FHG	Final home game	JUCO	Junior College Transfer	OOB	Out of Bounds	RT	Right Tackle	TPG	Tackles Per Game
AF	Away Favorite	FL	Flanker	JV	Junior Varsity	OT	OffensiveTackle	RZ	Red Zone	TRANS	Transfer
AG	Away Game	FMBL	Fumble	KD	Knockdown for an OL	OT	Overtime	S	Safety	TRUE	True Frosh
ATS	Against the Spread	FR	Freshman/Fumble Rec	K/P	Kicker/Punter	PBU	Passes Broken Up	SB	Slotback	TTL	Total
B2B	Back to Back	FS	Free Safety	KO	Kickoff	PD	Passes Defended (pbu+int)	SE	Split End	TY	This Year
BAN	Bandit	GS	Grayshirt	KR	Kick Return	PEN	Penalty	SK	Sack/SKS-Sacks	UFA	Undrafted Free Agent
C	Center	GTD	Game Time Decision	L	1L,2L,3L,4L (letters earned)	POG	Player of the Game	SO	Sophomore	VHT	Very Highly Touted (Top Recruit)
CB	Cornerback	HB	Halfback/H-Back	LB	Linebacker	POW	Player of the Week	SOD	Stopped on Downs	VL	Vertical Leap
CONV	Conversion	HC	Homecoming	LS	Long Snapper	POY	Player of the Year	SPD	Speed	WR	Wide Receiver
DC	Draft Choice	HC	Head Coach	LT	Left Tackle	PPG	Points Per Game	SPG	Spring	XP	Extra Point
DC	Def Coordinator	HD	Home Dog	LW	Last Week	PQ	Partial Qualifier	SR	Senior	XPNG	Extra Point No Good
DD	Double Digit	HF	Home Favorite	LY	Last Year	PR	Punt Return	SS	Strong Safety	YD	Yard/YDS-Yards
DE	Defensive End	HG	Home Game	MCL	Medial Collateral Ligament	PS#	Phil's ranking out of HS	SSN	Season	YPC	Yards per Carry/Catch
DL	Defensive Line/D-Line	HM	Honorable Mention	Med RS	Medical Redshirt	PT	Playing time	ST	Special Teams	YPG	Yards per Game
DNL	Did Not Letter	HS	High School	MLB	Middle Linebacker	QB	Quarterback		st(s) = starts	YPP	Yards per Point/Punt
DNP	Did Not Play	HT	Highly Touted Athlete	MIP	Most Improved Player	QBH	Quarterback hurries	SU	Straight Up	YPR	Yards per Return
DNQ	Did Not Qualify	ILB	Inside Linebacker	NB	Nickel Back	RB	Running Back	TB	Tailback/Touchback	1H	1st Half, (2H) 2nd Half
DS	Deep Snapper	INC	Incomplete	NG	Nose Guard	REC	Receiver/Reception(s)	TD	Touchdown	1Q	1st Quarter (2Q, 3Q, 4Q)
DT	Defensive Tackle	INCL	Including	NL	No Line	RET	Return	TE	Tight End	2PT	2 point conversion
EZ	End Zone	INEL	Ineligible	NT	Nose Tackle	RFR	Redshirt Frosh	TFL	Tackle For Loss	2PTNG	2 point conversion no good
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PHIL STEELE'S 2006 PRESEASON OFFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
QB	Brady Quinn, Notre Dame	Brian Brohm, Louisville	Drew Stanton, Michigan St	Kyle Wright, Miami, Fl
RB	Michael Bush, Louisville	Marshawn Lynch, California	Kenny Irons, Auburn	Tyrone Moss, Miami, Fl
RB	Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma	Darren McFadden, Arkansas	Michael Hart, Michigan	Garrett Wolfe, N Illinois
WR	Calvin Johnson, Georgia Tech	Jeff Samardzija, Notre Dame	Jarrett Hicks, Texas Tech	Steve Smith, USC
WR	Dwayne Jarrett, USC	Ted Ginn, Jr, Ohio St	Jason Hill, Washington St	Sidney Rice, S Carolina
TE	Greg Olsen, Miami, Fl	Zach Miller, Arizona St	Clark Harris, Rutgers	Joe Newton, Oregon St
C	Kyle Young, Fresno St	Ryan Kalil, USC	John Sullivan, Notre Dame	Samson Satele, Hawaii
G	Jordan Grimes, Purdue	Mike Jones, Iowa	Manuel Ramirez, Texas Tech	Michael Oher, Mississippi
G	Will Arnold, LSU	Brian Daniels, Colorado	James Marten, Boston College	Roy Schuening, Oregon St
T	Justin Blalock, Texas	Levi Brown, Penn St	Gosder Cherilus, Boston College	Jake Long, Michigan
T	Joe Thomas, Wisconsin	Barry Richarson, Clemson	Sam Baker, USC	Arron Sears, Tennessee
K	Mason Crosby, Colorado	Brandon Coutu, Georgia	Andrew Wellock, E Michigan	Sam Swank, Wake Forest
KR	Ted Ginn Jr, Ohio St	Darrell Blackman, NC State	Steve Breaston, Michigan	Felix Jones, Arkansas

PHIL'S TOP 64 QUARTERBACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Brady Quinn	Notre Dame	Sr	6-4	231
2.	Brian Brohm	Louisville	Jr	6-4	224
3.	Drew Stanton	Michigan St	Sr	6-3	230
4.	Kyle Wright	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-4	220
5.	Chris Leak	Florida	Sr	6-0	210
6.	JaMarcus Russell	LSU	Jr	6-6	252
7.	Chad Henne	Michigan	Jr	6-2	223
8.	Kevin Kolb	Houston	Sr	6-3	225
9.	Jordan Palmer	UTEP	Sr	6-5	235
10.	Troy Smith	Ohio St	Sr	6-1	215
11.	Sam Keller	Arizona St	Sr	6-4	240
12.	Erik Ainge	Tennessee	Jr	6-6	220
13.	Tyler Palko	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-2	220
14.	Colt Brennan	Hawaii	Jr	6-3	190
15.	Drew Weatherford	Florida St	So	6-3	220
16.	Jeff Rowe	Nevada	Sr	6-5	220
17.	Trent Edwards	Stanford	Sr	6-4	220
18.	Graham Harrell	Texas Tech	So	6-3	197
19.	Bret Meyer	Iowa St	Jr	6-3	208
20.	John Beck	BYU	Sr	6-2	212
21.	Rhett Bomar	Oklahoma	So	6-2	215
22.	Sam Hollenbach	Maryland	Sr	6-5	218
23.	Drew Tate	Iowa	Sr	6-0	192
24.	John David Booty	USC	Jr	6-3	195
25.	Matt Ryan	Boston College	Jr	6-5	221
26.	Mark Sanchez	USC	rFr	6-4	215
27.	Pat White	West Virginia	So	6-2	185
28.	Rudy Carpenter	Arizona St	So	6-2	204
29.	Blake Mitchell	S Carolina	Jr	6-3	206
30.	Lester Ricard	Tulane	Sr	6-5	222
31.	Brandon Cox	Auburn	Jr	6-2	201
32.	Jared Zabransky	Boise St	Sr	6-2	203
33.	Zac Taylor	Nebraska	Sr	6-2	210
34.	Luke Getsy	Akron	Sr	6-2	220
35.	Phil Horvath	N Illinois	Sr	6-3	197
36.	André Woodson	Kentucky	Jr	6-5	240
37.	Shaun Carney	Air Force	Jr	5-10	190
38.	Kevin O'Connell	San Diego St	Jr	6-6	220
39.	Rocky Hinds	UNLV	So	6-5	220
40.	Brian Johnson	Utah	Jr	6-2	205
41.	John Stocco	Wisconsin	Sr	6-2	206
42.	Isaiah Stanback	Washington	Sr	6-3	205
43.	Dennis Dixon	Oregon	Jr	6-4	196
44.	Alex Brink	Wash St	Jr	6-3	212
45.	Matt Flynn	LSU	Jr	6-3	228
46.	Ryan Perrilloux	LSU	So	6-2	222
47.	Steven Moffett	UCF	Sr	6-3	210
48.	Marcus Stone	NC State	Jr	6-4	236
49.	Brent Schaeffer	Mississippi	Jr	6-2	195
50.	James Pinkney	E Carolina	Sr	6-3	209
51.	Bryan Cupito	Minnesota	Sr	6-3	205
52.	Willie Tuitama	Arizona	So	6-3	218
53.	Ben Olson	UCLA	So	6-5	227
54.	Nate Longshore	California	So	6-5	230
55.	Paul Smith	Tulsa	Jr	6-2	193
56.	Omar Haugabook	Troy	Jr	6-2	220
57.	Anthony Morelli	Penn St	Jr	6-4	220
58.	Xavier Lee	Florida St	So	6-4	228
59.	Reggie Ball	Georgia Tech	Sr	5-11	195
60.	Josh Padrick	Florida Int'l	Sr	6-3	207
61.	Chase Daniel	Missouri	So	6-1	220
62.	Matt Moore	Oregon St	Sr	6-4	193
63.	Blake Powers	Indiana	Jr	6-4	224
64.	Michael Machen	Kent St	Jr	6-6	235

PHIL'S TOP 63 RUNNING BACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Michael Bush	Louisville	Sr	6-3	250
2.	Adrian Peterson	Oklahoma	Jr	6-2	218
3.	Marshawn Lynch	California	Jr	5-11	223
4.	Darren McFadden	Arkansas	So	6-2	210
5.	Kenny Irons	Auburn	Sr	5-11	200
6.	Michael Hart	Michigan	Jr	5-9	198
7.	Tyrone Moss	Miami, Fl	Jr	5-9	220
8.	Lynell Hamilton	San Diego St	Sr	6-1	220
9.	Albert Young	Iowa	Jr	5-10	209
10.	Jamaal Charles	Texas	So	6-1	190
11.	Darius Walker	Notre Dame	Jr	5-10	208
12.	Jamario Thomas	North Texas	Jr	5-11	215
13.	Kenneth Darby	Alabama	Sr	5-11	205
14.	Antonio Pittman	Ohio St	Jr	5-11	195
15.	Thomas Clayton	Kansas St	Sr	6-0	220
16.	Alley Broussard	LSU	Sr	6-0	237
17.	Tyrell Sutton	Northwestern	So	5-9	190
18.	Garrett Wolfe	N Illinois	Sr	5-7	173
19.	Tony Hunt	Penn St	Sr	6-2	230
20.	Stevie Hicks	Iowa St	Sr	6-2	212
21.	Courtney Lewis	Texas A&M	Sr	6-0	204
22.	James Davis	Clemson	So	5-11	210
23.	Lorenzo Booker	Florida St	Sr	5-11	193
24.	Arian Foster	Tennessee	So	6-1	215
25.	Jonathan Stewart	Oregon	So	5-11	234
26.	Steve Slaton	West Virginia	So	5-10	185
27.	Yvenson Bernard	Oregon St	Jr	5-9	202
28.	Rafael Little	Kentucky	Jr	5-10	198
29.	Gary Russell	Minnesota	Jr	5-11	215
30.	Thomas Brown	Georgia	Jr	5-8	185
31.	DeShawn Wynn	Florida	Sr	5-11	232

Louisville
RB Michael Bush

Oklahoma
RB Adrian Peterson

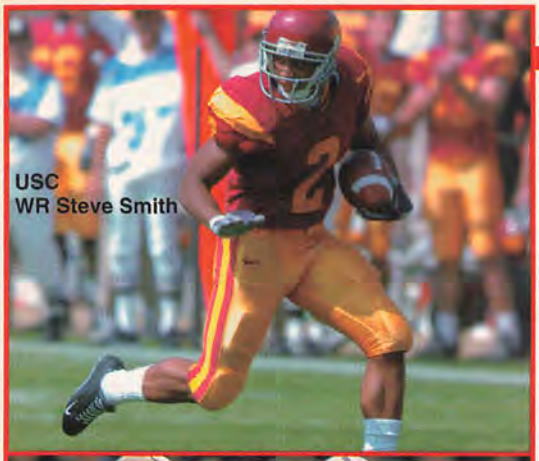
	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
32.	Ahmad Bradshaw	Marshall	Jr	5-11	192
33.	Andre Brown	NC State	So	6-0	232
34.	Lance Ball	Maryland	Jr	5-9	225
35.	Mike Hamilton	Oklahoma St	So	6-1	215
36.	Curtis Brown	BYU	Sr	6-0	205
37.	Javon Ringer	Michigan St	So	5-9	202
38.	Keegan Herring	Arizona St	So	5-10	190
39.	Pierre Thomas	Illinois	Sr	5-11	210
40.	Robert Merrill	TCU	Sr	5-10	204
41.	Marlon Lucky	Nebraska	So	6-0	210
42.	Branden Ore	Virginia Tech	So	5-11	204
43.	Marcus Thomas	UTEP	Jr	6-1	215
44.	Kalvin McRae	Ohio	Jr	5-11	208
45.	LV Whitworth	Boston College	Jr	6-0	220
46.	Ronnie McGill	N Carolina	Sr	5-11	220
47.	Raymell Rice	Rutgers	So	5-9	195
48.	Selvin Young	Texas	Sr	6-0	215
49.	BenJarvus Green-Ellis	Mississippi	Jr	5-11	211
50.	Ontario Sneed	C Michigan	So	5-11	203
51.	Danny Ware	Georgia	Jr	6-1	223
52.	Dwayne Wright	Fresno St	Sr	6-1	220
53.	Kyle Bell	Colorado St	Jr	6-2	226
54.	Kory Sheets	Purdue	So	6-0	199
55.	Marcus Cross	Utah St	Jr	5-11	205
56.	Micah Andrews	Wake Forest	Jr	5-10	215
57.	Robert Hubbard	Nevada	Sr	5-10	195
58.	Jehuu Caulcrick	Michigan St	Jr	6-0	245
59.	Ramonce Taylor	Texas	Jr	5-11	195
60.	Kregg Lumpkin	Georgia	Jr	6-1	220
61.	Justin Vincent	LSU	Sr	5-10	219
62.	Kevin Smith	UCF	So	6-1	195
63.	Hugh Charles	Colorado	Jr	5-8	185

Notre Dame
QB Brady Quinn

Florida
QB Chris Leak

Ohio St
QB Troy Smith

Arizona St
QB Sam Keller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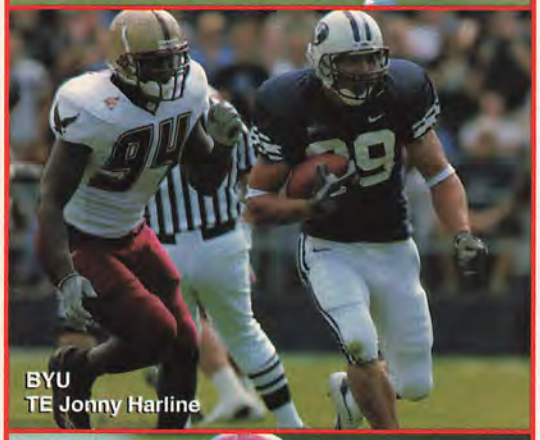
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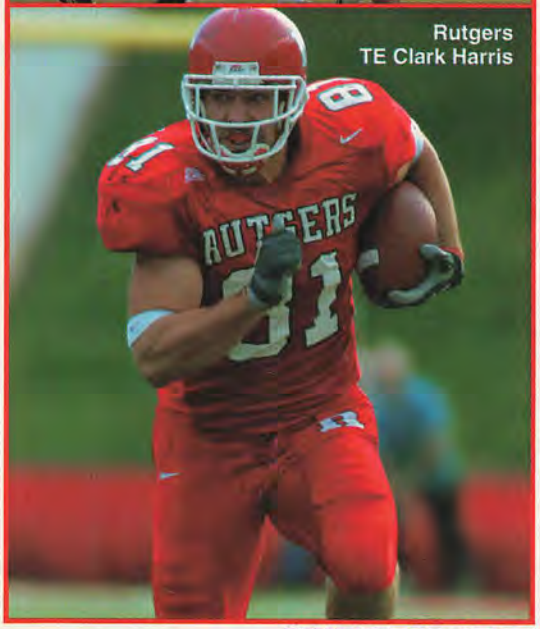
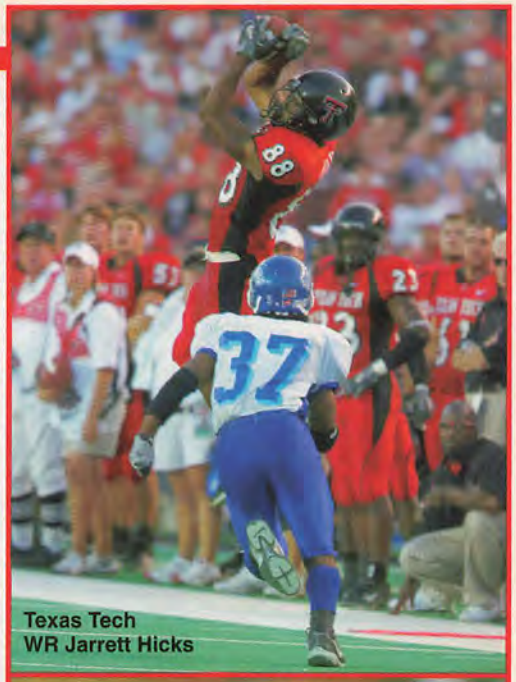

Rutgers
TE Clark Harris

PHIL'S TOP 66 WIDE RECEIVERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Calvin Johnson	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-4	230
2.	Dwayne Jarrett	USC	Jr	6-5	210
3.	Jeff Samardzija	Notre Dame	Sr	6-5	216
4.	Ted Ginn Jr	Ohio St	Jr	6-0	175
5.	Jarrett Hicks	Texas Tech	Sr	6-3	208
6.	Jason Hill	Washington St	Sr	6-0	210
7.	Steve Smith	USC	Sr	6-0	195
8.	Sidney Rice	S Carolina	So	6-3	200
9.	Marcus Monk	Arkansas	Jr	6-6	227
10.	Todd Blythe	Iowa St	Jr	6-5	205
11.	James Hardy	Indiana	So	6-7	216
12.	Dwayne Bowe	LSU	Sr	6-3	217
13.	Robert Meachem	Tennessee	Jr	6-3	210
14.	Derrick Williams	Penn St	So	6-0	201
15.	Courtney Taylor	Auburn	Sr	6-2	202
16.	Greg Carr	Florida St	So	6-6	200
17.	Ernie Wheelwright	Minnesota	Jr	6-5	215
18.	Dorien Bryant	Purdue	Jr	5-10	175
19.	Mario Urrutia	Louisville	So	6-6	228
20.	Mario Manningham	Michigan	So	6-0	189
21.	Chansi Stuckey	Clemson	Sr	6-0	190
22.	Lance Leggett	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-4	187
23.	D'Juan Woods	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-1	210
24.	Malcolm Kelly	Oklahoma	Jr	6-4	204
25.	Limas Sweed	Texas	Jr	6-5	219
26.	Adarius Bowman	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-4	215
27.	Joel Filani	Texas Tech	Sr	6-3	214
28.	Earl Bennett	Vanderbilt	So	5-11	202
29.	DJ Hall	Alabama	Jr	6-3	190
30.	Paul Williams	Fresno St	Sr	6-2	210
31.	Aundrae Allison	E Carolina	Sr	6-0	187
32.	Andre Caldwell	Florida	Sr	6-1	200
33.	DeSean Jackson	California	So	6-0	175
34.	Kyle Ingraham	Purdue	Sr	6-9	228
35.	Steve Breaston	Michigan	Sr	6-1	182
36.	James Finley	Oregon	Sr	6-2	206
37.	Mark Bradford	Stanford	Sr	6-2	200
38.	Cam Colvin	Oregon	Jr	6-2	205
39.	Eric Deslauriers	E Michigan	Sr	6-5	205
40.	Deyon Williams	Virginia	Sr	6-3	185
41.	Redrick Taylor	Clemson	So	6-1	225
42.	Ryan Moore	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-3	215
43.	Johnnie Lee Higgins	UTEP	Sr	6-0	180
44.	Mike Walker	UCF	Sr	6-2	200
45.	Ryne Robinson	Miami, Oh	Sr	5-10	171
46.	Bobby Chase	SMU	Sr	6-4	205
47.	Mike Thomas	Arizona	So	6-0	170
48.	Matt Trannon	Michigan St	Sr	6-6	227
49.	Deon Butler	Penn St	So	5-10	163
50.	Chris Davis	Florida St	Sr	6-0	176
51.	Mohamed Massaquoi	Georgia	So	6-2	198
52.	Jesse Holley	N Carolina	Sr	6-3	208
53.	Eddie Royal	Virginia Tech	Jr	5-10	171
54.	Early Doucet	LSU	Jr	6-0	206
55.	Rhema McKnight	Notre Dame	Sr	6-2	207
56.	Michael Bumpus	Washington St	Jr	5-11	184
57.	Patrick Turner	USC	So	6-5	220
58.	Robert Johnson	Texas Tech	Sr	6-1	218
59.	Davone Bess	Hawaii	So	5-10	187
60.	Dallas Baker	Florida	Sr	6-3	206
61.	Xavier Carter	LSU	Jr	6-3	198
62.	Johnny Quinn	North Texas	Sr	6-0	205
63.	Amp Hill	USF	Jr	6-3	200
64.	Keith Brown	Alabama	Jr	6-3	192
65.	Dominique Zeigler	Baylor	Sr	6-3	180
66.	Tyrone Prothro	Alabama	Sr	5-8	178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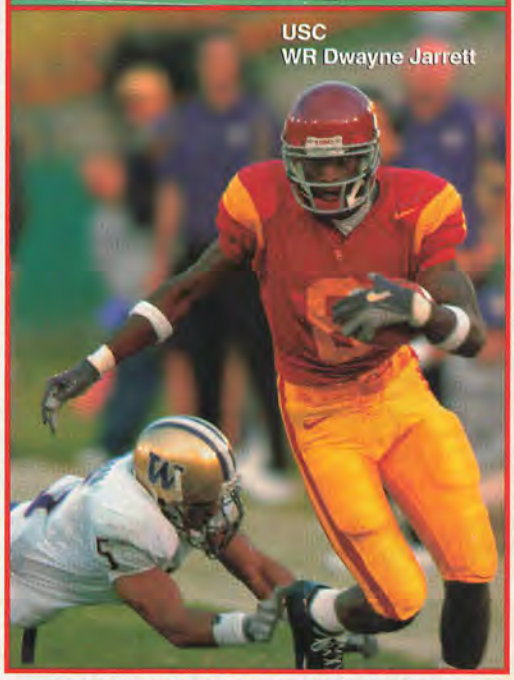
WR Jarrett Hicks


USC
WR Dwayne Jarrett

PHIL'S TOP 25 FULL BACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Brian Leonard	Rutgers	Sr	6-2	235
2.	Brandon Hancock	USC	Sr	6-1	230
3.	Peyton Hillis	Arkansas	Jr	6-2	238
4.	James Bryant	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-3	241
5.	Emeka Nnoli	Stanford	Jr	6-1	230
6.	Henry Melton	Texas	So	6-3	270
7.	Le'Ron McClain	Alabama	Sr	6-1	258
8.	Jason Snelling	Virginia	Sr	5-11	253
9.	Cory Anderson	Tennessee	Sr	6-3	275
10.	Jesse Lee Allen	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-0	244
11.	Jackie Battle	Houston	Sr	6-2	250
12.	Kalvin Bailey	Iowa	rFr	6-0	240
13.	John Kinzer	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-2	246
14.	Michael Pitre	UCLA	So	5-11	240
15.	Asaph Schwapp	Notre Dame	So	6-0	250
16.	Chris Pressley	Wisconsin	Jr	6-1	256
17.	Jed Collins	Washington St	Jr	6-2	250
18.	Ashley McConnell	Notre Dame	Jr	5-11	243
19.	Des Williams	Georgia	Sr	6-1	245
20.	Justin Valentine	Minnesota	Jr	6-2	215
21.	Jacob Hester	LSU	Jr	6-0	232
22.	Rolly Lambala	Idaho	Jr	6-2	241
23.	Breyone Evans	Syracuse	Jr	6-0	240
24.	Tim Castille	Alabama	Sr	5-11	228
25.	Nick Frank	Stanford	Sr	6-2	260

PHIL'S TOP 37 TIGHT ENDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Greg Olsen	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-5	252
2.	Zach Miller	Arizona St	Jr	6-5	262
3.	Clark Harris	Rutgers	Sr	6-6	255
4.	Joe Newton	Oregon St	Sr	6-7	252
5.	Jonny Harline	BYU	Sr	6-4	226
6.	Martin Rucker	Missouri	Jr	6-5	245
7.	Matt Spaeth	Minnesota	Sr	6-6	270
8.	Dan Murray	Connecticut	Sr	6-5	250
9.	Tom Santi	Virginia	Jr	6-5	238
10.	Chase Coffman	Missouri	So	6-6	230
11.	Matt Herian	Nebraska	Sr	6-5	240
12.	Martellus Bennett	Texas A&M	So	6-7	248
13.	Daniel Coats	BYU	Sr	6-3	256
14.	Shawn Nelson	S Mississippi	So	6-5	225
15.	Kory Sperry	Colorado St	Jr	6-6	250
16.	Fred Davis	USC	Jr	6-4	245
17.	Tate Casey	Florida	Jr	6-6	242
18.	Scott Chandler	Iowa	Jr	6-7	257
19.	Brent Celek	Cincinnati	Sr	6-4	255
20.	Samuel Smith	Florida Int'l	Sr	6-3	248
21.	Kellen Davis	Michigan St	Jr	6-6	247
22.	Jacob Tamme	Kentucky	Jr	6-5	240
23.	Martrez Milner	Georgia	Sr	6-4	240
24.	Eric Butler	Mississippi St	Jr	6-3	250
25.	Jonathan Stupar	Virginia	Jr	6-3	250
26.	Craig Stevens	California	Jr	6-5	255
27.	Stephen Chicola	Middle Tenn	Jr	6-5	238
28.	John Carlson	Notre Dame	Jr	6-6	254
29.	Neale Tweedie	Texas	Sr	6-5	265
30.	Chad Upshaw	Buffalo	Sr	6-4	246
31.	Cody Boyd	Washington St	Sr	6-8	255
32.	Dustin Keller	Purdue	Jr	6-4	244
33.	Tyler Ecker	Michigan	Sr	6-6	242
34.	Keith Zinger	LSU	Sr	6-4	259
35.	Chris Brown	Tennessee	Jr	6-3	250
36.	Brad Cottam	Tennessee	Jr	6-8	263
37.	DajLeon Farr	Miami, Fl	So	6-5	246

THE ROTARY LOMBARDI AWARD

Phil Steele is very proud to be a participant on the voting committee for the Rotary Lombardi Award.

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Houston, the Rotary Lombardi Award, presented by Wachovia Bank, is an honor granted to a football lineman—offense or defense—who, in addition to outstanding performance and ability, best exemplifies the discipline of Vince Lombardi. As the legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers, Lombardi first made a name for himself as the smallest but toughest member of Fordham University's "Seven Blocks of Granite," renowned in their day (1934-37) for being the most unyielding line in college football. Appropriately, the trophy is a 40-pound block of granite atop a silver pedestal built over a foundation of discipline. The symbolic design was created by Houston Rotarian and professional artist, the late Mark Storm. The Award was initiated by the Rotary Club shortly after the death of Mr. Lombardi in 1970. Thanks to the graciousness of Mrs. Vince Lombardi, the Club was authorized to establish the award in Coach Lombardi's memory.

Linebacker A.J. Hawk becomes the sixth player in the Ohio State University's history to win the coveted Rotary Lombardi Award.

As stipulated by Mrs. Lombardi, all net proceeds from the award dinners and associated activities are contributed to the American Cancer Society in an effort to continue fighting a disease that has claimed the lives of so many including Vince Lombardi. Since the first award was presented in January of 1971, over $3.3 million dollars has been raised and donated to the American Cancer Society to fund cancer research, public education and direct services to cancer patients.

Aaron Taylor of ABC Sports welcomes A.J. Hawk to the fraternity of winners of the Rotary Lombardi Award.

America's most prominent college football coaches, football writers, sports broadcasters and previous Rotary Lombardi Award winners gather each year to make up a distinguished panel of over 400 that participate in a three-tiered balloting process. 2006 will mark Phil Steele's fifth year to be included on this panel. The committee selects twelve semi-finalists, four finalists and one overall winner. Arizona State DE Terrell Suggs was the winner of the 2002 award, making this a first-ever win for an Arizona State player and the first win since 1991 for the Pac 10 Conference. Suggs had 24 sacks, an NCAA record, smashing the previous record of 17.5 set in 2001 by Rotary Lombardi Award finalist Dwight Freeney of Syracuse.

Tommie Harris, one of 2002's finalists, took home the trophy in 2003 and was a 1st round draft pick in the NFL by the Chicago Bears. Harris did not have the eye-popping statistics of his predecessor but was a dominating force in the middle of a dominating line. Harris had 5 sacks and 5 tfl. The Sooner defense allowed just 260 ypg. With Harris occupying many double and triple teams, the Sooner D had 45 sacks.

In 2004, David Pollack became the first player from the University of Georgia to win the prestigious award. Pollack is the 10th of 15 players who earned a second trip to the Lombardi Award as a finalist and returned to win the honor. He is also the first winner from the SEC since 1988. Pollack was named SEC Defensive Player of the Year two times during his career, posting 52 tackles in 2004, including 12.5 sacks and 17.5 tackles for loss. Pollack is also Georgia's career leader in sacks (36). He was drafted in the 1st round by Cincinnati.

The Ohio State University added a sixth Rotary Lombardi Award to its trophy case in 2005 when AJ Hawk captured the honor. He led the Buckeyes in tackles for three straight years and was the leader of a standout group of OSU linebackers who led the team to the Fiesta Bowl against Notre Dame. Fittingly he was a 1st round draft pick by the Green Bay Packers.

2005 marks the fifth consecutive year in which a different conference has been represented. Julius Peppers of North Carolina won for the ACC in 2001, followed by the Pac 10 (Suggs), the Big 12 (Harris), the SEC (Pollack) and the Big Ten (Hawk).

Former President George Bush served as the Honorary Chairman for the event in 2002 and was joined as a speaker by Bob McNair, the owner of the Houston Texans, and former Green Bay Packer great, Jerry Kramer. No stranger to charity events in Houston, Mr. Bush returned to the awards stage having presented the award to Rich Glover of Nebraska in 1972. Mr. Bush is one of three men to hold the office of President to attend the dinner and is the second to do so after leaving office. Gerald Ford served as the Honorary Chairman in 1976 and presented the trophy to Wilson Whitley of the University of Houston. Former President Ronald Reagan spoke at the 1972 dinner, while governor of California, eight years prior to his election as President. Hollywood legend Bob Hope also served as a guest speaker. Last year, 1993 winner Aaron Taylor returned to Houston and became the second past winner of the award to serve as the featured speaker at the event.

The scheduled date for this year's 37th Annual Rotary Lombardi Awards Dinner ceremony is December 6, 2006. Check out the website at www.rotarylombardiaward.com for upcoming ticket sales information and online ticketing options, as well as donation information.

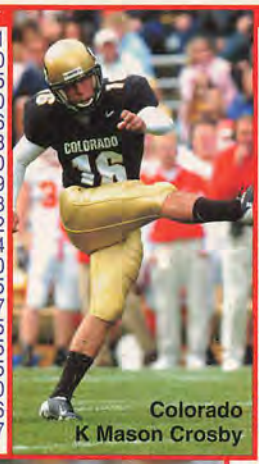
(L to R) 1993 Lombardi winner Aaron Taylor of ABC Sports, who served as the featured speaker of the 36th Rotary Lombardi Award, joined A.J. Hawk and Paul Posluszny of Penn State on the annual Front Line Kids hospital tour.

PAST LOMBARDI AWARD RECIPIENTS

1970	Jim Stillwagon	Ohio St	1987	Chris Spielman	Ohio St
1971	Walt Patulski	Notre Dame	1988	Tracy Rocker	Auburn
1972	Rich Glover	Nebraska	1989	Percy Snow	Michigan St
1973	John Hicks	Ohio St	1990	Chris Zorich	Notre Dame
1974	Randy White	Maryland	1991	Steve Emtman	Washington
1975	Lee Roy Selmon	Oklahoma	1992	Marvin Jones	Florida St
1976	Wilson Whitley	Houston	1993	Aaron Taylor	Notre Dame
1977	Ross Browner	Notre Dame	1994	Warren Sapp	Miami, Fl
1978	Bruce Clark	Penn St	1995	Orlando Pace	Ohio St
1979	Brad Budde	USC	1996	Orlando Pace	Ohio St
1980	Hugh Green	Pittsburgh	1997	Grant Wistrom	Nebraska
1981	Kenneth Sims	Texas	1998	Dat Nguyen	Texas A&M
1982	Dave Rimington	Nebraska	1999	Corey Moore	Virginia Tech
1983	Dean Steinkuhler	Nebraska	2000	Jamal Reynolds	Florida St
1984	Tony Degrate	Texas	2001	Julius Peppers	North Carolina
1985	Tony Casillas	Oklahoma	2002	Terrell Suggs	Arizona St
1986	Cornelius Bennett	Alabama	2003	Tommie Harris	Oklahoma
			2004	David Pollack	Georgia

PHIL'S TOP 40 CENTERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Kyle Young	Fresno St	Sr	6-5	330
2.	Ryan Kalil	USC	Sr	6-3	285
3.	John Sullivan	Notre Dame	Jr	6-4	298
4.	Samson Satele	Hawaii	Sr	6-3	311
5.	Dan Mozes	West Virginia	Sr	6-4	290
6.	Mark Fenton	Colorado	Sr	6-4	295
7.	Dustin Fry	Clemson	Sr	6-3	325
8.	Adam Spieker	Missouri	Jr	6-2	310
9.	Doug Legursky	Marshall	Jr	6-3	311
10.	Enoka Lucas	Oregon	Sr	6-4	299
11.	Trevor Rees	Northwestern	Sr	6-2	285
12.	Tony Brinkhaus	Minnesota	Jr	6-4	300
13.	Cedric Gagne-Marcoux	UCF	Sr	6-2	280
14.	Leroy Harris	NC State	Sr	6-3	300
15.	Robbie Powell	Purdue	Jr	6-5	294
16.	Mark Bihl	Michigan	Sr	6-5	297
17.	Eric Wood	Louisville	So	6-4	296
18.	Robbie Krutilla	W Michigan	Jr	6-3	308
19.	Lyle Sendlein	Texas	Sr	6-5	305
20.	Anthony Wollschlager	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-4	281
21.	Drew Mormino	C Michigan	Sr	6-4	301
22.	Kurt Mann	Nebraska	Sr	6-4	290
23.	Nick Jones	Georgia	Sr	6-3	295
24.	Matt McCutchan	Kentucky	Sr	6-3	310
25.	Chris White	South Carolina	Sr	6-3	316
26.	Chris Yoder	Texas A&M	Jr	6-3	318
27.	Steve Justice	Wake Forest	Jr	6-4	280
28.	Tanner Jenkins	Arkansas St	Sr	6-1	279
29.	Jordy Lipsey	Virginia	Jr	6-3	268
30.	Pete Bier	Army	Sr	6-4	282
31.	Nick Allotta	Colorado St	Jr	6-3	304
32.	Mike Pollak	Arizona St	Jr	6-4	300
33.	Robert Chai	UCLA	Sr	6-3	285
34.	Danny McGrath	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-2	287
35.	Jonathan Luigs	Arkansas	So	6-4	305
36.	Tyson Swaggert	Minnesota	Sr	6-4	285
37.	David Ochoa	Kansas	Sr	6-4	285
38.	David Ligon	Tennessee	Sr	6-5	300
39.	Antoine Caldwell	Alabama	So	6-3	296
40.	Jeff Cavender	Boise St	Jr	6-2	287

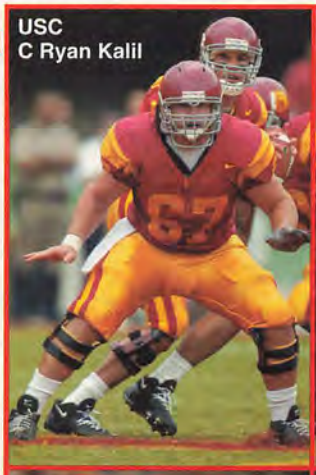

Colorado
K Mason Crosby

PHIL'S TOP 19 KICKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Mason Crosby	Colorado	Sr	6-2	210
2.	Brandon Coutu	Georgia	Jr	6-0	197
3.	Andrew Wellock	E Michigan	Sr	5-11	182
4.	Sam Swank	Wake Forest	So	6-2	206
5.	Mike Barrow	Idaho	Sr	5-11	158
6.	Jeremy Ito	Rutgers	Jr	5-11	180
7.	Paul Martinez	Oregon	Sr	6-2	210
8.	Alexis Serna	Oregon St	Jr	5-8	162
9.	Darren McCaleb	S Mississippi	Sr	5-11	165
10.	Justin Medlock	UCLA	Sr	6-0	185
11.	Jad Dean	Clemson	Sr	5-11	205
12.	Bruce Redden	Oklahoma St	Sr	5-9	185
13.	Sergio Aguayo	UNLV	Jr	6-1	200
14.	Art Carmody	Louisville	Jr	5-8	180
15.	Brandon Pace	Virginia Tech	Sr	5-10	196
16.	Jordan Congdon	Nebraska	So	5-11	180
17.	Kyle Schlicher	Iowa	Sr	5-9	184
18.	Robert Lee	East Carolina	Sr	5-11	211
19.	Reagan Schneider	UTEP	Sr	6-0	180

PHIL'S TOP 60 GUARDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Jordan Grimes	Purdue	Jr	6-3	334
2.	Will Arnold	LSU	Jr	6-4	322
3.	Mike Jones	Iowa	Sr	6-5	302
4.	Brian Daniels	Colorado	Sr	6-4	300
5.	Manuel Ramirez	Texas Tech	Sr	6-4	328
6.	James Marten	Boston College	Sr	6-8	315
7.	Michael Oher	Mississippi	So	6-5	330
8.	Roy Schuening	Oregon St	Jr	6-4	315
9.	Kirk Elder	Texas A&M	Jr	6-4	312
10.	Josh Beekman	Boston College	Jr	6-2	325
11.	Charlston Gray	North Carolina	Jr	6-3	301
12.	John Simonitis	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-4	325
13.	Robert Turner	New Mexico	Sr	6-4	328
14.	Matt Maddox	Illinois	Sr	6-3	310
15.	Andrew Crummey	Maryland	Jr	6-5	294
16.	Rueben Riley	Michigan	Sr	6-4	303
17.	Alex Fletcher	Stanford	So	6-4	295
18.	Kasey Studdard	Texas	Sr	6-3	305
19.	Andrew Bain	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-3	317
20.	Jeff Byers	USC	So	6-3	300
21.	Kory Lichtensteiger	Bowling Green	Jr	6-3	305
22.	Mike Galassi	Kent St	Jr	6-4	305
23.	Shannon Tevaga	UCLA	Jr	6-3	310
24.	Tim Duckworth	Auburn	Sr	6-4	310
25.	Dallas Reynolds	BYU	So	6-4	345
26.	Cole Popovich	Fresno St	So	6-2	285
27.	Nathan Bennett	Clemson	Sr	6-5	300
28.	Kurt Quarterman	Louisville	Sr	6-5	338
29.	George Batiste	S Mississippi	Sr	6-5	309
30.	Adam Kraus	Michigan	So	6-6	295
31.	TJ Downing	Ohio St	Sr	6-5	305
32.	Mike Fladell	Rutgers	Jr	6-8	318
33.	Dylan Lineberry	North Texas	Sr	6-3	310
34.	Ben Grubbs	Auburn	Sr	6-3	301
35.	Jeremy Sheffey	West Virginia	Sr	6-3	295
36.	Palauni Ma Sun	Oregon	Sr	6-6	335
37.	Ryan Wendell	Fresno St	Jr	6-2	275
38.	Bob Morton	Notre Dame	Sr	6-4	292
39.	Leon Hart	Auburn	Jr	6-4	300
40.	Bob Whitaker	Kansas	Sr	6-5	317
41.	Tad Miller	Boise St	Jr	6-4	303
42.	Jeremy Perry	Oregon St	So	6-2	313
43.	Robert Felton	Arkansas	Jr	6-4	319
44.	Chilo Rachal	USC	So	6-5	300
45.	Marcus Lindsey	Louisiana Tech	Sr	6-7	386
46.	Quinton Harris	UAB	Sr	6-4	330
47.	Derrick Markray	Bowling Green	Sr	6-5	350
48.	Jim Tartt	Florida	So	6-3	310
49.	Branden Albert	Virginia	So	6-7	306
50.	Roman Fry	Clemson	Sr	6-4	300
51.	Derrick Morse	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-4	295
52.	Marcel Burrough	San Jose St	Sr	6-6	322
53.	Kyle Cook	Michigan St	Sr	6-3	295
54.	Adam Boatner	Baylor	Sr	6-4	327
55.	Ryan Keenan	Northwestern	Sr	6-4	290
56.	Micah Jones	Kentucky	Jr	6-4	330
57.	Josiah Vinson	Stanford	Sr	6-4	315
58.	Ismail Simpson	Stanford	Sr	6-4	305
59.	James Ryan	Illinois	Jr	6-5	315
60.	Bo Greer	New Mexico	Sr	6-3	318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Oregon
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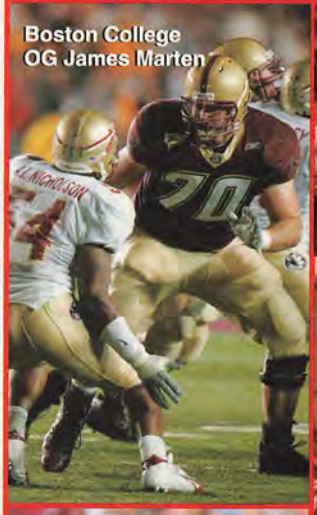
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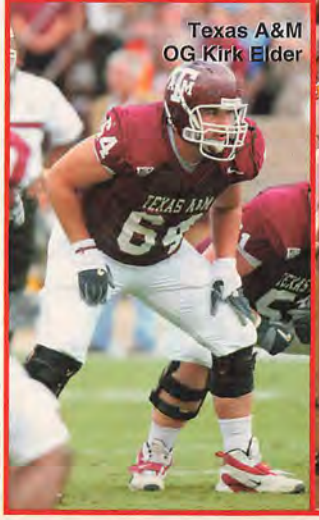
OG James Marten

Clemson
OT Barry Richardson


Texas A&M
OG Kirk Elder

Tennessee
OT Arron Sears

PHIL'S TOP 61 TACKLERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Justin Blalock	Texas	Sr	6-4	329
2.	Joe Thomas	Wisconsin	Sr	6-8	306
3.	Levi Brown	Penn St	Sr	6-5	324
4.	Barry Richardson	Clemson	Jr	6-7	345
5.	Gosder Cherilus	Boston College	Jr	6-7	320
6.	Sam Baker	USC	Jr	6-5	305
7.	Jake Long	Michigan	Jr	6-7	316
8.	Arron Sears	Tennessee	Sr	6-4	320
9.	Daniel Inman	Georgia	Sr	6-7	319
10.	Doug Free	N Illinois	Sr	6-7	302
11.	Alex Boone	Ohio St	So	6-8	315
12.	Jake Kuresa	BYU	Sr	6-4	339
13.	Corey Hilliard	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-5	310
14.	Jeff Perrett	Tulsa	Sr	6-7	329
15.	Aaron Brant	Iowa St	Sr	6-7	315
16.	Andrew Carnahan	Arizona St	Sr	6-8	300
17.	Ryan Harris	Notre Dame	Sr	6-5	288
18.	Joe Ainslie	Minnesota	Sr	6-7	310
19.	Stephon Heyer	Maryland	Sr	6-7	319
20.	Yemi Babalola	Texas A&M	So	6-4	308
21.	Bobby Byrd	Wash St	Jr	6-7	319
22.	Mike Otto	Purdue	Sr	6-5	304
23.	Steve Vallos	Wake Forest	Sr	6-3	290
24.	Herbert Taylor	TCU	Sr	6-4	287
25.	Ryan Clady	Boise St	So	6-6	312
26.	Reggie Youngblood	Miami, Fl	So	6-5	280
27.	Eugene Monroe	Virginia	So	6-6	318
28.	John Greco	Toledo	Jr	6-5	318
29.	Renardo Foster	Louisville	Sr	6-7	322
30.	Chase Johnson	Wyoming	Sr	6-8	325
31.	Max Unger	Oregon	So	6-5	296
32.	Jered Gaither	Maryland	So	6-9	330
33.	Brian Stamper	Vanderbilt	Sr	6-5	305
34.	Julius Wilson	UAB	Sr	6-5	310
35.	Sean Sester	Purdue	So	6-8	309
36.	Herman Johnson	LSU	So	6-7	339
37.	Akim Millington	Illinois	Jr	6-6	310
38.	Geoff Schwartz	Oregon	Jr	6-7	359
39.	Mike McGlynn	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-5	325
40.	Willie Henderson	Memphis	Sr	6-7	335
41.	Branndon Braxton	Oklahoma	So	6-6	318
42.	Tyler Luellen	Missouri	Jr	6-6	300
43.	Lydon Murtha	Nebraska	So	6-7	315
44.	Mike Kolodziej	Michigan	Sr	6-7	307
45.	Elliot Seifert	Temple	Sr	6-7	300
46.	Kyle Tatum	Alabama	Sr	6-8	290
47.	Drew Miller	Florida	Jr	6-5	305
48.	Edwin Harrison	Colorado	Jr	6-4	306
49.	Corey Clark	Texas A&M	Jr	6-6	311
50.	Kirk Barton	Ohio St	Jr	6-7	325
51.	Brandon Rodd	Arizona St	Jr	6-4	300
52.	Tavo Tupola	Utah	Sr	6-3	300
53.	Jeremy Zuttah	Rutgers	Jr	6-4	290
54.	Dane Uperesa	Hawaii	Sr	6-5	331
55.	Eddie Keele	BYU	Sr	6-5	312
56.	Mike Gyetvai	Michigan St	Jr	6-7	304
57.	Franklin Dunbar	Middle Tenn	So	6-5	354
58.	Anthony Kilby	New Mexico	Jr	6-4	354
59.	Tony Hills	Texas	Jr	6-6	295
60.	Tala Esera	Hawaii	Sr	6-4	295
61.	Joseph Staley	C Michigan	Sr	6-5	299

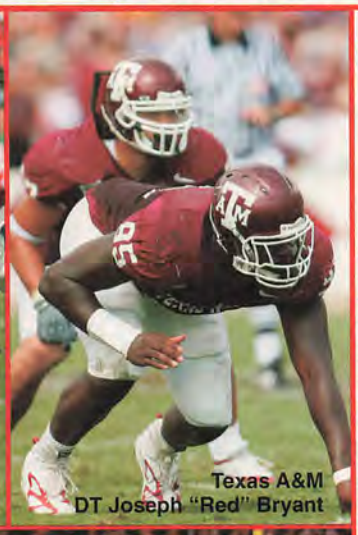
PHIL STEELE'S 2006 PRESEASON DEFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

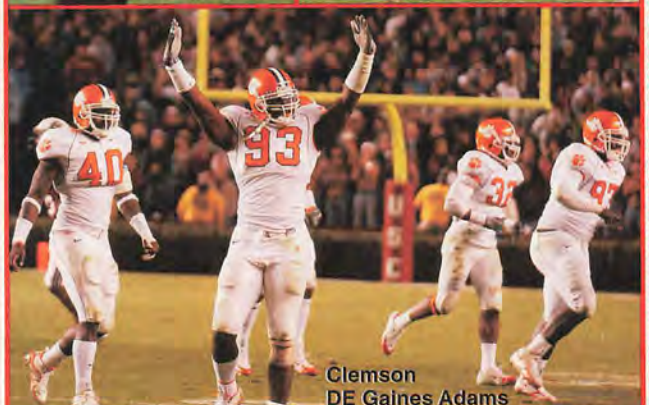
	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
DE	Lawrence Jackson, USC	Adam Carriker, Nebraska	Quentin Moses, Georgia	Mkristo Bruce, Wash St
DT	Frank Okam, Texas	Quinn Pitcock, Ohio St	Kareem Brown, Miami, Fl	Brandon Mebane, California
DT	Joseph Bryant, Texas A&M	DeMario Pressley, NC State	Justin Harrell, Tennessee	Marcus Thomas, Florida
DE	Gaines Adams, Clemson	Tim Crowder, Texas	LaMarr Woodley, Michigan	Daniel Bazuin, C Michigan
OLB	Paul Posluszny, Penn St	Keith Rivers, USC	Prescott Burgess, Michigan	Justin Warren, Texas A&M
ILB	Patrick Willis, Mississippi	Corey McKeon, Nebraska	Jon Abbate, Wake Forest	Brandon Siler, Florida
ILB	Anthony Waters, Clemson	Vince Hall, Virginia Tech	Xavier Adibi, Virginia Tech	HB Blades, Pittsburgh
OLB	Rufus Alexander, Oklahoma	Dan Connor, Penn St	Brian Toal, Boston College	Ali Highsmith, LSU
CB	Daymeion Hughes, California	Tarell Brown, Texas	Leon Hall, Michigan	Eric Weddle, Utah
CB	Antoine Cason, Arizona	Darrelle Revis, Pittsburgh	John Talley, Duke	Fred Bennett, S Carolina
SS	Brandon Meriweather, Miami, Fl	Tom Zbikowski, Notre Dame	Sabby Piscitelli, Oregon St	Dallas Sartz, USC
FS	LaRon Landry, LSU	Kenny Phillips, Miami, Fl	Michael Griffin, Texas	Zach Catanese, Arizona St
P	Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor	Mike Hughes, San Diego St	Kenneth DeBauche, Wisconsin	AJ Trapasso, Ohio St
PR	Ted Ginn Jr, Ohio St	Darrell Blackman, NC State	Terry Richardson, Arizona St	Terrence Nunn, Nebraska

PHIL'S TOP 60 DEFENSIVE ENDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Lawrence Jackson	USC	Jr	6-5	265
2.	Gaines Adams	Clemson	Sr	6-5	265
3.	Adam Carriker	Nebraska	Sr	6-6	280
4.	Tim Crowder	Texas	Sr	6-4	270
5.	Quentin Moses	Georgia	Sr	6-5	250
6.	LaMarr Woodley	Michigan	Sr	6-2	268
7.	Mkristo Bruce	Washington St	Sr	6-6	255
8.	Daniel Bazuin	C Michigan	Sr	6-3	269
9.	Chris Long	Virginia	Jr	6-4	278
10.	Baraka Atkins	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-4	264
11.	Victor Abiamiri	Notre Dame	Sr	6-4	260
12.	Alan Branch	Michigan	Jr	6-6	311
13.	Loren Howard	Arizona St	Sr	6-4	280
14.	Quentin Groves	Auburn	Jr	6-3	250
15.	Jarvis Moss	Florida	So	6-6	252
16.	Tommy Blake	TCU	Jr	6-3	250
17.	Larry McSwain	UAB	Sr	6-1	255
18.	Wallace Gilberry	Alabama	Jr	6-2	254
19.	Jay Moore	Nebraska	Sr	6-4	270
20.	Ray McDonald	Florida	Sr	6-3	280
21.	Kyle Caldwell	Arizona St	Sr	6-3	270
22.	Jeff Schweiger	USC	Jr	6-4	260
23.	CJ Ah You	Oklahoma	Sr	6-4	265
24.	Chris Ellis	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-5	250
25.	Larry Birdine	Oklahoma	Sr	6-4	258
26.	Brian Robison	Texas	Sr	6-3	275
27.	Jason Jack	Texas A&M	Jr	6-4	275
28.	David Patterson	Ohio St	Sr	6-3	285
29.	Kenny Iwebema	Iowa	Jr	6-4	255
30.	Bryan Pata	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-4	272
31.	Clifton Ryan	Michigan St	Sr	6-2	302
32.	Anthony Spencer	Purdue	Sr	6-3	263
33.	Charles Johnson	Georgia	Jr	6-2	275
34.	Nu'u Tafisi	California	Sr	6-2	260
35.	Kevin Howe	E Michigan	Sr	6-3	240
36.	Justin Hickman	UCLA	Sr	6-0	261
37.	Steve Davis	Minnesota	So	6-2	230
38.	Phillip Mbakogu	California	Jr	6-3	265
39.	Danny Muir	Kent St	Jr	6-2	285
40.	Marcus Hands	East Carolina	Jr	6-5	270
41.	Marquies Gunn	Auburn	Sr	6-4	254
42.	Nathan Peterson	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-2	250
43.	Jermaine McElveen	UAB	Sr	6-5	250
44.	Jermaine Reid	Akron	Sr	6-4	275
45.	Brian Smith	Missouri	Sr	6-3	230
46.	Derek Walker	Illinois	So	6-5	245
47.	Matt Shaughnessy	Wisconsin	So	6-6	225
48.	Xzavie Jackson	Missouri	Sr	6-4	275
49.	Chase Pittman	LSU	Sr	6-4	265
50.	Chris Harrington	Texas A&M	Jr	6-5	263
51.	Jamaal Anderson	Arkansas	Jr	6-6	268
52.	Stryker Sulak	Missouri	So	6-4	245
53.	Joe Cohen	Florida	Sr	6-2	292
54.	Matt Robinson	Wake Forest	Jr	6-2	246
55.	Neefy Moffett	Florida St	So	6-1	263
56.	Justin Rogers	SMU	Sr	6-4	250
57.	Alex Obomese	UTEP	Sr	6-3	245
58.	Eric Moncur	Miami, Fl	So	6-2	253
59.	Devon Parks	Bowling Green	Sr	6-3	252
60.	Chase Ortiz	TCU	Jr	6-3	250

Ohio St
DT Quinn Pitcock


Texas A&M
DT Joseph "Red" Bryant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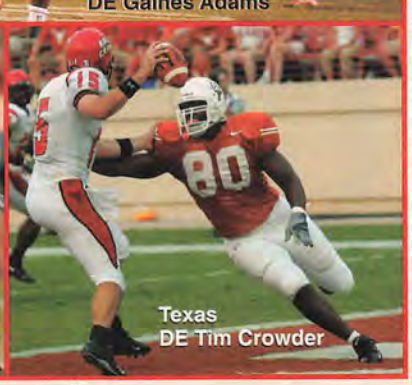

Texas
DE Tim Crowder

PHIL'S TOP 60 DEFENSIVE TACKLES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Frank Okam	Texas	Jr	6-5	315
2.	Joseph Bryant	Texas A&M	Jr	6-5	330
3.	Quinn Pitcock	Ohio St	Sr	6-3	295
4.	DeMario Pressley	NC State	So	6-4	288
5.	Kareem Brown	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-4	307
6.	Justin Harrell	Tennessee	Sr	6-4	300
7.	Brandon Mebane	California	Sr	6-3	306
8.	Marcus Thomas	Florida	Sr	6-3	290
9.	Jay Alford	Penn St	Sr	6-3	288
10.	DeMarcus Granger	Oklahoma	rFr	6-3	305
11.	Nick Hayden	Wisconsin	Jr	6-5	302
12.	Glenn Dorsey	LSU	Jr	6-2	284
13.	Sedrick Ellis	USC	Jr	6-1	285
14.	Kevin Brown	UCLA	Sr	6-2	297
15.	Vince Oghobaase	Duke	rFr	6-6	325
16.	Brigham Harwell	UCLA	Jr	6-1	274
17.	Amobi Okoye	Louisville	Sr	6-1	312
18.	Ramel Meekins	Rutgers	Sr	6-0	280
19.	Keilein Dykes	West Virginia	Jr	6-4	295
20.	Brent Curvey	Iowa St	Sr	6-0	295
21.	Xavier Lawson-Kennedy	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-1	315
22.	Marquay Love	Houston	Sr	6-0	320
23.	Keith Jackson	Arkansas	Sr	6-0	302
24.	Mitch King	Iowa	So	6-3	250
25.	Chris Norwell	Illinois	Jr	6-6	290
26.	Derek Landri	Notre Dame	Sr	6-3	263
27.	Jeremy Clark	Alabama	Sr	6-3	305
28.	Marcus Harrison	Arkansas	Jr	6-3	315
29.	Deljuan Robinson	Miss St	Sr	6-4	296
30.	Trevor Laws	Notre Dame	Jr	6-0	293
31.	Jeff Owens	Georgia	So	6-3	280
32.	Matt Kroul	Iowa	Jr	6-3	285
33.	Zach West	UTEP	Sr	6-5	295
34.	Ryan McBean	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-5	290
35.	Brian Soi	Utah St	So	6-3	298
36.	Kelly Talavou	Utah	Sr	6-2	307
37.	Andre Fluellen	Florida St	Jr	6-4	285
38.	Jonathan Bailes	San Diego St	Sr	6-1	297
39.	Jordan Hill	Arizona St	Sr	6-2	282
40.	Phillip Merling	Clemson	So	6-5	275
41.	Blake Smith	Colorado St	Jr	6-2	269
42.	Marque Hall	S Carolina	Jr	6-3	291
43.	Nate Robinson	Akron	So	6-5	315
44.	Sean Merrill	S Mississippi	Jr	6-3	290
45.	Khalif Mitchell	N Carolina	Jr	6-6	315
46.	Aaron Robbins	Wyoming	Sr	6-4	256
47.	Chase Moline	UCLA	So	6-1	274
48.	Fevaea'i Ahmu	Wash St	So	6-1	284
49.	Rhema Fuller	Connecticut	Sr	6-2	266
50.	Tony Jenkins	Syracuse	Jr	6-3	285
51.	BJ Raji	Boston College	Jr	6-1	337
52.	Turk McBride	Tennessee	Sr	6-4	275
53.	Darryl Richard	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-4	255
54.	Terrill Byrd	Cincinnati	So	6-1	285
55.	Adrian Haywood	SMU	Sr	6-3	280
56.	Adrian Grady	Louisville	Sr	6-2	292
57.	Demonte Bolden	Tennessee	rFr	6-6	290
58.	Andrew Browning	Boise St	Sr	6-0	278
59.	Keith Shologan	UCF	Jr	6-2	275
60.	Terrance Taylor	Michigan	So	6-0	305

PHIL'S TOP 53 INSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Patrick Willis	Mississippi	Sr	6-2	230
2.	Anthony Waters	Clemson	Sr	6-3	245
3.	Corey McKeon	Nebraska	Jr	6-1	225
4.	Vince Hall	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-0	236
5.	Jonathon Abbate	Wake Forest	Jr	5-11	245
6.	Xavier Adibi	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-3	224
7.	Brandon Siler	Florida	Jr	6-2	235
8.	HB Blades	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-0	240
9.	Desmond Bishop	California	Sr	6-2	243
10.	Oscar Lua	USC	Sr	6-1	240
11.	Dedrick Harrington	Missouri	Sr	6-4	240
12.	David Harris	Michigan	Sr	6-2	242
13.	Thaddaeus Washington	Colorado	Sr	5-11	245
14.	Tim Shaw	Penn St	Sr	6-1	237
15.	Buster Davis	Florida St	Sr	5-11	240
16.	George Hall	Purdue	Sr	6-2	243
17.	Nick Bunting	Tulsa	Jr	6-1	230
18.	Nate Harris	Louisville	Sr	6-1	235
19.	Korey Hall	Boise St	Sr	6-1	228
20.	Nelson Coleman	Tulsa	Jr	6-2	235
21.	Zach Latimer	Oklahoma	Sr	6-2	220
22.	Ben Moffitt	USF	Jr	6-2	235
23.	Jeremey Jones	UTEP	Jr	6-1	235
24.	Matt Muncy	Ohio	Sr	6-2	231
25.	Dwayne Andrews	Fresno St	Sr	6-0	240
26.	Rey Maualuga	USC	So	6-3	250
27.	Cameron Jensen	BYU	Sr	6-2	241
28.	Jonathan Goff	Vanderbilt	Jr	6-4	240
29.	Mark Zalewski	Wisconsin	Sr	6-2	236
30.	Jolonn Dunbar	Boston College	Jr	6-1	224
31.	Robert Killebrew	Texas	Jr	6-2	230
32.	Quinton Culberson	Mississippi St	Sr	6-0	239
33.	Mike D'Andrea	Ohio St	Sr	6-3	248
34.	Tony Taylor	Georgia	Sr	6-1	237
35.	Jason Phillips	TCU	So	6-1	240
36.	Daniel Holtzclaw	E Michigan	So	6-1	222
37.	Ronnie Palmer	Arizona	So	6-3	239
38.	Mike Nixon	Arizona St	Fr	6-2	216
39.	Russell Allen	San Diego St	So	6-3	225
40.	Clint Session	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-0	235
41.	Rodrick Johnson	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-3	255
42.	Keyonvis Bouie	Florida Int'l	Sr	6-0	225
43.	Maurice Crum	Notre Dame	So	6-0	220
44.	Brannon Jackson	Louisiana Tech	Jr	6-2	263
45.	Brandon Monroe	North Texas	Jr	6-2	230
46.	Kevin Grant	Akron	So	6-2	245
47.	Brock Stratton	Texas Tech	Sr	5-11	228
48.	Matt Couch	Marshall	Sr	6-2	235
49.	Chris Graham	Michigan	Jr	5-11	225
50.	Greg Trent	Wash St	So	5-10	230
51.	Devrett Wade	Arkansas St	Sr	6-0	231
52.	Devraun Thompson	Rutgers	Sr	5-11	220
53.	Josh Johnson	Marshall	So	6-2	235

PHIL'S TOP 19 PUNTERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Daniel Sepulveda	Baylor	Sr	6-3	227
2.	Mike Hughes	San Diego St	Jr	5-10	185
3.	Ken DeBauche	Wisconsin	Jr	6-2	221
4.	AJ Trapasso	Ohio St	So	6-1	220
5.	Adam Podlesh	Maryland	Sr	6-0	192
6.	Brandon Fields	Michigan St	Sr	6-6	232
7.	Chris Miller	Ball St	So	6-2	212
8.	Michael Gibson	Memphis	Jr	6-2	210
9.	Jay Ottovegio	Stanford	Jr	6-0	195
10.	Brendan Carney	Syracuse	Sr	6-5	205
11.	Adam Graessle	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-4	225
12.	Chris Jackson	LSU	Sr	5-11	174
13.	Ryan Dougherty	East Carolina	Sr	6-1	221
14.	Kody Bliss	Auburn	Sr	5-11	177
15.	Jacob Skinner	Arkansas	Sr	6-3	212
16.	Aaron Perez	UCLA	So	6-2	220
17.	Gordon Ely Kelso	Georgia	Sr	6-2	215
18.	Britton Colquitt	Tennessee	So	6-3	198
19.	Jim Kaylor	Colorado St	Jr	6-3	198

PHIL'S TOP 15 KICK RETURNERS

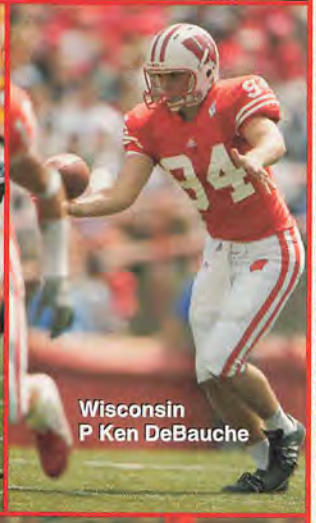
	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Ted Ginn Jr	Ohio St	Jr	6-0	175
2.	Darrell Blackman	NC State	Jr	6-0	209
3.	Ramonce Taylor	Texas	Jr	5-11	195
4.	Felix Jones	Arkansas	So	6-0	202
5.	Terry Richardson	Arizona St	Sr	6-1	187
6.	Jessie Henderson	SMU	So	5-9	175
7.	Jonathan Stewart	Oregon	So	5-11	234
8.	Steve Breaston	Michigan	Sr	6-1	182
9.	Scott Mayle	Ohio	Sr	6-1	175
10.	Brandon Tate	N Carolina	So	6-1	193
11.	Kenny O'Neal	Florida St	So	6-1	195
12.	Chubb Small	Marshall	So	5-9	193
13.	Lance Bennett	Indiana	Sr	5-6	162
14.	DeAndre Jackson	Iowa St	Sr	6-0	192
15.	Tyrone Prothro	Alabama	Sr	5-8	178

Mississippi
ILB Patrick Willis

Penn St
OLB Paul Posluszny

Texas A&M
OLB Justin Warren

Virginia Tech
LB Xavier Adibi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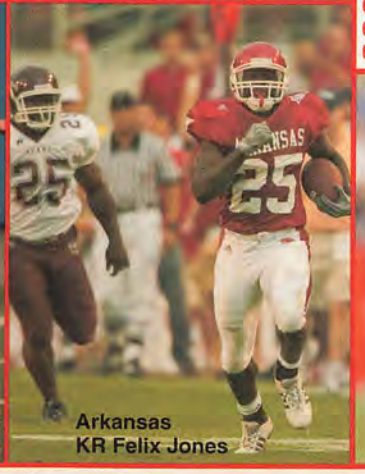
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PHIL'S TOP 65 OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Paul Posluszny	Penn St	Sr	6-2	238
2.	Rufus Alexander	Oklahoma	Sr	6-1	231
3.	Keith Rivers	USC	Jr	6-3	220
4.	Dan Connor	Penn St	Jr	6-3	225
5.	Prescott Burgess	Michigan	Sr	6-3	246
6.	Brian Toal	Boston College	Jr	6-1	238
7.	Justin Warren	Texas A&M	Sr	6-3	245
8.	Ali Highsmith	LSU	Jr	6-1	226
9.	Brian Cushing	USC	So	6-4	235
10.	Earl Everett	Florida	Sr	6-2	231
11.	Bo Ruud	Nebraska	Jr	6-3	230
12.	Marcus Freeman	Ohio St	Jr	6-2	230
13.	Clint Sintim	Virginia	So	6-3	242
14.	Will Herring	Auburn	Sr	6-3	220
15.	Wesley Jefferson	Maryland	Jr	6-2	236
16.	Willie Williams	Miami, Fl	So	6-3	232
17.	Kevin McLee	West Virginia	Sr	6-1	255
18.	Stephen Nicholas	USF	Sr	6-3	225
19.	Anthony Felder	California	So	6-3	229
20.	Mike Brown Tauilili	Duke	So	5-11	235
21.	KaMichael Hall	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-0	225
22.	Sam Olajubutu	Arkansas	Sr	5-9	229
23.	Jordon Dizon	Colorado	Jr	6-0	220
24.	Tavares Gooden	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-2	220
25.	Larry Edwards	N Carolina	Sr	6-2	230
26.	Wade Koehl	Houston	Sr	6-2	230
27.	Scott White	Washington	Sr	6-1	230
28.	Quincy Black	New Mexico	Jr	6-3	232
29.	Kelvin Smith	Syracuse	Sr	6-2	233
30.	Beau Bell	UNLV	Jr	6-3	235
31.	Nick Roach	Northwestern	Sr	6-2	245
32.	David Herron Jr	Michigan St	Sr	6-1	252
33.	SirDarean Adams	Michigan St	Jr	6-0	230
34.	Jon Beason	Miami, Fl	So	6-0	225
35.	Robert Henson	TCU	So	6-1	222
36.	Ameer Ismail	W Michigan	Sr	6-2	225
37.	Solomon Elimimian	Hawaii	So	6-1	224
38.	Rashad Bobino	Texas	So	5-11	230
39.	Demario Pleasant	Oklahoma	Jr	6-2	225
40.	Josh Williams	Arkansas St	Jr	6-1	255
41.	Rob Caldwell	Navy	Sr	6-0	222
42.	Juwan Simpson	Alabama	Sr	6-3	222
43.	Thomas Keith	C Michigan	Jr	5-11	239
44.	Brandon Miller	Georgia	Jr	6-4	248
45.	Lawrence Timmons	Florida St	Jr	6-4	230
46.	Brandon Archer	Kansas St	Sr	6-2	230
47.	Jake Hutton	Utah St	So	6-0	220
48.	Ezra Butler	Nevada	Jr	6-2	248
49.	Thomas Williams	USC	Jr	6-3	230
50.	Brendan Pahulu	Houston	Jr	6-3	225
51.	Freddie Lenix	Cincinnati	Fr	6-0	215
52.	Robert Davis	Idaho	Sr	6-4	223
53.	Danny Lansanah	Connecticut	Jr	6-1	248
54.	Josh Bousman	Idaho	Sr	6-2	228
55.	Garry Pack	Mississippi	Jr	6-1	220
56.	Phillip Graves	North Texas	Sr	6-2	211
57.	Derek Nicholson	Florida St	So	6-2	223
58.	JK Sabb	Middle Tenn	Sr	5-11	230
59.	Barrett Scruggs	Army	Sr	6-1	213
60.	Mitchell Thomas	Notre Dame	Jr	6-3	240
61.	Jeremy Engstrom	Nevada	Jr	6-1	247
62.	Adam Kadela	Northwestern	Sr	6-2	245
63.	Wesley Woodyard	Kentucky	Jr	6-1	212
64.	Bryant Haines	Ball St	So	6-5	226
65.	Troy Collavo	UTEP	Sr	6-0	235

Florida
ILB Brandon Siler

PHIL'S TOP 66 CORNERBACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Daymeion Hughes	California	Sr	6-2	188
2.	Antoine Cason	Arizona	Jr	6-1	180
3.	Tarell Brown	Texas	Sr	6-0	200
4.	Darrelle Revis	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-0	190
5.	Leon Hall	Michigan	Sr	5-11	191
6.	John Talley	Duke	Sr	5-11	180
7.	Eric Weddle	Utah	Sr	6-0	200
8.	Fred Bennett	South Carolina	Sr	6-1	199
9.	Simeon Castille	Alabama	Jr	6-1	188
10.	Justin King	Penn St	So	6-0	181
11.	Marcus McCauley	Fresno St	Sr	6-1	205
12.	Josh Pinkard	USC	Jr	6-1	200
13.	Ambrose Wooden	Notre Dame	Jr	5-11	197
14.	DeAndre Jackson	Iowa St	Sr	6-0	190
15.	DJ Wolfe	Oklahoma	Jr	5-11	196
16.	DeJuan Tribble	Boston College	Jr	5-9	189
17.	Marcus Hamilton	Virginia	Sr	5-11	187
18.	JR Bryant	Florida St	Jr	6-1	172
19.	Tony Carter	Florida St	So	5-9	170
20.	Ramzee Robinson	Alabama	Sr	5-10	190
21.	Robert Herbert	Colorado St	Sr	6-1	208
22.	Roland Minor	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-0	205
23.	Reggie Smith	Oklahoma	So	6-1	190
24.	Kenny Scott	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-2	185
25.	Malcolm Jenkins	Ohio St	So	6-1	180
26.	Aqib Talib	Kansas	So	6-2	180
27.	David Irons	Auburn	Sr	6-1	188
28.	Paul Oliver	Georgia	Jr	6-0	205
29.	John Guice	UNLV	Sr	5-9	180
30.	Marquice Cole	Northwestern	Sr	5-9	185
31.	Lorenzo Sims	Colorado	Sr	5-11	185
32.	Jonathan Wade	Tennessee	Sr	6-0	195
33.	Chaz Williams	ULM	Jr	6-0	185
34.	Joe Burnett	UCF	So	5-11	180
35.	Keenan Lewis	Oregon St	So	6-1	191
36.	Joe Porter	Rutgers	Sr	6-0	200
37.	Kevin Thomas	USC	So	6-1	190
38.	Mike Mickens	Cincinnati	So	6-0	165
39.	Rod Council	Louisville	So	5-11	189
40.	Jackie Bates	Oregon	Jr	5-10	180
41.	Josh Wilson	Maryland	Sr	5-10	182
42.	CJ Gaddis	Clemson	Jr	6-0	210
43.	Nick Graham	Tulsa	Sr	5-11	185
44.	Jonathan Wilhite	Auburn	Jr	5-11	182
45.	Chevis Jackson	LSU	Jr	6-0	189
46.	CJ Wilson	Baylor	Sr	6-1	195
47.	Roshaun Fellows	Tennessee	Jr	6-0	185
48.	Eric Wright	UNLV	Sr	5-11	190
49.	AJ Davis	NC State	Sr	5-10	191
50.	Marcus Walker	Oklahoma	Jr	5-10	197
51.	Antonio Huffman	Texas Tech	Sr	5-11	179
52.	Montavis Pitts	Auburn	Sr	6-3	195
53.	Aaron Ross	Texas	Sr	6-1	192
54.	Joe Garcia	Nevada	Sr	6-0	182
55.	Courtney Bryan	New Mexico St	Sr	5-11	195
56.	Morgan Trent	Michigan	So	6-1	192
57.	Tanard Jackson	Syracuse	Sr	6-1	193
58.	William Gay	Louisville	Sr	5-11	182
59.	Danny Gorrer	Texas A&M	So	6-0	182
60.	Alphonso Smith	Wake Forest	So	5-9	188
61.	Tracy Porter	Indiana	Jr	5-10	181
62.	Michael Coe	Arkansas	Sr	6-1	180
63.	Nigel Morris	Toledo	Jr	6-0	181
64.	Tim Mixon	California	Sr	5-10	187
65.	Cortney Grixby	Nebraska	Jr	5-9	165
66.	Zackary Bowban	Nebraska	Jr	6-2	190

PHIL'S TOP 19 PUNT RETURNERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Ted Ginn Jr	Ohio St	Jr	6-0	170
2.	Darrell Blackman	NC State	Jr	6-0	205
3.	Terry Richardson	Arizona St	Sr	6-1	187
4.	Terrence Nunn	Nebraska	Jr	6-0	185
5.	Aaron Ross	Texas	Sr	6-1	192
6.	Rafael Little	Kentucky	Jr	5-11	195
7.	Steve Breaston	Michigan	Sr	6-1	179
8.	Kevin Robinson	Utah St	Jr	6-0	188
9.	Antonio Lewis	West Virginia	Jr	5-10	190
10.	Joe Burnett	UCF	So	5-11	180
11.	Ryne Robinson	Miami, Oh	Sr	5-10	169
12.	Danny Amendola	Texas Tech	Jr	5-11	174
13.	Marcus Woods	Missouri	Jr	5-8	185
14.	Tim Mixon	California	Sr	5-10	187
15.	Michael Bumpus	Washington St	Jr	5-11	174
16.	Clifton Smith	Fresno St	Jr	5-8	165
17.	Vincent Marshall	Houston	Sr	5-8	175
18.	Leodis McKelvin	Troy	Jr	5-11	180
19.	Quinton Jones	Boise St	Sr	5-9	186

Arizona
CB Antoine Cason

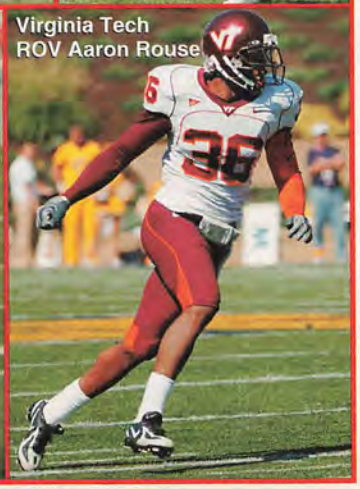
Utah
CB Eric Weddle

Rutgers
FS Courtney Greene

Texas A&M
FS Japhus Brown

Oregon St
SS Sabby Piscitelli

Ohio St
PR Ted Ginn, Jr.


Virginia Tech
ROV Aaron Rouse

PHIL'S TOP 40 FREE SAFETIES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	LaRon Landry	LSU	Jr	6-2	204
2.	Kenny Phillips	Miami, Fl	So	6-2	200
3.	Michael Griffin	Texas	Sr	6-0	205
4.	Zach Catanese	Arizona St	Sr	6-2	226
5.	Wesley Smith	Memphis	Sr	6-3	196
6.	Courtney Greene	Rutgers	So	6-1	180
7.	Ben Stratton	Colorado St	Sr	6-2	207
8.	Josh Gattis	Wake Forest	Sr	6-1	212
9.	Japhus Brown	Texas A&M	Jr	5-11	203
10.	Anthony Reddick	Miami, Fl	So	6-0	197
11.	Ryan Mundy	Michigan	Jr	6-1	205
12.	Jonathan Hefney	Tennessee	Jr	5-9	185
13.	Nic Harris	Oklahoma	So	6-3	218
14.	Terrance Washington	Utah St	Sr	5-11	197
15.	Bobby Blackshire	Tulsa	Sr	6-3	205
16.	John Wendling	Wyoming	Sr	6-1	222
17.	Sherrod Martin	Troy	Jr	6-1	187
18.	Quintin Demps	UTEP	Jr	6-0	215
19.	Tony Cade	UNLV	Jr	6-2	210
20.	Jeramie Johnson	Mississippi St	Jr	5-11	216
21.	Reshard Langford	Vanderbilt	So	6-2	218
22.	Jason Venson	UCF	So	5-10	210
23.	Reggie Nelson	Florida	Jr	6-1	198
24.	James Silva	Boston College	Jr	5-11	205
25.	Roger Williams	Florida St	Jr	6-1	200
26.	Dashon Goldson	Washington	Sr	6-2	195
27.	Dennis Keys	UCLA	Jr	6-1	192
28.	Roderick Rogers	Wisconsin	Sr	6-2	186
29.	Marty Tadman	Boise St	Jr	5-11	176
30.	Marcus Paschal	Iowa	Sr	6-0	207
31.	Demetrice Morley	Tennessee	So	6-2	195
32.	Kevin Payne	ULM	Jr	6-1	212
33.	Marcus Watts	Kansas St	Jr	6-2	180
34.	Joey Card	Miami, Oh	Sr	6-0	198
35.	JJ Billingsley	Colorado	Sr	5-11	185
36.	Will Gulley	Houston	Sr	6-3	215
37.	Keenan Clayton	Oklahoma	So	6-2	210
38.	Donovan Woods	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-2	220
39.	Trumaine Banks	Minnesota	Sr	5-11	185
40.	JD Nelson	Oregon	Sr	5-11	211

PHIL'S TOP 41 STRONG SAFETIES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Brandon Meriweather	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-0	188
2.	Tom Zbikowski	Notre Dame	Jr	5-11	208
3.	Sabby Piscitelli	Oregon St	Sr	6-3	226
4.	Dallas Sartz	USC	Sr	6-5	240
5.	Aaron Rouse	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-4	221
6.	Jessie Daniels	LSU	Jr	5-11	203
7.	Will Meyers	Indiana	Sr	5-11	201
8.	Garland Heath	NC State	Sr	6-2	225
9.	Michael Hamlin	Clemson	So	6-3	200
10.	Tyrell Johnson	Arkansas St	Jr	6-1	197
11.	Bryan Heinz	Northwestern	Sr	6-2	215
12.	Jamario O'Neal	Ohio St	So	6-1	180
13.	Jamar Adams	Michigan	Jr	6-2	205
14.	David Overstreet	Missouri	Sr	6-0	210
15.	Joe Sturdivant	SMU	Jr	6-2	210
16.	CJ Wallace	Washington	Sr	6-0	205
17.	Ron Girault	Rutgers	Jr	5-11	195
18.	Brandon Sumrall	S Mississippi	Jr	5-11	185
19.	Gerald Alexander	Boise St	Sr	6-0	197
20.	Marvin White	TCU	Sr	6-3	200
21.	Caleb Campbell	Army	Jr	6-2	222
22.	Curtis Keyes	Marshall	Sr	6-0	206
23.	Carlton Williams	USF	Sr	6-3	205
24.	Tra Battle	Georgia	Sr	5-11	176
25.	Dowayne Davis	Syracuse	Jr	6-0	200
26.	Michael Johnson	Arizona	Sr	6-3	195
27.	Jamarca Sanford	Mississippi	So	5-10	200
28.	Kyle Jackson	Florida	Jr	6-1	200
29.	Lewis Delmas	W Michigan	So	6-0	181
30.	Dan Dykes	Idaho	Jr	6-2	202
31.	Trimane Goodard	North Carolina	Jr	5-11	185
32.	Casey Evans	Utah	Sr	6-0	202
33.	Eric McNeal	UCLA	Sr	6-2	209
34.	Joe Fleskoski	UTEP	Sr	6-1	200
35.	Craig Steltz	LSU	Sr	6-1	203
36.	Patrick Chung	Oregon	So	5-11	207
37.	Steve Gandy	Auburn	Jr	6-1	198
38.	Patrick Ghee	Wake Forest	Sr	6-1	211
39.	Melvin Bullitt	Texas A&M	Sr	6-1	204
40.	Lovon Ponder	Miami, Fl	So	6-0	204
41.	Eric Frampton	Washington St	Sr	6-0	205

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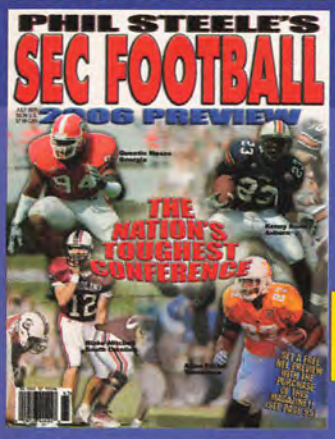

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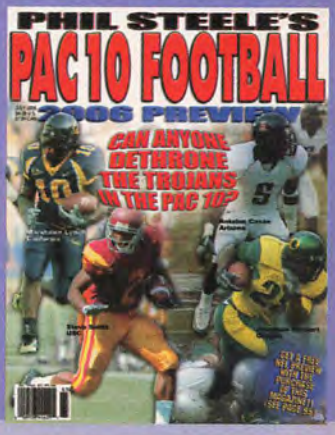

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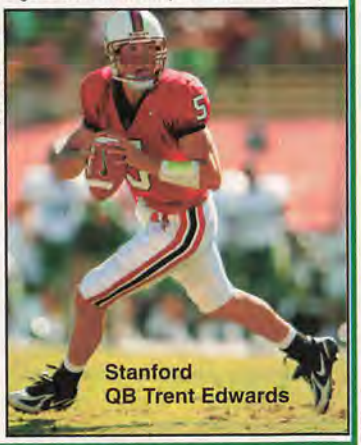
PHIL STEELE'S 2006 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

QUARTERBACKS 2006's Top QB Units

1. **Notre Dame** Brady Quinn is the top rated QB for next year's draft and is now in his 4th year as a starter. He has improved his completion % from 47% to 54% to 65% in his 3 years. He is already the Irish career passing leader, has good size (6'4" 231), had a 32-7 ratio in '05 and is now in the 2nd year of Weis' offense.
2. **Arizona St** Notice the headline says QB unit not top QB. ASU has the best one-two punch in the NCAA. Sam Keller (6'4" 230) threw for 2,165 (59%) with a 20-9 ratio. When he got injured, Rudy Carpenter (PS#39) threw for 2,273 (68%), with an amazing 17-2 ratio in just 5 starts. Both return in 2006.
3. **Louisville** Brian Brohm (6'4" 224, PS#8) got meaningful playing time as a backup in '04 and was great in his first year as a starter, throwing for 2,883 yards (68.8%) with a 19-5 ratio. Hunter Cantwell (6'4" 225) has good arm strength, size and speed and did well vs a tough Virg Tech defense in the bowl.
4. **Ohio St** Troy Smith was suspended for the opener last year and did not get to work with the 1st team until week 2. He still led the Big 10 in pass efficiency, was the Buckeyes' #2 rusher and will be relied on even more this year. Backup Justin Zwick (PS#7) has 8 career starts and led a bowl win over Okla St.
5. **Michigan St** The Spartans are a much stronger team when Drew Stanton is healthy. He was #1 in the NCAA in pass efficiency after 6 games last year but a hand injury and unstable O-line contributed to his 8-9 ratio the last 5. Still he threw for 3,077 (66.7%) last year and has rushed for 1,238 gross yards in 2 years.
6. **Hawaii** JUCO transfer Colt Brennan did not win the starting job til week 3 and suffered a shoulder injury vs USC. He was banged up for the last 4 games but still led the NCAA with 4,301 yards (68%) with a 35-13 ratio! He is also mobile and to me, it appears that he has a better grasp of the offense and better arm strength than (NCAA career passing leader) Timmy Chang did.
7. **Florida** Chris Leak is a pocket-passer and was not a perfect fit for the spread offense last year. They tailored the offense to better suit Leak late in the year and he was much improved down the stretch. He threw for 2,639 (63%) with a 20-6 ratio and will be pushed by true frosh Tim Tebow (PS#3), who was in for the spring.
8. **BYU** John Beck was banged up in 2004 but was still 2nd Team MWC. Last year he was in the first year of new OC Anae's offense and threw for 3,709 (65%) with a 27-13 ratio (1st team MWC). He has a great arm, a quick release and is in the 2nd year of the offense. Jason Beck (no relation) and Ariz St transfer Max Hall provide quality depth.
9. **Houston** Kevin Kolb has good size (6'3" 225), has thrown for 9,155 yards in 3 years as a starter and has rushed for 1,373 gross yards in that span. He understands Briles' complex offense inside and out as he played it in high school as well.
10. **Iowa** Drew Tate put the Hawkeyes on his back in 2004 as they were down to a 6th string RB leading them to a 10-2 season. He is very similar to Drew Brees who has had a lot of success in the NFL. Last year he threw for 2,828 yards (62.2%) with a 22-7 ratio. He has a solid backup in Jake Christensen (PS#6).
11. **Miami, Fl** Kyle Wright (PS#1) had decent numbers last year with 2,403 (58.6%) and an 18-10 ratio. He impressed me vs the tough D's of Florida St and VTech and should have a much improved year. His backup is Kirby Freeman (PS#14).
12. **Michigan** Chad Henne (PS#1) started as a true frosh and had an outstanding year throwing for 2,743 (60%) with a 25-12 ratio. Without WR Braylon Edwards, his numbers dropped a little in '05 but he did improve his ratio to 23-8. He should have an excellent junior season.
13. **Florida St** Drew Weatherford (PS#15) set an ACC freshman record for passing yards with 3,208 and completed 58.8% but only had an 18-18 ratio. His backup is Xavier Lee (PS#2), who played in 7 games last year.
14. **Stanford** Trent Edwards (PS#5) hit 45.3% as a frosh, 54.6% in '04 and improved to 62.7% last year. He had a 17-7 ratio and 356 rush yards in '05 which was in the first year of Harris' somewhat complex offense. He'll have a firmer grasp on the offense this year.
15. **Texas Tech** Tech has had 3 straight phenomenal season from their 1st year starting QB's. Graham Harrell is inexperienced but is probably the most talented (PS#16) QB Leach has had to work with and has 6 games of experience. Chris Todd (PS#37) is a solid #2 and despite their #15 ranking, could lead the NCAA in passing yards.
16. **LSU** This is one of the deepest QB units with JaMarcus Russell (PS#4) back as the starter, Matt Flynn (PS#17), who guided the bowl romp over Miami, and Ryan Perrilloux (PS#1) who is a rFr.
17. **Utah** This is another deep position with last year's starter Brian Johnson (2,892 yds) and backup Brett Ratliff, who destroyed GTech in the bowl, as well as Oklahoma transfer Tommy Grady (PS#6).

Louisville
QB Brian Brohm


Stanford
QB Trent Edwards

The rest of the Top 25:

18. Pittsburgh
19. UTEP
20. West Virginia
21. Iowa St
22. Oklahoma
23. Nebraska
24. Tennessee
25. Air Force

RUNNING BACKS 2006's Top RB Units

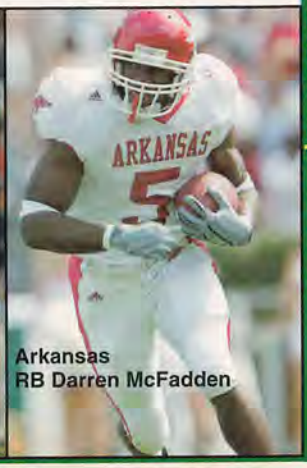
1. **Oklahoma** PS#1 Adrian Peterson nearly won the Heisman as a true frosh rushing for 1,925 (5.7) with 15 TD's. He was banged up last year but is highly productive when healthy. Allen Patrick (PS#50JC) moved from DB in '05 and will be more productive. They also add two VHT true frosh including Demarco Murray (PS#5) .
2. **California** Marshawn Lynch rushed for 628 yards and 8.8 ypc as a true frosh backup. Last year he missed two games but still rushed for 1,246 yds (6.4). Justin Forsett had 999 (7.6) yds in just 3 starts. Adding depth are Marcus O'Keith (PS#26) and true frosh James Montgomery (PS#21).
3. **Texas** Jamaal Charles (PS#6) rushed for 878 (7.4), despite missing most of 3 games with injury. Ramonce Taylor is the fastest player on a speedy Horns' team and had 513 (6.8). Selvin Young (PS#19) has been banged up the last 2 years but looked like his old self in the spring. They add another VHT frosh this year.
4. **Louisville** Michael Bush is an ex-QB who can play anywhere on the field and, despite weighing 250 lbs, has outstanding speed and receiving ability. He only started 8 in '05 due to injury but had 23 rush TD's. Kolby Smith has 1,001 yds in 3 years and they add VHT Illinois transfer Brock Bolen (PS#28).
5. **Arkansas** Darren McFadden (PS#9), who is 210 lbs with 4.3 speed, played with a partially torn PCL, and did not start until week 4 but rushed for 1,113 (6.3) as a true frosh. Felix Jones (PS#48) was #2 in the NCAA in KR's and had 626 (6.3). FB Peyton Hillis (PS#9) had 717 total yards last year and looked leaner and meaner in the spring.
6. **Michigan** Michael Hart had 1,455 (5.2) as a true frosh but was banged up in '05. Kevin Grady (PS#2) started 2 games in '05 for 483 (4.0) and should be a bigger factor as a soph. Jerome Jackson (PS#31) and Mister Simpson (PS#55) add depth and true frosh Carlos Brown (PS#12) was in for the spring.
7. **Ohio St** Antonio Pittman is trying to become just the 5th Buckeye to top 1,000 yards twice. He had 1,331 (5.5) in '05. You would think Maurice Wells (PS#11) and Erik Haw (PS#18), a pair of veteran backups, would be tough to displace but it would not surprise me to see true frosh Chris Wells (PS#1), who was in for the spring, split the carries with Pittman.
8. **Georgia** Thomas Brown (PS#3) has 1,611 (5.1) in 2 years and was dominating in the spring. Danny Ware has 1,184 (4.95) in 2 years. Kregg Lumpkin (PS#3) is another year removed from his ACL injury and true frosh Knowshon Moreno (PS#14) adds depth.
9. **Auburn** Kenny Irons is a South Carolina transfer who was third string at the start of '05. He ripped off 5 straight 100 yard games and actually led the SEC in rushing with 1,293 (5.1). Brad Lester (PS#30), Tre Smith (PS#27) and Carl Stewart have 1,611 career rush yards among them and true frosh Benjamin Tate (PS#11) was in for the spring.
10. **LSU** Alley Broussard (PS#8) is a powerful back who rushed for 867 (6.1) in '04 but suffered an ACL injury in '05. Justin Vincent (PS#9) has 1,811 (5.2) in 3 years but tore his ACL in the bowl. They have VHT rFr in Antonio Robinson (PS#15), RJ Jackson (PS#12) and add 2 more VHT true frosh, including a PS#7 this year.
11. **Miami, Fl** Tyrone Moss (PS#2) is a 220 lb back who had 701 (5.1) in a little more than 7 games until injury. Andrew Johnson (PS#6) is another year removed from an ACL injury and Charlie Jones (PS#8) had 507 (4.1) in 4 starts in '05.
12. **Iowa** Two years ago this unit was wiped out by injuries and started a 6th stringer at one point. Albert Young (PS#14) was one of those injured and returned in '05 with 1,334 (5.4) and 24 rec. HT backups Damian Sims and Shonn Greene combined for 469 rush yards and they add rFr Corey Robertson (PS#30).
13. **Navy** The FB is always the star here and their FB's have some outstanding benches and speeds (see page 242). 240 lb Adam Ballard rushed for 488 yards in his first 3 starts and SB Reggie Campbell became the 4th player in NCAA history to have 5 TD's in a bowl and simply avg 9.0 ypc rush. This is the finest set of Navy RB's I have ever seen.
14. **NC State** Coach Amato compared Andre Brown (PS#10) to Herschel Walker and he sure looked like him with 248 yards vs BC and 179 vs Florida St but only had 667 (5.2) as a rFr. Toney Baker (PS#7) had 546 (4.4) and FB's Octavious Darby (PS#8TE) and Jamelle Eugene are solid.

California
TB Marshawn Lynch

The rest of the Top 26:

15. TCU
16. Rutgers
17. Northern Illinois
18. Notre Dame
19. Clemson
20. Maryland
21. Texas A&M
22. West Virginia
23. Kansas St
24. Northwestern
25. Florida St
26. Alabama

Auburn
RB Kenny Irons


Arkansas
RB Darren McFadden

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

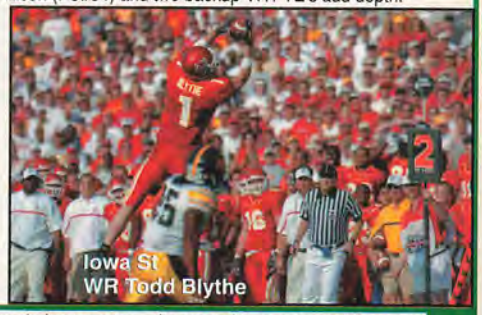
RECEIVERS 2006's Top Receiving Units

1. **USC** Both Dwayne Jarrett (PS#4) and Steve Smith (PS#3) make my AA Team & that is a solid place to start. TE Fred Davis (PS#3WR) is backed by 3 VHT's, including PS#9JC Gerald Washington. The backup WR's are PS#3, 2, 2, 6, and three and would be not only be starting but starring on most other teams.
2. **Texas Tech** Tech's receivers will always have great stats in their pass-happy offense. Each year, however, Mike Leach keeps landing bigger, stronger and faster WR's who upgrade the talent. Jarrett Hicks should be a 1st RD pick in '07 and Robert Johnson (PS#12JC) is in his 2nd year at IR (ex-QB) and had 67 rec in his first year.
3. **Hawaii** Much like TT above, June Jones keeps landing better talent for his pass-happy offense. True frosh Davone Bess simply earned 1st Tm WAC honors and got the attention of a lot of pro scouts in 2005. Ryan Grice-Mullen had an even better year statistically and they not only return their top four but get Jason Rivers (80 rec 2004) and Jason Ferguson back from injury and add in starting CB Kenny Patton.
4. **Washington St** Jason Hill has been a dominant WR in the Pac 10 the last 2 years and is the key to the Cougars' offense. Michael Bumpus (PS#8) has had 65 rec the last 2 years. This year they add in VHT Charles Dillon (PS#14JC) and there is experienced depth behind them. TE Cody Boyd (6'8") had 14 rec in '05 fits in nicely.
5. **Florida St** True frosh Greg Carr (6'6") avg 20.6 ypc and had 9 TD's last year. Chris Davis (PS#4QB) had 51 (13.1). De'Cody Fagg missed 3 games but still had 35 (11.5). Kenny O'Neal (6'1") is a sprinter on the track team and they add in two VHT true frosh TE's.
6. **Miami, FL** TE Greg Olsen (PS#1) is a prime candidate for the Mackey Award. Ryan Moore (PS#2) had 44 rec and was a frosh 2nd Tm AA and should recapture that form as a Sr. Darnell Jenkins (PS#35), Lance Leggett (PS#11), Sam Shields (PS#16RB) and TE Dajleon Farr (PS#3) add depth.
7. **Ohio St** They lose Santonio Holmes but Ted Ginn Jr is a threat to score whenever and however he touches the ball. Anthony Gonzalez (PS#25) is 6'0" with 4.29 spd and they have 5 other VHT's at WR. The TE's are VHT's with good size, solid blk'g ability & good receiver.
8. **Nebraska** Nate Swift had just 6 starts LY but 45 rec (14.2) as a rFr. Frantz Hardy was a JC teammate of QB Zac Taylor and had 25 rec after joining the team in August '05. TE Matt Herian missed 2005 with injury but was a 1st Tm Big 12 TE in '03. They add in Maurice Purify (PS#3JC) who should start immediately.
9. **Florida** The Gators WR's were banged up last year but Dallas Baker was the bowl MVP. Andre Caldwell (PS#1) had 3 starts until breaking his leg and returns this year. Jermalle Cornellius (PS#14) rounds out the starters and they have 8 VHT backups, including this year's PS#1 Percy Harvin. Tate Casey (PS#9TE) and converted QB Cornelius Ingram (PS#9) make a great TE combo.
10. **Notre Dame** ND had a grand total of TWO 1,000-yard receivers in their history but last year VHT's Jeff Samardzija and Maurice Stovall each topped that total and avg 16.2 and 16.7 ypc. They lose Stovall but get back Rhema McKnight (42 rec '04) and have 6 VHT bkup WR's and TE's John Carlson (PS#12) and Marcus Freeman (PS#21) have good size.
11. **LSU** The Tigers have 9 VHT's in their receiving corps, including PS#1 and PS#2 WR's from 2004 who played as true frosh. Xavier Carter is 6'3" and was the SEC Track Frosh of the Year but can't break into the regular rotation. The top 3 WR's are back, they add in two more VHT frosh WR's and TE Keith Zinger (PS#11) is not flashy but is a solid blocker.
12. **Arizona St** TE Zach Miller (PS#1) had 56 rec as a true frosh and was injury-plagued in 2005. 6'1" Terry Richardson (PS#38) and 6'4" Jamaal Lewis (PS#28TE) provide good size at WR. Rudy Burgess has been a star at RB the last 2 years but is a more natural WR and finally gets to play there.
13. **Iowa St** ISU has the best pair of WR's that you have never heard of in the country. Todd Blythe is 6'5", was 1st Tm Big 12 and had 51 rec (19.6). Austin Flynn, a converted QB (PS#34), is 6'1" and had 56 (11.1) in his 1st full year at WR. They also have 2 solid TE's in Ben Barkema and Walter Nickel (PS#14JC) and 2 near-VHT bkup WR's.
14. **Louisville** Mario Urrutia is 6'6" and had 37 rec with a 21.5 ypc as a frosh, despite being banged up in several games. TE Gary Barnidge and WR Harry Douglas are productive returning starters. They get 3 substantial additions in ex-QB and Georgia Tech transfer Patrick Carter (PS#32QB), Notre Dame transfer Chris Vaughn and Duke transfer Corey Thompson.
15. **Michigan St** Jerramy Scott led the team with 49 (14.7) and basketball player Matt Trannon (6'6") has 104 rec in 3 years. TE Kellen Davis (PS#6) had 3 starts last year and JC Kerry Reed (31 rec) should have a bigger impact. Carl Grimes (PS#25), JC Devin Thomas, Ryan Allison (PS#34) and two backup VHT TE's add depth.

Washington St
WR Jason Hill

The rest of the Top 28:

16. Michigan
17. Penn St
18. Houston
19. California
20. Tennessee
21. Texas
22. Oregon
23. UTEP
24. South Carolina
25. Alabama
26. Purdue
27. Minnesota
28. Oklahoma


Iowa St
WR Todd Blythe

OFFENSIVE LINE 2006's Top OL Units

1. **Texas** No doubt having a mobile QB helps the key stats used to judge an O-line's production (ypc rushing and sacks allowed) but this unit is loaded again. Last year the Horns' OL paved the way for a 275 ypg rushing and a super 5.9 ypc, while allowing just 14 sacks. All 15 scholarship OL's are VHT's. This was the top OL in the NCAA last year and despite losing 2 starters, remains in that spot.
2. **Texas A&M** The Aggies O-line had stats comparable to Texas last year, as they opened holes for 5.7 ypc rushing, while allowing just 16 sacks (5%). They have 9 VHT's in the group, avg 6'4" and 309 lbs among the starting 5, and not only have 4 full time starters back but Chris Yoder who started 12 in '04 is also back.
3. **Purdue** The Boilermakers had to replace 2 starters last year and then lost another, G Uche Nwaneri, to suspension. They still paved the way for 4.9 ypc rushing, while allowing just 9 sacks (2.1%!). This year 4 starters return and to fill the open slot, Nwaneri is back (12 st in 2004). The unit avg's 6'5" 308 lbs across the front.
4. **Northwestern** Randy Walker has done a fine job producing solid O-lines. They had to replace 3 starters last year and then lost C Trevor Rees prior to the year. The line, with 1 starter back, only allowed 11 sacks (2.1%!) while the Cats avg 5.0 ypc rushing. This year 4 starters return, as does Rees, so basically 5 starters are back.
5. **Ohio St** The Ohio State University has produced many NFL OL's. After a few years of average offensive numbers the O-line had 4 starters back in 2005 and opened holes for 4.7 ypc rush with 6.0% sacks allowed. They did lose two OL's to the NFL draft but the line avg's 6'6" 303, has 12 VHT's and looks just as solid.
6. **Iowa** Kirk Ferentz coached the O-line in the NFL, so this unit is always a priority for him and he has had 5 OL's drafted the last 3 years. This unit allowed just 4.7% sacks and paved the way for 4.8 ypc rush. They have 3 top-notch starters back and add in 2 VHT rFr (#5, #16).
7. **Arkansas** The Hogs have led the SEC in rushing 3 of the last 4 years. Last year, due to injuries, they used 5 different O-line combos but were still #1 again (5.0 ypc). They did allow 7.9% sacks but have 9 of the top 10 back and avg 6'5" 315 lbs.
8. **Clemson** They had 3 starters back in '05 and avg 4.1 ypc with 6.1% sacks. The last 4 times Clemson returned all 5 OL's the team has gone 39-9 and has won one National Title (1981). Nine of the top 10 are back and this group avg's 6'5" 319.
9. **Oregon** Last year they had an inexperienced O-line and still only allowed 4.1% sacks (3.8 ypc rush). This year all 5 starters are back, they add in PS#13JC and a PS#30 soph. UO led the Pac 10 in fewest sacks allowed from 1999-'01 and this group will resemble those fine units.
10. **Missouri** Having a mobile QB like Brad Smith did help this unit allow just 3.4% sacks with a 4.8 ypc rush last year. They do lose a 1st Tm Big 12 LG but this is the most experienced line here in 3 years and has good size with an avg of 6'4" 312 lbs.
11. **USC** The Trojans had one of if not the best ever O-lines in college football last year and the big and talented group helped USC avg 6.4 ypc rush with just 3.5% sacks. They lose 3 starters including two AA's but this unit is loaded with VHT's and 4 starters who were ranked in the Top 15 out of HS.
12. **Notre Dame** ND did have all 5 starters back in 2005 and allowed just 4.6% sacks but only had a 3.6 ypc. This year 4 players return who started 6 or more and there are 11 VHT's in the group. They are also in the 2nd year of their new blocking schemes.
13. **BYU** You may be surprised to note that the largest O-line in the NCAA in '05 was BYU and not a BCS school. They allowed just 4.8% sacks (4.4 ypc). This year not only are 8 of the top 10 back but they add Vandy transfer C Tom Sorenson, who was on the SEC Frosh Team in '03. The avg size this year is 6'4" 326.
14. **Boston College** Last year's O-line only allowed 15 sacks but also surprisingly only opened holes for 3.9 ypc rush. Tom O'Brien sends a ton of OL's to the NFL and has 8 of the top 10 back. The group avg's 6'5" 313 and will be the type of O-line you expect from "O-line U".
15. **Fresno St.** While FSU had the smallest O-line in the WAC in '05 yet they allowed just 3.3% sacks and had a 4.5 ypc. Nine of the top 10 are back and they add in a VHT JUCO C Young, RG Wendell and LG Popovich will likely all grab 1st Tm WAC spots.

The rest of the Top 29:

16. Maryland
17. Minnesota
18. UAB
19. Arizona St
20. Michigan
21. Illinois
22. Georgia Tech
23. Auburn
24. Toledo
25. Florida St
26. Boise St
27. Washington St
28. Tulsa
29. West Virginia

Texas A&M
C Cody Wallace

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

DEFENSIVE LINE 2006's Top DL Units

1. **Oklahoma** There was preseason talk last year that DE Birdine could be the Big 12 Def POY but he was injured and missed '05. He is 2nd string after the spring in '06! That tells you all you need to know about the depth of talent on the line, which includes BOTH 2005 & 2006's PS#1 DL. They also have a pair of Jr's (PS#20 & 27) who are THIRD string.
2. **California** Cal's defensive strength over the last 8 years has been their DL. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but this year all 4 starters are back. They are all VHT's and they avg 291 lbs across the front. Cal added 2 more VHT's in this year's recruiting class.
3. **Texas** I was surprised when Texas allowed 3.7 ypc rush in '05. Still, despite losing a 1st TM AA DT, this is an imposing unit with THIRTEEN VHT's and the front 4 has good size (284 lb avg). This unit is very deep and their 3rd string would be starters at a lot of schools.
4. **Florida** Florida had a solid rush defense last year and in 2006 return 3 starters up front. They also get back 2004 starter Ray McDonald, who missed most of 2005 with injury. He will battle PS#3LB Jarvis Moss (7.5 sk in 2005) for the open spot. Including the loser of that battle, they have six VHT's as backups.
5. **Nebraska** The Huskers led the NCAA in sacks in '05 with 50, led by DE Carriker who had 9.5. He turned down a shot at the NFL and, while they lose both DT's, they plug in two VHT DT's with good size. They can rotate here as well with 4 VHT backups.
6. **Iowa** The Hawkeyes had one of the best D-lines in the country in 2004 but all four starters were lost in 2005. Seven of the top eight were underclassmen but the unit got better and allowed just 2.96 ypc over the last seven contests. The unit returns almost intact and is now experienced and a year older.
7. **Arizona St** Star DE Kyle Caldwell (PS#15, 7 sk in 04) was not 100% last year (0 sk) but is this year. They lose two starters but add DE Loren Howard (8 sks at Northwestern 2003), Florida transfer DE Tranell Morant, BYU transfer DT Mike Marquardt and true frosh PS#5 DE Jermaine Williams. That is quite a talent infusion.
8. **USC** Much like Texas, I was surprised that the Trojans allowed 3.8 ypc rushing in 2005, their worst total in 5 years. They also lost two solid starters. Look for this to be an improved bunch and hopefully a wild one as among their 12 VHT's are SIX super VHT's who ranked in the Top 15 of their position out of HS.
9. **Miami, FL** Miami's DL is always loaded with NFL-caliber players and this year is no exception. They do lose two solid starters but as usual this group is loaded with VHT's and much like the units above, their 3rd stringers would start at a lot of other schools.
10. **Notre Dame** The Irish defensive line was not overwhelming in 2005 but does return seven of the top eight this year. They have eight VHT's, with their returning starters being PS#1, 5 and 13. DE Victor Abiamiri had eight sacks in 2005 and this group is much more experienced than the 2005 version.
11. **Florida St** Last year the Seminoles had one returning starter and then suffered through an injury-plagued season up front. Florida St still allowed just 2.9 ypc rush and the defense had 44 sacks. Two first round DC's must be replaced but five players return with starting experience and this is always an elite DL.
12. **Michigan** I would expect Michigan to have a top-notch DL every year but surprisingly they allowed 3.8 ypc rush in 2005 and have not allowed less than 3.4 since 2001. I like the talent in this group including some super DE's like Alan Branch, who is 330 lbs with good speed. The starting four avg 299 lbs.
13. **Tennessee** This is always a top-notch group and they were #2 in the NCAA in rush defense in 2005, despite their losing season. They lose three starters this year but have FOURTEEN VHT's in the group and luckily DT Justin Harrell, who would have been a 1st or 2nd round pick, turned down the NFL draft.
14. **Ohio State** While the Buckeyes have a young defense overall this year, the DL is a salty bunch. They have 6 of the top 8 back from a group that led the NCAA in rush defense and allowed just 2.3 ypc rush. Including this year's true frosh, OSU has 10 VHT's in the group. As usual, they are one of the top DL's in the NCAA.
15. **Clemson** DE Gaines Adams had some amazing numbers with 9.5 sacks, CU's DL record of 9 pbu and also 29 qbh. He turned down being a high pick in the NFL draft and is back. While they lose two starters, they do add PS#5 and PS#9 DL's in this year's class.

The rest of the Top 27:

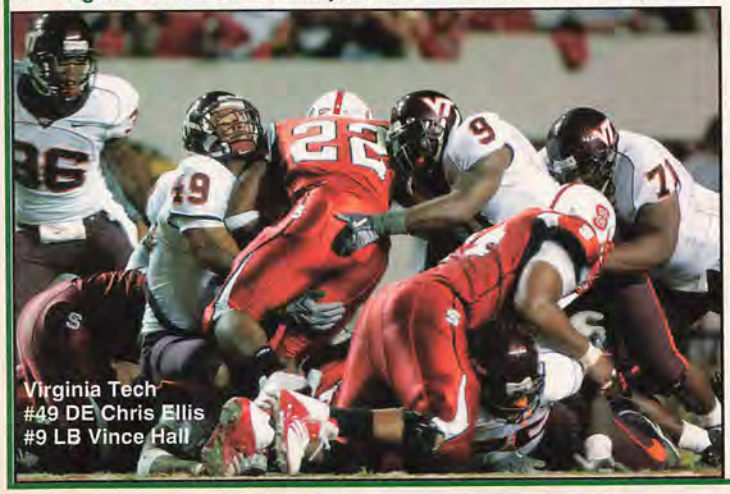
16. Missouri
17. Washington St
18. LSU
19. Texas A&M
20. Wisconsin
21. TCU
22. Georgia Tech
23. Arkansas
24. Georgia
25. Auburn
26. Alabama
27. Virginia Tech

Tennessee
DT Justin Harrell

LINEBACKERS 2006's Top LB Units

1. **Penn St** This school is known as "Linebacker U" and has one of its best sets of LB's yet! Paul Posluszny won the Butkus and Bednarik Awards and turned down the NFL! Dan Connor (PS#3) missed the 1st 3 games in '05 but had 76 tackles in the last 9. They have an amazing 2nd string unit that would be listed in my Top 25 on their own merit.
2. **Oklahoma** Rufus Alexander was the #1 tackler and 1st Team Big 12 in 2005. Zach Latimer (PS#13) was the #2 tackler. They move in starting S Lewis Baker (PS#5TE) and he will battle Demarrio Pleasant (PS#16). They have four other VHT backups who would start for most teams.
3. **USC** Oscar Lua is one of the top MLB's in the NCAA. Keith Rivers (PS#2) enters his 2nd year as a starter. The open LB spot will be fought for by Brian Cushing (PS#5) and Thomas Williams (PS#8). They have 5 other VHT's, including Rey Maualuga (PS#1).
4. **Nebraska** Six different players earned starts due to the unit's injury-plagued 2005 season. Five of them return, including 4 VHT's. Steve Octavien started the 2005 opener until being sidelined with a broken leg but was 2nd string in the spring.
5. **Michigan** The Wolves were inexperienced at LB in 2005 but have basically everyone back this year. Prescott Burgess (PS#1DB) has added 31 lbs since enrolling. Dave Harris led UM in tackles last year (88). John Thompson is nicknamed "Baby Ray Lewis" and is only a backup to Chris Graham (PS#30). Shawn Crable (PS#2DL) and three true frosh (PS#2, 11, 25) add depth.
6. **Clemson** The Tigers return all three starters who combined for 301 tackles in 2005! Anthony Waters was expected to turn pro but opted to return. The 2 backups in 2005 were frosh and are now sophomores. Maurice Nelson (PS#19DB) is 3rd string.
7. **Virginia Tech** The Hokies always have an excellent defense and this year feature one of the best LB combos in the NCAA. Vince Hall (PS#9) was the ACC Frosh Def POY in 2004 and had 112 tkl, 8.5 tfl in 2005. Xavier Adibi (PS#11) had 69 tkl in his first year as a starter.
8. **California** Desmond Bishop lived up to his PS#3JC billing and was one of the Pac 10's best LB's last year. Two true frosh VHT's who combined for 9 starts in 2005 should flank Bishop. Mickey Pimentel (PS#24JC) had 3.5 sacks and 5 tfl as a backup.
9. **Georgia** Injuries hurt this unit in 2005 and no player started more than 10 games. The entire two deep returns, including 4 players who have started 10 or more games in their career. They also add three true frosh (PS#7, 21, 53).
10. **Miami, Fl** Two starters are back, including Jon Beason (PS#24DB). Romeo Davis (9 st) will probably lose his spot to Tavares Gooden (PS#7), who had 9 starts in 2004 but was injured after 1 start in 2005. James Bryant (PS#7) moves in from FB to battle Glenn Cook. Willie Williams (PS#1) had 17 tkl as a frosh.
11. **Florida St** FSU does lose two top-notch starters and two more backups who combined for 80 tkl. Buster Davis (PS#8) had 91 tkl and is back. Derek Nicholson (PS#7) had 21 tkl as a true frosh. Lawrence Timmons (PS#11) had 35 tkl as a backup. They have 9 more VHT's adding depth.
12. **Florida** Brandon Siler (PS#22DL) was the 2nd true frosh in school history to lead the team in tackles in '04. Earl Everett (PS#12) was 2nd Team SEC in '04 and the #1 tackler in 2005. Soph Jon Demps (PS#17) was injured after 4 gm LY. They have 7 VHT's in the unit.
13. **Texas** Two starters return from 2005's fine unit. Rashad Bobino beat out a returning starter as a rFR LY. Robert Killebrew (PS#15) had 67 tkl and 10 st. Drew Kelson (PS#4) had 3 st and 36 tkl. They add PS#1 Sergio Kindle, who was in for the spring and have 6 more VHT's adding depth.
14. **Pittsburgh** The Panthers have 4 players returning who have 10 or more career starts. They have 6 VHT's in the group, including HB Blades, who had 121 tkl and was 1st Team Big East the last 2 years. Brian Bennett was the #2 tackler in 2003 (118). Clint Session had 91 tkl in 2004.
15. **Colorado** Jordon Dizon was the B12 Def Newcomer of the Year in 2004. Thaddaeus Washington (PS#36) had 102 tkl in 2004 and topped the team last year with 120 tkl, along with 7 sk and 8 tfl. Brad Jones (PS#49) is a capable fill-in to the open slot.

Florida St
LB Buster Davis


Virginia Tech
#49 DE Chris Ellis
#9 LB Vince Hall

The rest of the Top 29:

16. Arkansas
17. Ohio St
18. Georgia Tech
19. Michigan St
20. TCU
21. South Florida
22. Louisville
23. Mississippi
24. Texas Tech
25. Arizona
26. West Virginia
27. Navy
28. Auburn
29. Alabama

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

DEFENSIVE BACKS 2006's Top DB Units

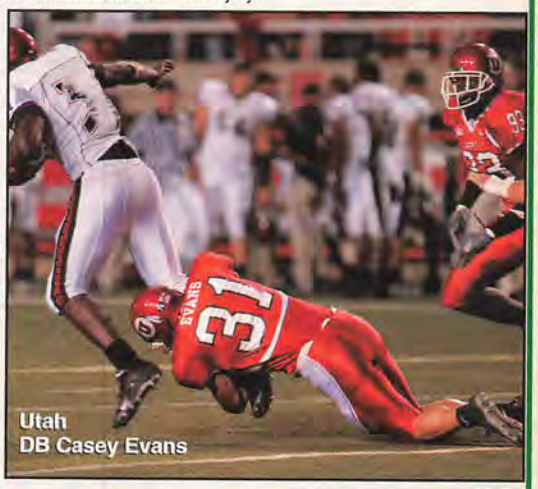
1. **Oklahoma** OU had a young injury-plagued secondary in 2005 and still ranked #16 in my pass D rankings. Both CB's, DJ Wolfe (PS#7RB), who had 10 pbu last year, and Reggie Smith (PS#6) are solid and the NB is Marcus Walker (PS#2). They have EIGHT other VHT's rounding out the unit.
2. **LSU** In the last four years, the Tigers have finished #6,#1,#5 and #5 in my pass D rankings. Six of the top eight return and I expect a bigger contribution from Colorado transfer Sammy Joseph (PS#12).
3. **Miami, Fl** The Hurricanes have finished #5,#2,#9,#3,#13 and #1 the last six years in my pass D rankings. Three true frosh saw significant action LY. While two starters depart, they had to replace three in 2005!
4. **Michigan** UM had just one starter back in 2005 but still was #18 in my pass D rankings. They have three starters back and FS Ryan Mundy is also back (PS#5, 12 st in 2004) after missing 2005 with injury. All four starters are VHT's.
5. **Notre Dame** Last year they had to replace three starters and 3 backups. Despite the inexperience, ND actually climbed to #42 in my pass D rankings. This year, basically the entire 2 deep returns and they add 4 VHT true frosh.
6. **USC** Under Pete Carroll, the Trojans have finished #16,#12,#7, #1 and #9 in my pass D rankings. They have to replace 3 starters this year but also did the same in 2003 and were #7. They have a pair of 6'1" VHT CB's. They have 12 VHT's in the three deep, including true frosh PS#1, PS#3 and PS#3LB.
7. **Texas** The Longhorns were #6 in my pass D rankings in 2005 and have 2 starters back. They have 10 VHT's in the three deep, including both CB's who are 6'1" and 6'0". FS Michael Griffin is one of the best in the NCAA.
8. **NC State** The Wolfpack lost all 4 starters in 2005 but still were #4 in my pass D rankings. Three full time starters are back and while the front 7 loses 3 #1 DC's (less pass rush), AJ Davis (PS#3) and Jimmie "Third" Sutton (PS#21) are solid at CB.
9. **Virginia Tech** VT was #2 in my pass D rankings in 2005 and lose super CB Jimmy Williams. Six of the top 8 are back. Roland Minor is a big physical CB and Victor Harris (PS#5) moves to the other spot. SS Aaron Rouse had 77 tkl in 2005.
10. **Florida St** Last year FSU lost 5 DB's, including #2 and #4 DC's. They then lost 2 starters to injury early and actually finished #74 in my pass D rankings, their lowest finish ever. This year they lose 2.5 starters but do have 3 back with starting experience. They also add PS#2 true frosh Myron Rolle, who was in for the spring. Their CB's are PS#3 Tony Carter and PS#13 JR Bryant.

Arizona
CB Antoine Cason

11. **Arizona** The Cats were #21 in my pass D rankings in 2005 and this year have 3 starters back including one of the top CB's in the NCAA in Antoine Cason. They add true frosh Devin Ross (PS#8) and Nate Ness (PS#17JC). SS Michael Johnson (PS#4JC) started the last 4 and should be a bigger factor this season.
12. **Nebraska** The Cornhuskers had to replace 3 starters in 2005 including #1 and #2 DC's. Despite being inexperienced they were #12 in my pass D rankings. They do lose 2 starters this year but Zackary Bowman (PS#8JC) only started the last 5 and should have a bigger impact. They also add Andre Jones (PS#5JC).
13. **Arkansas** The Hogs had a veteran unit in 2005 and were #26 in my pass D rankings. This year they have 7 of the top 8 back and 6 have starting experience. FS Michael Grant is on Ark's 4x100 National Championship relay team.
14. **Tennessee** The Vols almost always have a top-notch secondary. Last year's unit was #29 in my pass D rankings. This year they have 7 of their top 8 back including all 4 starters. Demetrice Morley (6-2, PS#7) who played as a true will push for time.
15. **Colorado** The Buffs had a very young secondary and were just #91 in my pass D rankings in 2003. The unit had 3 true frosh start at times. They moved up to #69 in 2004 and #48 in 2005. Now 7 players return with starting experience, including 4 senior starters. Dominique Brooks (PS#27) was a full time starter in 2004 and missed 2005 with injury.

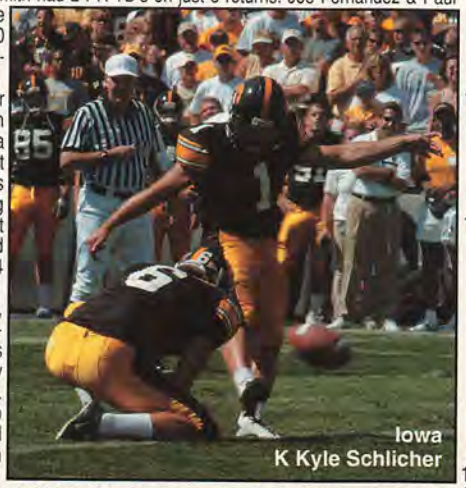
The rest of the Top 29:

16. Pittsburgh
17. Utah
18. Oregon St
19. California
20. Auburn
21. Florida
22. Tulsa
23. Washington
24. Oregon
25. Colorado St
26. Houston
27. Clemson
28. Alabama
29. Virginia


Utah
DB Casey Evans

SPECIAL TEAMS 2006's Top Special Teams Units

1. **Ohio St** The Buckeyes have THREE #1 finishes in my special teams rankings (1995,1998, 2004). They had a Groza Award Winning K in 2004 and should have had one in 2005. They have solid kickers to fill in again. AJ Trapasso had a 37.6 net. Ted Ginn Jr is a threat to score anytime he touches the ball. They were "only" #4 in 2005 but should grab their 4th Title in 2006.
2. **Georgia** K Brandon Coutu tied an SEC record with a 58 yard FG without a tee. He hit 10 straight FG's at one point. P Gordon Ely-Kelso was a Ray Guy semifinalist and had a net of 38.7. Thomas Flowers avg 13.7 on PR & all 3 return. UGA was #2 in my ST rankings in '05 & have a shot at #1 in '06.
3. **Michigan** Steve Breaston set an NCAA record for KR yds in a bowl (221) vs USC in the 2004 Rose Bowl. He is already the school's all-time career leading PR. K Garrett Rivas hit 19 of 26 with a long of 47. P Ross Ryan will likely lose his spot to PS#2 rFr Zoltan Mesko. After a #15 finish, everyone is back this year.
4. **Colorado** K Mason Crosby is the nation's best K & hit 22 of 29 in '05 including 8-11 from 40-49 & FIVE of 7 from 50+. He has already hit a 60 yd FG here. He also had 43 TB's on 64 KO's. Stephone Robinson was 2nd Tm Big 12 returnman last year. P John Torp had an amazing 39.1 net. They were #3 in my ST rankings in '05 & even without Torp will be near the top again.
5. **Fresno St** Pat Hill's ST's have blocked 60 kicks in his tenure. Mike "The Leg" Lingua was injured last year & should return to form. Clifton Smith had 2 PR TD's on just 3 returns. Joe Fernandez & Paul Williams each had a PR TD & all but one are back. K Clint Stitser (PS#22) hit 10 of 12 FG's. FSU was #5 in my ST rankings in '05 & almost everyone returns.
6. **Texas** If Texas had one big edge over USC in the Title game it was in ST's with Texas #1 & USC #87. Mack Brown is a great recruiter & they have lots of talent to put on this unit. Texas blocked 6 punts in '05. They lose their P but Greg Johnson was #4 in the NCAA in net punting at Vanderbilt in 2002 & should do well. KR Ramonce Taylor avg 29.4 (return ?) & PR Aaron Ross avg 14.7.
7. **Iowa** The Hawks have ranked #3, #6, #18 & #20 the last 4 years in my ST rankings. K Kyle Schlicher hit 17 of 21 FG's in '05 & had 27 TB's on KO's. P Andy Fenstermaker is a solid direction punter. They do lose PR Jovon Johnson who avg'd 17.4 on PR's but always find solid replacements. Wedgebuster Zach Gabelmann is also back.


Iowa
K Kyle Schlicher

8. **Arkansas** Felix Jones was #2 in the NCAA in KR's (31.9) as a true frosh & Darren McFadden (PS#9) avg 29.0. Peyton Hillis (PS#9) avg'd 10.3 on PR's & all 3 returnmen are RB's. P Jacob Skinner had a 38.8 net. They do lose their K but have solid replacements & were #13 in my ST rankings LY.
9. **Rutgers** K Jeremy Ito has a strong leg capable of a 60 yd FG. He hit 20 of 27 (long 52) in '05. P Joe Radigan enters his 4th year. KR Willie Foster avg'd 24.5 & 10.9 on PR's & was the Big East ST POY. Tiquan Underwood led the Big East with a 27.1 KR avg. RU was #21 in my ST rankings & has everyone back.
10. **UTEP** UTEP was #17 in my ST rankings in 2004 but did slip to #48 in '05. K Reagan Schneider has hit 34 of 47 FG's in three years & was 7 of 9 from 40+ in 2005. P Ryan Hotchkiss had a solid net of 36.1. Johnnie Lee Higgins had an 82 yd PR TD called back but still had solid avg's as KR (22.4) & PR (9.4). Everyone is back.
11. **Arizona St** ST Coordinator Tom Osborne is one of the best. K Jesse Ainsworth (PS#14) hit 9 of 11 in '05 & 3 of his misses in '04 (18-28) were from 50+. He also handled the punting but will be challenged by JUCO Jonathan Johnson. Terry Richardson avg'd a super 15.3 on PR's & 27.3 on KR's. Everyone is back in '06 & they will have a much-improved unit.
12. **Oregon** K Paul Martinez hit 19 of 24 FG's with a long of 51 in 2005. Both P's return from 2005. Jonathan Stewart (PS#1) led the NCAA in KR's (33.7). Justin Phinisee avg'd 11.6 on PR's in '05 (15.4 in 2004). They were #18 in my ST rankings LY & just about everyone is back.
13. **NC State** Amato's ST units block a lot of punts but have been up & down over the past 3 years. In '04 they were rated #29 thanks in part to returnman Darrell Blackman (17.8 on PR) & K/P John Deraney. Blackman led the ACC in KR's (29.1) but despite that, NCSt dropped to #57 LY. Both players return TY & even though Manny Lawson is gone, I look for this team to pull back into the Top 25 TY.
14. **East Carolina** Finishing at #72 LY, EC looks promising to rank higher this year with such returning players as Robert Lee, a Lou Groza semifinalist, who hit 17 of 19 with a long of 51 LY. P Ryan Dougherty (PS#25) had 30 TB's on 55 KO's. Markeith McQueen took home ST POW honors for CUSA with a 45 yd KR (longest KR here 3 yrs) & solid in coverage units. Everyone is back & a Top 25 ranking is likely.
15. **UCLA** In 2004, Craig Bragg led the Pac 10 in PR's (15.0). That yr true frosh Chris Markey was the top KR (22.6) & K Justin Medlock hit 15 of 20 FG's (incl 3 of 5 from 50+). The unit finished #3 in my ST rankings. They managed a #8 finish LY after replacing Bragg & P Kluwe. Surprisingly the team avg'd 17.6 on KR's (Markey 22.5) & Drew avg'd an amazing 28.5 on PR's with 3 TD's. While Drew is gone, UCLA adds K Kai Forbath (PS#1).

The Rest of the Top 30:

16. Baylor
17. Penn St
18. Virginia Tech
19. LSU
20. Nebraska
21. Utah St
22. Kansas St
23. Miami, Fl
24. Boise St
25. Arizona
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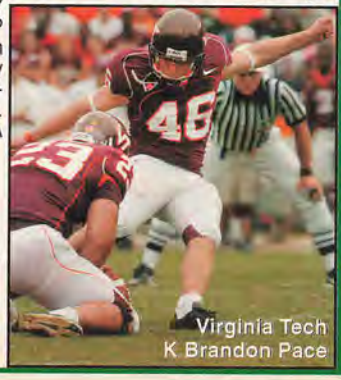
29. Florida
30. Pittsburgh


Virginia Tech
K Brandon Pace

2006 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

Here are Phil Steele's PROJECTED bowl matchups for 2006. (Remaining Bowls On Page 2.)

2006 BCS NATIONAL TITLE GAME — Oklahoma vs Auburn

ROSE BOWL

USC vs Ohio St

ROSE BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Texas (+7) 41 USC 38
2004 Texas (-7') 38 Michigan 37
2003 USC (-7) 28 Michigan 14
2002 Oklahoma (-6') 34 Washington St 14
2001 Miami, Fl (-8') 37 Nebraska 14

ORANGE BOWL

Miami, Fl vs Boise St

ORANGE BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Penn St (-10) 26 Florida St 23 (3OT)
2004 USC (-1) 55 Oklahoma 19
2003 Miami, Fl (+1') 16 Florida St 14
2002 USC (-4') 38 Iowa 17
2001 Florida (-14) 56 Maryland 23

SUGAR BOWL

Texas vs Virginia Tech

SUGAR BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 W Virginia (+6) 38 Georgia 35
2004 Auburn (-6) 16 Virginia Tech 13
2003 LSU (+7) 21 Oklahoma 14
2002 Georgia (-8) 26 Florida St 13
2001 LSU (-2) 47 Illinois 34

FIESTA BOWL

Notre Dame vs Louisville

FIESTA BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Ohio St (-4') 34 Notre Dame 20
2004 Utah (-15) 35 Pittsburgh 7
2003 Ohio St (+7) 35 Kansas St 28
2002 Ohio St (+11') 31 Miami, Fl 24
2001 Oregon (+3) 38 Colorado 16

CAPITAL ONE BOWL

Iowa vs Tennessee

CAPITAL ONE BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Wisconsin (+10) 24 Auburn 10
2004 Iowa (+6') 30 LSU 25
2003 Georgia (-3') 34 Purdue 27 (OT)
2002 Auburn (+7) 13 Penn St 9
2001 Tennessee (-3) 47 Washington 43

COTTON BOWL

Texas Tech vs Arkansas

COTTON BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Alabama (+3') 13 Texas Tech 10
2004 Tennessee (+4') 38 Texas A&M 7
2003 Mississippi (-2') 31 Oklahoma St 28
2002 Texas (-10') 35 LSU 20
2001 Oklahoma (-13) 10 Arkansas 3

GATOR BOWL

Clemson vs Nebraska

GATOR BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Virginia Tech (-9) 35 Louisville 24
2004 Florida St (-10) 30 W Virginia 18
2003 Maryland (-3') 41 West Virginia 7
2002 NC State (-1) 28 Notre Dame 6
2001 Florida St (+2) 30 Virginia Tech 17

OUTBACK BOWL

Georgia vs Michigan

OUTBACK BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Florida (E) 31 Iowa 24
2004 Georgia (-8) 24 Wisconsin 21
2003 Iowa (+3') 37 Florida 17
2002 Michigan (-1) 38 Florida 30
2001 South Carolina (-1) 31 Ohio St 28

HOLIDAY BOWL

Texas A&M vs California

HOLIDAY BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Oklahoma (+3) 17 Oregon 14
2004 Texas Tech (+11) 45 California 31
2003 Washington St (+9') 28 Texas 20
2002 Kansas St (-18') 34 Arizona St 27
2001 Texas (-13) 47 Washington 43

CHICK-FIL-A BOWL

LSU vs Florida St

FORMER PEACH BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 LSU (+7) 40 Miami, Fl 3
2004 Miami, Fl (-4) 27 Florida 10
2003 Clemson (+4') 27 Tennessee 14
2002 Maryland (-1) 30 Tennessee 3
2001 N Carolina (-2) 16 Auburn 10

ALAMO BOWL

Colorado vs Penn St

ALAMO BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Nebraska (+10) 32 Michigan 28
2004 Ohio St (+3') 33 Oklahoma St 7
2003 Nebraska (-3) 17 Michigan St 3
2002 Wisconsin (+7') 31 Colorado 28
2001 Iowa (-1) 19 Texas Tech 16

SUN BOWL

Arizona St vs Pittsburgh

SUN BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 UCLA (-2') 50 Northwestern 38
2004 Arizona St (+8) 27 Purdue 23
2003 Minnesota (-4') 31 Oregon 30
2002 Purdue (+3) 34 Washington 24
2001 Washington St (-6') 33 Purdue 27

LIBERTY BOWL

Houston vs Alabama

LIBERTY BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Tulsa (+7) 31 Fresno St 24
2004 Louisville (-10') 44 Boise St 40
2003 Utah (-2) 17 S Mississippi 0
2002 TCU (+5) 17 Colorado St 3
2001 Louisville (-3) 28 BYU 10

MUSIC CITY BOWL

Florida vs Georgia Tech

MUSIC CITY BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Virginia (+6') 34 Minnesota 31
2004 Minnesota (+1) 20 Alabama 16
2003 Auburn (-3') 28 Wisconsin 14
2002 Minnesota (+7') 29 Arkansas 14
2001 Boston College (+4) 20 Georgia 16

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

S Carolina vs Kansas St

INDEPENDENCE BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Missouri (+4) 38 South Carolina 31
2004 Iowa St (+1) 17 Miami, Oh 13
2003 Arkansas (-2') 27 Missouri 14
2002 Mississippi (+7) 27 Nebraska 23
2001 Alabama (-6) 14 Iowa St 13

HAWAII BOWL

Washington St vs Hawaii

HAWAII BOWL LAST 4 YEARS

2005 Nevada (-2') 49 UCF 48 (OT)
2004 Hawaii (-4) 59 UAB 40
2003 Hawaii (-10') 54 Houston 48 (3OT)
2002 Tulane (+14) 36 Hawaii 28

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Utah vs Oregon

LAS VEGAS BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 California (-8) 35 BYU 28
2004 Wyoming (+12') 24 UCLA 21
2003 Oregon St (-2) 55 New Mexico 14
2002 UCLA (-10') 27 New Mexico 13
2001 Utah (+3') 10 USC 6

MOTOR CITY BOWL

Toledo vs Wisconsin

MOTOR CITY BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Memphis (-4) 38 Akron 31
2004 Connecticut (+3') 39 Toledo 10
2003 Bowling Green (-7) 28 Northwestern 24
2002 Boston College (-4) 51 Toledo 25
2001 Toledo (-4) 23 Cincinnati 16

INSIGHT BOWL

Michigan St vs Missouri

INSIGHT BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2005 Arizona St (-9) 45 Rutgers 40
2004 Oregon St (-4) 38 Notre Dame 21
2003 California (+3) 52 Virginia Tech 49
2002 Pittsburgh (+2') 38 Oregon St 13
2001 Syracuse (+6) 26 Kansas St 3

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

Purdue vs Maryland

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL LAST 4 YEARS

2005 Clemson (-10') 19 Colorado 10
2004 Georgia Tech (-5') 51 Syracuse 14
2003 NC State (-12) 56 Kansas 26
2002 Texas Tech (-5') 55 Clemson 15

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR READERS...

I read every single questionnaire that comes back each year and I want to thank all of you for filling out the 2005 questionnaire. YOUR responses and input help me to make Phil Steele's College Football Preview better every year. At this time I would like to share with you some of the comments that we received from our Power Sweep and Power Plays readers last year. . .

"Just an overall great newsletter. Excellent value. Great recap of previous weekend's games especially the 'Misleading Scores' section."
D. Chiu - MS

"I really enjoy your newsletter"
A. Valuska - OH

"Keep up the good work! I have enjoyed the newsletter for many years."
G Bialek - MI

"We enjoy hearing Phil on our local ESPN Radio show with host Tony Mercurio.... Thanks for a great newsletter. Power Sweep has been an invaluable tool."
J Wittman - VA

"I enjoyed the newsletter very much and this year it was great with it's selections."
G Dougal - OH

"I appreciate Power Sweep, you do the best job."
P Doyle - OH

"The Power Plays is great, keep up the good work."
D Trabeau - LA

"I have been with you since 1992. It gets better every year."
T Russitano - NY

"The College Selections were GREAT."
G Okamuka - HI

"You guys had a great year with the newsletter. I enjoyed the information provided."
T Britt - NC

"Your bowl selections were super! I am excited about the 2006 Football season!"
B Parker - VA

"I really enjoy the Power Sweep newsletter.. it is the most informative newsletter out there."
S Cheek - NC

"A fantastic publication. I have been a subscriber for many years. I have the most trust in your judgment. I want to praise you for the college bowl issue. It was the best one ever. I was really impressed with the research and accuracy."
D Holst - NV

"I still marvel at all the info you put into Power Sweep and I commend you for all the hard work that goes with that. I've been a subscriber for almost 10 years now and plan on being one for the next 10 years. Keep up the Good Work!
A Penne - WI

"NCS and its publications are terrific and by far the best on the market."
H Grant - CA

A DIFFERENT TYPE OF SPORTS SERVICE

This article is about Northcoast Sports and the type of sports service we are. I got the idea for this article by watching the fine film "Two For the Money" which featured Matthew McConaughey and Al Pacino. I felt both gave fine performances, but I am not a movie critic so you probably don't care about my opinion on that. The movie was about what we call in the business a "Boiler Room" operation, or a high pressure sports service. Many people have gotten rich with that type of business and as Al Pacino says in the movie, "This is where we print the money." I have talked with some people who have owned or worked for such operations, and found out how they operated. Almost every person that has worked or owned those type of services was AMAZED that I did not operate my business that way as they said I could make A LOT more money. The bottom line is, those people end up out of business after awhile because they get the most money they can out of their "clients" and don't care what happens to them. I run Northcoast in an honest, professional manner and have ZERO high-pressure salespeople working here. I told you those services were amazed that we did not use high pressure sales tactics, well, they were flabbergasted to find out that we don't even ask for our customers' phone numbers and NEVER make sales calls. I will go into greater detail about that a little later in the article. Let me give you a little idea of how my week goes at Northcoast first.

What you see in the picture above is what I look at for 12 hours a day on Saturday and from 1-7 PM EST on Sunday. I have a great satellite setup and I get to watch almost every college game and NFL game on TV. This particular picture was taken on Saturday, November 12, 2005 in the early afternoon. The photographer waited until there were no commercials during any of the 12 games. I used to have just 9 TV's in front of my desk but added 3 more in 2004. Many people ask me how you can watch 12 games at one time? When the photographer was shooting the photo, it took him about 20 minutes to actually capture game footage on all 12 TV's with no commercials. As you can see by this particular moment, there are 4 plays in progress and the rest are not. Keep in mind the average play takes 4 to 6 seconds and then there are usually 35 seconds between plays. I have each TV hooked up to another TV in the office which of course has the same game on. There, one of my staff members is "charting" the game, or doing the play-by-play and making notes on the game. We also utilize Sirius radio and TRZ for the untelevised games and listen to them and write down the play-by-play. The person charting focuses on one game and if there is something they think I should know about a particular game, they let me know afterwards. I usually focus on the 4 TV's directly in front of my desk. At the moment of this picture, the KEY games for me were Mich St-Minnesota, Michigan-Indiana, Oklahoma-Texas A&M and Maryland-Boston College. The TV I look at least was the one in the upper left-hand corner. That game at the time was Army-UMass which turned out to be a better game than expected. Obviously, I am a huge college football fan and those are my team helmets in their different conferences in front of the TV's.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, I go through the play-by-play of each game that was played the previous weekend to make sure I did not miss anything. My staff has interesting notes on each game, and of course, I watched the majority of them. I then write the Past Histories (which is my recap of the games) and we put those in Power Sweep and our College and Pro Scorebooks.

I mentioned my staff "charting" the games. I have assigned different members of my staff to cover different conferences and they get the articles from the local paper and underline all the interesting information that could affect a team's performance, or have to do with injuries, etc. All the underlined information is typed into a file for each team. These team reports are anywhere from 35 to 200 pages by the end of the year (there are a lot more articles on Ohio St than Buffalo in the papers). I do not have time to read all the information during each week. Each person responsible for a conference lets me know immediately if there's breaking news, like a suspension or injury during the week. Then, every Friday I meet with each person who handles a conference and they summarize what they have read during the week. They also give me complete updates on the weather. This helps me make my decisions on Saturday morning as to which are the best plays for the week. If weather is going to be a factor, on Saturday morning we are calling a city's weather line, watching the Weather Channel and getting the latest reports off the Internet.

Football is what I do for a living seven days a week, 365 days of the year. If you are going to invest serious money in the stock market and had a job that was not in the market, odds are you would have an analyst who did nothing but study stocks for a living. As you can tell by the sheer volume of information, I write each of the 119 team previews myself which basically puts me on the

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WHICH IS THE TOUGHEST CONFERENCE?

BY PHIL STEELE

The Great Debate on Which Conference is the Toughest.

One of the most exciting things about NCAA Football is that the toughest conference changes on a yearly basis. I remember back in the late 1960's, when it could have been argued that the SWC was the top conference in the country with powerhouses like Texas and Arkansas battling it out for #1. In later years, it was the Big 8 with Nebraska and Oklahoma dominating the landscape. The Big 10, of course, is usually at the top, as is the SEC. While both conferences have had their powerhouse years, with Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide and the rivalry between Woody Hayes (Ohio St) and Bo Schembechler (Michigan), they also have had some off years. There have been a lot of conference changes recently which have created some major shifts of power.

Another interesting point is that there is not an exact science for picking the toughest conference. You cannot rely strictly on how many bowl wins a conference racks up during the postseason, or on its overall record in non-conference play. Let's face it, some leagues' non-conf slates are much tougher than others. Conferences can play non-conf games vs IAA or BCS opponents and if you go strictly on overall records, the wins and losses count the same.

Before I take a look at 2005's results, let's do a quick recap of some past ratings. **In 1998-99, the Big 10 compiled a 10-2 bowl record. In 1999 they had 4 teams in the Top 11 of the final polls and they narrowly edged the SEC and Big 12 in both years in my rankings.** They did not hold on to their top spot in 2000 and slipped quite a bit. **I had THREE Big 12 teams in my Preseason Top 7 and they got the call as my top conference in 2000.** When the smoke cleared the Big 12 had the National Champ, 3 teams in the Top 10 and a 4-3 bowl record after Nebraska and Kansas St destroyed foes from the Big 10 and SEC. From 1998-2000, the SEC had losing records in bowl games. In 2000 they were 1-3 in Jan 1/Jan 2 bowls and their Top 2 teams, Florida and Tennessee, were manhandled. The SEC also played softer non-conf schedules at the time, which is why 9 teams were bowl-eligible. Despite the mediocre bowl record, the SEC finished with an NCAA high 6 teams in the Top 25 and was #2 in my rankings. The Pac 10 rebounded from some down years to finish #3 with 3 Top 10 teams. The Big 10 was #4 followed by the BE (4-1 in bowls) and the ACC.

After the 2001 season was over the SEC was rated #1 when analyzing the Top 3 teams in each conference as Florida, Tennessee and LSU all finished in the Top 7. They were also rated #1 overall and were a deep and balanced league. The SEC finally had a winning bowl season (5-4) and the Top 3 won their bowls by an average of 24.7 ppg over tough opponents (Michigan, Maryland and Illinois). The Big 12 had FOUR of the Top 10 teams and was my #2 Toughest Conference for 2001, followed by the Big East, Big 10 and Pac 10, with the ACC 6th best.

In 2002 the Big 10 made a big comeback and was the Top Conference. Not only did they produce the National Champion in Ohio St but they had the best record of any conference in bowl games at 5-2. The Big 10 also had the best record vs teams from other BCS conferences during the regular season. They were 8-5 (ACC #2 at 10-7). They narrowly edged the Big 12 for my Toughest Conference honors in 2002, with the rest of the order being: 3. Pac 10, 4. SEC, 5. Big East and 6. ACC.

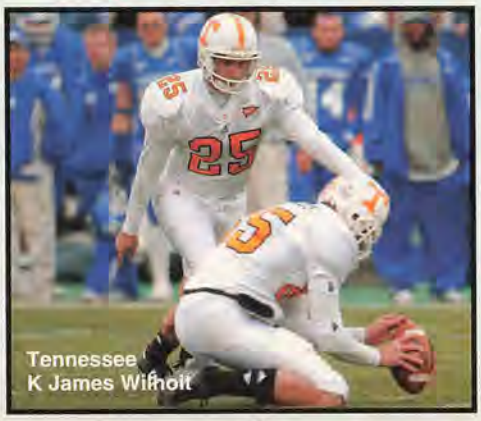
In 2003 I put together all the factors (non-conf record, record vs BCS conf, Average Power Ratings and bowl records) and rated the conferences with the **SEC narrowly earning the title of the Toughest Conference for 2003,** with the Big 10 and Big 12 very close behind. The ACC, which only ranked #4 or lower in the other ratings, had the best bowl record at 5-1 and outscored opponents by an average of 21.3 pts!!! The SEC was #2 in the bowls with a 5-2 mark, while the Pac 10 was #3 at 4-2.

For 2004 I eliminated wins vs IAA schools but did include losses vs IAA schools instead of only IA foes. USC had tremendous Power Rating numbers which are also a part of my equation. During the season the Big 12 had the best non-conf record and a slight lead but USC's demolition of Oklahoma in the Title game had me awarding the Pac 10 its first-ever Toughest Conference Title. The Big 12 was #2, the SEC #3, the ACC #4 and the Big 10 was #5.

Last year the best non-conf record went to the Big 12 at 23-5 (82%), followed by the Big 10 at 26-6 (81%), the ACC at 24-9 (73%), the Pac 10 at 18-8 (69%) and the SEC at 20-9 (69%). Against BCS schools the Big 10 was #1 with a 6-4 mark, with the only other leagues over .500 being the Pac 10 & Big 12 at 4-3 each and the ACC at 9-7. The MWC (5-7) finished higher than the Big East (4-9). Only 3 leagues had winning records in bowl games with the Big 12 at 5-3, the Pac 10 at 3-2, and the ACC at 5-3. Then I looked at the Power Ratings. I took the top 3 teams of each league and got a combined Power Rating and the best troika was from the Big 10 (Ohio St, Penn St, Michigan) followed by the Big 12 (Oklahoma, Texas, Texas Tech) and then the SEC (Auburn, LSU, Georgia). The SEC led with 3 teams in the Top 10, with the Big 10 & Big 12 having 2. After taking in all of the above information, here is how I ranked the 2005 conferences. I added a final factor in 2005 and that was wins over ranked foes in bowl games. Three conferences each had 3: the SEC, Big 10 and Big 12, with the ACC having just 1 and the Pac 10 being shutout. Interesting last year the 4 Independent teams came up #8 in my conference rankings, thanks to strong showings by ND and Navy. It was tight at the top but my final 2005 rankings were:

2005 FINAL CONFERENCE RANKINGS:

1. SEC	7. Mt West
2. ACC	8. Independent
3. Big 10	9. CUSA
4. Big 12	10. MAC
5. Pac 10	11. WAC
6. Big East	12. Sun Belt



Tennessee
K James Wilhoit

Now let's take a look at which conference will be the toughest in 2006. First let me explain how I derive the results. I complete 7 primary sets of power ratings at the start of the year. First is a pure Power Rating. I rank the positions (QB, RB, WR, etc.) from 4 to 10 points with 10 points being the highest. I then add up all positions, factor in coaching and special teams and derive my Power Ratings for each team.

The second Power Rating is based on my Power Plays Ratings (see page 305). These take into account the production of the team not only in terms of points, but yards gained and allowed. I compile a lengthy list of areas of improvement and spots that are weaker and either upgrade or downgrade each team's Power Plays numbers. I then add up all the different numbers and get my Preseason Power Play number for each team.

Three other sets are based on last year's final numbers. I grade every position on each team (QB, RB, WR, OL, DL, LB, DB) on their scale of improvement from one year to the next. The scale ranges from +6 points to -6 points for each position. I take the total team number and factor it into last year's 3 final sets of Power Ratings. This gives me 3 very different ways of gauging the strength of the teams.

The question is, how do I add up the points? Conferences all have a different number of teams. If I ranked the teams by the average of the entire conference, that would give a good indication of the average rating of all the teams. But the bigger the conference the weaker the grade could possibly be. I did use that as one factor. I added a second factor and that was an average grade of just the Top 5 teams. This would give me an even comparison of all the conferences. The only thing this rating does not show, of course, is the depth of the conference. For example, let's say one conference had 9 bowl caliber teams and 1 also-ran and another conference had 5 bowl caliber teams and 5 also-rans. The thinner conference would be rated higher if the Top 5 teams had a higher average, even though the deeper conference was probably tougher. I also rate leagues by the Top 3 and the Top 8. By merging the 4 ratings, I get a fairly accurate assessment of the strength of the conferences.

Basically, after all of that is done, I have 4 different sets of rankings. They break down the conferences into the best strength of the Top 3 teams in each conference, the Top 5 teams, the Top 8 teams and then the overall strength of the whole conference. This year, the Big 12 came in first in the Top 3 thanks to the presence of Oklahoma and Texas, the top 2 teams in my Power Poll. The SEC then took over and were first in the Top 5 AND in the Top 8. The Big 10 was 2nd in the Top 3 but 3rd in Top 8 and Top 10. The ACC, which was #2 last year, has slipped to #4, at least in my preseason ratings.

Here are my preseason rankings for this year's Toughest Conferences.

TOUGHEST CONFERENCES FOR 2006

1. SEC	7. Mt West
2. Big 12	8. CUSA
3. Big 10	9. WAC
4. ACC	10. MAC
5. Pac 10	11. Independent
6. Big East	12. Sun Belt

I mentioned that when I am preparing my 5 sets of Power Ratings for the preseason, I grade each team's individual units on a +6 to -6 scale. Let me explain a little more about that.

For a team to earn a +6 grade, it would have to be one that I expect to be among the most improved in the country. Here is an example: a team lost their entire defensive line to graduation last year and then lost two other key starters early in the season to injury. They ended up starting almost all frosh and went from a solid run defense to one of the weaker ones in the NCAA. Now, let's say that the following year this team had their top 8 returning and those frosh forced into action last year are now sophomores with game experience. They also have the two previous starters returning from injury and signed 3 VHT JUCO's this year. That type of scenario would result in a +6.

A -6 would be the opposite. For example: a team had the entire front wall back on offense, it averaged 325 lbs per man and all five were 3 year senior starters. The unit paved the way for the NCAA rushing title and allowed just 6 sacks. The next season all 5 players graduate, there are no HT's available and only 2 lettermen return for the current season. That would be a -6.

Those are extreme examples and rarely occur. Most of the grades normally fall somewhere in between those two. As I mentioned earlier, I add up all of my pluses and minuses for a team and come up with a total grade. I cannot predict injuries, as some teams will suffer a lot of injuries, while others will stay in good health.

Oregon
RB Jonathan Stewart

Making my Most Improved list has generally been a blessing for teams, as they usually make big turnarounds. **In 1999, the #1 most improved team in my Preseason Rankings was Hawaii and they simply had the NCAA's largest turnaround on record,** going from being winless to a bowl victory.

The year 2000 was a VERY successful year for the Most Improved teams. **Of the Top 14 Most Improved teams that year, TEN went from a losing season to being bowl eligible!!!!** South Carolina was my #6 Most Improved team and they simply went from 0-11 to beating Ohio St in a Jan 1 bowl game and finishing with an 8-4 record. Tulane was #1 on the list and they went from 3-8 to 6-5 and were bowl eligible. UNLV was #2 and went from 3-8 to an 8-5 season with a bowl victory. Northwestern was #4 and after a poor 3-8 season they rolled on to become Co-Big 10 Champions! LSU came in at #10 and they went from 3-8 to 8-4, including a bowl win. Also on 2000's list were teams like Washington (#16), which went from 7-5 to 11-1, a 4 game improvement and Clemson (#20), which went from 6-6 to 9-3 and played in a Jan 1 bowl game.

In 2001, of the 20 teams that made my list, only ONE team had a weaker record and that was Tulsa. **NINE TEAMS went from a losing season to becoming bowl eligible, including such surprises as Wash St, Colorado, Alabama, Iowa, Stanford and USC.** Colorado went from 3-8 to just missing out on the National Title game. Wash St was picked dead last in the Pac 10 preseason poll after their 4-7 season in 2000 but simply went 10-2 and just missed out on a League Title.

Of the 20 teams on this list in 2002, NINE went from non-winning records to being bowl eligible. Those teams were: USC, Penn St, Connecticut, California, North Texas, Tulane, Oregon St, West Virginia and Minnesota. **Of those 20 teams in 2002, only TWO had less wins in 2002 than they did in 2001.** USC went from 6-6 to finishing #4 in the polls at the end of the year.

In 2003, 4 of my Top 8 Most Improved teams went from a losing season to being bowl eligible and 8 of the top 20 went from .500, or losing seasons, to being bowl eligible. Rutgers, which went from 1-11 to 5-7, just missed. The biggest turnaround was with Memphis, which was the #8 Most Improved team on my list and went from 3-9 to a super 9-4!!!!!

In 2004 there were a total of TEN teams that did not have a winning record (including bowls) in 2003 that finished with a winning record and NINE of them were on my list. My #1 Most Improved Team, Texas A&M, went from 4-8 to the Cotton Bowl. **My #3 Most Improved team, UTEP, went from 2-11 to a super 8-4!!** Iowa St made the list and went from 2-10 to 7-5 and a bowl game, tying for the Big 12 North Title!! **Not only did 12 of the 21 go from a non-winning season to a bowl game but only TWO had more losses than the previous year.** The 21 teams went from a combined record of 84-171 32.9% in 2003 to 112-131 46.1%.

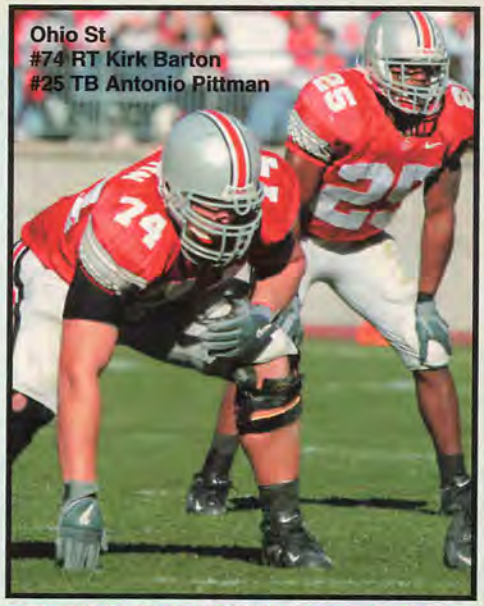
Last year my Top 16 Most Improved teams made incredible strides. This is despite the fact that one of the 16 teams was Tulane whose season was disrupted by Hurricane Katrina and played 11 games in 11 different venues. **The Top 16 Most Improved teams on my list last year had a combined record of 66-111 (37%) in 2004 and improved to 102-84 (55%) and, if you take Tulane out, the record jumps to 100-75 (57%)!!! Penn State went from 4-7 to the #3 team in the country and nearly played in the National Title game. Oregon went from 5-6 and was #6 in the NCAA after the regular season finishing at 10-2!!! UCLA went from 6-6 to a super 10-2 season! W Michigan went from 1-10 to 7-4, a HUGE turnaround. None of my Top 16 teams last year had winning records in 2004 but ELEVEN were bowl eligible in 2005.**

Looking for some major turnaround teams this year that will surprise? Here is my much anticipated Most Improved List.

2006's MOST IMPROVED TEAMS

1. Arkansas	12. Troy
2. Arizona	13. Texas A&M
3. Kent St	14. Illinois
4. New Mexico St	15. Houston
5. Tennessee	16. UNLV
6. Hawaii	17. Maryland
7. Pittsburgh	18. Washington
8. Purdue	19. Michigan St
9. North Texas	20. Kansas St
10. Kentucky	21. Ohio
11. San Diego St	22. Wake Forest

Finally let me wrap up this article with a little reference tool (2005's final polls) that I find myself looking for from time-to-time, especially during the preseason.

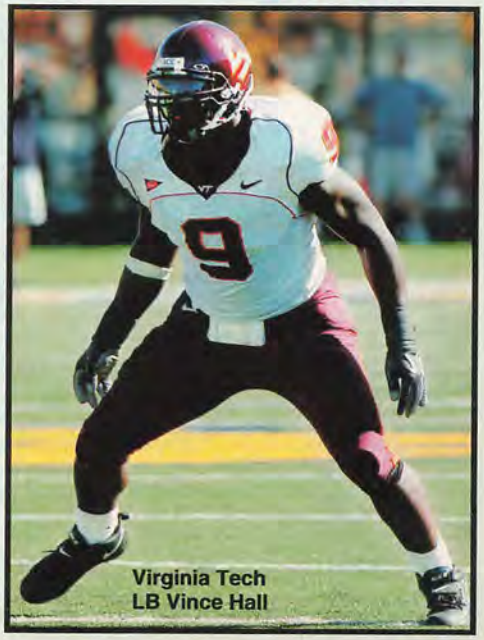

Ohio St
#74 RT Kirk Barton
#25 TB Antonio Pittman

ESPN/USA TODAY COACHES' POLL

1. **Texas (62)**	13. UCLA
2. USC	14. Auburn
3. Penn St	15. Wisconsin
4. Ohio St	16. Florida
5. LSU	17. Boston College
6. West Virginia	18. Miami, FL
7. Virginia Tech	19. Texas Tech
8. Alabama	20. Louisville
9. TCU	21. Clemson
10. Georgia	22. Oklahoma
11. Notre Dame	23. Florida St
12. Oregon	24. Nebraska
	25. California

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

1. **Texas (65)**	12. Oregon
2. USC	14. Auburn
3. Penn St	15. Wisconsin
4. Ohio St	16. UCLA
5. West Virginia	17. Miami, FL
6. LSU	18. Boston College
7. Virginia Tech	19. Louisville
8. Alabama	20. Texas Tech
9. Notre Dame	21. Clemson
10. Georgia	22. Oklahoma
11. TCU	23. Florida St
12. Florida	24. Nebraska
	25. California


Virginia Tech
LB Vince Hall

WHO WILL BE THIS YEAR'S SURPRISE TEAM?

By Phil Steele

Let's pretend you are in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 31, 1999. You've just watched Oklahoma lose 27-25 to an average Mississippi team to finish the season 7-5. Despite this bowl loss, it was a good year for the Sooners, especially after coming off of four consecutive non-winning years. Your friend says to you, "I guarantee you Oklahoma will win the National Championship next year." Your first thought is that your friend has "over-celebrated" New Year's Eve. Next year Oklahoma would have just 13 returning starters and face a schedule that included the 3 powerhouses of the Big 12 in Nebraska, Kansas St and Texas with all 3 of those games away from home (Texas is a neutral site game).

The Sooners entered the year as a 50-1 shot to win the National Title and were not even ranked in the Preseason Top 20. When the dust cleared they simply stood at the top of the heap over all of the other 115 Division IA teams and were the only team to remain undefeated for the season. Impressive indeed! They did have some solid factors going for them in 2000 like exceptionally good health (0 starters missed a game due to injury), a solid QB and a super defense. Your first reaction was that this Cinderella story is a one-time thing. However teams have reached the top and been big surprises almost every year, and yes, sometimes they bag the National Title despite not being one of the top-ranked teams coming into the year.

Louisville QB Brian Brohm

Oklahoma was not the only surprise team of 2000. Oregon St was unranked coming into the season, but much like the Sooners, stayed remarkably injury free. They also benefitted from +18 turnovers to finish #4 in the country with a super 11-1 season and a blowout win over Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. Health and turnovers had a big impact that year, but there have been plenty of surprise teams through the years.

In 2002 it was yet another surprise team taking home the National Title. Ohio St was not even ranked in the preseason Top 10. In fact, only three magazines even picked them to win the Big 10 conference, let alone contend for a National Title. Of the Big 9 magazines, only three had them in their Top 10. I am pleased to report that I had them at #7 which was higher than anyone else had them pegged coming into the year. I pointed out that 3 sets of my Power Ratings called for Ohio St to have a perfect season. The Buckeyes were coming off a 7-5 season and had only 12 starters back. They had the NCAA's 4th highest losses to the NFL draft and did not even have a returning starter at QB. When the smoke cleared, they had beaten Miami in the Fiesta Bowl and took home the National Title.

In 2003 there was another surprise champ and that was LSU. **If you read my 2003 College Football Preview, you know that I had LSU pegged as my #2 surprise team in the country saying they had a great shot at going undefeated and attaining the National Title.** They were a 40-1 shot in Las Vegas to win the title coming off an 8-5 season including a 35-20 Cotton Bowl loss to Texas. I pointed out that they had a great schedule and would have finished stronger in 2002, their QB had not been injured. At the start of the year, not only did 8 of the Big 9 magazines NOT have LSU a National Title contender, but NONE of them even had LSU winning the SEC WEST. That year LSU simply won the SEC outright and shared the National Title!! **The other half of the National Title went to USC who I had listed as my #5 surprise team,** despite the fact that they had to replace their Heisman Trophy winning QB.

In 2004 most everyone including myself pegged USC and Oklahoma to play in the Orange Bowl game so there was no surprise team in the title game BUT Auburn made no major publication's Top 10 and almost got to the big game with their unbeaten season. **I had Auburn listed as my #7 surprise team in 2004.**

Last year the #1 and #2 preseason teams met in the title game so there was no big surprise team. Penn St was not ranked in the preseason and did finish #3 in the final polls after having a losing season in 2004. While they did not make my Surprise List, they were my #3 Most Improved team (see page 19).

Do you think it is easy picking a National Champ prior to the year? Since 1994, only 3 times has the preseason #1 team gone on to win the National Title. Only in 1999 and 2001 did any of the Big 9 preseason magazines correctly pick the National Champ until 2004 when almost everyone had USC. Last year everyone had USC again and no one had the actual champ in Texas. The Big 9 magazines that I am referring to are Athlon, Lindy's, The Sporting News, Street and Smith, Sports Illustrated, Game Plan, Preview Sports, Jim Feist's and Phil Steele's (ESPN Magazine only came out recently). In 2001, two magazines (Preview Sports and Street and Smith's) pegged Miami, Fl #1 and they were correct. It used to be the usual suspects like Florida St, Miami, Fl and Nebraska were pegged to win it all almost every year. Throughout the years, however, there have been some other big surprises.

In 1996, none of the Big 9 preseason magazines had Florida pegged as the National Champ, yet the Gators won the Title. That was not an "Oklahoma-like" surprise as they came into the season ranked #4. The big surprise teams that year were BYU, which finished #5 after being unranked in the preseason, and Arizona St, which finished #4 after coming into the season ranked #22. Of the Big 9, only Lindy's had BYU in its Top 25 (at #25) and I had ASU ranked the highest at #13.

In 1997, Michigan (AP) and Nebraska (Coaches) each finished atop one of the major polls at the end of the year. The Huskers came into the season at #5, while none of the Big 9 had them #1, four (myself, Feist's, Preview and Lindy's) had them as high as #3. Michigan was not even rated in the Top 10 coming into the year (#14) so their sharing of the Title was a major surprise. The only Big 9 publication to have them in the Top 10 prior to the year was Street and Smith's, which pegged them a surprising #4 (nice job, guys). The other surprise that year was UCLA which was not ranked coming into the season but finished at #5.

The 1998 season featured another big surprise for the National Title. Tennessee was ranked #10 coming into the season and had one of those years where everything went right for them with few injuries, +16 turnovers, winning 3 tight games by 4 points or less and getting lucky by avoiding the best team in the country that year (Ohio St was ranked #3 but would have been a big favorite had they played the Vols). In their bowl game they took on a Florida St team that was forced to start a backup QB and won that game as well. Of the Big 9 magazines, only two had them ranked in the Top 7 and they were Game Plan (#6) and mine (#7). Three unranked teams that year finished in the Top 10 and they were Arizona (#4), Tulane (#7) and Georgia Tech (#9).

Everyone thought Florida St was a super team in 1999, and they were. The Seminoles became the first ever wire-to-wire champ in the polls, being ranked #1 all year and their 46-29 win over Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl left no doubt as to who was the best team in the country. There were some surprise teams that year, however. As I mentioned, Virginia Tech played in the National Title game despite not being ranked in the preseason Top 10. One of the Big 9 magazines did not even have them in their Preseason Top 25!! Athlon and I had them ranked the highest at #6 coming into the year. Michigan St and Kansas St were the other surprise Top 10 finishers. I am pleased to report that I was the only one to rank the Spartans in the Top 25 prior to the year and they finished #7. Lindy's (#9) and Game Plan (#10) did a great job with Kansas St as they were the only two to have them in the Top 10. Overall the Wildcats entered the season at #20.

All of this information that I have provided for you was obtained from a great website, www.stassen.com, which has information on final polls, magazine rankings and some records that date back to 1989. So, what have we learned from all this information? Clearly, every year there has been an unexpected Top 10 team and some years there are big surprises like Oklahoma, Ohio St and LSU who all took home the title after a 5-loss season (Auburn also had 5 losses in 2003 before going unbeaten in 2004). Now comes the question "Who will be this year's Surprise Team?"

As I write this magazine, it is unknown where the other magazines will have the teams ranked or who will be ranked where in this year's preseason polls. I can definitely peg some teams that won't rank in the Preseason Top 10 (and some not even in the Top 20) that could turn out to be big surprise teams this year. Keep in mind no one can forecast injuries and turnovers and those have been important factors for teams who have risen to the top in recent years.

In 2001's magazine I listed 9 teams that I felt had a shot at being a surprise National Champ. A couple of them did work their way into the Title picture. I listed UCLA and they did vault into the Top 5 with a 6-0 record but were stunned at midseason by Stanford. They then lost RB Foster and dropped out of the National Title chase. LSU was a team that was not ranked in the Preseason Top 10, but one that did earn its way into a BCS bowl by winning the SEC. The other team that almost got there was Colorado and they nearly played in the National Title game. I picked Colorado for this article despite the fact that they were 3-8 the previous season!! They missed out on the National Title game by a couple of percentage points in the BCS rankings.

In 2002, my #1 surprise team in this article was OHIO ST and the Buckeyes shocked the nation by winning the National Title!! Some other teams mentioned in the article were Penn St, Kansas St, USC and Arkansas. Penn St ended up playing in a Jan 1 bowl game after two straight losing seasons and had 3 very close losses during the regular season. At the end of 2002 you could have made an argument that Kansas St and USC were the two hottest teams in the country. Kansas St outscored their opponents on the year by 33 ppg and USC crushed UCLA, ND and Iowa in their final 3 games by a 134-51 margin. Arkansas was the surprise winner of the SEC West.

In 2003, I had LSU listed as my #2 surprise team in the country and they split the National Title with USC. I had USC listed as my #5 surprise team as they were not highly ranked at the start of the year. They had to replace a Heisman Trophy winning QB but I noted that 2 of my sets of Power Ratings called them the BEST in the country prior to the season and they claimed the other half of the National Title!!!! My #1 surprise team in 2003 was Pitt and they had a shot at the Orange Bowl and a Big East Title but could not beat Miami in their season finale in chilly Heinz Field. In 2003, I listed a couple of non-BCS

teams that could factor into the equation and my #1 team was TCU, a team that was ranked #6 in the BCS poll late in the year and almost made it into a BCS bowl before losing late at S Miss.

Tennessee
RB Arian Foster

In 2004 as usual, I eliminated what early polls showed would be Top 10 teams. As I mentioned **I had Auburn as my #7 surprise team and they almost played in the National Title game. I had Cal as my #2 surprise team and they had a 424-205 yard edge vs USC but just missed winning that game. Had they won, they would have been in the National Title game!** I listed Utah and Boise among 5 non-BCS surprise teams and both went undefeated (Boise lost bowl to finish 11-1).

In 2005 Oregon and Alabama, two teams that were not even ranked in the preseason, made my surprise list. The Tide was 9-0 and #3 in the country until injuries derailed them but still finished #8 in the final poll. Oregon went 10-1 and was #6 at the end of the regular season, almost making a BCS bowl. Also Georgia made my surprise list and while they were an almost unanimous pick for #3 in the SEC East, they were my pick for the SEC Title and of course won it.

After I wrote my Top 40 I had my staff go on-line to find out what other sources (like The Sporting News, Las Vegas sportsbooks, USA Today, Sports Illustrated) were picking for their Top 10's. Here is the rough list of the teams that will likely be ranked in this year's Top 10 and I put them in order of how many different sources picked them in their Top 10: **Ohio St, Texas, USC, LSU, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Auburn, Florida and Michigan. It looks like these teams will make up the Top 10 this year, so I will not use any of those as surprise teams.** Now let's take a look at this year's potential surprise teams.

Iowa
TE Scott Chandler

Something I have noticed the last couple of years is a REBOUND surprise team. In 2003 Auburn was thinking undefeated season and National Title. They were picked in the Top 10 by EVERY magazine (except mine, #15) including #1 by a major magazine. They were tremendously disappointing finishing just 7-5. In 2004 they were no longer the popular pick and few had them in the Top 10 (they were my #7 Surprise Team). With lower expectations they rebounded to go 13-0 and almost played for the National Title. In that 2004 season West Virginia was a popular surprise pick as they had the schedule to run the table. I tabbed WV as my #1 Surprise Team and they did rise to #6 in the polls but injuries and some close losses saw them stumble to an 8-4 record. Last year the Mountaineer bandwagon emptied fast and no magazine (including mine) had them in the Top 25. WV rebounded with an almost perfect year going 11-1, beating Georgia in the Sugar Bowl and finished #5 in the polls. This year there are a couple of candidates for the REBOUND team and one of them is my **#1 Surprise Team, the Louisville Cardinals**. I had the Cards as my #3 Surprise Team last year. Amazingly they were stunned at USF in a game they looked past but were still on their way to the Big East Title as they led West Virginia in the 4Q 24-7. I watch 12 games at one time and honestly stopped paying attention to the game because they were dominating and I thought it was over. UL went for it on 4th and 1 and if they had converted likely would have won 31-7. Instead, they were stopped and WV made a miracle comeback to tie which included a wrong onside kick call that the Big East officials later apologized for. WV won in 3 OT's. Their other loss was in the bowl vs an outstanding Virginia Tech team and Louisville, with a backup QB, still led the game 24-13 in the 4Q before coming up short. This year they have one of the most explosive offenses in the country and I list QB Brian Brohm and RB Michael Bush as being Top 5 selections in next year's NFL draft. The D does lose DE Dumervil but has 7 starters back. Their road games this year are all winnable as they outgained their two toughest road foes, Pitt and Rutgers, last year by an avg of 484-224. They play this year's chic BE Title pick West Virginia at home and last year Louisville beat teams at home by an avg of 55-16! The big game of the year (besides WV) is a Sept 16th home game vs powerhouse Miami, Fl. If you watched the Thursday Night ESPN game in 2004 when Louisville outplayed #3 Miami all night but thanks to some late 4th down plays lost by 3, you know they can win this. A win over Miami (who could very well win the ACC) would give them a shot of playing in the National Title game.

My number two team is also a REBOUND team. Last year during my summer radio shows I was asked many times, "Who are the most underrated and overrated teams this year"? My underrated answer always followed along with my Surprise Teams and Most Improved lists. The overrated answer was clearly Tennessee. The Vols were 7-1 in the SEC in 2004 but were very lucky to get there (see last year's magazine) and had to face a killer schedule in 2005. While they came into the season #3 in the AP Poll, I riled up a lot of fans in Knoxville by picking them #3 in the SEC EAST!! Tennessee was not as bad as their 5-6 record indicates. Despite their 3-5 SEC record, they outgained conference foes by 28.9 ypg and had some tough losses like fumbling out of the end zone vs Bama and a 1 point loss to Spurrier's SC team. They also had a late 4 point loss to Vandy. Fulmer does an excellent job recruiting so the talent is there and they are loaded with VHT's. Last year's offense alternated QB's and struggled. QB Ainge looked vastly improved this spring and is now the firm #1 which will help him and the offense. Another boost is the return of Off Coor David Cutcliffe who did a great job as HC of Ole Miss and was the OC here in their National Title year of 1998. They do have 3 tough road games vs Georgia, Arkansas and S Carolina but in the last 3 years have won vs teams ranked #6, #17, #3 and #3 all on the road. I do not think that Tennessee will be ranked in the Top TWENTY FIVE heading into the year and that has to bring a smile to coach Fulmer's face as it will make his team much hungrier. **My #2 Surprise Team is the Tennessee Volunteers** and the current odds for them to win the National Title are 37-1.

One magic number the last 6 years has been FIVE as three of the National Champs (or co-Champs) had FIVE losses the year prior to winning the title and Auburn, which was unbeaten in 2004 and nearly in the title game, was also off a 5 loss season. **My #3 surprise team this year is the Iowa Hawkeyes**. Besides having 5 losses last year, I think Kirk Ferentz is one of the best coaches in the NCAA. The Hawks figure to be ranked somewhere between #18-21 in the Preseason AP poll. I look at the offense and see a solid veteran QB in Drew Tate who put the team on his back in 2004 (down to 6th string RB at times) and led them to a 10-2 record. They have my #6 O-line, RB Albert Young, and will be potent. I know the D loses their incredible LB duo of Greenway and Hodge and both starting CB's, but last year they lost their entire star-studded D and improved on that side of the ball as the season went on and is now a strength. They also have my #7 special teams unit. A look at the schedule should have them favored by a TD or more in 10 of their 12 games. They host Ohio St and may be a dog but the Bucks have just 2 starters back on D and the last time OSU travelled to Iowa City, they left after being humbled 33-7. They do have a road trip vs a very talented Michigan team but in 2002 won at #8 Michigan 34-9. Ohio St may be the preseason #1 this year but Iowa could be the Big 10 team that plays in the National Title game.

September 2nd is a big day for **#4 Surprise Team, the California Golden Bears.** That day they travel to a hot and HUMID Knoxville, Tennessee and face my #2 Surprise Team Tennessee. A win there by Cal would instantly make them a National Title contender. Last year I expected PS#6 JC Joe Ayoob to be a star in the Cal offense. Unfortunately he did not fit well in the offensive system and Nate Longshore won the starting QB spot. Also unfortunately, Longshore was injured in the opener and Ayoob only hit 49.2% and lost his job at the end of the year to converted FB Steve Levy. This year they bring in Northwestern's OC Mike Dunbar. The new offense is the same that Ayoob ran at JC so he is more comfortable and Longshore (PS#18) is also back and healthy. They will have much improved QB play, have my #2 set of RB's in the country, and top-notch WR's. Cal also has a top 10 D with my #2 D-line, #8 LB's and #19 DB's. They do have to play at USC in November but nearly knocked off the Trojans in their last two trips there (2 & 6 pt losses). None of Cal's other road foes had a winning record in 2005. I might have had them my #1 Surprise Team if not for that opening game.

If you look at my Most Improved Teams in the country, you will see the team at the top is **my #5 Surprise Team the Arkansas Razorbacks.** The Hogs are the most veteran team in the NCAA with 19 returning starters and 3 of my 7 sets of Power Ratings call them the BEST team in the SEC. They do not play Florida or Georgia out of the East. Last year they were just 2-6 in SEC play but actually outgained SEC foes by 31.3 ypg. They had 4 net close losses (see page 299) and played 17 true frosh last year. They are clearly capable of a double-digit win season despite not being ranked this year coming off a 4-7 season. They have my #5 set of RB's, #7 O-line, #23 DL, #16 LB's #13 DB's and #8 ST's. They could pull a stunner in the opener, getting USC in the humidity of Sept and vs a young QB making his first road start, and that would vault them into national attention. I don't have them my #1 Surprise Team because they do have to play Auburn on the road and teams that switch from run-based attacks to passing offenses usually don't do as well the first

California
TB Marshawn Lynch

Arkansas
DT Marcus Harrison

couple years after the switch.

It used to be that my **#6 Surprise Team the Florida St Seminoles** was ranked in the preseason Top 5 EVERY year but not lately. If you watched Florida St early last year, you saw a lot of youngsters playing and could not help but feel this was a team that would be a National Title contender in 2006. They rose to #4 and appeared to have arrived a year early but then were wiped out by injuries, especially on the offensive line. FSU would lose 3 straight for the first time since 1983 and actually lost 5 games. Losing 5 games is not necessarily a bad thing (see #3 Surprise Team Iowa write-up) when looking for a national champ. **Florida St is one of only two teams in the country that rank in all 8 of my Top Individual Units rankings.** They do not face Virginia Tech out of the Coastal Division. The key game is their opener when they play Miami (Coastal Div) on the road. A win there and FSU would be favored in all of their final 11 and need only a win in the ACC Title game to get Bowden back to the National Title game.

Every year **my #7 Surprise Team the Virginia Tech Hokies** roll through the early part of their schedule get ranked in the Top 5. They then spend weeks talking BCS ratings and what they need to get into the title game and then usually blow their opportunity late in the year. That has happened most years since their National Title game appearance in 1999. Of all the teams in my Preseason Top 25, they face the easiest schedule at #78! Even though they are only #16 in my Power Poll and are breaking in a new QB, I have them favored in 11 of their 12 games which gives them a great shot at going unbeaten! Their only game as a dog figures to be at Miami and before you dismiss their chances of winning that one on the road, remember 2004. That year I felt Miami was the stronger team and even had Miami as a Late Phone Play to win the ACC with a win over VT as a 7 pt favorite. I got that one wrong as VT had a 15-7 FD edge in the Orange Bowl and won the ACC Title. A win at Miami could have VT in the National Title game again, despite probably not ranking in the AP preseason Top 15. Their current odds to win the National Title as I type this are a surprising 35-1!!!!! I may have to make a trip to Vegas and take advantage of that value.

Virginia Tech
#49 DE Chris Ellis
#36 ROV Aaron Rouse

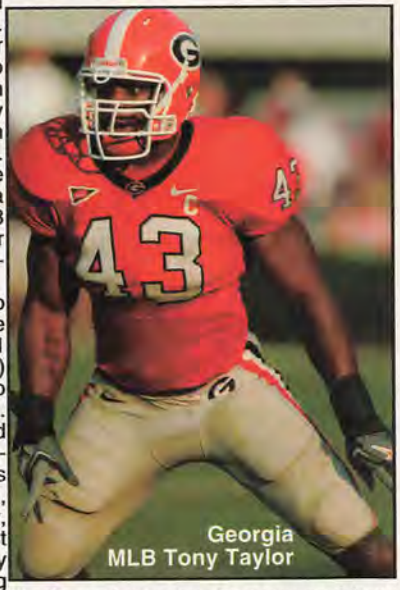
While I personally don't think this team would surprise too many folks, it is very surprising when a team that I think will be FAVORED in all 12 of their games is not in the Top 10. I checked my records from last year and the early preseason Top 10, I came up with what was almost identical to the actual AP Top 10 and **my #8 Surprise Team the Miami Hurricanes** are not in the top 10 of the projected preseason poll this year. Miami should get much improved QB play from Kyle Wright and he did well in big games last year. Seven of Miami's 8 units rank in my top individual units. They do have to play Louisville on the road which I mentioned earlier will be a very difficult game. They also have to play a talented Florida St team at home but do avoid Clemson from the ACC Atlantic. The shock value is not there with this team but how can a team that will be favored in all 12 games and that is one of the most talented teams in the country not be in the Top 10? UM's current odds to win the National Title are 15-1.

Miami, Fl
QB Kyle Wright

My #9 Surprise Team the Georgia Bulldogs were very good to me last year as they were a consensus #3 pick in the SEC East. Mine was the only publication to call for them to win the East and they of course won the SEC title. They did not have a good performance in the bowl game and my Power Poll rates them the 3rd best team talent-wise in the SEC East this year. They do, however, play the best schedule of the East teams as they avoid Arkansas, LSU and Alabama from the West, play Florida at a neutral site and host Tennessee. The only game they will definitely be a dog in is at Auburn and the road team has done very well in that series. Mark Richt always gets the most out of his squads. They will be very dangerous in 2006 and yet the current odds have them as a 50-1 shot to win the title.

When a team shifts from a run-based option type attack to a passing offense it is usually a 3 to 4 year process. They have offensive linemen recruited for run blocking and QB's who are better runners than passers and it takes time. Last year Notre Dame, in their 4th year after the switch, went from 24.1 ppg to 36.7.

My #10 Surprise Team the Nebraska Cornhuskers look to be a little more advanced in their 3rd year of the switch and may see that type of dramatic improvement in offensive ppg (24.7 in '05) this year. Jay Norvell's schemes are solid and he has a top-notch QB and my #8 set of receivers to work with. The schedule has a couple of major trouble spots as they must travel to USC and host Texas. If they win those and win the Big 12 North, they would likely have to play my #1 team Oklahoma in the Big 12 Title game. A Big 12 team with 4 losses the previous season that played in a non-New Year's Day bowl with 3 National Title contenders on their schedule, sounds a lot like Oklahoma in 2000.


Georgia
MLB Tony Taylor

Roulette Chips. If you walk up to a roulette table and pick just one number you have a 38-1 shot (37-1 in the big money rooms with no 00) of having your number come in, so it is a long shot but still a possibility. Last year I listed two teams that had poor LOSING records from the previous year and said that if the stars align correctly, no injuries happen, and every bounce goes their way, they could be the first team in recent history to go from a losing record to a National Title. You might argue that you could say that about any of the 119 Division IA teams but that is not the case as the odds of a Kansas or Baylor walking away with the title are about the same as #78 coming up in roulette. One of two teams that I chose last year was Alabama. They rose as high as #3 in polls at 9-0 and may just have gotten to the big game if not for key offensive injuries. Here are a couple of long shots that I felt compelled to include.

The **Pitt Panthers'** fans were thrilled to have landed Dave Wannstedt last year and after playing in the Fiesta Bowl were thinking two straight BCS bowl berths with QB Palko back. Shockingly they dropped to 5-6. Palko and the new offense were not a good fit last year but improved as the year went on and should be much better this season. I rate the Panthers' D in my Top 25 and they take on a soft #75 schedule. I have them favored in all 5 road games and while they do face WV and L'ville, they get them both at home.

Last year the **Michigan St Spartans** were 4-0 and ranked #11, favored over Michigan for the first time since 1967 and media darlings with an offense averaging 49 ppg in the 1st 4 games. MSU fell apart after two OT losses, then lost to Ohio St and finished out of the bowls last year. However, Drew Stanton is an outstanding QB and there are 7 starters back overall on offense and the D will be stronger. They do face my #15 schedule but I do not rate any of their games as unwinnable.

I thought I would let you get one last crack in about my pick of the Purdue Boilermakers to win the Big 10 last year. OK, are you done now? Purdue, thanks in part to my pick, was thinking undefeated season and when it blew the lead and lost in 2OT to Minnesota, its bubble burst and they collapsed as teams sometimes do. I think they have a better QB to run the new offense and still don't face Ohio St or Michigan. Purdue fits the criteria for Auburn and West Virginia when I talked about rebound seasons.

These are the 10 teams that have a legitimate shot at stunning the NCAA much like Oklahoma did in 2000, Ohio State did in 2002, LSU did in 2003 and Auburn almost did in 2004. There are also two longshots that could surprise. Also listed below are five more non-BCS teams who are longshots to make it to a BCS bowl let alone a National Title game. My Power Ratings say all FIVE have a shot at an unbeaten season, which would stir up some debate. The NCAA mandated reduction of scholarships to 85 which has created the opportunity for teams to rebound quickly and pull surprises. This should be another exciting year and certainly at least one team will surpass conventional expectations.

2006 Surprise Teams

1. Louisville Cardinals
2. Tennessee Volunteers
3. Iowa Hawkeyes
4. California Golden Bears
5. Arkansas Razorbacks
6. Florida St Seminoles
7. Virginia Tech Hokies
8. Miami Hurricanes
9. Georgia Bulldogs
10. Nebraska Cornhuskers

Roulette Chips (i.e. longshots)

11. Pittsburgh Panthers
12. Michigan St Spartans

Five non-BCS teams who could Surprise

1. Boise St Broncos
2. Navy Midshipmen
3. Utah Utes
4. Houston Cougars
5. UTEP Miners

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DETERMINING THE NATIONAL CHAMP – BOWLS OR PLAYOFFS?

by Phil Steele

The debate gets hotter each year on how to determine the National Champ in College Football. Last year the BCS method worked out perfectly. In the old system USC would have faced Penn St in the Rose Bowl and Texas would have played in the Orange Bowl and we would have had two undefeated teams at the end of the year. Unfortunately, the BCS method has only worked out perfectly TWICE in the NINE years of the system (22%). The previous two years worked out PERFECTLY for my method EXCEPT that the NCAA did not allow the National Title Game that I called for, which would have pitted LSU vs USC in a one-game Title match after the bowls in 2003 and USC and Auburn in a one-game Title match in 2004. This would have prevented the co-National Champs of 2003 and Auburn going undefeated and winning the SEC but not playing for a Title in 2004. The one game playoff is the only plan to make the situation perfect, as an 8 or 16-team playoff would not solve anything. It would destroy the bowls and make the regular season meaningless. I am a traditionalist when it comes to college football. I love the rivalries and the tradition of the bowls. During the holidays, I am a bowl junkie and I find each bowl to be interesting. **I feel that bowls provide teams with a reward for a successful season, both financially, as well as for recruitment purposes and should be kept intact.**

Ohio St
TB Antonio Pittman

I know that in college basketball, the March Madness tournament is a major success. TV ratings are high and almost everyone in the country participates in their office pools, predicting who will be the National Champ. Many have said that they would like to see such a tournament for NCAA football as well. They propose a tournament featuring perhaps the top eight or sixteen teams for NCAA football, but I definitely disagree with that. Here's the main reason why: If you take a look at the NCAA hoops tournament and who is crowned champion, I think you will find that the most dominating team of the basketball season does not always win the championship. How can you say that a team like the 1985 Villanova squad, which finished the regular season 16-10, was the best team in the country simply because they won their last 6 games in the NCAA tournament? There were 10 teams during the regular season who were stronger than they were! To say at the end of the year that a team that lost 10 games was the strongest team in the NCAA was a joke and **meant that the entire regular season was meaningless.** Last year was more of the same with all four #1 teams eliminated. The CHAMPIONSHIP game featured teams that were #7 and #11 in the polls during the regular season. Basically, the regular season meant nothing and if we went to a 16 game format, would a battle between the #7 and #11 teams really be a title game?

The one thing I love about college football is that of all sports, college or pro, the REGULAR SEASON in college football is the one that MEANS THE MOST. You might be able to stay alive in the overall chase if you lose ONE regular season game, but two losses will most likely, and should, eliminate you. That means that the games in September, October and November are just as critical as the bowl games if you want to have a shot at the National Title. No other sport with an expanded playoff system can say that. College basketball's regular season big games really mean ABSOLUTELY nothing as it only matters what you do in the tournament for the last 6 games. If the #1 team loses in college basketball it means nothing, as they will still be in the NCAA Tournament at the end of the year and it only matters what you do in those final 6 games.

The current BCS bowl method of determining the National Champion also has its flaws. In 1998, my No. 1 team in the country in the preseason was Ohio St. There was no doubt in my mind that Ohio St was the strongest and most complete team, but a late season upset loss to Mich St cost them a shot at appearing in the National Championship Game. The BCS picked Florida St, a team with one loss that was starting a backup QB, to take on Tennessee in the bowl. The Volunteers won the National Championship. Tennessee was far from a perfect team that year and caught many fortunate breaks to remain undefeated. Had Ohio St played either Florida St or UT in that year's Fiesta Bowl, the Buckeyes would have been favored by the ultimate authority, the Las Vegas sportsbooks (the ones who make a living by knowing who the stronger teams are). The Buckeyes had to settle for second place after they whipped Texas A&M in their bowl.

In my 1999 magazine, I called for Nebraska to finish No. 1 in the country. No one else had Nebraska listed in the Top 5. The Huskers had a dominating year but, once again, one bad game vs Texas (in which Nebraska had a 429-275 yd edge) and could not overcome their 6 turnovers. They later avenged that loss to Texas big time in the Big 12 Championship Game with a dominating 22-6 win, proving they were a stronger team than the Horns. They then dismantled Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl, even more impressively than the 31-21 final indicated.

Florida St was a good team in 1999 but played their then soft ACC schedule, and even then, had some close calls vs Georgia Tech, Clemson and Florida. Virginia Tech was a great story in 1999, going undefeated and getting to the National Title game. The Hokies benefitted from a soft schedule as well, not playing a team near the caliber of Nebraska. Once again, had Nebraska played either VT or Florida St in the National Title Game, I feel Las Vegas would have placed Nebraska in the favorite's role. The Huskers probably would have defeated either of those two foes, as they had the best defense in the country but did not get to play for the Title.

In 2000, the BCS worked out pretty well, as the two best teams did get a shot at the National Title game when Florida St faced Oklahoma but both Miami, FL and Washington fans both said they should have been the challenger to undefeated Oklahoma. Miami beat Florida St straight up, while Washington beat Miami straight up. They each had legitimate claims, as both faced tough schedules and had just one slip up. Two other teams that finished 10-1 did not have legitimate claims. Yes, Oregon St was the most impressive team in the Pac 10. The Beavers were blowing out opponents on a weekly basis, but they lost to Washington and only had one win over a final Top 25 team all year (Oregon). The same can be said for Virginia Tech, who did not defeat a single team ranked in the Top 25 and lost to Miami by 20.

In 2001, Nebraska suffered their first loss of the year at Colorado by a 62-36 margin in their season finale. Miami, FL went undefeated and indisputably deserved the Rose Bowl bid and a chance to vie for the Title. After Florida, Tennessee and Texas all fell by the wayside, Nebraska (controversially, by the BCS formula) got the call to face Miami, while Oregon and Colorado complained loudly that they were the ones that deserved a shot. Had Nebraska defeated Miami, the AP voters would likely have voted the Oregon/Colorado Fiesta Bowl winner the National Champ, showing a great deal of sentiment that those two teams deserved a shot at the Title. My proposed system would have allowed both Oregon and Colorado to play for the Title, along with Nebraska and Miami.

In 2002, it was a dream come true for the BCS, as there were just two unbeaten, teams at season's end and they met in the Fiesta Bowl to determine the true National Champion. Ohio St beat Miami in double overtime. No arguments from anybody for the first time in BCS history!!

The 2003 season would have been perfect for my system, but we ended up with a split National Title and the #1 team in both polls NOT playing in the National Title game. Three teams had legitimate claims to appear in the National Title game (once again showing that 8 or 16 teams is unnecessary) and Michigan made a nice pick for the #4 spot. Had my system been in place, the teams would have played just like they did in 2003, but one or two weeks later, LSU could have faced USC and it would have been a true National Title Game with NO DISPUTES from anyone!!!!

Once again, in 2004, there were three teams that could have argued for a spot in the National Title game. Auburn is a team that plays in the rugged SEC, who not only went undefeated, but also won the SEC Title game and yet did not get a chance to play for the Title. There were a couple of other unbeaten teams at the end of the year, but about 15 teams in the country would have had unbeaten records playing their schedules, so they had no real argument. All teams that had one loss had no real argument. The bottom line is as long as the Top 3 got in, it did not matter who the #4 team would have been.

As you can tell, I feel that the best team in the country did not win the National Title in at least three of the last eight years. The Title game foes were controversial in 6 of the 8 years with two split National Titles the last 9 years. I really think that a BCS conference team that suffers just one tough loss, but is dominating in every other game vs a decent schedule, deserves a shot at the National Title game (unless there are two unbeaten teams left). I see a lot of proposals for 8 and 16 team matchups but I feel that is going too far. As I previously pointed out, there is no reason to include teams with numerous losses as if they were true National Championship contenders. If they were, they would have taken care of business during the regular season. **I also think, that by including teams with 2 or 3 losses in the National Championship picture, you dilute the greatness of college football during the regular season. There ARE many games with National**

Championship implications during the regular season. As an example, when Miami, Fl and Florida St face off every year, normally one is eliminated from the championship race and the other is still alive. Why not let those games keep their "playoff-like" atmosphere, thus preserving their importance? If you expand the field to 16, you allow teams to be able to lose games like that and still look forward to the postseason and a shot at winning the Title. It would take a GREAT end of the season matchup like Ohio St and Michigan and make it less relevant. Instead of it being an all important destiny changing game if both teams are in the Top 10, they would probably make the 16 game playoff whether they win or lose to each other. I do not want to dilute college football during the regular season and feel that only a select few who meet the challenges of the regular season deserve to be in the Title chase. **I feel college football regular season games are the most important games of any sport due to their impact on the Title chase.**

Here is my plan to determine the National Champ and actually it is very close to what we have now. It should be feasible in the foreseeable future and I feel it would establish a true National Champ. This is the SEVENTH straight year I have called for it in my magazine. To determine the National Champ, I feel that they should continue with the BCS rankings but include the Top FOUR teams in the BCS chase. The two semifinal games would be played on Jan 1 and rotate as the bowls do now between the Rose, Orange, Sugar and Fiesta. The Top 4 teams in the country, according to the BCS, would be invited. If you look at the last nine years, this would have included No. 3 Ohio St in 1998, No. 3 Nebraska in 1999, BOTH Oregon and Colorado in 2001, #1 USC in 2003 AND undefeated SEC Champ Auburn in 2004. In this scenario, the teams decide who is the National Champ on the field. No. 1 would face No. 4 and No. 2 would face No. 3 in the January 1 bowls. After the first round matchups, the Championship Game could be played during the bye week before the Super Bowl. This would allow the teams plenty of time for preparation and for fans to make travel arrangements, given the three to four week span. It also gives football fans something to look forward to during the week that the NFL is off.

Then there would be absolutely no question that it would be a true National Title game, as the Top 4 teams would be involved. Now let's take a look at how this would have affected the last 9 years races. In 1997, the "final four" would have been Michigan, Nebraska, Florida St and N Carolina. This is one year in which there would have been little question as to who the Top 2 teams were, as Michigan and Nebraska should have met in the Title game, with both teams going unbeaten. If the 2 had played, there would have been no split of the National Title and a true champion could have been crowned. The No. 5 (UCLA) and No. 6 (Florida) teams each had 2 losses and once again did NOT deserve a role in the Title game chase. The current BCS system, which was devised after the '97 season, would have also provided the same outcome as it would have matched the two unbeaten teams. But I find fault with a system that would have given us a true Title game in only 3 of the last 9 years.

In 1998, Ohio St would have faced Florida St in one of the semifinal matchups. With a backup QB, Florida St would have been no match for the Buckeyes' top-rated defense and Ohio St would have advanced. Tennessee would have matched up with Kansas St, a team that was unbeaten until the Big 12 Championship game. In that particular game, I would have rated it a toss-up as both would have had a chance to advance. I still feel Ohio St would have polished off whoever emerged from that game but, as you can see, I do not feel the best two teams participated in the "National Title" game that the BCS presented. Team No. 5 was Arizona and No. 6 was UCLA and I do not feel either of those teams were National Title caliber. They simply achieved their records by playing in the Pac 10 (which was a weak conference that year) and really did not have defenses comparable to the Top 4 teams.

In 1999, Nebraska would have faced Virginia Tech in one of the semifinal games. The Huskers' defense would have contained Michael Vick in a tight, low-scoring game and NU would have advanced, as their tougher schedule would have had them better prepared. Florida St would have faced whoever the BCS poll had rated in the No. 4 slot. Wisconsin was No. 4 in both polls and Alabama and Tennessee were No. 5 and No. 6, even though all three had 2 losses. Kansas St was No. 8 with only one loss. A strong case could be made AGAINST all 4 from having a shot at the National Title game but, since you have to pick one, let's say Wisconsin was chosen because they were #4. As you can see, in 1999 there would not have been any complaints of teams left out, as it was tough to find one that was at the level of the Top 3. Florida St would have dispatched Wisconsin. That would have forced a true National Title game between Nebraska and Florida St, who were the top two teams in reality.

In 2000, my system would have been a dream. With Oregon St and Virginia Tech dismissed due to strength of schedule (or lack thereof), Washington would have faced Oklahoma and Miami would have had a rematch with Florida St for the right to play in the Title game. There would be no complaints after the season and those teams left out would be forced to play stronger non-conf foes, making the regular season even more enjoyable.

The year 2001 was another season in which my system would have produced a ton of excitement and a great college football final four. No. 1 Miami, FL No. 2 Nebraska, No. 3 Colorado and No. 4 Oregon would have qualified. The Canes and the Ducks would have been a great game, in which Miami would have been favored, but it would have given UO a chance to earn the nation's respect. In the other game, Colorado would have had the chance to show that their first matchup with Nebraska was no fluke. It would also have given the Buffaloes the chance to show that the BCS computer, which ranked them .05 behind the Huskers, had in fact slighted them. This scenario would have been fun to watch and would have eliminated any doubt as to the identity of the true National Champ.

The 2002 year was perfect for the BCS with the two unbeaten teams but, in this system, each would have had to play another game to get to the Title game. While arguably two of the top teams in the country at the end of the season were USC and Kansas St, each had lost 2 games during the year and would have been on the outside looking in. Once again this shows how important regular season games are in this system. The No. 3 and No. 4 teams (Iowa and Georgia) each had one loss and would have faced the top two in the semi's. I feel that Ohio St would have beaten Iowa (which subsequently lost to USC in the Orange Bowl) and Miami would have beaten Georgia, and the battle of unbeatens still would have happened but 2 or 3 weeks into January. 2005 would've been a similar scenario with just 2 unbeaten teams (USC & Texas).

I detailed how 2003 was a perfect scenario for my system, as well as 2004. In 2004, #1 USC would have battled the #4 team. It could have been Texas, California or Utah. The bottom line is, no matter who was left out, they would have had NO argument about the team that was picked, as they were simply lucky to be in it. If I was on the committee to choose, I would have made the simple argument that California (which lost during the regular season to USC) and Texas (which lost during the regular season to Oklahoma) ALREADY HAD their playoff games and lost them. I would have chosen Utah, which was unbeaten and played a much tougher schedule than Boise. That really shows the importance of regular season games. Utah would have been whipped by USC and Oklahoma probably would have lost to Auburn. Therefore we would have had USC vs Auburn and EVERYONE would have acknowledged that as the true National Title game. My system would have produced the true National Title game in NINE out of NINE YEARS!!!

Here is a recap of the Top 5 teams in the country over the past 9 years showing that the 4-team format is clearly the best.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUPS OVER THE PAST 9 YEARS ACCORDING TO MY PLAYOFF SYSTEM.

1997
#1 Nebraska (12-0) vs #4 N Carolina (10-1)
#2 Michigan (11-0) vs #3 Florida St (10-1)
#5 UCLA (two losses during regular season did not deserve to be in).

1998
#1 Tennessee (12-0) vs #4 Kansas St (11-1)
#2 Florida St (11-1) vs #3 Ohio St (10-1)
#5 Arizona (11-1) & #6 UCLA (10-1) had solid results but played in the weak Pac 10.

1999
#1 Florida St (11-0) vs #4 Wisconsin (9-2)
#2 Virginia Tech (11-0) vs #3 Nebraska (11-1)
#5 Michigan (9-2) had two losses.

2000
#1 Oklahoma (12-0) vs #4 Washington (10-1)
#2 Florida St (11-1) vs #3 Miami, FL (10-1)
While Oregon St and Virginia Tech each had just one loss they combined to beat ONE Top 25 team all year.

2001
#1 Miami, FL (11-0) vs #4 Oregon (10-1)
#2 Nebraska (11-1) vs #3 Colorado (10-2)
#5 Texas lost to #4 Colorado in Big 12 Title game

2002
#1 Miami, FL (12-0) vs #4 Georgia (11-1)
#2 Ohio St (13-0) vs #3 Iowa (11-1)
#5 USC and #6 Kansas St both had two losses.

2003
#1 USC (11-1) vs #4 Michigan (10-2)
#2 Oklahoma (12-1) vs #3 LSU (12-1)
The #5 and #6 seed not worthy - only Top 3 NEEDED to be in

2004
#1 USC (11-0) vs #4 Utah (11-0)
#2 Oklahoma (11-0) vs #3 Auburn (11-0)
The #5 and #6 seed not worthy - only Top 3 NEEDED to be in

2005
#1 USC. vs #4 Ohio St
#2 Texas vs #3 Penn St
#5 Oregon with backup QB's not worthy and only Top 2 really NEEDED to be in

I already talked about how 2003 and 2004 were PERFECT for my system. It would have produced National Title games between LSU vs USC in 2003 and USC vs Auburn in 2004 that no one could argue about. I will add one more note about the playoff formats that are being tossed around. I am hearing talk that some would like to pick the Top 2 teams AFTER the bowls are over and let them play in the National Title game. This method (which would not be #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3) would lead to the same chaos that goes on at the end of the regular season. If the #1, #2 and #3 teams were all in different bowl games and #2 and #3 had impressive wins while #1 just barely won, then all 3 would be lobbying for a spot in the National Title game and someone would be left out again. You must play #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3 or else the process will remain chaotic and controversial and possibly leave some deserving teams out.

For those who complain about adding extra games, only 2 out of 119 teams would be "forced" to play in this big game and I'm sure those student athletes would find a way to complete their studies. The 3-week layoff would probably allow enough time for any minor injuries from the January 1st bowl game to heal, yet not be as big of a layoff as the teams have now between the regular season and the bowls and may lead to a more crisply played Title game. There would be plenty of interest in not just bowl games each year, but there would now be THREE games that would capture major ratings, as the two preliminary games would be rated higher than any current regular bowl. The other bowls would remain intact and would be a reward for teams after a solid season. We would crown a true National Champion every year and we would also insure that all of the major regular season games were played with the same importance that they are today, and the polls would stay a major interest all year.

TEN KEYS TO A WINNING SEASON

By Phil Steele

In 1990, I wrote a book titled *"Ten Keys To a Winning Season."* I revised *Ten Keys* in 1996 and again in 1999 and published second and third editions. In *Ten Keys* I discuss some of the basics that will enable you to have a big winning season forecasting football in 2006!

The first chapter is **"Welcome To Reality."** This chapter deals with having the proper expectations for the upcoming season. First, your goal should be to make a profit while watching football. Notice, I did NOT say, "Make a Million Dollars," "Get Rich Quick," or the infamous, "Bury your Bookmaker." If you want to get rich quick, then buy another book. I will only promise to make you a solid profit.

The first chapter also warns against falling into traps set by con "Sports Services" that tell you a game is a "Lock" or a "Can't Lose" game. There are too many things that can happen in any football game to call it a sure thing. Anything can and will happen! If you see one of these ads, or have someone tell you over the phone that a game "can't lose," do yourself a favor and HANG UP THE PHONE!

Furthermore, the first chapter addresses all of the pitfalls in gambling. It warns against betting more than you can afford to lose. This system makes sure you do not double up when you are losing, and talks about some of the slick salesmen, (a.k.a. con-men) who operate in the Sports Service Industry. There are two important thoughts to remember... One, do not believe ads that tout 80% to 90% winners for a season. Last year my NFL Weekly Plays went 34-14 (70.8%) and that was the BEST NFL percentage EVER as documented by the Sports Monitor. No service has ever hit higher than 72% (notice no 80 or 90%'s). You will find that none are documented by an honest source. Did you know that to make money wagering on football you only need to hit 52.5%? The second point is, if you hear a handicapper say, "Call and talk to me personally," he is not much of a handicapper. I work 12 to 18 hours a DAY during the football season. You will not be able to get me on the phone because I am studying for the upcoming weekend! I have twelve TVs in front of me and watch every game I can and also go thru the play by play of EVERY College and Pro game each week. I am a handicapper, not a salesman.

Chapter Two deals with **"Money Management"** and is vital to anyone trying to make a profit wagering on football. At the start of every year you must set aside a starting bankroll. One rule is to never exceed 5% of your bankroll on any one play. I rate my Late Phone Selections from a 1★ to a 5★, with a 5★ being the highest. Have you ever read those ridiculous ads in the paper with their 100★, 500★ or Million ★ games? It is amazing the way these con-men try to prey on the people who can least afford to be preyed upon.

A classic example came up a few years ago. One service (who shall remain nameless) put out their 500★ NFL LOCK of the Year! Yes, 500★'s is over hyped and ridiculous. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A LOCK! Just when you thought this con-man had stooped to his lowest, two weeks later in the SAME publication they put out their 1000★ NFL LOCK of the Year! They say there is a sucker born every minute and no doubt this service owns the mailing list! Enough talk about that garbage, let's get back to talking about making a profit.

Using the money management method, you increase or decrease your bankroll each week. This depends on how much you win or lose in Las Vegas on football. The next week your wagers would increase or decrease. You would still be wagering just 3% to 5% on any single play. This would keep you from doubling up when winning or losing. This will also keep you far ahead of the game. Problem gamblers get into trouble by trying to "win it all back" on one play, or trying to make a fortune when they are "hot." Doubling up is a terrible strategy and those that do it only double up until they go BROKE. **Please**, avoid the urge and stay with money management. Also in this chapter, I take you through the winning and losing weeks of one particular season. You will be able to see exactly how the system WORKS!

Chapter Three is **"The NFL Preseason - A Different Ballgame."** The NFL Preseason must be handicapped completely different than the regular season. In the last 17 years, Northcoast Sports has the highest winning percentage of all the services documented by The Sports Monitor in preseason football. We took home the #1 title for 2003 going 45-17 on the star basis. I review some of the KEYS to preseason football in this chapter.

Chapter Four is **"Preparing for the Battle."** Here I go through things you need to know in preparation for the upcoming season. WARNING! There is a lot of hard work and studying. If you think you can "study" football for half an hour and pick winners, you will probably have MANY losing seasons.

Chapter Five is **"The Complete Handicapper."** THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CHAPTERS! You should never make a play based purely on angles or trends. You should never make a play based purely on situations or a team's emotion. Lastly, you should never make a play based strictly on the talent differences. You should use ALL THREE! In college football I rank the methods of handicapping in order of their importance.

Chapter Six is **"Fundamental Handicapping,"** Chapter Seven is **"Situational Handicapping"** and Chapter Eight is **"Technical Handicapping."** Each chapter delves deeper into the three methods of handicapping.

Fundamental Handicapping is the most important**.** This is where you match up teams to discover who has the edge on the offensive and defensive lines. How does one team's WR's matchup with the others DB's? Which team has more talent on the field? I am first and foremost a Fundamental Handicapper!

Situational Handicapping is second in line of importance. You review whether a team may let down after a big game, look ahead to a big game or be sky high for their current opponent based on revenge or the rivalry. Playing against a team at its weakest or playing ON one at its emotional peak can deliver many winners.

Third on the list is Technical Handicapping (angles and trends). You will notice this magazine is loaded with angles and trends for college football. Remember, this method is the least important of the three. I have listed all of these angles in the book, so you do not have to spend hours researching and I hope you find them very interesting. You should study angles and work them into your handicapping but do not base a play strictly on an angle!

Chapter Nine is **"Fine Tuning - Looking For The Edges."** It talks about the value of half points, playing on streaks and looking for contrary plays. It also warns you against such things as isolated plays.

Chapter Ten talks about the **Sports Service Industry.** Services that lie about their records and make ridiculous claims about "Lock games," etc. Services actually invent their own "monitoring services" that falsely "document" their own made up records. I have found two of the most honest monitoring services in the country. I recommend...

The Sports Monitor - Oklahoma City, OK
(1-405-752-1606)
SportsWatch - Las Vegas, NV
yasportshoo@yahoo.com

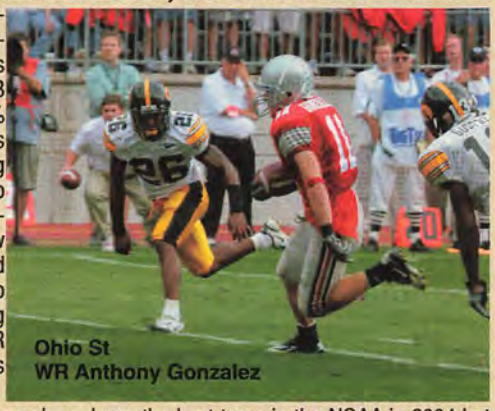
In closing, if there is a chapter you would like to see in its entirety, call our office at 1-800-654-3448. We will send you ONE chapter free. The book sells for $19.95. If you mention the 2006 College Preview Magazine or send in the questionnaire on page 326, you can receive it for just $9.95. I hope you found this article informative, and

GOOD LUCK IN 2006!!!

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 PRESEASON TOP 40

Here is my 2006 Preseason Top 40. Two quick notes: First of all, my preseason rankings are **NOT** my Power Ratings. As an example - Louisville is rated #14 in my Power Poll or overall talent rankings but due to a manageable schedule, I have them #3 overall, as three sets of my ratings show them with an unbeaten season. My talent ratings only rate Boise St #35 overall but they made the list due to their manageable schedule, as they face just one of my Top 30 teams. My Top 25 is based on how I project the teams to finish in the final rankings & these Top 25's have always done quite well. In 2002, I had Ohio St rated higher than any other preseason magazine coming into the year and they won the National Title. Of the Top 40 teams in 2003, an amazing 37 of the 40 were bowl eligible. In 2003, my magazine (and Lindy's) had LSU rated higher than any other preseason magazine and they won the BCS Title. In 2004, I was the only major magazine to have Cal (#4 in the final regular season polls) in the Preseason Top 10! These rankings reflect not only talent, but the strength of schedule and how each team should finish the season.

1. Oklahoma The Sooners played in the National Title game 2 straight years until their 4 loss season of 2005. Ironically, the last time they lost at least 4 games was in 1999 and they won the National Title the next year. I rate the Sooners defense #1 in the NCAA and feel the offense will be vastly improved, as QB Bomar is now experienced and RB Peterson should be 100% healthy and back to his 2004 form. While "Big Game Bob" has come up short in such games in recent years, they do know how to beat Texas and should survive a tough trip to Oregon thus finding themselves in ANOTHER National Title game and this time, take home the prize.



Ohio St
WR Anthony Gonzalez

2. Auburn The Tigers may have been the best team in the NCAA in 2004 but were not allowed to play for the National Title. They were probably the best team in the SEC in '05 but did not play in the SEC Title game. A few years ago Tuberville said they would win a National Title in a few years, so it is time. The Tigers are not #2 in my talent ratings but should be favored in all 12 of their games, with 4 winnable road trips. There is no way an undefeated SEC team does not get to the National Title game again, which is what happened to these Tigers just 2 short years ago.

3. Louisville Expectations were high for UL last year but they stunningly lost 3 games. Much like Auburn and WV in 2004, the Cards should rebound from that disappointment and surprise a lot of folks in '06. They led WV 24-7 in the 4Q on the road in '05 but somehow lost in 3 OT's. This year they get WV at home and have my #2 offense in the country and a solid D. Yes, they face a powerful Miami, FL team but they nearly beat the Hurricanes in Miami two years ago and now get them at home. QB Brohm and RB Bush will both be top draft picks next year and the Cards will live up to 2005's expectations this year and a win over Miami could have them playing for it all in Arizona in January.

USC
LT Sam Baker

4. USC For a mere mortal team this would be a rebuilding year, losing one of the best backfields of all time (Leinart, Bush and White) and having just 10 returning starters. They lost a HUGE amount of the players in the NFL Draft Day Party Hangover (44 pts) and no team has ever improved its record with 35 or more points earned. They have possible NCAA violations looming and both potential QB's are question marks (injury/suspension). Pete Carroll is still the coach, however, so you know this team is loaded with talent. Six of my 7 sets of Power Ratings call for an unbeaten season and they will be favored in all 12 games.

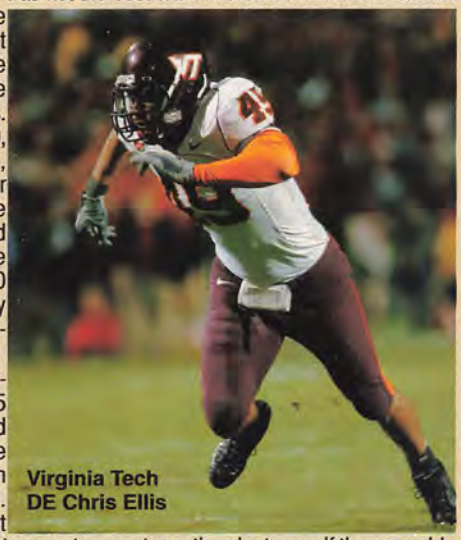
5. Texas It was so good to see a coach like Mack Brown, who put up with criticism for years for "not being able to win the big game", win it all last year. This year's Horns team may have even more overall talent and they get Oklahoma at a neutral site and Ohio St at home. Three of my seven sets of Power Ratings call for an unbeaten year. My main question is at QB. Vince Young (to me) was the straw that stirred the drink and he is gone and the new QB probably won't capture the same flair for the dramatic.

6. Miami, FL Miami was the best team in the ACC in 2005, as they outgained the two division champs by an avg of 140 ypg! They did not play in the Title game and then a disappointed squad was blown out in the bowl. This year QB Wright should be one of the most improved QB's in the NCAA and the Hurricanes will likely be favored in all 12 games. Thirty-eight points earned in the NFL Draft Day Party hangover (see page 308) means that a lot of talent has departed but wins at Louisville and home vs FSU and VT could lead to Coker's 3rd National Title game appearance.

7. Notre Dame Charlie Weis did an incredible job in his first year but also had the luxury of 11 returning starters on offense and in their 5th year removed from the option (West Coast now). This year the Irish are rated my #1 offense and they have a much improved defense. While they play a tough schedule, they will be favored in 11 games and Weis has once again re-awakened the echoes in South Bend. Almost every opponent is bowl caliber and will give ND their best shot, but this team is capable of running the table.

8. Ohio St The last time OSU qualified for 35 or more points in my NFL Draft Day Hangover system they dropped 4 games in 2004. This year the offense will be the best yet under Tressel (I rate them #3) and the D, despite massive losses, is still tough (#14). They will definitely be favored in 10 games but will be dogs at Texas and Iowa. The Buckeyes have won 3 of the last 4 Fiesta Bowls and should they knock off the Horns in Sept, could find themselves in Arizona once again.

9. Virginia Tech Ohio St was not the best team in the NCAA in their National Title year of 2002 but had the talent and the schedule to get there. It is scary picking the Hokies this low as they will be favored in 11 of their 12 games. Of all the teams in the Top 10, VT plays the easiest schedule, BY FAR at #78. They won their last trip to Miami en route to the ACC Title in 2004 and that road trip will be the only time they are a dog all year. Despite just 10 returning starters, the friendly schedule has them a Title contender in 2006.

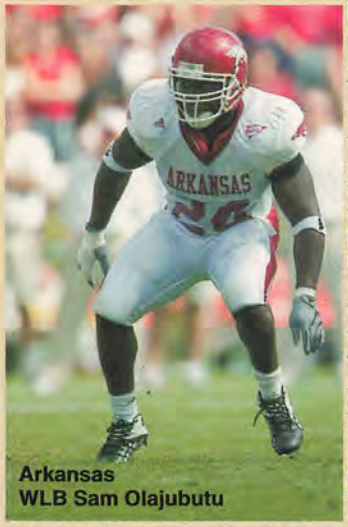


Virginia Tech
DE Chris Ellis

10. Florida St The Seminoles were very young in 2005 when injuries hit them hard but they still won the ACC Title and almost knocked off Penn St in the Orange Bowl (3OT). They did lose a ton of talent to the NFL (see page 308) but are a stronger team than last year. If they are able to knock off Miami on the road in the opener and stay healthier than 2005, they would have a shot at the National Title game.

11. Michigan The Wolves have not been playing up to their talent level in recent years. This year they are one of only 2 teams in the country that are in all 8 categories for my Top Individual Units. One of my seven sets of Power Ratings actually has them #1. A better schedule may have had them higher, as they must face Notre Dame, Ohio St and Penn St all on the road.

12. Tennessee In 2003 Auburn was everyone's preseason SEC darling and they were very disappointing. In 2004 the Tigers flew under the radar and simply went unbeaten. Tennessee was everyone's preseason SEC Title pick in 2005 (except mine) and actually had a losing season. They brought back OC Cutcliffe, and QB Ainge might be the most improved QB in the NCAA this year. Three of their losses in '05 were by 4 points or less. They do face the 9th toughest schedule but are my pick to win the SEC East.



Arkansas
WLB Sam Olajubutu

13. Arkansas The Hogs have 19 returning starters, making them one of the most veteran teams in the NCAA, and 2 of my sets of Power Ratings call them the best team in the SEC. I almost pulled the trigger and called for them to win the West but they do face Auburn on the road and are switching from a run-based attack to a passing offense. They have only 3 other road games vs winnable foes and they are 41-13 SU at home under Nutt. I have them #1 on my Most Improved list.

14. Georgia The Bulldogs were very good to me in 2005, as I had the only magazine that had them winning the SEC East, while most others had them finishing 3rd. They only have 9 returning starters (fewest SEC) and are not as talented in 2006. They do, however, have a great schedule and will only be a dog in only 1 or 2 games and are capable of getting back to the SEC Title game.

15. Iowa This year's Hawkeye squad is very capable of winning the Big 10. While their LB corps was wiped out by graduation, their DL is in much better shape and they have one of the best backfields in the country led by QB Tate and RB Young. I have them favored in 11 games, with Ohio St at home and Michigan on the road, the keys to their Big 10 and National Title hopes.

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JOHN MACKEY AWARD

John & Sylvia Mackey present the 2005 John Mackey Award.

Phil Steele is very proud to be a participant on the voting committee for the John Mackey Award.

The prestigious John Mackey Award, presented by the Nassau County Sports Commission, is awarded annually to the most outstanding Tight End in Division IA college football. The NCSC presides over the award, managing the watch list, supervising the voting by the distinguished selection committee and honoring the recipient at its annual award dinner. In addition to demonstrating outstanding athletic prowess on the field, the recipient must demonstrate positive sportsmanship-like behavior, be in good academic standing and strive to embody the leadership abilities of John Mackey both on and off the field.

2005 Recipient Marcedes Lewis (UCLA) and the legendary John Mackey.

John Mackey, a native of Roosevelt, NY, was only the second player who was strictly a tight end to be inducted into the National Football League Hall of Fame and is regarded as one of the all-time greats to ever have played that position. Mackey played in the National Football League for 10 years, was elected to the Pro Bowl five times, was a three-time All-NFL Player, was named to the NFL's All-Decade Team and to the league's 50th Anniversary squad. He also played in two NFL Championship games and two Super Bowls, including the victorious Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl V where he caught a pivotal 76 yd TD from Unitas.

During his playing days, the 6-2 225 lb John "Mack Truck" Mackey was known for his tremendous speed and power. His courageous leadership on the field led him into power as President of the NFL Players Association and subsequent improvements in players free agency rights, pension benefits and injury protection programs now enjoyed by all NFL players. Prior to his remarkable NFL career and ground breaking work with the NFLPA, Mackey had attended the alma mater of boyhood idol and fellow Nassau County native Jim Brown at Syracuse.

John Mackey starring for the Baltimore Colts from 1963-71

Throughout his career Mackey has vigorously supported many organizations and has served on the Board of Advisors to the Leukemia Society of America, the Syracuse University Business School and the Board of Directors for the Syracuse University Alumni Association. He has also been Chairman of the Board of Advisors of the Community for Education Foundation and its "Overcoming Obstacles" program.

The Nassau County Sports Commission is an organization where every dollar raised is another child, senior citizen, or differently-abled athlete experiencing the thrill of sports and competition. Contributions to the NCSC will enrich the quality of life for Nassau County residents, enhance the economy, and aid in the development of events, programs, and facilities.

The non-governmental, non-profit NCSC is dedicated to "improving lives through sports" and operates the "Let's Do It!" children's sports programs. Since its inception in 1992, the NCSC had quietly accomplished many of its original mission objectives, establishing exceptional participatory and educational youth sports programs, partnering with County government to enhance sports facilities and attract sporting events and organizations to the heart of Long Island, Nassau County. The Commission has quietly built an impressive track record of success in providing sports programming and attracting sporting events and businesses to Nassau County.

The Commission has set ambitious goals for the future. These goals involve the advancement of youth, amateur and professional sports from the grassroots to the elite level; the development and dissemination of brochures, such as "How Sports Can Combat Childhood Obesity" for elementary school students and the "Perils of Performance Enhancing Drugs" for middle and high school students; the organization of more conferences, workshops and clinics; the implementation of new initiatives; bringing new sports events and businesses to the County; and most importantly, the expansion of our youth programs to serve a broader spectrum of the community and a greater number of children.

In 2005, Marcedes Lewis (UCLA) was awarded the John Mackey Award. Past winners include: 2000 Tim Stratton from Purdue University, 2001 Daniel Graham from the University of Colorado and now playing for the New England Patriots, 2002 Dallas Clark from the University of Iowa who is currently playing for the Indianapolis Colts, and 2003 Kellen Winslow, from University of Miami, Fl currently playing for the Cleveland Browns and 2004 Heath Miller from the University of Virginia who won a World Championship as a rookie with the Pittsburgh Steelers. For more information please visit www.johnmackeyaward.org.

Other Top Awards Winners In 2005

Bednarik *Top Defensive Player*	**Paul Posluszny, Penn St**
Biletnikoff *Receiver*	**Mike Hass, Oregon St**
Butkus *Linebacker*	**Paul Posluszny, Penn St**
Walter Camp *Top Player*	**Reggie Bush, USC**
Lou Groza *Kicker*	**Alexis Serna, Oregon St**
Ray Guy *Punter*	**Ryan Plackemeier, Wake Forest**
Heisman *Top Player*	**Reggie Bush, USC**
Hendricks *Defensive End*	**Elvis Dumervil, Louisville**
John Mackey *Tight End*	**Marcedes Lewis, UCLA**
Lombardi *Linemen*	**A.J. Hawk, Ohio St**
Maxwell *Best Player*	**Vince Young, Texas**
Nagurski *Top Defender*	**Elvis Dumervil, Louisville**
O'Brien *Quarterback*	**Vince Young, Texas**
Outland *Interior Lineman*	**Greg Eslinger, Minnesota**
Rimington *Top Center*	**Greg Eslinger, Minnesota**
Thorpe *Defensive Back*	**Michael Huff, Texas**
Unitas *Senior QB*	**Matt Leinart, USC**
Doak Walker *Running Back*	**Reggie Bush, USC**

16. California This is a team capable of winning the Pac 10 Title and has stood toe-to-toe with USC for 4 straight years. They have 15 returning starters and are #8 in my Power Poll. If this team gets more consistent QB play (and they should), they are capable of knocking off Tennessee and USC (both on the road) and could be a surprise team.

17. West Virginia The Mountaineers' best game of the 2005 season was their bowl win over Georgia and I was impressed with their team speed vs a solid SEC squad. This year they have 14 starters back, including their outstanding QB and RB, who were just frosh last year. They also face a soft (#74) schedule. My projections have them ranked in the top 5 or 6 in the preseason poll but my Power Poll only has them #24 and they have to face Louisville on the road, who they were very lucky to beat last year at home.

18. Clemson The Tigers' defense was very young in '05 and got better as the season went along, allowing just 11.4 ppg over the last 7 games. They are the most experienced team in the ACC and have hopes of an ACC crown but do have to battle both Florida St and Virginia Tech on the road.

19. Boise St BSU takes on the #109 toughest schedule this year, so despite having a new HC and only being #35 in my Power Poll, 2 of my sets of Power Ratings call for them to have an unbeaten season, which could put them in a BCS bowl!

20. Florida If you gave the Gators Georgia's schedule, I would pick them to win the SEC East. They are #10 in my Power Poll but have to face Tennessee, Auburn, Florida St and Georgia, all away from the Swamp. I don't know if any team could run the table vs those four.

21. LSU This team was greatly affected by Hurricane Katrina last year, yet was still 11-2 with a 40-3 blowout of Miami in the bowl. They do lose 5 of their top 7 tacklers but are one of the most talented teams in the SEC. The only reason they are down here is a killer schedule with road trips to Auburn, Florida, Tennessee and Arkansas.

22. Nebraska This is the 3rd year of the switch from the option to the pass offense, so they are better suited for it and will be potent led by QB Zac Taylor. The D is very talented and while they face both USC and Texas, they avoid Oklahoma and could be favored in 10 games.

23. Utah The Utes were the first non-BCS team to get to a BCS bowl and have a shot at one again this year. They face just the #85 schedule and have great depth at QB. I rate all 6 road games as winnable (yes, I am including UCLA). They rank #38 in my Power Poll but the schedule has them in my Top 25.

24. Purdue The Boilermakers were thinking big heading into last year but after their loss in OT to Minnesota, had their bubble burst and lost 6 straight. Expectations are much lower this year and they still have good talent and once again do not have to face Ohio St or Michigan in Big 10 play.

25. Oregon The Ducks had just one loss in the regular season in '05 and that was to #1 USC but they did not get a BCS bowl bid. I have them #19 in my Power Poll, as they have #2 O-Line in the country and solid skill players but they do have to face Arizona St, Cal and USC all on the road.

26. Texas Tech TT may have its best QB yet under Leach and will be one of NCAA's top offenses again. Their non-conf slate is not as soft as 2005, as they face TCU and UTEP but they have a good shot at topping last year's 9-win total.

27. Arizona St Dirk Koetter has a lot of talent to work with including two of the top QB's in the NCAA. They have 5 individual units that rank in my Top 20 but do have road games vs Colorado, Cal, USC and Arizona.

28. Texas A&M A key to the Aggies season is their home game vs TTech and a win there could propel them to a 9-0 start. They only face the #57 schedule and the defense has to be better than the '05 version.

29. N Illinois The Huskies have the talent and the schedule to roll through the MAC unbeaten this year. They do have to face Iowa and Ohio St on the road but RB Wolfe is one of the nation's best.

30. Navy Paul Johnson is doing a tremendous job here and this looks like his best team yet. Last year they had just 5 returning starters and still blew out Colorado St in the bowl. This year they have 16 returning starters.

31. Penn State JoePa has just 9 returning starters and must face ND, Ohio St and Purdue on the road and has Michigan at home. Despite the schedule, this should be another successful year.

32. TCU The Frogs were very fortunate in '05, benefitting from +21 in TO's, 5 net close wins and great YPP's on both sides of the ball (see page 299). Despite those signs which point downward for them, they have a lot of talent and face the #82 schedule.

33. Houston The Cougars have senior QB Kolb and an improved defense. They get their two biggest CUSA games (Tulsa and UTEP) at home and one of my 7 sets of Power Ratings calls for an 11-1 season!

34. Arizona The Cats are at #2 on my Most Improved list, which means they will go from their 3-8 record in 2005 to a bowl this season. They do face my #11 toughest schedule but will return to the postseason.

35. Michigan St The Spartans climbed to #11 in the polls at one point last year but actually missed out on a bowl. This year they make my Most Improved list and QB Stanton should be a high #1 DC next year.

36. Alabama The Tide lived by their defense last year but only have 4 starters back on D and lose QB Croyle. They also play in the tough SEC West but should have another solid year.

37. Fresno St USC was nearly knocked off by these Bulldogs last year and FSU dropped their final 3 after that close loss. FSU will play anyone, anywhere, anytime and have a tough non-conf slate (LSU, Oregon, Wash) but are a threat in every game.

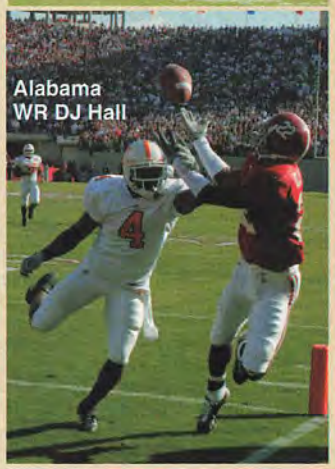
38. Maryland The Fridge has seemingly lost his magic touch. After THREE straight double-digit-win seasons they have had back-to-back losing years. Most of my Most Improved end up in the postseason and the Terps make that list (#17).

39. Pittsburgh Dave Wannstedt did not have the inaugural year he hoped for, as the Panthers went from Big East Champs to home for the holidays. The good news this year is that one of my 7 sets of Power Ratings call for an 11-1 season.

40. Hawaii As long as QB Brennan stays healthy, he should be headed for a record-breaking year. They do have to face both Boise and Fresno on the road but should be back in a bowl and as always will be fun to watch this year.

Oregon
ROV Patrick Chung

Texas A&M
RB Courtney Lewis


Alabama
WR DJ Hall

Hawaii
DE Renolds Fruean

Here are some more teams which just missed the cut for the Top 40 but should be in the postseason in 2006.

41. Boston College
42. Tulsa
43. UTEP
44. San Diego St
45. Missouri
46. Colorado
47. Georgia Tech

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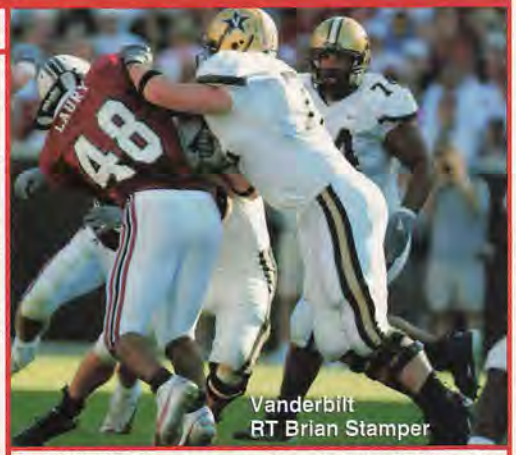
SEC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 SEC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Chris Leak, Florida	JaMarcus Russell, LSU	Erik Ainge, Tennessee	Blake Mitchell, S Carolina
RB	Darren McFadden, Arkansas	Arian Foster, Tennessee	Thomas Brown, Georgia	Alley Broussard, LSU
RB	Kenny Irons, Auburn	Kenneth Darby, Alabama	Rafael Little, Kentucky	BenJarvus Green-Ellis, Miss
WR	Marcus Monk, Arkansas	Robert Meachem, Tennessee	Mohamed Massaquoi, Georgia	Omarr Conner, Miss St
WR	Dwayne Bowe, LSU	Earl Bennett, Vanderbilt	Andre Caldwell, Florida	Keenan Burton, Kentucky
WR	Sidney Rice, S Carolina	Courtney Taylor, Auburn	DJ Hall, Alabama	Syvelle Newton, S Carolina
TE	Tate Casey, Florida	Jacob Tamme, Kentucky	Martrez Milner, Georgia	Eric Butler, Mississippi St
C	Nick Jones, Georgia	Matt McCutchan, Kentucky	Chris White, S Carolina	Jonathan Luigs, Arkansas
G	Michael Oher, Mississippi	Tim Duckworth, Auburn	Jim Tartt, Florida	Stephen Parker, Arkansas
G	Will Arnold, LSU	Ben Grubbs, Auburn	Robert Felton, Arkansas	Josh Eames, Vanderbilt
T	Daniel Inman, Georgia	Brian Stamper, Vanderbilt	Drew Miller, Florida	Brian Johnson, LSU
T	Arron Sears, Tennessee	Kyle Tatum, Alabama	Tony Ugoh, Arkansas	Zac Tubbs, Arkansas
DL	Quentin Groves, Auburn	Wallace Gilberry, Alabama	Marquies Gunn, Auburn	Jamaal Anderson, Arkansas
DL	Justin Harrell, Tennessee	Keith Jackson, Arkansas	Marcus Harrison, Arkansas	Deljuan Robinson Miss St
DL	Marcus Thomas, Florida	Glenn Dorsey, LSU	Jeremy Clark, Alabama	Jeff Owens, Georgia
DL	Quentin Moses, Georgia	Jarvis Moss, Florida	Charles Johnson, Georgia	Chase Pittman, LSU
LB	Earl Everett, Florida	Sam Olajubutu, Arkansas	Quinton Culberson, Miss St	Wesley Woodyard, Kentucky
LB	Patrick Willis, Mississippi	Brandon Siler, Florida	Jonathan Goff, Vanderbilt	Brandon Miller, Georgia
LB	Ali Highsmith, LSU	Will Herring, Auburn	Juwan Simpson, Alabama	Garry Pack, Mississippi
CB	Simeon Castille, Alabama	David Irons, Auburn	Jonathan Wade,Tennessee	Chevis Jackson, LSU
CB	Fred Bennett, S Carolina	Ramzee Robinson, Alabama	Paul Oliver, Georgia	Jonathan Wilhite, Auburn
S	Jessie Daniels, LSU	Tra Battle, Georgia	Jamarca Sanford, Mississippi	Reggie Nelson, Florida
S	LaRon Landry, LSU	Jonathan Hefney, Tennessee	Jeramie Johnson, Miss St	Reshard Langford, Vanderbilt
K	Brandon Coutu, Georgia	James Wilhoit, Tennessee	Chris Hetland, Florida	Chris Jackson, LSU
P	Chris Jackson, LSU	Kody Bliss, Auburn	Jacob Skinner, Arkansas	Gordon Ely-Kelso, Georgia
PR	Rafael Little, Kentucky	Thomas Flowers, Georgia	Peyton Hillis, Arkansas	Jonathan Hefney, Tennessee
KR	Felix Jones, Arkansas	Tyrone Prothro, Alabama	Brad Lester, Auburn	Carlos Thomas, S Carolina



SEC NOTES: I have been very fortunate in the SEC West the last few years, as I've picked the West participant in the SEC Title game 4 out of 5 times (both teams correct last year). I have not always called for the most talented team in the SEC to be in the Title game and that could be the case again this year, as just one of my 7 sets of power ratings calls Auburn the strongest team in the West. I said it last year but, for you new readers, I'll repeat it again. I grew up in Big 10 country and for me the Big 10 was king. That all changed when I started my business in 1982, as the SEC is truly the conference where college football is King. I do about 300 radio shows promoting my magazine and over half are in the SEC states. I do SEC shows starting in June, while the rest of the country starts to set up appointments for late July and August. The SEC always leads the NCAA in attendance, usually has the most draft picks (#3 LY) and is always #1 in fan fervor. Last year the SEC was 27-9 in non-conf games but just 4-5 vs BCS leagues. They were also 3-3 in bowl games but did have 3 teams in the final Top 10 and had 37 players selected in the NFL draft. The SEC could have as many as 9 or 10 bowl teams this year.

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 SEC FORECAST

SEC WEST 1. AUBURN - I'm still trying to figure out how Auburn lost to Wisconsin in the Capital One Bowl, as the Tigers were the superior team and yet were outplayed. Auburn was arguably the best team in the country 2 years ago but did not get to play in the National Title game. Last year Auburn was arguably the best team in the SEC and did not get to play in the SEC Title game again. Last season they outgained SEC foes by a league best 118.6 ypg, and have 54 lettermen returning. They have 23 seniors on this year's squad and only had 18 in their undefeated 2004 season. Auburn also gets a very favorable schedule with all 4 road trips winnable and they get the two key games in the West (LSU and Arkansas) at home. I give the Tigers a shot not only at an undefeated SEC season, but an overall undefeated season as well.

2. ARKANSAS - The Hogs have a lot of things going for them this year. In fact, 3 of my 7 sets of Power Ratings actually call them the best team in the SEC! The Hogs have an SEC high 19 returning starters. They do not have to play Florida or Georgia out of the East. They have 3 winnable SEC road games and are 41-13 SU at home under Nutt. Despite their 2-6 record in SEC play, they outgained league foes by 31.3 ypg and outscored them by 4 points! They were -4 in net close losses (pg 299) and 17 true frosh played last year. I nearly pulled the trigger on picking the Hogs #1 in the West but they have to play Auburn on the road and are learning new blocking schemes for their brand-new offense, but it would not surprise me to see them playing in the SEC Title game.

3. LSU - It's tough to call LSU down at #3, as they have my #1 rated offense in the SEC and #3 rated defense. Their schedule was disrupted due to Katrina last year or they could have actually played in the National Title game and they were -9 in turnovers. They have 6 players making my All-SEC 1st Team, which is highest in the league and the +93.8 ypg in SEC play was 2nd best. The reason for this spot is their schedule. They do not face SC or Vandy out of the East and have to take road trips to Auburn, Florida, Tenn and Ark. Last year they benefitted from 5 close wins and have just 11 starters back, having to replace 5 of their top 7 tacklers.

4. ALABAMA - Last year the Tide very nearly played in the National Title game, as they were 9-0 and #3 in the country but were short handed on offense and lost their final 2 games of regular season. They still finished #8. This year Bama has 24 lettermen lost (3rd most SEC) and benefitted from +8 in turnovers last year. The defense will not be as dominant but if the offense remains healthier, even without Croyle, they should be more potent. The Tide does have a tough schedule, including road trips to Ark, Florida, Tenn and LSU and that has me calling for a slight drop in the SEC West standings.

5. MISSISSIPPI - The Rebels have just 10 returning starters (2nd fewest SEC) and were outgained by 92.3 ypg, the 3rd worst. They are also the least experienced (see pg 311) team in the SEC. The Rebels do get home games vs both Vandy and Miss St, which may be enough to keep them out of the cellar. Despite the low experience level, this team is stronger than the 2005 version, including transfers QB Brent Schaeffer (Tenn) and RB BenJarvus Green-Ellis (Indiana). This team will top last year's 3-win total and could flirt with bowl eligibility.

6. MISSISSIPPI ST - The Bulldogs have improved each year under Sylvester Croom. Miss St also waxed Ole Miss 35-14 in the season finale and have 16 returning starters (tied for 2nd most SEC). A couple of things have me calling for them to finish in the cellar. First of all, they have lost 19 straight SEC road games and that is where they face Ole Miss this year. They were outgained by 99.4 ypg in SEC play (2nd worst). They also do not get to play Vandy out of the East, while Ole Miss does.

SEC EAST 1. TENNESSEE - Many times when a team underperforms, like Auburn did in 2003 and West Virginia in 2004, they rebound with big seasons, as those two teams combined for just one loss the following year. The Vols are a dangerous bunch as they were -7 in turnovers last season and despite their 3-5 SEC record, actually outgained SEC foes by 28.9 ypg. I think the offense will be vastly improved, as QB Ainge is a much better QB and they get OC David Cutcliffe back calling the plays. On the negative side, they do not get to play Miss or Miss St out of the West and have just 12 returning starters. They do have to play UGA, SC and Ark on the road but this team is clearly capable of turning last year's disappointment into a crowning success.

2. GEORGIA - The Bulldogs were very good to me last year, the highest anyone else had picked them was #3 in the East and mine was the only publication that called for them to win the East. They not only did that, but took home the SEC Title. It was a disappointing bowl game for the Bulldogs but, of the top 3 teams in the SEC East, they draw the best schedule, as they get to play both Miss and Miss St, while Tenn and UF both play neither. The Bulldogs also get Tenn at home and Florida at a neutral site. They outgained SEC foes by 54.8 ypg last year, (best SEC East). They have just 9 returning starters (fewest SEC) and the last time they had 9 was 2003 when they lost 3 games, the most in the last 4 years. They also benefitted from +11 in turnovers last season. Three of my sets of power ratings do call UGA the most talented team in the East and the 14 players they place on my All SEC Teams are also the most in the East.

2. FLORIDA - My main set of power ratings calls the Gators the most talented team in the SEC this year and my power plays call them #2 and I call them the most talented team in the East. They also have arguably the top QB in the SEC and my #1 rated D. That should make them a slam-dunk for the SEC East Title but they only return 12 starters and benefitted from +18 in turnovers last year. They do not get to play Miss and Miss St out of the West, and they also have to face Tenn and UGA away from The Swamp.

4. SOUTH CAROLINA - I would have given SC a slightly less than 50% chance of getting to a bowl game last year but Spurrier's team overachieved and amazingly they stood 7-3 before losing their final 2. They could easily move up in the SEC East standings but, despite their 5-3 record last year, they were actually outgained by 76.3 ypg (4th worst mark SEC) and they only have 12 returning starters this year (4th fewest). SC does have the Mitchell/Rice pass combo on offense and get both Tenn and UGA at home. They should become bowl eligible once again and could outperform expectations a second straight season.

5. KENTUCKY - The Cats had a tough schedule last year and were besieged by injuries but showed enough signs of life that they allowed Rich Brooks to stay around another year. This season's schedule is much more favorable and the Cats who are much more talented almost qualified for my Turnovers=Turnaround article (-9). The Cats will not only escape the basement in the SEC East, but actually have a shot at moving up higher and could actually become bowl eligible.

6. VANDERBILT - Last year was Vanderbilt's shot at a winning season and a bowl game and after a 4-0 start, it appeared a sure thing that they would get there but 4 close losses cost them. Vandy's window of opportunity may have closed. This year they have just 12 returning starters and a tougher schedule, plus they lose their offensive catalyst, QB Jay Cutler, and 3 of their top 4 tacklers. Vandy is not as strong and like I mentioned the schedule is tougher so it's back to the basement for the Commodores.

2005 SEC vs SEC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
12	Auburn	32.8	1	413.6	1	197.6	1	4.6	1	216.0	3	58.7	2	12.6	12	10	3	14	1
20	Georgia	26.1	4	368.9	3	152.3	3	4.2	3	216.6	2	53.7	9	14.1	7	11	4	15	4
28	Florida	25.6	5	358.0	4	147.1	4	4.0	4	210.9	6	60.6	1	14.0	8	9	2	24	10
33	LSU	26.8	3	349.3	5	133.6	7	3.5	8	215.6	4	57.9	5	13.1	11	18	9	14	1
35	Vanderbilt	27.9	2	383.8	2	97.6	10	3.0	10	286.1	1	56.4	7	13.8	9	14	7	21	7
40	Arkansas	21.6	7	326.3	6	173.1	2	4.2	2	153.1	11	54.1	8	15.1	6	13	6	18	5
58	Alabama	19.9	9	322.4	7	135.9	6	3.5	7	186.5	9	58.1	4	16.2	4	8	1	32	11
70	S Carolina	21.9	6	286.3	10	85.6	11	3.0	11	200.6	7	58.7	3	13.1	10	12	5	21	7
77	Tennessee	18.4	10	317.5	8	129.8	8	3.6	6	187.8	8	52.5	11	17.3	3	19	11	14	1
86	Kentucky	20.0	8	302.5	9	143.5	5	3.8	5	159.0	10	57.0	6	15.1	5	21	12	23	9
97	Miss St	9.8	12	250.4	12	113.0	9	3.3	9	137.4	12	46.8	12	25.7	1	18	9	32	11
100	Mississippi	12.1	11	273.6	11	59.6	12	2.1	12	214.0	5	53.4	10	22.6	2	15	8	18	5

2005 SEC vs SEC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
4	Alabama	10.9	1	258.4	2	104.5	5	3.4	6	153.9	1	50.0	2	23.8	12	17	2	13	9
7	LSU	14.3	2	255.5	1	77.4	1	2.5	2	178.1	3	45.0	1	17.9	9	11	11	32	1
9	Tennessee	17.3	5	288.6	3	80.1	2	2.5	1	208.5	10	60.1	11	16.7	8	16	4	27	4
13	Georgia	16.8	4	314.1	7	123.1	7	3.6	7	191.0	4	59.3	9	18.8	10	14	5	23	5
15	Florida	22.3	7	308.8	6	113.6	6	3.3	5	195.1	6	53.7	4	13.9	4	20	1	21	6
17	Auburn	15.3	3	295.0	4	95.1	3	3.0	4	199.9	9	57.8	6	19.3	11	10	12	29	2
30	Arkansas	21.1	6	295.0	4	101.5	4	2.8	3	193.5	5	50.8	3	14.0	5	14	5	28	3
33	S Carolina	24.1	8	362.6	9	186.6	12	4.3	10	176.0	2	55.1	5	15.0	7	12	8	19	7
41	Miss St	26.4	10	349.8	8	152.3	8	3.9	9	197.5	7	60.7	12	13.3	3	17	2	19	7
50	Mississippi	26.0	9	365.9	10	168.0	9	3.9	8	197.9	8	59.0	8	14.1	6	13	7	13	9
84	Vanderbilt	33.9	11	413.9	11	180.5	10	4.7	11	233.4	11	57.9	7	12.2	1	12	8	10	12
105	Kentucky	34.6	12	444.9	12	186.0	11	5.0	12	258.9	12	59.9	10	12.8	2	12	8	12	11

Mississippi
LB Patrick Willis

Vanderbilt
WR Earl Bennett

2005 SEC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games				YPG CONF PLAY		
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2005	2004	2003
Georgia	6	2	209	134	10	3	384	213	+54.8	+105.0	+121.8
Florida	5	3	205	178	9	3	343	226	+49.2	+63.2	-24.9
S Carolina	5	3	175	193	7	5	284	279	-76.3	+30.5	-54.5
Vanderbilt	3	5	223	271	5	6	299	321	-30.1	-77.0	-76.1
Tennessee	3	5	147	138	5	6	205	205	+28.9	+14.5	+37.1
Kentucky	2	6	160	277	3	8	239	375	-142.4	-200.1	-79.3
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2005	2004	2003
LSU	7	1	214	114	11	2	383	185	+93.8	+146.1	+110.2
Auburn	7	1	262	122	9	3	386	186	+118.6	+107.4	+71.9
Alabama	6	2	159	87	10	2	263	128	+64.0	+52.1	-41.3
Arkansas	2	6	173	169	4	7	283	271	+31.3	-68.5	+81.9
Mississippi St	1	7	78	211	3	8	153	259	-99.4	-117.6	-182.9
Mississippi	1	7	97	208	3	8	148	245	-92.3	-55.5	+36.0

Coach of the Year: Mark Richt, UGA; AP: Steve Spurrier, SC
SEC TITLE GAME: Georgia 34 LSU 14

Tennessee
DT Justin Harrell

Georgia
DE Quentin Moses

2004 SEC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Tennessee	7	1	215	199	10	3	378	295
Georgia	6	2	231	133	10	2	335	198
Florida	4	4	251	187	7	5	382	253
S Carolina	4	4	185	190	6	5	243	229
Kentucky	1	7	106	253	2	9	173	341
Vanderbilt	1	7	133	213	2	9	212	286
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Auburn	8	0	247	96	13	0	417	147
LSU	6	2	220	131	9	3	344	205
Alabama	3	5	152	149	6	6	295	189
Arkansas	3	5	196	215	5	6	328	270
Mississippi	3	5	142	200	4	7	215	278
Miss St	2	6	125	237	3	8	173	280

Coach of the Year: Tommy Tuberville, Auburn
SEC TITLE GAME: Auburn 38 Tennessee 28

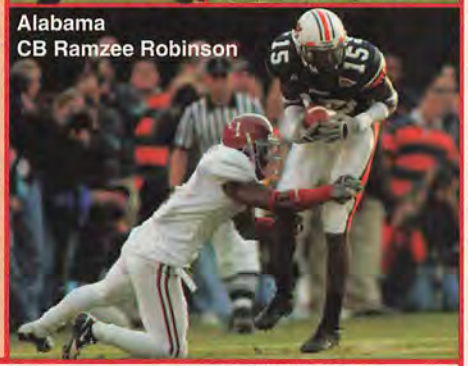
2003 SEC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Tennessee	6	2	260	170	10	3	365	239
Georgia	6	2	215	102	11	3	371	203
Florida	6	2	178	152	8	5	390	271
S Carolina	2	6	164	227	5	7	268	314
Kentucky	1	7	198	244	4	8	328	321
Vanderbilt	1	7	126	261	2	10	235	358
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
LSU	7	1	228	90	13	1	475	154
Mississippi	7	1	218	150	10	3	442	285
Auburn	5	3	190	148	8	5	342	212
Arkansas	4	4	247	223	9	4	436	305
Alabama	2	6	216	237	4	9	331	333
Miss St	1	7	93	329	2	10	225	471

Coach of the Year: Nick Saban, LSU
SEC TITLE GAME: LSU 34 Georgia 13

Tennessee
LT Arron Sears

Kentucky
TE Jacob Tamme


Alabama
CB Ramzee Robinson

2005 SEC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
DJ Shockley, Georgia	310	173	55.8	5	2588	8.3	24	148.3
Chris Leak, Florida	**374**	**235**	**62.8**	**6**	**2639**	**7.1**	**20**	**136.5**
JaMarcus Russell, LSU	**311**	**188**	**60.5**	**9**	**2443**	**7.9**	**15**	**136.5**
Brodie Croyle, Alabama	339	202	59.6	4	2499	7.4	14	132.8
Brandon Cox, Auburn	**306**	**177**	**57.8**	**8**	**2324**	**7.6**	**15**	**132.6**
Blake Mitchell, S Car	**315**	**186**	**59.0**	**12**	**2370**	**7.5**	**17**	**132.4**
Jay Cutler, Vanderbilt	462	273	59.1	9	3073	6.7	21	126.1
Rick Clausen, Tenn	209	120	57.4	6	1441	6.9	6	119.1
Andre' Woodson, UK	**253**	**146**	**57.7**	**6**	**1644**	**6.5**	**6**	**115.4**
Micheal Spurlock, Miss	267	142	53.2	9	1703	6.4	7	108.7
Omarr Conner, Miss St	**167**	**86**	**51.5**	**5**	**903**	**5.4**	**8**	**106.7**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Sidney Rice, S Car	11	70	1143	13	103.9	6.4	16.3
Earl Bennett, Vanderbilt	11	79	876	9	79.6	7.2	11.1
Chad Jackson, Florida	12	88	900	9	75.0	7.3	10.2
Erik Davis, Vanderbilt	9	46	619	3	68.8	5.1	13.5
DJ Hall, Alabama	**12**	**48**	**676**	**5**	**56.3**	**4.0**	**14.1**
Dwayne Bowe, LSU	**12**	**41**	**710**	**9**	**59.2**	**3.4**	**17.3**
Keith Brown, Alabama	**11**	**34**	**642**	**4**	**58.4**	**3.1**	**18.9**
Dallas Baker, Florida	**12**	**52**	**697**	**5**	**58.1**	**4.3**	**13.4**
Craig Davis, LSU	**11**	**35**	**559**	**2**	**50.8**	**3.2**	**16.0**
Mike Espy, Mississippi	11	52	543	3	49.4	4.7	10.4

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Kenny Irons, Auburn	**12**	**256**	**1293**	**5.1**	**13**	**107.8**
Kenneth Darby, Alabama	**12**	**239**	**1242**	**5.2**	**3**	**103.5**
Jerious Norwood, Miss St	11	191	1136	5.9	6	103.3
Darren McFadden, Arkansas	**11**	**176**	**1113**	**6.3**	**11**	**101.2**
Rafael Little, Kentucky	**11**	**197**	**1045**	**5.3**	**9**	**95.0**
Arian Foster, Tennessee	**11**	**183**	**879**	**4.8**	**5**	**79.9**
Joseph Addai, LSU	13	187	911	4.9	9	70.1
Mico McSwain, Mississippi	**9**	**124**	**612**	**4.9**	**3**	**68.0**
Thomas Brown, Georgia	**12**	**147**	**736**	**5.0**	**4**	**61.3**
Felix Jones, Arkansas	**11**	**99**	**626**	**6.3**	**3**	**56.9**
DeShawn Wynn, Florida	**11**	**130**	**621**	**4.8**	**7**	**56.5**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Jay Cutler, Vanderbilt	11	106	215	462	3073	3288	298.9
DJ Shockley, Georgia	12	78	322	310	2588	2910	242.5
Chris Leak, Florida	**12**	**105**	**81**	**374**	**2639**	**2720**	**226.7**
Blake Mitchell, S Car	**11**	**45**	**-130**	**315**	**2370**	**2240**	**203.6**
JaMarcus Russell, LSU	**12**	**61**	**-22**	**311**	**2443**	**2421**	**201.8**
Brandon Cox, Auburn	**11**	**44**	**-125**	**306**	**2324**	**2199**	**199.9**
Brodie Croyle, Alabama	12	64	-156	339	2499	2343	195.3
Rick Clausen, Tenn	9	25	-30	209	1441	1411	156.8
Micheal Spurlock, Miss	11	51	-20	267	1703	1683	153.0
Andre' Woodson, UK	**11**	**57**	**-133**	**253**	**1644**	**1511**	**137.4**

Mississippi St
DB Jeramie Johnson

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Patrick Willis, Mississippi	**10**	**90**	**38**	**128**	**12.8**
Moses Osemwegie, Vandy	11	83	35	118	10.7
Sam Olajubutu, Arkansas	**11**	**68**	**34**	**102**	**9.3**
Wesley Woodyard, UK	**11**	**75**	**25**	**100**	**9.1**
Ko Simpson, S Carolina	12	72	31	103	8.6
Kevin Simon, Tennessee	11	40	48	88	8.0
Kelvin Robinson, Mississippi	11	51	34	85	7.7
Greg Blue, Georgia	13	70	26	96	7.4
Muhammad Abdullah, UK	11	68	13	81	7.4
Omar Gaither, Tennessee	11	50	28	78	7.1
Quinton Culberson, Miss St	**11**	**51**	**27**	**78**	**7.1**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Felix Jones, Arkansas	**17**	**543**	**1**	**31.9**
Draak Davis, Kentucky	18	461	0	25.6
Devin Aromashodu, Aub	20	485	0	24.3
Carlos Thomas, S Car	**21**	**502**	**0**	**23.9**
Tyson Browning, Georgia	12	282	0	23.5
Lucas Taylor, Tennessee	**19**	**428**	**0**	**22.5**
David Jones, Kentucky	**15**	**328**	**0**	**21.9**
Earl Bennett, Vanderbilt	**19**	**405**	**0**	**21.3**
Derek Pegues, Miss St	**28**	**559**	**0**	**20.0**
Cassen Jackson-Garrison, Vandy	15	299	0	19.9
Skyler Green, LSU	18	355	0	19.7

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Willie Evans, Mississippi St	15	96
Quentin Moses, Georgia	**11.5**	**93**
Melvin Oliver, LSU	9	53
Parys Haralson, Tennessee	8.5	58
Stanley McClover, Auburn	8	55
Jarvis Moss, Florida	**7.5**	**54**
Mark Anderson, Alabama	7.5	42
Jason Hall, Tennessee	7	37
Quentin Groves, Auburn	**6.5**	**49**
Wayne Dickens, Auburn	6.5	33
Desmond Sims, Arkansas	**5.5**	**33**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Willie Evans, Mississippi St	21	118
Quentin Moses, Georgia	**20.5**	**125**
Parys Haralson, Tennessee	16.5	78
Mark Anderson, Alabama	14.5	62
Stanley McClover, Auburn	13.5	65
Sam Olajubutu, Arkansas	**13.5**	**38**
Jason Hall, Tennessee	13	53
Marquies Gunn, Auburn	**12.5**	**54**
Desmond Sims, Arkansas	**11.5**	**78**
DeMeco Ryans, Alabama	11.5	58

*Numbers come from SEC final statistics.

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Kody Bliss, Auburn	**12**	**44**	**1975**	**44.9**
Gordon Ely-Kelso, Georgia	**13**	**57**	**2443**	**42.9**
Blake McAdams, Miss St	**11**	**69**	**2891**	**41.9**
Jacob Skinner, Arkansas	**11**	**50**	**2091**	**41.8**
Eric Wilbur, Florida	**12**	**59**	**2459**	**41.7**
Chris Jackson, LSU	**13**	**59**	**2447**	**41.5**
Britton Colquitt, Tennessee	**11**	**59**	**2431**	**41.2**
Bryant Hahnfeldt, Vandy	**11**	**36**	**1481**	**41.1**
Josh Brown, S Carolina	12	58	2322	40.0
Jeremy Schatz, Alabama	11	60	2300	38.3
Rob Park, Mississippi	**10**	**43**	**1641**	**38.2**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Rafael Little, Kentucky	**21**	**355**	**0**	**16.9**
Thomas Flowers, Georgia	**32**	**438**	**1**	**13.7**
Skyler Green, LSU	27	359	1	13.3
Peyton Hillis, Arkansas	**16**	**165**	**0**	**10.3**
Mike Espy, Mississippi	21	169	1	8.0
Tre Smith, Auburn	**26**	**203**	**0**	**7.8**
Vernell Brown, Florida	26	197	0	7.6
Tyrone Prothro, Alabama	**11**	**81**	**0**	**7.4**
Brandon Brooks, Alabama	11	77	0	7.0
Lucas Taylor, Tennessee	**13**	**80**	**0**	**6.2**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Josh Brown, S Carolina	12	10	12	83.3	49
Chris Hetland, Florida	**12**	**13**	**16**	**81.2**	**47**
Taylor Begley, Kentucky	11	12	15	80.0	46
Brandon Coutu, Georgia	**13**	**23**	**29**	**79.3**	**58**
James Wilhoit, Tenn	**11**	**14**	**19**	**73.7**	**46**
Chris Balseiro, Arkansas	11	13	18	72.2	42
Bryant Hahnfeldt, Vandy	**11**	**12**	**17**	**70.6**	**48**
Jamie Christensen, Alabama	**11**	**16**	**25**	**64.0**	**45**
John Vaughn, Auburn	**12**	**12**	**20**	**60.0**	**39**
Chris Jackson, LSU	**13**	**10**	**19**	**52.6**	**50**

Arkansas
RB Darren McFadden

PHIL'S SEC UNIT RANKING

East Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Auburn	5	2	7	2	4	5	4	6	1
Arkansas	7	1	7	1	4	3	2	2	5
LSU	2	4	2	3	3	7	1	3	7
Alabama	9	5	5	3	4	5	6	11	8
Mississippi	8	7	11	11	11	4	7	9	12
Mississippi St	11	11	9	9	8	8	7	10	10
West Division	**QB**	**RB**	**REC**	**OL**	**DL**	**LB**	**DB**	**ST**	**CH**
Tennessee	4	7	3	5	2	8	3	7	4
Georgia	9	2	6	7	4	1	9	1	2
Florida	1	5	1	9	1	2	4	4	6
South Carolina	3	10	4	11	9	11	9	8	3
Kentucky	6	7	11	6	10	10	11	5	10
Vanderbilt	12	12	10	8	12	12	12	12	9

AUBURN TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Jason Campbell never quite lived up to Tiger fans lofty expectations until he emerged in his senior season throwing for 2,700 yards (69.6%) with a 20-7 ratio while rushing for 150 and guiding the Tigers to an undefeated season. Campbell became the first QB in Auburn history to start four bowl games and was the MVP of the last two. He was the SEC POY (#1DC WAS). Brandon Cox (PS#20) had a neuromuscular disease in '02 and grayshirted. He then redshirted in 2003 and was the 2004 backup. In seven games he threw for 357 yards (64.7%) with a 4-2 ratio. He easily beat out Calvin Booker (PS#38) and Blake Field (PS#103) for the starting job in 2005 despite having a sore shoulder most of August. Cox, a left-handed QB, had 4 int vs GT in the opener but made great strides during the season. Unfortunately he only hit 15 of 33 for 137 with 1 int in the bowl but still finished with 2,324 yards (57.8%) with a strong 15-8 ratio. Field surprisingly beat out Booker for the #2 spot and even started vs W Kentucky as Cox was a late scratch due to a stomach virus. Field played in five games and threw for 237 yards (54.8%) with a 3-0 ratio. Booker transferred in May but this unit is still vastly more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - Auburn had the best set of RB's in the country in 2004. Cadillac Williams and Ronnie Brown combined for over 2,000 yards rushing and both were taken in the first five picks of the 2005 NFL draft. RB Coach Eddie Gran not only coached Brown and Williams but also Rudi Johnson and Deuce McAllister, four highly productive NFL RB's. Power runner Carl Stewart (PS#128) was #3 in 2004 with 184 (4.7). Tre Smith (PS#27) rushed for 454 (5.7) with 3 starts in '02 including a big game vs Bama and 141 (3.8) in '03 (RS '04). Stewart and Smith returned LY along with speedy Brad Lester (PS#30) and SC transfer Kenny Irons. Irons only got one carry in the opener and was the 3rd string RB. He was given the start vs Ball St as Smith suffered an MCL injury and Stewart was also banged up. Irons rushed for 147 vs the suspension-riddled Cardinals and then 111 vs W Kentucky. He was held to 27 vs his old school (SC). Lester started vs Arkansas but hurt his groin and Irons rushed for 182. He had his best game with 218 vs LSU and would top 100 yards in six consecutive games including a 179 vs Georgia to lead the SEC in rushing. Tristan Davis (PS#49DB) has bounced between RB and DB but with all of the injuries he rushed for 209 (19.0). Lester was #2 with 339 and an impressive 6.5 ypc and Smith had 285 (5.1). This year basically everyone returns and this unit should stay healthier. They also add VHT Ben Tate (PS#11) who was in for the spring. When the team uses a FB they have Mike McLaughlin (6-1 236 So, PS#139), Andrew Turman (6-0 228 Jr) and Steven Gowland (6-4 228 rFr, PS#51TE).

RB Kenny Irons

RECEIVERS - In 2002 Tuberville brought in the tongue-tying VHT freshmen duo of Ben Obomanu (PS#23) and Devin Aromashodu (PS#27). In 2004 Courtney Taylor (PS#272) surprisingly led with 43 rec (17.1) while Aromashodu had 24 (21.4) and Obomanu 25 (14.4) and TE Cooper Wallace added 19 (15.9). Unlike the backfield, this was one of the most experienced positions on the team last season and at the end of the year, no less than four players had over 1,000 career receiving yards. Three of them depart in Obomanu (#7DC SEA, 11 st, 33 rec, 10.8), Aromashodu (#7DC MIA, 9 st, 26, 19.0) and Anthony Mix (PS#21, 23 rec, 3 st). Wallace (12 st, 20 rec) also departs. Taylor suffered a high ankle sprain early and was limited (2 st). He saw his receiving yards drop from 737 to 278. Taylor returns and they add three VHT true frosh, but this unit is less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Tigers averaged 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 18 sacks. Surprisingly last year LT Marcus McNeill opted to return for his senior season. Walk-on Joe Cope won the C job and they had three starters returning. McNeill was one of three Outland finalists and did not allow a sack in 42 straight games. The unit paved the way for 4.8 ypc while allowing just 21 sacks (6.2%). This year they lose McNeill (#2DC SD, 11 st, 1st Tm AA) who won the SEC's Jacobs Blocking Trophy, RT Troy Reddick (11 st, 3 yr st'r, HM SEC) and backup C Steven Ross. This year they return 6 with starting experience including 3 starters.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Tigers allowed just 2.7 ypc rushing but in 2004 had to replace three DL starters. Tuberville called Stanley McClover one of the best DL's he had seen as a young player and despite only starting two games was 1st Tm SEC with 7.5 sacks in '04. NG TJ Jackson was also 1st Tm SEC but Auburn allowed 3.3 ypc. Last year they once again had to replace three starters including an NFL DC but had McClover, Jackson and five of the top eight back. True frosh Sen'Derrick Marks was relentless in August and played in three as a true, but still redshirted. McClover battled an ankle injury but still had 8 sacks. The Tigers did allow 3.5 ypc. This year they must replace DT Wayne Dickens (12 st, 38 tkl, 6.5 sk), NG TJ Jackson (12 st, 41 tkl, 2 sk, 2nd Tm SEC) and McClover (#7DC CAR, 7 st, 32 tkl, 8 sk) who left early for the NFL draft. Despite the losses, this group is just as experienced as 2005.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 Auburn had to replace a 1st TM AA and 1st Tm SEC LB and had one of the smallest, but fastest, LB corps in the SEC. All three starters returned last year but Karibi Dede (216 lbs) beat out Kevin Sears (233 lbs). This year the Tigers lose Travis Williams (11 st, 68 tkl, 2nd Tm SEC) and Antarrious Williams (10 st, 51 tkl, 1.5 sk). They move three year starting FS Will Herring to SLB and Dede moves inside to MLB. Sears will try to retake a starting job but I expect VHT Tray Blackmon (PS#3DB) to grab the other spot. With the addition of Herring, this group is about as experienced as 2005.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After outstanding finishes at #18 and #16 in my pass D rankings in '01 and '02, the Tigers had to replace three starters in '03 and as expected, dropped to #41. Surprisingly in '04, despite returning four starters, they dropped even further to #53. Last year they had to replace their top two DB's including a #1DC and 2nd Tm AA. The Tigers finished #56 allowing 56.1% and only snagged 8 int. This year the only losses are CB Kevin Hobbs (24 tkl, 3 pbu), FS Tony Bell (4 tkl) and FS Will Herring who moves to SLB. Six return with starting experience and the Tigers should have their best finish in my pass D rankings in four years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tommy Tuberville's teams almost always rank in the upper half of my ST rankings. Auburn finished #18 in 2001 but surprisingly dropped to #63 in 2002 and were #39 and #19 the next two years. Last year they had to replace their top returnman but had P Kody Bliss (PS#7) who avg'd 42.3 with a net of 38.0 (38.6 net as a true) and K John Vaughn who simply had connected on 16 of 20 career FG's with a long of 43. Tuberville does not like to use his FG man for KO's and actually used three different KO men in Matt Clark (28 TB's on 52 KO's), Zach Kutch (2 on 14) and Kody Bliss (0 on 8). Bliss improved his avg to 44.9 (37.6 team net). Vaughn hit 12-20 FG on the year, missing 5 vs LSU but making 4 of 5 over the last 5 games (0-6 40+ on yr). This year they lose their top KR Devin Aromashodu (24.2) but Brad Lester had 4 returns including 1 for a TD (49.0) and PR Tre Smith (7.8) is also back. The Tigers finished #31 and should head back towards the top this year.

COACHES - Tommy Tuberville put himself on the hotseat in 2003 by saying, "We will win a National Championship in a few years". Prior to the 2003 Iron Bowl, Auburn's president, AD and L'ville HC Petrino had a clandestine meeting and it appeared Tuberville's days were numbered. He survived and actually had his contract rolled over five years. The Tigers won their next 15 games finishing '04 undefeated. Tuberville inherited a team that went 3-8 in '98 and after just missing out on a winning season in his first year, has won or shared part of the SEC West Title 5 of the last 6 years. In 2004 Al Borges became the fourth OC in as many years and the team has avg'd 32.1 and 32.2 ppg in his 2 years. Last year they had to replace outstanding DC Gene Chizik who went to Texas and '05's DC David Gibbs stuck with Chizik's terminology. This year Gibbs leaves for the NFL and the new DC is 34 year old Will Muschamp who was the DC at LSU from 2001-04. His National Title defense (2003) allowed just 11.0 ppg and 252 ypg, both tops in the NCAA. He was the asst def HC with the Dolphins last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

As mentioned in the coaching section, Tommy Tuberville's team has now won or shared the SEC West Title 5 of the last 6 years. In 2004 Auburn felt it was the best team in the country but was not allowed to play in the National Title game and instead finished #2 in the polls at 13-0. Despite coming into last year ranked just #16 in the AP poll, many felt at the end of the season that Auburn was the best team in the SEC. They tied LSU atop the SEC West at 7-1 and had the best ypg (+118.6) and ppg (+17.5) in conf play but were not able to play in the SEC Title game. Tuberville has now won 12 of the L/17 games vs Top 10 teams but last year a tough loss at LSU in OT due to missed FG's kept them from the Title game. Last year they had to replace an amazing four 1st round NFL DC's and their 12 returning starters were the 2nd fewest in the SEC. With an inexperienced backfield, the 2005 season did not start off well. Cox tossed four int vs GT and despite a 392-313 yd edge, they lost at home. The only other loss in the regular season was the OT loss to LSU although they did get a 4th down 62 yd pass to set up the game winning FG against Georgia and had the advantage of UGA QB Shockley not being 100%. They won their 4th consecutive game vs Alabama knocking off Top 10 teams in back-to-back weeks. Their weakest performance of the season by far was the bowl game where they were a 10 point favorite over Wisconsin but could not overcome the emotional Badger squad, playing in Barry Alverez's final game. There was nothing fluky about the loss as they were outgained 548-236 by an inferior team. This year they have 12 starters back including 23 seniors and their previous high was 18 in their undefeated 2004 season. Auburn has most of their tough games at home as all 4 road games are winnable. If they run the table in the SEC, they would go unbeaten as the non-conf slate is very manageable.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 12 BRANDON COX JR. 6-2 201 **PS#20**. 357 yd (65%) 4-2 ratio '04. 11 sts LY, 2324 yds (58%) 15-8 ratio. **16** Blake Field (6-2 196 So) PS#103. 1 st as rFr. **17** Jonathan Vickers (6-2 201 So).

RB 23 KENNY IRONS SR. 5-11 200 PS#44. SC trans. **1st Tm SEC** LY, 1293 yd (#1 SEC), 5.1. **28** Brad Lester (5-11 184 So) **PS#30**. 587 ttl LY. **22** Tre Smith (5-10 197 Sr) 2 st, 916 rush, 4Y.

WR 15 Prechae Rodriguez Jr. 6-4 200 **PS#43JC**. 13 rec (18.5) here LY. **84** Montez Billings (6-2 180 rFr) **PS#20**. 4.38 spd. **82** James Swinton (6-1 176 So) PS#123. Terrell Zachery **PS#18**.

WR NA Tim Hawthorne Fr. 6-3 205 **PS#7**. **3** Robert Dunn (6-0 177 So) PS#264. 2 rec true. Chris Slaughter **PS#19**. **17** Anthony Campbell (5-10 187 So) Rodgerigus Smith (6-0 181 So).

WR 86 COURTNEY TAYLOR SR. 6-2 202 5 st '03, 34 rec. 13 st '04, 43 (17.1). 2 st LY (inj), 22 rec (12.6). **25** Lee Guess (5-10 177 Sr) PS#130. 7 rec, 2Y. **1** Ulysses Alexander (6-4 200 rFr).

TE 87 Cole Bennett Sr. 6-4 261 PS#37. 5 st, 3Y, 16 rec (11.2). **5** Tommy Trott (6-5 247 rFr) **PS#6**. **83** Gabe McKenzie (6-4 252 rFr) **PS#12**. Michael Goggans is PS#44.

C 50 JOE COPE SR. 6-0 276 3 gm as bkup '04. 11 st C LY, 15 pcakes. **88** Jason Bosley (6-4 279 So) PS#363. GS '04. 2 gm bkup as "true". **91** Nathan Farrow (6-3 301 So) 1 tkl DL LY.

RG 76 TIM DUCKWORTH SR. 6-4 310 **PS#28**. 12 tkl, 2 sk DT rFr. 10 gm OT '04. 10 st RG LY, **2nd Tm SEC**. **72** Leon Hart (6-4 300 Jr) **PS#3**. 12 gm true. 12 gm LY, 1 st RG, 4 pancake.

LG 69 BEN GRUBBS SR. 6-3 301 2 st at TE as rFr. 13 sts LG '04. 12 sts LG LY, 10 pancakes. **71** Tyronne Green (6-3 317 So) PS#298DL. 4 gm rFr. **64** Michael Hatter (6-3 288 rFr).

RT 79 Jonathan Palmer Sr. 6-4 325 PS#100. 22 gm 1st 3Y. 3 sts LY (1 C, 1 G, 1 T) 3 letters. **70** Antwoin Daniels (6-5 286 So) PS#280. 7 gms rFr. MIP OL spg '06. Lee Tilley is **PS#21**.

LT 77 King Dunlap Jr. 6-8 313 PS#208. 13 gms as rFr, 1 pancake. 10 gms LY, 1 st at LT, 3 pancakes. **78** Oscar Gonzalez (6-7 294 rFr) PS#174. +14 lbs in RS year.

K 37 JOHN VAUGHN SR. 6-1 197 PS#32. 4 of 5 FG's, long 34 as true. 12 of 15 '04, long 43. 12 of 20 FG's LY, 0-6 from 40+. **18** Zach Kutch (5-9 172 So) PS#12. 52 yd FG in HS. 2 TB's LY.

DE 48 MARQUIES GUNN SR. 6-4 254 1 st, 21 tkl, 7.5 tfl '03 & '04. 12 st LY, 40 tkl, 4.5 sks, 8 tfl, 16 qbh, **2nd Tm SEC**. **41** Octavius Ballcom (6-4 247 So) PS#104LB. 4 tkl. **Bart Eddins PS#12**.

NG 99 Tez Doolittle Jr. 6-3 298 **PS#43**. 10 tkl, 1.5 sk 2Y. **97** Josh Thompson (6-0 302 Jr) PS#109. 27 tkl, 2Y. MIP DL spg '06. **95** Pat Sims (6-4 314 So) PS#77. 3 tkl, 1 tfl in '04. DNP LY.

DT NA Greg Smith Jr. 6-3 315 **PS#30JC**. 37 tfl JC. **92** Christopher Browder (6-4 260 Sr) PS#159JC. 22 tkl, 5.5 sk, DE 2Y here. Jermarcus Ricks **PS#36OL**. **94** Sen'Derrick Marks (6-2 287 rFr).

DE 54 Quentin Groves Jr. 6-3 250 **PS#27**. 23 tkl, 7.5 sk rFr. 2 st LY, 21 tkl, 6 sk. **46** Antonio Coleman (6-2 249 rFr) PS#57. **85** Alonzo Horton (6-2 246 rFr) PS#**31LB**. **93** Brandon Haley (6-3 243 Jr).

SLB 35 WILL HERRING SR. 6-3 220 PS#92QB. 36 starts @FS 3Y. **2nd TM SEC** LY, #1 tkl'r! **40** Kevin Sears (6-4 233 Sr) PS#92DB. 12 st in '04, 29 tkl. 3 st LY, 27 tkls, 3 tfl.

MLB 21 KARIBI DEDE SR. 6-0 216 6 st S rFr. 1 st LB '04, 29 tkl. 12 st OLB LY, 42 tkl. **59** Chris Evans (6-0 217 So) GS '04. 13 tkl true. **56** Courtney Harden (6-0 230 So) PS#151. 6 tkl rFr.

WLB 10 Tray Blackmon rFr. 6-0 210 **PS#3DB**. **55** Merrill Johnson (6-0 199 So) PS#207. 21 tkls as rFr. **43" VL**. Hendrick Leverette (6-0 200 Fr) PS#149. Jacob Shirey (6-0 214 rFr).

CB 4 DAVID IRONS SR. 5-11 188 JUCO. ACL '04. 11 st LY, 48 tkl, 11 pbu, **2nd Tm SEC**. **20** Patrick Lee (6-0 203 Jr) PS#153. 5 st, 9 tkl, 3 pbu LY. **39** Josh Hebert (5-10 190 Jr) 6 tkls.

CB 24 JONATHAN WILHITE JR. 5-11 182 PS#74JC. L/7 st LY, 47 tkl, 7 pbu. **19 Montavis Pitts** (6-2 195 Sr) **PS#37WR. 12 st** '04, 46 tkl. 1 st LY, 43 tkl. **29** Jerraud Powers (5-9 184 rFr) PS#78.

SS 33 ERIC BROCK JR. 6-1 213 PS#175DL. 1st 7 st LY, 35 tkl, 2 pbu. **26** Steve Gandy (6-1 198 So) PS#57. 5 sts as rFr, 31 tkl, 1 int. **28** Blake Shrader (5-10 193 So) PS#153.

FS 9 Tristan Davis So. 5-10 204 **PS#49**. RB in '05, 11 att, 209 yds (19.0). Fast! **2** Aairon Savage (5-11 187 rFr) PS#183. **14** Lorenzo Ferguson (6-2 208 So) 3 tkls, 11 gms LY.

P 30 KODY BLISS SR. 5-10 177 **PS#7**. 3 year punter. 42.9, 42.3, 44.9 avg. Nets of 38.6, 38.0 and 37.6. **1st Tm SEC**. **13** Patrick Martyn (5-10 197 Sr) 2 punts as rFr, 40.5 avg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Ben Tate 5-11 214 PS#11
WR	Tim Hawthorne 6-3 205 PS#7
DL	Bart Eddins 6-4 260 PS#12
OL	Lee Tilley 6-7 310 PS#21
QB	Neil Caudle 6-3 204 PS#14
OL	Greg Smith 6-3 315 PS#30JC
DL	Raven Gray 6-3 245 PS#25
WR	Terrell Zachery 6-1 189 PS#18
WR	Chris Slaughter 6-3 165 PS#19
RB	Mario Fannin 5-11 207 PS#16QB
OL	Jermarcus Ricks 6-4 285 PS#36
LB	Bo Harris 6-2 210 PS#45
LB	Craig Stevens 6-2 215 PS#56
QB	Steven Ensminger 6-2 210 PS#50
OL	Mike Berry 6-3 296 PS#124
TE	Michael Goggans 6-3 246 PS#44
WR	Alex Rose 6-2 177 PS#107
DL	Bryant Miller 6-4 240 PS#141
DB	Zaccheus Etheridge 5-11 175 PS#159
LB	Hendrick Leverette 6-0 200 PS#149
DL	Darrell Roseman 6-4 235 PS#181
DL	Zach Clayton 6-3 250 PS#226
K	Ryan Shoemaker 6-0 192 PS#42
DL	Mike Blanc 6-4 265 PS#384
DL	Lee Isom 6-3 265 PS#409

AUBURN TIGERS

Auburn, Alabama
Weather (334) 636-9764

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#54

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score AU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Washington St	G					
Sep. 9	at Mississippi St	G					
Sep. 16	LSU	G					
Sep. 23	Buffalo	G					
Sep. 28	at S Carolina (Thur)	G					
Oct. 7	Arkansas	G					
Oct. 14	Florida	G					
Oct. 21	Tulane (HC)	G					
Oct. 28	at Mississippi	A					
Nov. 4	Arkansas St	G					
Nov. 11	Georgia	G					
Nov. 18	at Alabama	G					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Auburn has won 12 of their last 17 games vs AP Top 10 teams including 2 wins in back-to-back weeks in 2005 (Georgia & Alabama).
Auburn has only allowed more than 30 pts once in their last 45 games.

Auburn is 17-6 SU but just 9-13 ATS vs non-conference opponents S/'98.
The Tigers are 9-3-1 ATS the last 2 years as a home favorite.

Auburn is 13-0 SU & 11-2 ATS in their 1st SEC game of the yr since '93.
The favorite is 11-3 ATS the last 14 years in this series.

AU RB Irons had a career high 218 yds rush (8.1) vs LSU LY which is the most LSU has allowed since Bama's Shaun Alexander had 291 in 1996.

The Tigers are 9-3 ATS the last 5 years as a favorite of 20.5 or more pts.
Could apply: Auburn is 7-3 ATS after a SU loss since 2002.

AU RB Kenny Irons transferred from SC due to lack of playing time.
Auburn is 11-5 ATS (13-3 SU) vs SEC East teams the last 5 years.

Auburn is 11-1 SU & 9-2-1 ATS the last 3 years as a SEC home favorite.
The favorite is 3-6 ATS in this series S/'97 (AU has won 3 in a row SU & ATS).

The last time AU hosted UF they pulled a huge upset over the #1 ranked tm in 2001.
The Tigers are 1-8 SU & 2-7 ATS the last 9 vs Florida.

Auburn is 13-17-6 SU all-time in this series with the last meeting in 1955.
AU is 4-0 SU & 3-0 ATS outscoring opp's 214-42 in their L/4 Homecoming gms.

The Tigers are 8-3 ATS the last 11 vs Ole Miss.
Including bowls, the Tigers are 4-12 ATS on artificial turf since 1991.

Auburn is 13-7-1 SU but 7-14 ATS their last 21 November home games.
Tuberville coached DE/LB's at ASU from '80-'84 as the Indians made it to the IAA playoffs.

This is the 110th meeting, AU leads 53-48-8 in the South's oldest rivalry.
The favorite has covered 5 of the last 8 years in this series.

These 2 schools have never had losing records in the same season.
Auburn is just 5-11 ATS vs Alabama in the last 16 years.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Stan White 8,016 1990-'93
Rushing: Bo Jackson 4,303 1982-'85 Receiving: Terry Beasley 2,507 1969-'71

TOMMY TUBERVILLE (Career 85-47)

8th Year at Auburn
Tuberville's SU Bowl Record: 4-3

Tuberville's records AT AUBURN

60-27	Straight Up	21-16-1	Home Favorite
42-34-1	Vs The Spread	3-3	Home Underdog
10-10	Off A SU Loss	7-6	Away Favorite
34-23-1	Vs Conference	11-9	Away Underdog
8-11	Vs Non-Conf	4-3	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (23,25,6)
Lost: 15 (8,6,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 84,161

SEC - WEST DIVISION

RB Kenny Irons

STADIUM: JORDAN-HARE STADIUM (87,451)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	9-3	7-4	8-4	7-5	12-0	9-2	57-24
Home	3-4	7-0	5-1	5-2	5-2	7-0	6-1	38-10
Away	2-2	2-3	2-3	3-2	2-3	5-0	3-1	19-14
ATS	4-6	6-6	4-7	8-3	5-6	7-4-1	8-2	42-34-1
Home Fav	1-2	4-3	2-3	2-2	3-3	4-2-1	5-1	21-16-1
Home Dog	1-2	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-2	2-0	1-1	2-2	1-1	7-6
Away Dog	2-2	1-3	1-2	3-0	1-2	1-0	2-0	11-9
Favorite	1-2	5-3	2-5	4-2	4-4	6-4-1	6-2	28-22-1
Dog	3-4	1-3	2-2	4-1	1-2	1-0	2-0	14-12
Grass	4-6	6-5	4-6	8-3	5-6	6-3-1	8-2	41-31-1
Artificial	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	3-5	5-4	3-5	6-2	4-4	6-2-1	7-1	34-23-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	1-1	8-11
Off SU Win	2-3	5-4	2-5	4-3	3-2	7-3-1	6-1	29-21-1
Off SU Loss	2-3	0-2	1-2	3-0	2-3	0-0	2-0	10-10

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kenny Irons	256	1337	44	1293	13	5.1
Brad Lester	52	347	8	339	5	6.5
Tre Smith	56	311	26	285	3	5.1
Tristan Davis	11	216	7	209	2	19.0
Carl Stewart	42	182	31	151	2	3.6
Ben Obomanu	7	147	0	147	2	21.0
Brandon Cox	44	61	186	-125	0	-2.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brandon Cox	306	177	57.8	2324	15	8
Blake Field	31	17	54.8	237	3	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Devin Aromashodu	26	494	19.0	4	62
Ben Obomanu	33	357	10.8	5	21
Anthony Mix	23	288	12.5	2	35
Courtney Taylor	22	278	12.6	1	36
Prechae Rodriguez	13	240	18.5	1	41
Cooper Wallace	20	195	9.8	1	29
Kenny Irons	14	164	11.7	0	23
Rodgeriqus Smith	6	109	18.2	0	38
Cole Bennett	9	107	11.9	2	33
Tre Smith	9	105	11.7	1	38

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kody Bliss	44	1975	44.9	7	37.6(T)	0	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
John Vaughn	50-50	6-6	6-8	0-5	0-1	12-20	39

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Will Herring	69	0.5	1.5	1	0
Travis Williams	68	2.5	3	1	1
Antarrious Williams	51	1.5	1.5	2	0
David Irons	48	0	2.5	11	0
Jonathan Wilhite	47	0	0	7	1
Montavis Pitts	43	0	1	2	1
Karibi Dede	42	1.5	3	3	1
TJ Jackson	41	2	3.5	1	0
Marquies Gunn	40	4.5	8	4	0
Wayne Dickens	38	6.5	3	0	0
Eric Brock	35	0	0	2	1
Stanley McClover	32	8	5.5	3	0
Steve Gandy	31	0	1	1	1
Kevin Sears	27	0	3	0	0
Kevin Hobbs	24	0	0.5	3	0
Quentin Groves	21	6	2	1	0
Merrill Johnson	21	0	1	0	0
Chris Evans	13	0	0.5	0	0
Christopher Browder	12	3.5	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tre Smith	26	203	7.8	0
Robert Dunn	5	36	7.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Devin Aromashodu	20	485	24.2	0
Brad Lester	4	196	49.0	1

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Peach	+2	N Carolina	10-16	L
02	Capital One	+7	Penn St	13-9	W
03	Music City	-3'	Wisconsin - #10	28-14	W
04	Sugar	-6	Virginia Tech - #9	16-13	L
05	Capital One	-10	Wisconsin - #21	10-24	L

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AUBURN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	32.2	21	194	4.8	216	57.5	12.7	-3	2005	6	15.5	16	116	3.5	199	56.1	20.3
7*	32.1	21	183	4.3	237	68.5	13.1	+4	2004	6	11.3	14	104	3.3	173	54.5	24.6
8*	26.3	19	184	4.4	192	62.5	14.3	+1	2003	8	16.3	15	93	2.7	189	53.3	17.3
6*	29.8	19	204	4.7	184	58.2	13.0	+9	2002	8	17.8	18	142	3.9	186	55.3	18.5
5	21.2	18	141	3.6	202	59.2	16.2	-1	2001	6	23.4	17	137	3.9	207	53.7	14.7
8*	24.3	18	158	4.1	209	60.4	15.1	-1	2000	4	20.5	17	103	3.4	212	56.0	15.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

AU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#16	Georgia Tech	24	23 - 50	2.2	22 - 44	342	3	23	39 - 139	3.6	17 - 36	174	1	-4
–	Mississippi St	16	41 - 118	2.9	12 - 18	202	1	10	38 - 81	2.1	12 - 21	126	5	+2
–	Ball St	25	35 - 390	11.1	17 - 22	182	0	15	29 - 93	3.2	14 - 26	127	3	+1
–	W Kentucky	20	42 - 209	5.0	13 - 22	200	0	14	34 - 155	4.6	12 - 22	187	3	+1
–	South Carolina	21	39 - 123	3.2	21 - 34	265	1	7	28 - 70	2.5	16 - 24	129	4	+1
#21	at Arkansas	28	52 - 233	4.5	17 - 26	203	2	16	30 - 148	4.9	17 - 28	174	0	0
#16	at LSU	20	38 - 230	6.1	16 - 41	221	3	17	34 - 149	4.4	16 - 33	190	0	0
#19	Mississippi	24	46 - 123	2.7	19 - 29	239	4	14	27 - 23	0.9	21 - 35	186	3	-1
#17	at Kentucky	24	49 - 388	7.9	13 - 21	201	0	20	27 - 115	4.3	26 - 43	335	4	-1
#15	at Georgia	23	46 - 227	4.9	16 - 28	279	2	22	31 - 142	4.6	20 - 36	304	2	0
#11	Alabama	13	35 - 139	4.0	14 - 21	118	1	11	37 - 33	0.9	16 - 29	155	11	-1
#7	† Wisconsin	19	35 - 99	2.8	15 - 33	137	4	24	42 - 247	5.9	15 - 27	301	3	-1
TOTALS		257	481 - 2329	4.8	195 - 339	2589	21	193	396 - 1395	3.5	202 - 360	2388	39	-3
AVERAGES		21.4	40 - 194	4.8	16 - 28	216	1.8	16.1	33 - 116	3.5	17 - 30	199	3.3	-0.3

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-21	30-0	W
Mississippi	-5'	27-21	W
at Syracuse	+2'	14-31	L
at Vanderbilt	-5	24-21	L
Mississippi St	-2'	16-14	L
Florida - #1	+23'	23-20	W
Louisiana Tech	-12'	48-41 OT	L
at Arkansas	-1	17-42	L
at Georgia	+7'	24-17	W
Alabama	-3	7-31	L
at LSU - #22	+7	14-27	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at USC - #18	+7'	17-24	W
W Carolina	NL	56-0	–
Vanderbilt	-20'	31-6	W
at Mississippi St	-3	42-14	W
Syracuse	-15	37-34 3OT	L
Arkansas	-5'	17-38	L
at Florida	+8	23-30 OT	W
LSU - #10	+3'	31-7	W
at Mississippi	-4	31-24	W
ULM	-35	52-14	W
Georgia - #7	+2'	21-24	L
at Alabama - #9	+10'	17-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
USC - #8	-3'	0-23	L
at Georgia Tech	-8'	3-17	L
at Vanderbilt	-12	45-7	W
W Kentucky	NL	48-3	–
Tennessee - #7	-1	28-21	W
at Arkansas - #7	+6	10-3	W
Mississippi St	-21	45-13	W
at LSU - #9	+3	7-31	L
ULM	-37	73-7	W
Mississippi - #20	-8	20-24	L
at Georgia - #7	+6'	7-26	L
Alabama	-7'	28-23	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
ULM	-38	31-0	L
at Mississippi St	-13'	43-14	W
LSU - #5	-1	10-9	T
The Citadel	-46	33-3	L
at Tennessee - #11	+2	34-10	W
Louisiana Tech	-26	52-7	W
Arkansas	-12'	38-20	W
Kentucky	-30'	42-10	W
at Mississippi	-16'	35-14	W
Georgia - #8	-3'	24-6	W
at Alabama	-10	21-13	L
† Tennessee - #15	-14'	38-28	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Georgia Tech	-7'	14-23	L
Mississippi St	-15	28-0	W
Ball St	-36'	63-3	W
W Kentucky	NL	37-14	–
South Carolina	-14'	48-7	W
at Arkansas	-7'	34-17	W
at LSU - #7	+6	17-20 OT	W
Mississippi	-20'	27-3	W
at Kentucky	-22'	49-27	L
at Georgia - #9	+3	31-30	W
Alabama - #8	-7	28-18	W

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - The Hogs had to replace Matt Jones (#1DC JAX) last year. He was a rare combination of size (6-6 237) and deceptive speed (4.4) with mobility being a big part of his effectiveness. As a senior he threw for 2,073 (57.2%, 15-12 ratio) and was the leading rusher (622 net, 7.5). Robert Johnson (PS#35, 4.5 spd) got a lot of work with the 1st team in practice due to Jones' injuries. He beat out Alex Mortensen (ESPN analyst Chris' son, PS#25) and Cole Barthel (PS#97) for the starting spot. Johnson's best passing game was vs Vandy when he hit 17 of 28 for 204. Although he had a strong arm, the major complaint was he did not get the ball downfield. There was talk prior to UGA that the QB job was up for grabs, however, Johnson played the entire game hitting 11 of 19 for 116 (8 completions were to the RB's). True frosh Casey Dick had been running the scout team and took off his RS vs SC to become the first Ark true frosh ever to start his first game. There was talk about how Dick was a more effective passer and led the team to a 2-2 record. Johnson threw for 124.7 ypg in his starts (56.4%, 5-6 ratio) while Dick threw for just 21.3 ypg more per start (146) completing 53.5% with a 7-4 ratio. Barthel transferred and despite all 3 talented QB's returning, they may just lose out to true frosh Mitch Mustain (PS#1) who ran the same offense that New OC Gus Malzahn (his HS coach L4Y) brings in. Also adding depth is Chad Dayton (6-2 195 So, PS#68). The group is a lot more experienced and in the new offense, should put up much better passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Nutt has a nice history of bringing in VHT RB's. Cedric Cobbs (#4DC NE) underachieved his first 3 years but led the team with 1,320 (5.8) in 2003. De'Arrius Howard (PS#7, #1 returning rusher) was hoping for the same type of senior year with 1,391 yards in his 1st 3 years. Good-sized Peyton Hillis (PS#9) was #2. In 2005 Howard was the SEC's leading rusher after 2 games and led the team after 4 with 279. Two true frosh then took over. Darren McFadden (PS#9, 210 lb, 4.3 spd) played the entire year with partially torn cartilage in his knee and had surgery after the season. He still easily beat Cobbs' school frosh rushing record (662 in '99) and became the school's first-ever frosh 1,000 yard rusher starting just the last 8 (1st Tm SEC). Felix Jones (PS#48) finished #2 in the nation in KR avg & added 626 (6.3). Departing is Howard who finished #3 on the team with 328. He had just 83 yards the last 7. FB Hillis led Ark in rec. Adding depth at TB are Michael Smith (5-7 169 rFr, PS#150), Hezekiah Smith (6-0 212 rFr, PS#118) and Ricky Don Simpson (5-6 196 Sr). This year they must also replace TB Kyle Dickerson (123 all-purp yd) and FB Brandon Kennedy (3 st, 9 yd). The Hogs have one of the top RB tandems in the country.

RECEIVERS - Ark appeared in good shape here in 2005 having 3 of the top 4 returning including good-sized (6'6") Marcus Monk and speedsters Chris Baker (4.27) and Cedric Logan (4.37). Unfortunately Baker missed the year with injury and TE Jared Hicks (8 st '04) was hampered by a high ankle sprain and played in just 6. They also had a lack of downfield passing in the 1H of the season. That was corrected when Dick took over as WR Cedric Washington had 13 rec in the first 7 and 14 in the final four. This year they will be throwing the ball more, are a more experienced unit and add Baker to the lineup. The only losses are TE Hicks (3 rec) and WR Dedrick Poole (1 st, 7 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are John Aaron Rees (6-1 201 So, PS#180), Bronson Stanley (5-11 215 rFr), Justin Snelson (6-3 196 So), Lucas Miller (6-3 188 rFr), Reggie Fish (5-7 154 So, PS#235RB), Scott Eady (5-5 160 So) and TE's Marc Winston (6-5 266 So, PS#48), Lance Thompson (6-4 242 So) and this year's fine class of true frosh.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Hogs have led the SEC in rushing 3 of the last 4 years. In 2004, Ark had zero returning starters on the O-line but still had the #2 rushing offense in the SEC (4.4) and allowed just 14 sacks as OL Coach Mike Markuson molded a top-notch unit. Last year they only had to replace one starter but then lost starting RG Zac Tubbs to an ankle injury and Matt Gilbow (2 st '04) was dismissed so 7 of the top 10 were back. Jeremy Harrell started the opener at DT but was moved to OL and started the last two at RG. C Kyle Roper (2nd Tm SEC) missed two starts so Jonathan Luigs filled in. Walk-on TE Mitch Petrus (6-5 272 So) took off his RS and had 32 snaps vs Miss St, due to the injuries. Ark started 5 different OL combo's but still led the SEC in rushing (5.0) but allowed 22 sacks (7.9%). This year the only loss is Roper (9 st) and 9 of the top 10 return including 8 with starting experience. Not even listed below are Mike Moffit (6-1 287 So, N Ariz trans), Cody Green (6-6 325 So, PS#161) and Andrew Davie (6-6 270 rFr). They are learning new blocking schemes this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The entire Hog defense was inexperienced in 2004 and Ark allowed 4.6 ypc rush. Since 1990 the Hogs had never even allowed over 4.0 ypc. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups and showed some improvement trimming the ypc to 3.6 and the sack total went from 16 to 33. That was despite losing DE Anthony Brown after 6 starts. Brown, a converted WR who has 4.4 speed, had 7 tfl. Another converted WR, Jamaal Anderson, took his place and had 34 of his 47 tackles in the last 5 with 10.5 tfl. They opted to move the other starting DE Desmond Sims to MLB and Zach Snider (11 tkl) has transferred to Tulsa and those are the only losses from this extremely deep unit. True frosh Antwain Robinson took off his RS in Nov and VHT true frosh Marcus Shavers got in one start. This year they also add a couple of VHT JC's and both star DT's are back. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Fred Bledsoe (6-3 302 Jr, PS#79OL, 6 tkl), Antoine Dinka (6-0 230 Jr, PS#279) and Charles Alexander (6-3 276 So).

LINEBACKERS - The Hogs moved from a 4-2-5 to a 4-3 alignment last year so depth at LB was thin only returning two starters. Clark Moore was moved to DE in the spring but started the first 3 at MLB. Pierre Brown then slid over from his SLB slot starting 7 at MLB. The only returning starter, Sam Olajubutu, had a phenomenal year (118 tkl, 14.5 tfl) earning 1st Tm SEC honors. This year they lose MLB Brown (9 st, 81 tkl, 3.5 sk) and Clarke Moore (3 st, 32 tkl). Desmond Sims, who had 3 starts at LB in '03 & '04 and started all 11 at DE last year, slides back to MLB TY. Freddie Fairchild played as a true frosh and has added 15 lbs of muscle while keeping his speed. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Vernon McNeal (6-0 235 Jr) and Glen Jasper (6-0 215 Sr). Depth was a concern in the spring as the backup SLB's and WLB's were walk-ons, but this is the most experienced Hog LB corps in years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - As expected in 2004 when the Hogs had to replace almost the entire 2 deep, they dropped from #27 in my pass D rankings in 2003 to #101 in 2004. Last season the Hogs had all four starters back but Darius Vinnett (10 st '04) was lost for the year in the 3rd game. Michael Coe (6 st '04) started the first 8 but lost his job to Matterral Richardson. Lerinezo Robinson, who started 8 at SS in '04, moved to CB (4 tkl). The more veteran unit moved back up to #26. This year they lose S Vickiel Vaughn (#7DC SF, 11 st, 83 tkl, 4 int) and CB Robinson but 7 of the top 8 are back. Seven returnees have starting experience. They add in plenty of VHT JC's true frosh, and CB Michael Grant led Ark's National Champion 4x100 relay team. Coe, who had 14 career starts, is listed as 2nd string. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Jamar Love (6-1 193 So, PS#63WR), Mark Bonner (6-1 188 So, 4 tkl) and Dallas Washington (6-0 205 So). They should earn a Top 20 finish in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Prior to 2001 the Hogs finished in the lower half of my ST rankings for 7 straight years. From 2001-'03 they were #14, #51 and #20. They surprisingly slipped to #74 in 2004. A pair of true frosh handled the KR duties and turned things around. Felix Jones simply finished #2 in the NCAA in KR's (31.9) and Darren McFadden was not far behind (29.0). Jacob Skinner (36.7 net '03) lost the job to true frosh Jeremy Davis (PS#30) in 2004. Skinner not only won back the job last year, he had a 38.8 net! Chris Balseiro, who hit 4 of 7 FG's in 2004, connected on 12 of 15 but then hit just 1 of 3 vs LSU and had a long of 42. RFr Brian Vavra had 13 TB's on 58 KO's. Peyton Hillis led on PR's with a 10.3 avg, but Hillis and 2 other players struggled with fumbles. The only loss is Balseiro and after an outstanding #13 finish last season, the Hogs are clearly a Top 10 contender in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Houston Nutt was the 2001 SEC Coach of Yr. Nutt is a Little Rock native and his teams are 19-1 in games played there. This year they bring in OC Gus Malzahn who was 144-36-1 as a HS coach and just happened to be top recruit Mitch Mustain's HC last year. Nutt brought in Reggie Herring from NCSt as his DC last year. Herring's NCSt D improved from allowing 421 ypg in 2003 to #1 in the NCAA allowing just 221.4 ypg in 2004. His first unit here improved by 55 ypg.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to 2004, Arkansas went to six consecutive bowl games matching a school record set by Lou Holtz ('77-'82) and Ken Hatfield ('84-'89). The Hogs are 41-13 SU at home under Houston Nutt. In 2002 Arkansas was pegged for 5th in the SEC West preseason poll but I called for them to win the crown and they did just that getting to the SEC Title game. The defending SEC West champs had 17 starters back in 2003 but finished 4th in a tough division. They beat #6 Texas and moved as high as #7, their best ranking in 14 years at 4-0. They suffered 3 straight tough losses but went 5-1 to finish 9-4. Nutt almost took the job at Nebraska but opted to stay in what was clearly a rebuilding season for the Hogs. They had the fewest amount of returning starters in the country (4) as five juniors left early for the NFL and benefitted from +11 in turnovers in '03 (see page 312). I said if Nutt got 2004's team above .500 it would be one of his best coaching feats yet. He nearly did so but came up just short at 5-6 despite playing Texas to the wire. The Hogs were outgained by 68.5 ypg in SEC play. Last year they had to replace QB Matt Jones but still were a more veteran team. Unfortunately for just the 3rd time in 61 years ('52-'53 and '96-'97), they suffered back-to-back losing seasons (see Hardcore). Despite their 2-6 record in SEC play, they outgained conf foes by 31.3 ypg and outscored them by a total of 4 points! The Hogs were -4 in the net close game category (see pg 299). This year they have the most returning starters in the league (19) and last year Ark used the most true frosh in the nation with 18 seeing action. On offense they are going to a more pass based style which is a concern but have 10 starters back on that side of the ball. They are extremely deep with starting experience and should easily outdo last year's 25.7 ppg. The Hogs are an even more veteran group than the 9 players show returning on defense and taking away the USC game, only allowed 20.1 ppg. I will call for them to have their best D since at least 1999 when they allowed just 17.8 ppg. Three of my 7 sets of power ratings call Arkansas the best team in the SEC. Ark's schedule is manageable so after 2 straight losing seasons, the Hogs are an SEC contender and will get to a big-time bowl as I call them my Most Improved Team in the nation.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB NA MITCH MUSTAIN FR. 6-3 205 **PS#1**. **11 Casey Dick** (6-2 211 So) PS#59. L/4 st true, 584 (54%). **18** Robert Johnson (6-2 216 Jr) PS#35. 7 st LY. **7** Alex Mortensen (6-2 212 So) PS#25.

TB 5 DARREN McFADDEN SO. 6-2 210 **PS#9. 1st Tm SEC true**, Last 8 st, 1113 (6.3). 4.3 spd. **25** Felix Jones (6-0 202 So) PS#48. 2 st true, 626 (6.3), 17 KR (31.9). 1 TD. 11 gms.

FB 22 PEYTON HILLIS JR. 6-2 233 **PS#9**. 2 st true, 465 all-purp yd. 10 sts LY, #1 rec 38 (10.6), 315 rush (4.8). **33** Farod Jackson (6-0 244 Jr) PS#61. **35** Kyle Payne (6-0 245 So).

SE 85 MARCUS MONK JR. 6-6 227 PS#85. 6 st, 37 (15.4) true. 11 st LY, 35 (13.6). **Damian Williams is PS#11. 28** Chris Baker (6-1 202 Jr) PS#25. **4.27 spd.** 13 rec (20.8) 2Y.

FL 10 CEDRIC WASHINGTON SR. 6-0 200 PS#79QB. 5 st '04, 17 (16.7). 7 st LY, 27 (13.5). **6** Cedric Logan (6-0 200 Jr) PS#61. 1 st, 6 rec. Rod Coleman (6-2 182 rFr) PS#94.

TE 89 WES MURPHY SR. 6-3 265 PS#171DL. 33 tkls 2Y. 5 st at TE in '05, 1 rec. **80** Mason Templeton (6-7 270 Jr) PS#119. 5 st, 9 rec, 22 gm, 2Y. **Ben Cleveland is PS#22.**

C 63 JONATHAN LUIGS SO. 6-4 305 PS#179. 10 st rFr (7RG, 3C), 53 kd. **68** Tyler Morgan (6-6 296 Sr) PS#161. 1 st at RG LY. 11 gm 3Y. LS **51** Brett Goode (6-1 228 Sr).

RG 61 ROBERT FELTON JR. 6-4 319 PS#114. 5 st rFr, 344 snaps. 11 st RT LY, 45 kd. **67 Jeremy Harrell** (6-2 300 Sr) PS#112. 11 st DT 3Y, 63 tkl. Last 2 st RG last year.

LG 74 STEPHEN PARKER SR. 6-4 310 11 st at LG '04, 56 kd. 10 st at LG LY, 46 kd. **60** Chase Pressley (6-4 308 Sr) PS#32DL. 2 st, 3Y. **56** Colin Tucker (6-4 292 rFr) PS#113.

RT 69 Zac Tubbs Sr. 6-6 335 PS#167. 2 st '02 & '03. First 5 st until inj '04. RS LY. **75** Nate Garner (6-6 317 Jr) PS#130. 16 gm 2Y. **62** Michael Aguirre (6-6 305 rFr) PS#294.

LT 66 TONY UGOH SR. 6-5 304 **PS#44**. 8 gm rFr. 10 st LT '04. 11 st LT LY, 64 kd. **78** Jose Valdez (6-6 311 So) PS#81. 1 gm, in for spg. **58** Joey Crossland (6-5 295 rFr) PS#76.

K 50 Jeremy Davis So. 5-9 195 PS#30. 25 (39.2) true. RS LY. **52** Brian Vavra (5-11 175 So) 52 yd FG in HS. 13 TB's on 58 KO's LY. Dan Bailey PS#60. Walk-on. 51 TB's Sr in HS.

DE 92 JAMAAL ANDERSON JR. 6-6 268 PS#76WR. 18 tkl true. Last 5 st LY, 47 tkl (34 in L5), 4 sk, 6.5 tfl. **97** Antwain Robinson (6-3 250 So) PS#71LB. 3 tfl LY. **96 Michael Hall** (6-4 238 rFr) **PS#34TE.**

DT 55 MARCUS HARRISON JR. 6-3 315 PS#108. 10 st as true, 31 tkl. 9 st LY, 37 tkl, 5 tfl. **90** Ernest Mitchell (6-2 281 So) **PS#67**. 6 tkl, 9 gms rFr. Freddie Barnett was PS#44 in '04.

DT 99 KEITH JACKSON SR. 6-0 300 PS#114. 1 st, 26 tkl, 5 tfl '04. **2nd Tm SEC LY**, 74 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **93 Marcus Shavers** (6-3 270 So) **PS#20**. 1 st true. **98** Cord Gray (6-2 272 So) PS#77.

DE 91 Anthony Brown Sr. 6-6 235 PS#71JC. **4.4 spd WR**. 6 st DE until inj LY, 7 tfl. Chris Wade PS#58JC. **41** De'Andre Bryant (6-6 217 rFr) PS#528DB. Cole Warhurst (6-3 238 Jr).

WLB 24 SAM OLAJUBUTU SR. 5-9 229 8 st, 85 tkl rFr. 8 st '04, 52 tkl (inj). **1st Tm SEC LY**, 11 st, 118 tkl, **14.5 tfl. Van Stumon** is **PS#31**. **51** JP Square (5-10 215 rFr).

MLB 23 DESMOND SIMS SR. 6-3 226 PS#112WR. 3 st LB '03 & '04, 69 tkl, 5 tfl. 11 st DE LY, 63 tkl, 5.5 sk. **30** Weston Dacus (6-2 223 Jr) PS#63RB. 1 st, 26 tkl. **53** Brandon Sturdivant (5-11 222 So).

SLB 44 FREDDIE FAIRCHILD SO. 6-2 215 PS#168. 9 st true, 59 tkl, 6 tfl. SEC Fr Tm. Added 15 lbs of muscle. **36** Matt Stoltz (6-3 220 So) PS#41. LSU transfer. Wendel Davis is PS#141.

CB 2 CHRIS HOUSTON JR. 5-11 178 PS#96. 13 st, 2Y, 9 pbu. **4 Darius Vinnett** (5-9 168 Sr) **10 st '04**. 2 st, Inj LY. **20** John Johnson (5-10 200 Sr) PS#64WR. 2 st, 13 tkl '04. 23 tkl LY.

CB 16 MATTERRAL RICHARDSON JR. 6-0 193 13 tkl as true. 8 st LY (5FS, 3CB) 44 tkl, 6 pbu. **19** Michael Coe (6-1 180 Sr) **14 st**, 55 tkl, 5 int, 10 pbu 2Y. **17** Shedrick Johnson (5-10 182 So).

SS 6 RANDY KELLY SR. 6-0 194 PS#100JC. 10 st 2Y, 86 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Kevin Woods (5-10 195 Jr) 35 tkl 2Y. John West (6-2 195 Jr) PS#59JC. **34** Desmond Williams (6-2 208 So) **PS#43**.

FS 8 Michael Grant Jr. 5-11 185 **PS#32. 4.31 spd.** Track Tm. 49 tkl, 3 int, 8 pbu 2Y. **38** Elston Forte (6-1 200 So) PS#93. 5 tkl as true. **39 Kevin Thornton** (6-2 200 rFr) **PS#33.**

P 14 JACOB SKINNER SR. 6-3 212 NFL leg. 52 (39.9) true. 29 (36.6) '04. 50 punts last year, 41.8 average, **38.8 net,** 15 inside the 20! Mitchell Smith (5-11 220 rFr) PS#87.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Mitch Mustain 6-3 205 PS#1
WR	Damian Williams 6-2 188 PS#11
DL	Freddie Barnett 6-2 300 PS#44 in '04
LB	Van Stumon 6-3 238 PS#31
OL	Jim Hart 6-6 295 PS#34
DE	Chris Wade 6-6 255 PS#58JC
DB	John West 6-2 205 PS#59JC
TE	Ben Cleveland 6-5 248 PS#22
WR	Carlton Salters 6-0 185 PS#55
WR	London Crawford 6-3 205 PS#56
DB	Ramon Broadway 5-10 185 PS#61
DB	Dan Kreamer 6-1 198 PS#59
DB	Chip Gregory 6-4 215 PS#63
WR	Andrew Norman 6-2 180 PS#64
DB	Matt Hewitt 6-3 208 PS#219JC
LB	Wendel Davis 6-1 210 PS#141
WR	Dee Williams 6-2 200 PS#150
DB	Jerell Norton 6-1 180 PS#220WR
DL	Donnell Sanders 6-3 225 PS#251
OL	DeMarcus Love 6-5 295 PS#271
DL	Malcolm Sheppard 6-3 250 PS#272
LB	Adrian Davis 6-4 200 PS#354DB
RB	Torian Wilkins 5-9 185 PS#325
K	Dan Bailey 6-0 212 PS#60
RB	Ryan Powers 6-2 200 PS#515
WR	Marques Wade 6-4 185 PS#485
WR	Allen Gardner 6-6 210 PS#485
OL	Ray Dominguez 6-5 260 PS#562

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

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9th Year at Arkansas — Nutt's SU Bowl Record: 2-4

Nutt's records AT ARKANSAS

57-40	Straight Up	21-17	Home Favorite
48-40	Vs The Spread	9-4	Home Underdog
17-12	Off A SU Loss	5-9	Away Favorite
35-30	Vs Conference	13-10	Away Underdog
13-10	Vs Non-Conf	7-6	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (26,24,3)
Lost: 13 (8,4,1)

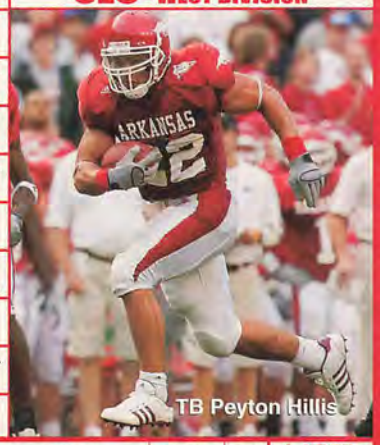
2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 63,678

SEC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#73

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	USC	G						The Razorbacks are 9-5 ATS in SEC openers since 1992. UA had B2B losing seasons for just the 3rd time in school history LY ('52-'53 & '96-'97). Arkansas is 3-10 ATS in their 1st road game since 1993.
Sep. 9	Utah St	G						The Hogs are 0-4 ATS vs Pac 10 teams all-time. USC won 70-17 in '05! Arkansas is 9-4 ATS as a home dog under Nutt.
Sep. 16	at Vanderbilt	G						Arkansas is 11-6 ATS the last 4 years after a SU loss. Razorbacks are 13-0 SU & 6-4 ATS vs current WAC members all-time.
Sep. 23	Alabama	G						Arkansas is 4-2 SU & 3-1 ATS vs Vandy, but last year UA lost 28-24 after having a 24-13 lead as 10' pt home favs but were 4-1 as a road dog in 2005.
Sep. 30								The home team is 5-3 ATS in this series the last 8 years. The Razorbacks are 7-5 SU, but 9-2 ATS the L/12 games prior to a bye.
Oct. 7	at Auburn	G						Arkansas is 8-12-1 ATS following a bye since 1994. The home team is 8-4 ATS in this series the last 12 years.
Oct. 14	SE Missouri St	G						The Redhawks finished with a 2-9 record LY in Div IAA Ohio Valley Conf. Coming into 2006: Arkansas is 24-2 SU vs non-conference under Nutt.
Oct. 21	Mississippi	G						The home team is 9-3-1 ATS in this series since 1993. The favorite is 10-3-1 ATS in this series since 1992.
Oct. 28	ULM *(Little Rock)*	A						Arkansas is 20-0 SU, but 5-8 ATS vs current Sun Belt Conference teams. Razorbacks are 12-7 ATS in Little Rock under Houston Nutt.
Nov. 4	at South Carolina	G						Arkansas is 4-1 ATS in this series since 2001. Arkansas is 7-4 SU & 8-3 ATS the last 11 November away games.
Nov. 11	Tennessee	G						Arkansas is 1-5 SU, but 5-1 ATS vs Tennessee since 1997. The last meeting in '02 was decided in 6 OT's (41-38 UT win in Knoxville).
Nov. 18	at Mississippi St	G						The favorite is 3-11 ATS in this series all-time. The home team has covered the last 4 in this series.
Nov. 24	LSU (Fri) *(Little Rock)*	A						LSU is the only team to beat UA SU in Nutt's hometown of Little Rock (19-1 SU). UA is 1-3 ATS vs LSU L4Y & has only been favored once in the L6Y.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Clint Stoerner 7,422 1996-'99
Rushing: Ben Cowins 3,570 1975-'78 Receiving: Anthony Lucas 2,879 1995-'99



STADIUMS: RAZORBACK (72,000) GRASS
WAR MEMORIAL (LITTLE ROCK 53,727) AstroPlay

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	7-4	9-4	8-4	5-6	4-7	46-34
Home	6-0	5-2	6-1	6-2	5-2	4-3	3-3	35-13
Away	1-4	1-3	1-3	3-2	3-2	1-3	1-4	11-21
ATS	6-5	5-5	6-4	6-7	6-6	6-5	6-4	41-36
Home Fav	4-1	1-1	1-2	3-5	3-4	3-1	2-2	17-16
Home Dog	1-0	2-2	3-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	8-4
Away Fav	1-4	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-0	4-6
Away Dog	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	4-1	12-10
Favorite	5-5	1-1	1-2	4-6	5-4	3-2	2-2	21-22
Dog	1-0	4-4	5-2	2-1	1-2	3-3	4-2	20-14
Grass	6-5	5-5	6-4	5-4	4-5	6-3	3-4	35-30
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	2-1	0-2	3-0	6-6
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	5-3	4-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	29-28
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-1	1-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	1-1	12-8
Off SU Win	3-4	2-3	6-1	2-7	5-3	2-3	2-2	22-23
Off SU Loss	2-1	3-2	0-2	3-0	1-2	3-2	4-2	16-11

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darren McFadden	176	1181	68	1113	11	6.3
Felix Jones	99	662	36	626	3	6.3
De'Arrius Howard	63	359	31	328	2	5.2
Peyton Hillis	65	327	12	315	3	4.8
Kyle Dickerson	18	98	5	93	0	5.2
Robert Johnson	37	112	92	20	0	0.5
Casey Dick	14	3	96	-93	0	-6.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Robert Johnson	158	89	56.3	876	5	6
Casey Dick	99	53	53.5	584	7	4
Alex Mortensen	17	6	35.3	63	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marcus Monk	35	476	13.6	7	55
Peyton Hillis	38	402	10.6	4	45
Cedric Washington	27	365	13.5	1	47
Felix Jones	8	100	12.5	0	23
Cedric Logan	6	65	10.8	1	24
Darren McFadden	14	52	3.7	0	12
Dedrick Poole	7	35	5.0	0	13
Mason Templeton	3	33	11.0	0	13
Jared Hicks	3	18	6.0	0	9

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jacob Skinner	50	2091	41.8	21	38.8	0	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Balseiro	31-32	5-6	7-8	1-4	0-0	13-18	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Sam Olajubutu	118	4.5	10	3	0
Vickiel Vaughn	83	0	1	5	4
Pierre Brown	81	3.5	1	1	0
Keith Jackson	74	2.5	4	1	0
Desmond Sims	63	5.5	5	2	0
Freddie Fairchild	59	2	4	1	0
Randy Kelly	58	2	0	2	1
Jamaal Anderson	47	4	6.5	1	0
Matterral Richardson	44	1	0.5	6	0
Marcus Harrison	37	1	4	0	0
Clarke Moore	32	1	1	0	0
Michael Coe	31	0	1	8	3
Weston Dacus	26	1.5	0	1	0
Anthony Brown	24	0	7	0	0
John Johnson	23	0	2	2	0
Michael Grant	22	1	1	7	3
Chris Houston	20	0	1	8	0
Darius Vinnett	14	0	0	2	0
Kevin Woods	12	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Peyton Hillis	16	165	10.3	0
Michael Coe	8	63	7.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Felix Jones	17	543	31.9	1
Darren McFadden	12	348	29.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Cotton	+5'	Texas	27-6	W
00	Las Vegas	+1	UNLV	14-31	L
01	Cotton	+13	Oklahoma - #10	3-10	W
02	Music City	-7'	Minnesota	14-29	L
03	Independence	-2'	Missouri	27-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Arkansas' All-Time SU Bowl Record 11-20-3

ARKANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	25.7	19	217	5.0	144	53.6	14.0	-1	2005	7	24.6	18	133	3.6	209	50.9	13.9
1*	29.8	20	187	4.4	211	56.6	13.3	-3	2004	3	24.5	19	180	4.6	217	59.9	16.2
9*	33.5	21	242	5.0	189	54.9	12.9	+11	2003	8	23.5	19	157	4.0	187	53.4	14.7
7	26.4	18	219	4.8	135	49.5	13.4	+17	2002	7	19.8	19	114	3.2	235	55.3	17.6
6	24.5	17	166	3.7	136	48.0	12.3	+4	2001	8	23.3	18	139	3.7	223	55.8	15.6
4	23.2	18	147	3.9	175	50.0	13.9	-8	2000	5	24.1	16	149	3.9	158	48.6	12.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

UA 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Missouri St	27	51 - 483	9.5	13 - 25	108	0	14	39 - 178	4.6	12 - 28	160	1	0
–	Vanderbilt	20	43 - 194	4.5	17 - 30	204	1	22	33 - 130	3.9	23 - 45	278	3	0
–	at USC	21	52 - 197	3.8	12 - 26	129	3	32	33 - 291	8.8	23 - 34	445	1	-2
–	at Alabama	14	40 - 237	5.9	11 - 27	81	2	16	37 - 128	3.5	13 - 27	173	3	-2
–	ULM	29	49 - 321	6.6	12 - 20	119	1	19	42 - 177	4.2	15 - 36	150	2	0
–	Auburn	16	30 - 148	4.9	17 - 28	174	0	28	52 - 233	4.5	17 - 26	203	2	0
–	at Georgia	16	49 - 216	4.4	11 - 20	116	4	14	30 - 52	1.7	11 - 19	165	4	0
–	South Carolina	17	48 - 219	4.6	12 - 24	137	3	16	33 - 45	1.4	12 - 25	142	4	0
–	at Mississippi	17	40 - 89	2.2	17 - 24	175	2	14	34 - 10	0.3	21 - 40	316	4	0
–	Mississippi St	19	45 - 247	5.5	14 - 26	132	2	11	33 - 106	3.2	11 - 27	77	7	+1
–	at LSU	12	34 - 35	1.0	14 - 30	206	4	16	37 - 108	2.9	13 - 29	194	1	+2
TOTALS		208	481 - 2386	5.0	150 - 280	1581	22	202	403 - 1458	3.6	171 - 336	2303	33	-1
AVERAGES		18.9	44 - 217	5.0	14 - 25	144	2.0	18.4	37 - 133	3.6	16 - 31	209	2.9	-0.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UNLV	-5	14-10	L
Tennessee - #8	+13	3-13	W
at Alabama	+10	10-31	L
at Georgia	+10	23-34	L
Weber St	NL	42-19	–
South Carolina - #9	+9	10-7	W
Auburn - #17	+1	42-17	W
at Mississippi	+6	58-56 7OT	W
UCF	-5'	27-20	W
Mississippi St	-7'	24-21	L
at LSU	+9'	38-41	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boise St	-7'	41-14	W
South Florida	-13'	42-3	W
Alabama	-6'	12-30	L
at Tennessee - #10	+11	38-41 6OT	W
at Auburn - #24	+5'	38-17	W
Kentucky	-10'	17-29	L
Mississippi	-8	48-28	W
Troy	-24	23-0	L
at South Carolina	-4'	23-0	W
Louisiana-Lft	-34	24-17	L
at Mississippi St	-11'	26-19	L
LSU - #18	-5	21-20	L
† Georgia - #4	+8	3-30	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulsa	-37'	45-13	L
at Texas - #6	+13'	38-28	W
North Texas	-21	31-7	W
at Alabama	-1'	34-31 2OT	W
Auburn	-6	3-10	L
Florida	-4'	28-33	L
at Mississippi	+1	7-19	L
at Kentucky	-4'	71-63 7OT	W
South Carolina	-7'	28-6	W
New Mexico St	-30	48-20	L
Mississippi St	-27	52-6	W
at LSU - #3	+9'	24-55	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico St	-21	63-13	W
Texas - #7	+12	20-22	W
ULM	-31	49-20	L
Alabama	-4'	27-10	W
at Florida - #16	+7'	30-45	L
at Auburn - #4	+12'	20-38	L
Georgia - #10	+8'	14-20	W
at South Carolina	+3'	32-35	W
Mississippi	-9'	35-3	W
at Mississippi St	-10	24-21	L
LSU - #14	+3'	14-43	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Missouri St	NL	49-17	–
Vanderbilt	-10'	24-28	L
at USC - #1	+30	17-70	L
at Alabama - #20	+15	13-24	W
ULM	-26	44-15	W
Auburn - #21	+7'	17-34	L
at Georgia - #4	+19'	20-23	W
South Carolina	-4'	10-14	L
at Mississippi	+1'	28-17	W
Mississippi St	-13'	44-10	W
at LSU - #3	+17'	17-19	W

LSU TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Marcus Randall had six starts (2-4 record) in 2002 but lost his job to Matt Mauck in 2003. In 2004 Mauck was a #7DC of DEN and Randall battled good-sized JaMarcus Russell (6-6 252, PS#4) and Matt Flynn (PS#17). Randall was the better runner while Russell was the better passer. The two players shared duties for six games with both playing better coming off of the bench. Russell led a 2H comeback vs Oregon St and Randall threw the game winning TD pass with :27 vs Florida. In the bowl when Randall was injured, surprisingly it was Flynn who came in and handed off to Alley Broussard for a 74 yard TD. Russell did come in trailing 24-12 and led the comeback including a TD with :46 left. Russell and Flynn returned last year and they signed Ryan Perrilloux (PS#1) who picked LSU over Texas because he wanted to play right away. Russell won the job and hit 21 of 24 vs Miss St setting a school completion % record for over 20 att. Russell tore a ligament in his right wrist vs Florida and then separated his shoulder in the SEC Title game. He threw for 2,443 (60.5%) with a 15-9 ratio but dropped passes were a problem. Flynn started the bowl and was Bowl Off MVP hitting 13 of 22 for 196 (2 TD's) while rushing for 39. His backup in the bowl was WR Skyler Green as Perrilloux redshirted. Russell missed the spring but all three QB's return making this a very deep and talented group.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 LSU had to replace their top two RB's but had Joseph Addai (PS#17), who had 438 (5.5), as a rFr and Shyrone Carey (PS#22, 4.3 spd, 257 yd) returning. Justin Vincent (PS#9) began the season fifth on the depth chart but finished with four straight 100 yard games and was MVP of both the SEC Title game and bowl rushing for 1,001 (6.5). True frosh Alley Broussard (PS#8) rushed for 389 (4.6). Addai, despite injuries, had 520 (4.6) and Carey 338 (4.3). In 2004 Vincent lost his starting spot after fumbling twice but did not pout about his demotion to 4th string. He simply earned the team's Sp Tms MVP Award and also rushed for 322 (4.2). Broussard emerged as a powerful runner and set a school record with 250 yards vs Ole Miss finishing with 867 (6.1). Addai added 680 (6.7) and Carey 112 (4.0). All four returned in '05 along with FB Kevin Steltz who benches 605 lbs. Broussard suffered a knee injury in Aug and missed the season. Addai was leading the SEC in rushing (107 ypg) when he sprained his ankle vs N Texas. He was not 100% again until the bowl where he rushed for 130. The team was 5-0 when he topped 100 yds. This year Addai (#1DC IND, 12 st), Carey (234 yd) and FB Steltz (11 st) depart and Broussard is one year removed from his ACL injury, so the question is can he be as effective as 2004? Vincent (488, 4.0) tore his ACL in the bowl and will not return until August. Antonio Robinson (6-1 206 rFr, PS#15) and RJ Jackson (6-0 205 rFr, PS#12) as well as grayshirt Trindon Holliday (5-5 165, PS#156) should see plenty of action. They add two VHT in true frosh Charles Scott (PS#7) and the top prep school RB in the country, Keiland Williams, who was recruited by USC. I look for increased rushing production as in '05 LSU only avg 3.8 ypc, their lowest in five years.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 Former HC Saban brought in an incredible frosh class with the PS#1, PS#2 and PS#5 WR's. The top returning receiver, Skyler Green, who had 48 rec in 2003, was limited with a high ankle sprain and only started 5 (24 rec). Craig Davis (PS#30) led with 43 (15.3) while Dwayne Bowe had three TD's in the first two games (two others called back) and finished with 39 rec and 5 TD's. Basically everyone returned last year and the unit had a pair of Olympic-caliber track men in Bennie Brazell (PS#45) and Xavier Carter (PS#2). Bowe is 6'3" with great leaping ability and led the team with 41 rec (17.3). Davis, in just 6 starts, had 35 (16.0) and the dangerous returnman Green had 32 rec (8.4). This year they must replace Green (#4DC DAL, 4 st), Brazell (#7DC CIN, 2 st, 13 rec) and TE David Jones (4 st, 12 rec). Dropped passes plagued the group last year and despite the losses, I look for the receiving corps to have a stronger season in 2006.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers' 2004 O-line opened holes for 4.6 ypc rushing but allowed 33 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter. Surprisingly the Tigers only avg'd 3.8 ypc rushing (lowest in 5 years) but trimmed the sack total to 26. LT Andrew Whitworth (#2DC CIN) set a school record with 52 straight starts and was 2nd Tm AA. He will be missed as will C Rudy Niswanger (12 st, 2nd Tm SEC, 2 yr st'r), RG Nate Livings (13 st, HM SEC, 3 yr st'r) and LG Terrell McGill (5 st). Niswanger was thought to be out for awhile after suffering an ankle injury vs Miss St but gutted it out the rest of the season and did not miss a game. Five players return with starting experience and including this year's true frosh, there are 14 VHT's in the unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - LSU's defense allowed 2.3 ypc rush in their National Title year. They had to replace #2 and #5 DC's and slipped a little to 2.9. Last year they had to replace a #1DC but had 6 of their top 8 back. Although projected starting DE Kirston Pittman did miss the year with a foot injury, overall they had a great front four. They included some DT's that could put pressure on the QB and allowed just 92 ypg rush (3.0 ypc) while the D had 38 sacks. This year they lose DE Melvin Oliver (#6DC SF, 13 st, 69 tkl, 9 sk), DT Kyle Williams (#5DC BUF, 13 st, 61 tkl, 4.5 sk, 2nd Tm AA), DT Claude Wroten (#3DC STL, 12 st, 49 tkl, 6 sk, 1st Tm SEC) and DT Brandon Washington (4 tkl). Four of the top 8 are back and naturally the unit is loaded with VHT's, but the defensive front looks to be down a few notches in 2006.

LINEBACKERS - The Tigers only had to replace one LB starter in 2005 but projected starting WLB EJ Kuale broke his ankle and missed the first 6 games. Jason Spadoni, who moved from RB in the fall, got in one start. JUCO Kenneth Hollis, who reported heavy at 256 lbs, trimmed 30 lbs and started 9. Ali Highsmith filled the vacant spot with 9 starts and was the #2 tackler. This year they lose BLB Kenneth Hollis (9 st, 45 tkl), MLB Cameron Vaughn (13 st, #1 tkl'r) and Kuale (2 st, 14 tkl). There are six VHT's in the 3 deep, so this is a solid unit but it is less experienced than the 2005 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In the last 4 years the Tigers have finished #6, #1, #5 and #5 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace a pair of NFL DC's but had 6 of the top 8 back. This year they lose CB's Ronnie Prude (13 st, 54 tkl), Mario Stevenson (13 tkl) and Jeffrey Jack (8 tkl). Once again 6 of the top 8 return and I expect a bigger contribution from Colorado transfer Sammy Joseph (PS#12). The Tigers should have another outstanding secondary in 2006.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Saban inherited the #98 ST unit and in his 5 years here they moved up to #52, #8, #11, #1 and #23. Miles ST's finished #3, #18, #3 and #11 at Okla St and basically had everyone back here in '05. Chris Jackson improved his net punting to 39.0 and also had 26 TB's on 70 KO's. He hit his first 3 FG's but then hit just 4 of 13 including 3 misses vs Alabama. Many of Jackson's misses were from long range. LSU did hit 5 of their last 6 FG's with Jackson finishing 10 of 19 and a long of 50. In the Arizona St game, they ret'd both a blocked FG and a blocked punt for TD's in the 4Q. Colt David hit 4 of 5 but his long was 35. Skyler Green led the NCAA in PR's in 2003 and avg'd 13.3 on PR's and 19.7 on KR's last year. Green departs but Jackson and David are back and there are a plethora of VHT's on hand. ST coach Bradley Dale Peveto's unit ranked #10 last year and could finish in the Top 10 again in 2006.

COACHES - Les Miles did a fine job at Okla St with his resume including two big upsets over rival OU. Those wins helped the Cowboy program gain confidence obtaining 3 straight winning seasons with bowl trips (ending the school's 4-year bowl drought). His OC is Jimbo Fisher who is in his 7th year in that role here and was the OC at Cincinnati prior. Miles made an excellent hire in DC Bo Pelini who was the co-DC at Oklahoma in '04 and the Nebraska DC in 2003 and their interim HC in NU's bowl win.

PHIL'S FORECAST

LSU nearly went undefeated in '03 going 11-1 in the regular season. They then blew out Georgia in the SEC Title game and upset an outstanding Oklahoma team in the Sugar Bowl. That gave them the BCS Title and a National Title split with USC behind the best defense in the country. In 2004, despite a rough schedule including three road games to Auburn, Georgia and Florida all within a four week span, LSU was 9-2 in the regular season and suffered a tough bowl loss to Iowa on the last play. That 2004 squad had just 9 scholarship seniors, the fewest in the SEC. Last year the Tigers had to replace HC Nick Saban and unfortunately had practices (and so much more) disrupted due to Hurricane Katrina. They had to postpone their opening game vs North Texas and their second game was moved to Tempe as they faced Ariz St on the road. The Tigers still won the opener and led Tenn 24-7 in the 4Q but due to their lack of practice time, many players hobbled off the field cramping. They allowed a late Vol comeback and lost in OT or could have finished the regular season unbeaten. #5 LSU knocked off undefeated #4 Alabama on the road 16-13 in OT (highest ranked foe they'd ever beaten on the road) but were throttled in the SEC Title game. Playing with a backup QB in the bowl, they waxed #9 Miami (FL), 40-3. Last year was the first time LSU defeated Auburn, Alabama and Florida all in the same season. LSU was -9 in turnovers, nearly qualifying for my Turnovers=Turnaround article, but benefitted from 4 net close wins (see pg 299). The offense loses 3 of their top 4 rushers and 3 starting OL but has great depth at QB and could top last year's 29.5 ppg. On defense the Tigers must replace six of their top nine tacklers. The five returning starters are the fewest since 1993 when they allowed 28.0 ppg, their highest total since that year. This year's D has more athletic talent than that group but will likely allow their highest ppg since 2001. LSU "earned" 23 points in my Draft Day Party Hangover (see pg 308). My power ratings call LSU's offense #1 in the SEC and their defense #3. Even though they're one of the most talented teams, they also have the most difficult schedule in the SEC. They have to face Aub, Fla, Tenn and Ark all on the road and their 11 returning starters are 3rd fewest in the league. Even with that schedule, this team is capable of another big season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 4 JaMARCUS RUSSELL JR. 6-6 252 **PS#4**. 14-2 st'r, 3496, (57%), 24-13 ratio, 283 rush. **15 Matt Flynn** (6-3 228 Jr) **PS#17**. 556, (53%), 8-1 ratio, 2Y. **11 Ryan Perrilloux** (6-2 222 rFr) **PS#1**.

TB 22 Alley Broussard Jr. 6-0 237 **PS#8**. 8 st '04. 1256, (5.5), 2Y. ACL LY. **25** Justin Vincent (5-10 219 Sr) **PS#9**. 13 st, 1811 (5.2), 3Y. **34** Antonio Robinson (6-1 206 rFr) is **PS#15**.

FB 18 Jacob Hester Jr. 6-0 232 **PS#38**. 1 st, 2Y, 237 rush, (5.3) 13 rec. **42** Steven Korte (6-1 237 So) **PS#41**. 25 yd LY. **40** Shawn Jordan (5-11 236 Jr) PS#48. Quinn Johnson (6-2 224 So).

WR 3 CRAIG DAVIS SR. 6-2 199 **PS#30**. 8 st, 43 (15.3) 2004. 6 st LY, 35 (16.0). **23 Xavier Carter** (6-3 198 Jr) **PS#2. #1 SEC 200m**. 9 rec 2Y. 1 Brandon LaFell (6-3 181 rFr) **PS#36**.

WR 80 DWAYNE BOWE SR. 6-3 217 PS#62. 9 rec (11.8) true. 10 st '04, 39 (15.3). 8 st LY, 41 (17.3). **9** Early Doucet (6-0 206 Jr) **PS#1**. 2 st, 18 (14.3) as true. 6 st, 26 (15.0) LY.

TE 89 KEITH ZINGER SR. 6-4 259 **PS#11**. 10 st, 2 (11.5) '04. 11 st, 7 (14.9) LY. **81** Mit Cole (6-4 260 Jr) PS#25. **83** Kyle Anderson (6-5 266 rFr) PS#16. **88** Alonzo Manuel (6-3 234 Sr).

C 74 Brett Helms So. 6-2 290 **PS#53**. 2 gm true, Med RS. 2 st LG LY (injury). **63 Ryan Miller** (6-6 302 So) **PS#13**. 1 st rFr (inj). **85** Doug Planchard (6-3 281 Sr) **PS#57DL**.

RG 75 BRIAN JOHNSON SR. 6-4 297 **PS#40**. 9 gm rFr. 5 st, 392 snaps '04. 12 st, 689 plays LY. **78** Paris Hodges (6-5 315 Sr) PS#220. **55** Andrew Decker (6-3 275 So) **Toledo trans.**

LG 73 WILL ARNOLD JR. 6-4 322 **PS#36**. 7 st '04. 6 st LY (inj), **2nd Tm SEC**, 363 snaps. **79** Herman Johnson (6-7 339 So) **PS#9**. 1 st, 121 snap LY. **69** Garett Wibel (6-3 287 Sr) **PS#39**. 10 gm, 3Y.

RT 77 Peter Dyakowski Sr. 6-5 294 14 gm, 3Y. #2DC CFL Calgary '06. **71** Carnell Stewart (6-4 294 Jr) **PS#32DL**. Moved to OT this year. **66** Max Holmes (6-4 280 rFr) **PS#85**.

LT NA Philip Loadholt So. 6-9 345 **PS#46JC**. Huge. 88" wingspan. **70** Ciron Black (6-4 318 rFr) **PS#21**. **61** Josh Dicharry (6-2 300 Sr) Powerlifting champ in HS. 5 games, 2Y.

K 41 CHRIS JACKSON SR. 5-11 174 **PS#9**. 5 of 8 FG's as true. 11 of 17 '04, long 53. 10 of 19 LY, long 50. **6** Colt David (5-9 182 So) 4-5 FG's LY. **39** Ryan Gaudet (5-6 154 Sr) 6-8 FG '04.

DE 90 Ricky Jean-Francois rFr. 6-3 266 **PS#14**. **93** Tyson Jackson (6-5 281 So) PS#82. 13 tkl, 2 sk rFr. Tremaine Johnson (6-2 270 So) **PS#42**. **49 Kirston Pittman** (6-4 254 Jr) **PS#21LB**. 1 st, 36 tkl 2Y.

DT 72 Glenn Dorsey Jr. 6-2 284 **PS#7**. 3 st, 18 tkl as true. 1 st, 28 tkl, 3 sk in '05. **91** Charles Alexander (6-3 285 So) PS#78. 1 tkl, 1 gm as rFr (inj). Charles Deas is **PS#28**.

DT 99 Marlon Favorite So. 6-1 291 **PS#19**. 2 tkl rFr. **95** Lyle Hitt (6-2 281 rFr) **PS#41**. **Al Woods** (6-5 325 Fr) **PS#3**. 425 bench, 600 squat. **59** Leo Deselle (6-0 266 Sr).

DE 94 CHASE PITTMAN SR. 6-4 265 **PS#30**. 10 tkl, 2.5 sk rFr **at Texas**. 12 st here LY, 34 tkl, 3 sk. **52** Ryan Willis (6-3 270 Sr) 1 st, 17 tkl, 3Y. **92 Tim Washington** (6-3 265 So) **PS#16**. 1 sk LY.

BUCK 48 Darry Beckwith So. 6-1 229 **PS#20**. 8 tkl true, Big spg. **33** Jason Spadoni (6-0 221 Sr) PS#48RB. 15 rush yd '04. 1 st LB LY, 12 tkl. **11** Dominic Cooper (6-4 225 Jr) PS#95DL.

MLB 35 Luke Sanders Jr. 6-4 229 **PS#9**. 10 tkl, 16 gm 2Y. **54** Jacob Cutrera **PS#29**. In for spring. **58** Ace Foyil (6-1 225 So) 1 st as true at **Tulane**, 18 tkl, 2 tfl. 4.6 spd.

WLB 7 ALI HIGHSMITH JR. 6-1 226 **PS#35**. 2 st true. 21 tkl, 2 tfl. 9 st LY, 75 tkl, 4 sk, 5.5 tfl, 1 FR for TD. Derrick Odom **PS#21**. Perry Riley **PS#37**. **43** Harry Coleman (6-2 203 rFr).

CB 19 Jonathan Zenon Jr. 6-0 179 PS#176. 4 st, 17 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu LY. **14 Sammy Joseph** (5-11 185 Sr) **PS#12. 12 st Colorado**, 55 tkl, 2 int '03. 4 tkl here LY. Jai Eugene **PS#11**.

CB 21 CHEVIS JACKSON JR. 6-0 189 PS#68WR. 5 tkl at true. 13 sts LY, 47 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **37** Daniel Francis (5-11 183 Sr) PS#103WR. 45 tkl, 2 pbu 3Y. Danny McCray is **PS#48**.

SS 31 JESSIE DANIELS SR. 5-11 203 **PS#38**. 1 st true. 12 st '04, 64 tkl, 3 int. 11 st LY, 39 tkl. **16** Craig Steltz (6-2 203 Jr) **PS#21**. 3 st, 40 tkl LY. **24** Keron Gordon (6-1 203 Sr) 13 tkl, 3Y.

FS 30 LaRON LANDRY SR. 6-2 204 **PS#18**. 10 st true, 80 tkl. 12 st '04, 92 tkl, 4 int. 13 st LY, **3rd Tm AA**. **27** Curtis Taylor (6-3 199 So) PS#84. **29** Chris Hawkins (6-1 182 rFr) **PS#37**.

P 41 CHRIS JACKSON SR. 5-11 174 PS#9. 50 punts '04, 40.0. 59 punt LY, 41.5, **39.0 net! 36** Patrick Fisher (6-5 241 Jr) **PS#2**. 6 punt (39.7) 2Y. **38** Brady Dalfrey (6-0 203 So) **PS#12**.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Al Woods 6-5 325 PS#3
RB	Charles Scott 5-11 223 PS#7
DB	Jai Eugene 6-0 175 PS#11
LB	Derrick Odom 6-1 205 PS#21
RB	Richard Murphy 6-1 198 PS#27
DL	Charles Deas 6-4 315 PS#28
WR	Chris Mitchell 6-0 173 PS#25
TE	Richard Dickson 6-3 245 PS#11
WR	Ricky Dixon 6-2 205 PS#29
OL	Philip Loadholt 6-9 345 PS#46JC
OL	Matt Allen 6-3 285 PS#31
DB	Shomari Clemons 6-1 215 PS#36
LB	Jacob Cutrera 6-4 225 PS#29
DL	Lazarius Levingston 6-4 265 PS#44
LB	Perry Riley 6-2 215 PS#37
DB	Danny McCray 6-1 205 PS#48
OL	Mark Snyder 6-7 295 PS#81
WR	Jared Mitchell 6-0 185 PS#70
LB	Troy Giddens 5-11 218 PS#70
OL	Zhamal Thomas 6-4 315 PS#94
LB	Kelvin Sheppard 6-3 220 PS#90
RB	Keiland Williams 5-11 223 PS#115
OL	Steven Singleton 6-3 295 PS#145
TE	JD Lott 6-4 225 PS#118LB
DB	Jason Teague 6-0 170 PS#139
RB	Trindon Holliday 5-5 165 PS#156 '05

LSU TIGERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#32

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score LSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	
Sep. 2	Louisiana-Lft	G						LSU is 29-0 SU & 7-3 ATS vs current members of the Sun Belt Conf. The Tigers are 1-4 ATS the last 5 as a double digit home favorite.
Sep. 9	Arizona	G						LSU is 11-3 SU & 7-4-1 ATS vs Pac 10 teams. The Tigers were 4-1 SU, but just 1-4 ATS as a home favorite in 2005.
Sep. 16	at Auburn	G						The home team has won 6 in a row SU in this series (4-1-1 ATS). Five of the L6Y the winner of this gm has gone on to the SEC Champ gm.
Sep. 23	Tulane (HC)	G						LSU is 65-22-7 all-time vs Tulane with the last meeting a 48-17 (-21') Tigers win in '01. Tigers are 10-1 SU & 6-4 ATS the L/11 HC games outscoring tms on avg 42-8.
Sep. 30	Mississippi St	G						LY LSU was forced to face MSU w/just 4 days in between gms after their OT loss to Tenn on Monday. LSU has won 13 of the L/14 games in this series & has outscored MSU 202-26 in the L/5 gms.
Oct. 7	at Florida	G						The last time LSU beat UF 3 straight times SU was 1978-'80. The home team is 3-11 ATS the last 14 years in this series.
Oct. 14	Kentucky	G						LSU is 6-5 SU but just 2-8-1 ATS since 1992 vs Kentucky. Coming into the 2006 season, LSU has won 7 in a row SU after a SU loss.
Oct. 21	Fresno St	G						LSU is 4-0 SU but just 1-3 ATS vs current WAC teams since 1998. The Tigers are 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS prior to a bye since 2003.
Oct. 28								
Nov. 4	at Tennessee	G						LSU is 10-18-1 ATS their last 30 (1 NL gm) following a bye week. The game was moved from Saturday to Monday b/c of Hurricane Rita LY.
Nov. 11	Alabama	G						LSU has won 5 of the last 6 games SU vs Alabama. LSU's win over #4 UA LY was the highest ranked opp that LSU has ever beaten on the road.
Nov. 18	Mississippi	G						LY's 40-7 win over UM was LSU's largest margin of victory in the series S/'82. The favorite is 2-7 ATS the last 9 in this series.
Nov. 24	at Arkansas (Fri) (Little Rock)	A						This game has decided the SEC West Champ in 4 of the last 5 years. LSU has now won 3 in a row SU (3-1 ATS L/4) vs Arkansas.

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

LSU has appeared in 6 consecutive bowls, the longest streak in school history.
Tigers are 12-6-1 ATS in Sept the last 6 years.
LSU finished #1 in the SEC in redzone off LY (93.3%) & #3 in redzone D (71%).

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Tommy Hodson 9,115 1986-'89
Rushing: Kevin Faulk 4,557 1995-'98 Receiving: Josh Reed 3,001 1999-'01

LES MILES (Career 39-23)

2nd Year at LSU

Miles' SU Bowl Record: 2-2

Miles' records AT LSU

11-2	Straight Up	1-4	Home Favorite
5-5-1	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
1-0	Off A SU Loss	3-1-1	Away Favorite
3-5-1	Vs Conference	1-0	Away Underdog
2-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-1	Off A Bye

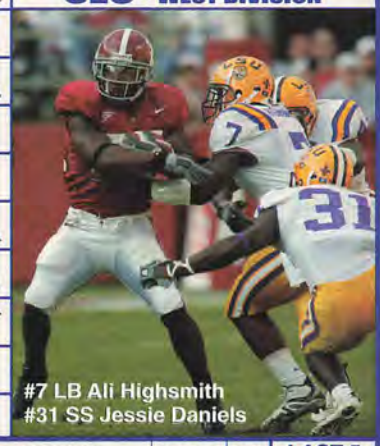
2005 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (17,20,2)
Lost: 21 (12,9,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 91,580

SEC - WEST DIVISION



#7 LB Ali Highsmith
#31 SS Jessie Daniels

STADIUM: TIGER STADIUM (91,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	7-4	9-3	8-4	12-1	9-2	10-2	58-24
Home	3-4	6-1	5-2	6-1	6-1	7-0	5-1	38-10
Away	0-4	1-3	4-1	2-3	6-0	2-2	5-1	20-14
ATS	5-6	5-5	6-6	6-5	10-2	5-5-1	5-5-1	42-34-2
Home Fav	1-3	2-2	2-4	4-1	5-1	3-4	1-4	18-19
Home Dog	1-2	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-2	5-1	1-0	3-1-1	10-6-1
Away Dog	3-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	0-0	1-1-1	1-0	11-5-1
Favorite	1-3	2-3	3-5	4-3	10-2	4-4	4-5-1	28-25-1
Dog	4-3	3-2	3-1	2-2	0-0	1-1-1	1-0	14-9-1
Grass	5-6	5-5	5-6	5-5	9-1	4-5-1	4-4-1	37-32-2
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	5-2
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	5-4	4-4	7-2	4-3-1	3-5-1	31-26-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	3-0	1-2	2-0	11-8
Off SU Win	1-1	3-4	4-4	6-2	8-2	3-4-1	3-5-1	28-22-2
Off SU Loss	4-4	2-1	1-2	0-2	1-0	2-0	1-0	11-9

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joseph Addai	187	941	30	911	9	4.9
Justin Vincent	**121**	**521**	**33**	**488**	**5**	**4.0**
Shyrone Carey	59	251	17	234	2	4.0
Skyler Green	16	132	6	126	0	7.9
Jacob Hester	**25**	**114**	**0**	**114**	**2**	**4.6**
Matt Flynn	**12**	**93**	**49**	**44**	**0**	**3.7**
JaMarcus Russell	**61**	**215**	**237**	**-22**	**2**	**-0.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
JaMarcus Russell	**311**	**188**	**60.5**	**2443**	**15**	**9**
Matt Flynn	**48**	**27**	**56.2**	**457**	**7**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dwayne Bowe	**41**	**710**	**17.3**	**9**	**44**
Craig Davis	**35**	**559**	**16.0**	**2**	**51**
Early Doucet	**26**	**389**	**15.0**	**5**	**40**
Bennie Brazell	13	292	22.5	3	55
Skyler Green	32	268	8.4	0	29
Joseph Addai	20	180	9.0	1	43
David Jones	12	146	12.2	0	26
Keith Zinger	**7**	**104**	**14.9**	**1**	**22**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Jackson	**59**	**2447**	**41.5**	**26**	**39.0(T)**	**0**	**26**
Patrick Fisher	**3**	**128**	**42.7**	**1**	**–**	**0**	**1**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Jackson	**0-0**	**0-0**	**4-6**	**5-11**	**1-2**	**10-19**	**50**
Colt David	**45-46**	**1-2**	**3-3**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**4-5**	**35**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Cameron Vaughn	83	1	5.5	3	0
Ali Highsmith	**75**	**4**	**5.5**	**1**	**0**
Melvin Oliver	69	9	2	1	0
LaRon Landry	**69**	**1**	**3**	**8**	**3**
Kyle Williams	61	4.5	3	5	0
Ronnie Prude	54	1	2.5	11	1
Claude Wroten	49	6	4.5	3	0
Chevis Jackson	**47**	**0.5**	**3**	**3**	**1**
Kenneth Hollis	45	0	2.5	1	1
Craig Steltz	**40**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**
Jessie Daniels	**39**	**2**	**2.5**	**4**	**1**
Chase Pittman	**34**	**3**	**4**	**4**	**0**
Glenn Dorsey	**28**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Daniel Francis	**21**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Jonathan Zenon	**17**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**2**
EJ Kuale	14	2	0	0	0
Tyson Jackson	**13**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Mario Stevenson	13	0	0	0	0
Ryan Willis	**12**	**2**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Jason Spadoni	**12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Skyler Green	27	359	13.3	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Skyler Green	18	355	19.7	0
Shawn Jordan	**2**	**22**	**11.0**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Sugar	-2	Illinois - #7	47-34	W
02	Cotton	+10'	Texas - #9	20-35	L
03	Sugar	+7	Oklahoma - #3	21-14	W
04	Capital One	-6'	Iowa - #11	25-30	L
05	Peach	+7	Miami, Fl - #9	40-3	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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LSU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	29.5	20	150	3.8	224	60.0	12.7	-9	2005	7	14.2	15	92	3.0	175	47.3	18.8
5	28.7	21	194	4.6	202	56.1	13.8	-2	2004	7	17.1	13	100	2.9	157	48.0	15.0
7*	33.9	21	186	4.4	233	63.6	12.3	+5	2003	6	11.0	14	67	2.3	185	44.7	22.9
5	24.8	19	197	4.6	153	47.7	14.1	-1	2002	7	18.3	15	134	3.8	153	45.2	15.7
6	32.2	23	153	4.0	309	58.0	14.4	+4	2001	10	23.2	20	112	3.7	281	56.0	16.9
9*	26.7	19	128	3.5	249	52.4	14.1	+4	2000	8	19.6	19	135	3.9	213	54.4	17.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

LSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#5	at Arizona St	24	47-190	4.0	17-30	244	4	29	25-99	4.0	35-56	461	0	-1
#3	Tennessee	13	33-98	3.0	14-28	158	2	21	34-70	2.1	28-51	250	4	+1
#4	at Mississippi St	23	37-172	4.6	23-28	230	2	12	28-56	2.0	11-26	173	5	0
#11	at Vanderbilt	22	43-194	4.5	21-32	285	1	10	26-25	1.0	11-33	113	6	-1
#10	Florida	15	44-125	2.8	14-22	236	5	11	32-99	3.1	11-30	107	4	-5
#7	Auburn	17	34-149	4.4	16-33	190	0	20	38-230	6.1	16-41	221	3	0
#7	North Texas	25	36-183	5.1	24-28	383	0	12	30-105	3.5	13-29	101	0	0
#6	Appalachian St	21	32-163	5.1	16-22	208	1	14	36-176	4.9	10-22	80	1	0
#5	at Alabama	16	33-46	1.4	16-30	229	2	20	32-97	3.0	19-40	187	5	0
#4	at Mississippi	19	41-177	4.3	15-26	203	1	11	22-7	0.3	20-38	168	1	0
#3	Arkansas	16	37-108	2.9	13-29	194	1	12	34-35	1.0	14-30	206	4	-2
#3	† Georgia	18	36-74	2.1	14-30	156	5	16	42-138	3.3	6-12	112	1	-2
#10	† Miami, Fl	26	56-272	4.9	13-22	196	2	6	23-53	2.3	10-23	100	4	+1
TOTALS		255	509-1951	3.8	216-360	2912	26	194	402-1190	3.0	204-431	2279	38	-9
AVERAGES		19.6	39-150	3.8	17-28	224	2.0	14.9	31-92	3.0	16-33	175	2.9	-0.7

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-21'	48-17	W
Utah St	-23'	31-14	L
at Tennessee - #7	+10	18-26	W
Florida - #2	+13'	15-44	L
at Kentucky	-16'	29-25	L
at Mississippi St	-3	42-0	W
Mississippi	-9'	24-35	L
at Alabama	+5	35-21	W
Middle Tenn	-17	30-14	L
Arkansas - #24	-9'	41-38	L
Auburn - #25	-7	27-14	W
† Tennessee - #2	+7	31-20	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech - #16	+7	8-26	L
The Citadel	NL	35-10	–
Miami, Oh	-13	33-7	W
Mississippi St	-13'	31-13	W
Louisiana-Lft	-27'	48-0	W
at Florida - #16	+8'	36-7	W
South Carolina	-8	38-14	W
at Auburn	-3'	7-31	L
at Kentucky	-5	33-30	L
Alabama - #10	+1'	0-31	L
Mississippi	-9'	14-13	L
at Arkansas	+5	20-21	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
ULM	-34'	49-7	W
at Arizona	-11'	59-13	W
W Illinois	NL	35-7	–
Georgia - #7	-1'	17-10	W
at Mississippi St	-13'	41-6	W
Florida	-10	7-19	L
at South Carolina	-4	33-7	W
Auburn - #17	-3	31-7	W
Louisiana Tech	-26'	49-10	W
at Alabama	-7	27-3	W
at Mississippi - #15	-6'	17-14	L
Arkansas	-9'	55-24	W
† Georgia - #5	-3	34-13	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oregon St	-17'	22-21 OT	L
Arkansas St	-40	53-3	W
at Auburn - #13	+1	9-10	T
Mississippi St	-31	51-0	W
at Georgia - #3	+2'	16-45	L
at Florida - #12	+3'	24-21	W
Troy	-24	24-20	L
Vanderbilt	-23'	24-7	L
Alabama	-7'	26-10	W
Mississippi	-20'	27-24	L
at Arkansas	-3'	43-14	W

2005 RESULTS

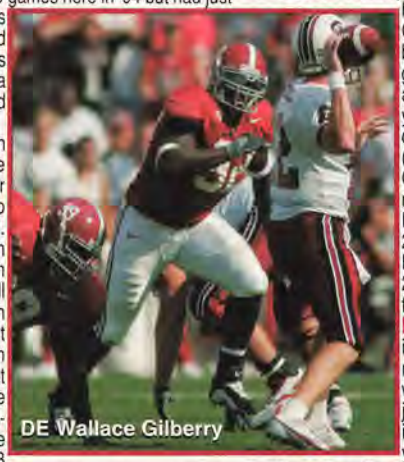
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona St - #15	+1	35-31	W
Tennessee - #10	-6'	27-30 OT	L
at Mississippi St	-14	37-7	W
at Vanderbilt	-15'	34-6	W
Florida - #11	-6	21-17	L
Auburn - #16	-6	20-17 OT	L
North Texas	-43'	56-3	W
Appalachian St	NL	24-0	–
at Alabama - #4	-3	16-13 OT	T
at Mississippi	-17	40-7	W
Arkansas	-17'	19-17	L
† Georgia - #13	-1	14-34	L

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Brodie Croyle (PS#2) got in two starts as a rFr and had the QB job to himself in 2003. In 2004 Croyle was one of the nation's leaders in pass efficiency when he threw for 534 yards (66.7%) with a 6-0 ratio in just three starts before suffering a season ending injury. Amazingly after 10 games, Croyle was still the Tide's #1 QB in passing yards but Spencer Pennington (PS#72) threw for 469 in the last two games to pass him (974 total). Croyle stayed healthy last year and became the Tide's all-time career leading passer. Croyle stayed healthy last year and threw for 2,499 (59.6%) with a 14-4 ratio. He became the Tide's all-time leading passer topping Andrew Zow (5,983 from 1998-'01). John Parker Wilson (PS#31) was the backup and hit 7 of 11 for 98 yards. He did lead a drive for a TD late vs Auburn. Marc Guillon (PS#24), played in two games at Miami (FL) in '02 and started two games here in '04 but had just 10 snaps in '05. Croyle departs (#3DC KAN) but Wilson and Guillon will battle rFr Jimmy Barnes (PS#26). I think Wilson will do a fine job but is far less experienced than Croyle was last year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 the Tide had to replace Shaud Williams, who rushed for 1,367 yards (4.9) and was also the team's #3 receiver (24) in '03. The top returnee was Ray Hudson (PS#117) who had 1,002 yards in his first three years. He was well on his way to a 1,000 yard season (638) after six games but was lost for the year vs Kentucky. Kenneth Darby (205 lbs), who does not have breakaway speed, was the workhorse down the stretch rushing for 1,062 (4.8). Tim Castille (236 lbs, PS#10) is a versatile FB who also played TB (247, 4.0). All 3 were injured for the '04 bowl and the Tide managed just 21 yards rushing. Last year Darby and Castille returned. Backup TB Aaron Johns (200 yds '04) did not play and true frosh Roy Upchurch (6-0 193 rFr, PS#50) redshirted after ankle surgery. True frosh Mike Ford (PS#46) DNQ and went to Hargrave, so the backup was true frosh Glen Coffee (PS#62). Darby had 1,242 (5.2) and was also the #3 receiver. He turned down the NFL and could become the first EVER Tide RB to top 1,000 in a season 3 times. Jimmy Johns (PS#33QB) didn't want to redshirt, so he switched to RB and had 202 (5.3) while Coffee added 179 (3.7) and Castille had 124 (2.8). Castille also turned down a shot at the NFL so the entire unit returns. Added to the mix this year are Ali Sharrief (5-9 208 rFr, PS#87DB), Upchurch, Ford and this year's true frosh. Not listed in the 2 deep below are RB Theo Townsend (5-9 170 So), FB Baron Huber (6-4 238 rFr) and FB Will Denniston (6-3 221 Jr, PS#259LB). This looks like one of the SEC's strongest RB corps.


DE Wallace Gilberry

RECEIVERS - Last year the Tide had to replace their top two TE's but had all of their top WR's back, although due to the 2004 QB injuries, Tyrone Prothro was the leading returnee with only 25 rec. Prothro became the Tide's game breaker, not only on offense, but on returns. Unfortunately after snagging 17 rec (19.1) in just 3 starts including a remarkable catch vs S Miss which was named the Pontiac Game Changing Performance of the Year, he was injured and the offense went out the window. DJ Hall (PS#48), who is 6'3" with 4.4 speed, had 48 grabs (14.1) in 8 starts but was susp for the bowl. Keith Brown, who was the team's deep threat is also 6'3" with 4.4 speed and had 34 (18.9). TE Trent Davidson (PS#12) suffered a foot injury and redshirted after starting two as a true frosh. He also worked at OT this spring. Travis McCall started the bowl however and was the #1 TE this spring. This year basically the entire unit returns with the only losses being WR's Ezekial Knight (3 st, 11 rec), who moves to the def, Brandon Brooks (2 rec), Matt Miller (4), Marcus McKnight (2) and Jake Collins. Not listed in the two deep below are Will Oakley (6-1 188 So, PS#100), Aaron McDaniel (6-1 176 So, PS#128), Darwin Salaam (6-3 182 So) and Danny Barger (5-11 182 Sr). Prothro missed spring with injury but **IF** he returns healthy (improving each day), this would be one of the most improved receiving corps in the NCAA.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Tide had to replace four players who combined for 29 starts and despite backfield injuries, still paved the way for 4.4 ypc rushing, allowing just 16 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters including two NFL DC's. Their top OL was C JB Closner and they opened holes for 338 yards rushing (6.5) vs SC. Closner was lost for the season due to a broken leg vs Miss St and in the last 3 games the Tide managed just 2.4 ypc and allowed 16 sacks (11 vs Aub). Overall the ypc dropped to 3.7 and their sacks allowed climbed to 37. This year they lose Closner (9 st, 3 yr st'r), G/C Mark Sanders (2 st) and C Taylor Britt (2 st). Four full-time starters return and they move in Justin Britt (3 st DT). Not listed below are Al Jefferson (6-3 280 So), Joshua Curry (6-2 319 Jr), David Brooks (6-3 293 rFr) and Layne Rinks (6-2 286 So). With four starters back, this figures to be a much improved O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tide had an inexperienced D-line in 2003 having to replace three 1st Tm SEC players who were all drafted into the NFL. After allowing just 2.7 ypc rushing and recording 44 sacks in 2002, they dropped to a pedestrian 3.7 ypc with just 26 sacks in 2003. In 2004 they had to replace three DL's who combined for 24 starts including a #2 DC. They improved to 3.3 ypc with 25 sacks. Last year they lost a #6DC had 3 starters back and the Tide allowed just 94 ypg rushing (3.1). This year they lose DE Mark Anderson (#5DC CHI, 12 st, 40 tkl, 7.5 sk, 10.5 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC), DT Rudy Griffin (11 st, 16 tkl, 3 tfl) and DT Justin Britt (3 st) who moves to the offense. They add WR Ezekial Knight who should be a solid pass rusher. DE Wallace Gilberry had 6.5 sks in '04 but Anderson was by far the team's top sack man last year. This unit should be close to last year's top-notch group.

LINEBACKERS - DeMeco Ryans, who was 2nd Tm SEC in '03 and '04, turned down early entry to the NFL in '05. Surprisingly he was not on the preseason Butkus List but ended up one of three finalists and was the SEC Def POY and 1st Tm AA. Last year's squad had 5 of their top 6 LB's returning only having to replace a #7DC and the LB's were an important part of a defense that allowed just 10.7 ppg. This year they lose Ryans (12 st, 76 tkl, 5 sk, 11 tfl, #2DC HOU) and MLB Freddie Roach (11 st, 66 tkl, 3 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC) and are not as strong.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Bama traditionally finishes high in my pass D rankings and were #8 in 2004 allowing 43.4% with a 9-12 ratio. Last year all 4 starters returned and the Tide moved up to #3. This year they must replace three year starter FS Roman Harper (#2DC NO, 12 st, 1st Tm SEC, 69 tkl, 9 tfl), a semifinalist for the Thorpe Award, CB Anthony Madison (12 st, 44 tkl, 6 pbu) and 4 year starter SS Charlie Peprah (#5DC NYG, 12 st, 43 tkl, 5 pbu). I list the 3 deep below and while this has the makings of another fine secondary, it is clearly less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 the Tide finished #43 in my ST rankings and had everyone back in '04 and, as I projected, they moved into the Top 25 (#14). Last year they had to replace their K & P. Brandon Brooks, who has 4.3 speed, (PR 5.1, KR 24.4 in '04) had some fumble problems so he lost his job to Tyrone Prothro (PR 7.4, KR 27.6 LY). After Prothro's injury, Brooks took over. P Jeremy Schatz avg'd just 38.3 (32.6 net) and he is gone. Jamie Christensen had 24 TB's in '04 but only 14 last year. Christensen became the first Tide kicker to ever kick game-winning FG's in consecutive weeks and the first Tide kicker to kick the game winner in a bowl. Unfortunately, Christensen hit just 16 of 25 FG's (1 miss from 50+ yds). In the bowl he had two ugly misses and his game-winning kick was the ugliest-made FG I have seen as it was a wobbler that went about 12 feet off the ground. Ryan Saxby hit 1 of 2 FG's and had 3 TB's on 6 KO's playing vs Middle Tenn (Christensen susp'd). The Tide finished #74 in my ST rankings and should improve in 2006.

COACHES - Mike Shula stepped into an extremely rough situation in 2003 (3rd HC in 8 months) and was the first ever SEC coach to inherit a team after spring. He also changed the offense and the defense for the third time in that span. He'd been the Dolphins' QB coach, Tampa Bay's OC and a Tide QB who led his team to a 32-15-1 record. The team retained DC Joe Kines and last year his D allowed just 10.7 ppg and was one of six finalists for the Broyles Award. They have had the #2 defense in the NCAA in ypg in each of the last 2 years. OC Dave Rader has been saddled with key injuries to offensive skill players the last two years. He was the HC at Tulsa from 1988-'99 and now enters his 4th season here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2002 the Tide, despite being on probation, was the best team in the SEC West (6-2) and outgained SEC Foes by 152.1 ypg, the best mark in the league. They had to replace an amazing 2 HC's in the offseason (see Coaches) and things came crashing down for the Tide in '03 as they allowed 333 points in 13 games, breaking the school record (287). They could easily have had a better record in 2003, as they lost two games in OT, lost to rival Auburn by five, looked past NI (lost by 3) and even outFD'd #1 ranked Oklahoma 19-13. In 2004 I called them the 2nd most improved team in the country and forecasted that they would get back to a bowl. Once again the team was snake bit as QB Croyle went down in the 3rd game then later lost their top TB and FB. In fact they lost a total of 31 starts due to injury. They had tough losses to Tenn, LSU and Auburn but still made it back to a bowl. Last year they had just 77 scholarship players, still feeling the effects of probation, but I called Alabama a darkhorse National Title contender. Despite their 6-6 record in 2004, Bama outgained foes on the season by 82 ypg and had 16 returning starters. Shula was criticized for not having big wins in his first two years but the Tide simply opened up 9-0 and was ranked #3 in the NCAA, thinking National Title. Once again, key injuries hurt them as their offensive MVP, WR Prothro, was injured vs Florida and their top OL, C Closner, went down vs Miss St. Shula defeated #5 Florida 31-3 and got past #17 Tenn. They were in the first Top 5 battle at Bryant-Denny Stadium when they hosted #5 LSU. They had a 207-72 yd edge in the 1H and led 10-0 but their offense came up short ,losing in OT 16-13. The next week the 11 sacks allowed by their banged up O-line set up Auburn for a quick 21-0 lead and they lost their 4th straight to their rival. The D did hold a potent TTech to 329 yards in the bowl and the Tide finished an outstanding 10-2 and #8 in the polls. Alabama did benefit from +8 in turnovers and had 3 close wins. After returning 9 starters on defense last year, they have just 4 back this season and 6 of the 7 starters lost were 3 year starters. While the Tide must replace QB Brodie Croyle, they should have a more stable OL and with 9 starters back on offense, should top last year's 21.9 ppg (lowest since 2000). I rated LY's D #3 in the country and they allowed an SEC low 10.7 ppg. It will be another successful year for the Tide but they probably will not match last year's #8 finish in the polls.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 14 John Parker Wilson So. 6-2 207 PS#31. 5 gm "true", 101 ttl yds. **18** Marc Guillon (6-3 212 Sr) **PS#24**. 2 st '04, 191 yds (47%) 1-3 ratio. **15** Jimmy Barnes (6-5 225 rFr) PS#26.

RB 34 KENNETH DARBY SR. 5-11 205 **PS#36**. L/5 st '04, 1062 yds (4.8). 12 st LY, 1242 rush (5.2), 29 rec, **1st Tm SEC**. **10** Jimmy Johns (6-2 225 So) PS#33QB. 202 yds as true.

FB 33 Le'RON McCLAIN SR. 6-1 256 **PS#27**. 16 st, 3 years, 106 rush, 230 rec yds. **19 Tim Castille** (5-11 236 Sr) **PS#10**. 18 st, 3Y, 404 rush, 289 rec yds. Tm high 7 TD's LY.

WR 22 DJ HALL JR. 6-3 190 PS#48. 4.4 spd. 18 st, 2Y, 65 rec (13.3). **2nd Tm SEC LY. 4 Tyrone Prothro** (5-8 178 Sr) Gamebreaker. 4 st, 3Y, 58 rec (14.9). **2nd Tm SEC L2Y.**

WR 81 KEITH BROWN JR. 6-3 192 PS#109. 12 st, 2Y, 51 rec (18.4). **9** Nikita Stover (6-1 200 So) **PS#15**. 26 rec JC LY. **11** Matt Caddell (6-0 181 Jr) **PS#27**. 8 st '04. 30 rec (17.0) 2Y.

TE 88 NICK WALKER SO. 6-5 245 PS#49. 11 st rFr, 9 rec (13.3). **83** Travis McCall (6-2 250 So) PS#92DL. 1 st (bowl), 3 rec rFr. **89** Charles Hoke (6-6 240 So) **PS#8**. 7 gms, 0 rec true.

C 59 ANTOINE CALDWELL SO. 6-3 296 PS#124. 12 st LG rFr, 772 snaps, **SEC Fr Tm. 70** Evan Cardwell (6-3 290 rFr) PS#104. **57** Morgan Garner (6-2 258 So). David Ross is **PS#42**.

RG 61 BJ STABLER SO. 6-4 295 **PS#41**. 10 st rFr RG, 609 snaps, **SEC Fr Tm. 50** Justin Britt (6-4 294 Jr) **PS#27DL**. 3 st, 18 tkl, 4 tfl as DT, 2Y. Alex Stadler is **PS#22**.

LG 76 Marlon Davis So. 6-4 315 1st true st on OL S/'99 here, 1 st RG, 5 games. **73** Justin Moon (6-5 290 Jr) **PS#83**. 17 gm, 148 snaps, 2Y. **71** Scott Deaton (6-5 295 rFr) PS#214.

RT 58 KYLE TATUM SR. 6-8 290 **PS#17DL**. 2 st DT rFr, 14 tkl, 12 st RT '04, 739 snaps. 12 st LY, 814 snaps, **HM SEC. Andre Smith is PS#3. 79** Drew Davis (6-6 290 rFr) PS#164.

LT 72 CHRIS CAPPS JR. 6-6 286 PS#279. 5 gm, 77 snaps rFr. 12 st LT LY, 734 snaps. **75** Cody Davis (6-7 279 So) **PS#69**. 8 gm rFr, 151 plays. **78** Mike Johnson (6-6 285 rFr) PS#123.

K 86 JAMIE CHRISTENSEN JR. 6-0 178 24 TB's on 62 KO's as rFr. 16 of 25 FG's LY, 3 gm winners, 4 of 7 40-50, long 45, 14 TB on 50 KO's. **15** Andrew Friedman (6-2 215 rFr) PS#18.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 92 WALLACE GILBERRY JR. 6-3 254 28 tkl, 6.5 sk, 7 tfl rFr. 12 sts, 37 tkl, 10 tfl in '05. **91** Chris Harris (6-5 244 Sr) **PS#39**. 26 tkl, 8.5 tfl, 3Y. **95** Brandon Deadrick (6-4 230 rFr) PS#64.

DT 99 JEREMY CLARK SR. 6-3 305 PS#127. 19 st in '03 & '04, 43 tkls, 5.5 tfl. 8 sts LY, 18 tkl, 2 sks. **97** Lorenzo Washington (6-4 265 rFr) PS#64. **98** Brandon Fanney (6-5 270 rFr) PS#132.

DT 96 Dominic Lee Sr. 6-2 303 **PS#22**. 26 games, 3Y, 26 tkl, 419 snaps, 3 tfl. **67** JP Adams (6-3 288 Sr) PS#231. 14 gm, 3Y, 10 tkl. **77** Byron Walton (6-4 298 rFr) PS#173OL.

DE 93 Bobby Greenwood So. 6-6 245 **PS#60**. 15 tkl, 3 sk, 5 qbh, 157 snaps true. **94** Keith Saunders (6-3 246 Jr) 11 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **84** Ezekial Knight (6-3 217 Jr) PS#103WR. 3 st, 21 rec 2Y.

WLB 42 JUWAN SIMPSON SR. 6-3 222 PS#102. 8 st in '03 & '04, 94 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 64 tkl, 6 tfl. **44** Demarcus Waldrop (5-11 190 Jr) PS#109. 1 st, 38 tkl, 2Y. **6** Marcel Stamps (6-3 203 Jr) 14 tkl, 2Y.

MLB 21 Prince Hall rFr. 6-0 240 **PS#45. 56** Matt Collins (6-1 241 Jr) 15 tkl 2Y. **57** Darren Mustin (6-2 240 Jr) PS#301. 25 tkl, 2 tfl, 2Y at Mid Tenn. **53** Kenneth Vandervoort (6-3 216 Jr).

SLB 55 Terrence Jones Sr. 6-1 220 PS#78. 29 tkl, 538 plays in '03 & '04. 1 st LY, 21 tkl, 4 tfl. **46** Zach Schreiber (6-2 220 rFr) PS#48. **32** Chris Keys (6-2 205 So) **PS#56DB**. 5 tkl as true.

CB 2 Simeon Castille Jr. 6-1 188 **PS#10**, 14 tkl true. 3 st LY, 28 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu, 433 snaps. **36** Eric Gray (5-11 186 Jr) PS#109. 10 tkl 2Y. **16** Lionel Mitchell (6-2 180 So) 2 tkl as true.

CB 1 RAMZEE ROBINSON SR. 5-10 190 PS#118. 12 st '04, 45 tkl, 4 pbu. 10 st LY, 32 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. **17** Chris Rogers (6-1 178 rFr) PS#62. **24** Travis Robinson (5-10 179 Jr) PS#91.

SS 20 Marcus Carter Jr. 6-1 190 **PS#59**, 4 tkl, 2Y, 166 snaps. **43** Rashad Johnson (5-11 178 So) 8 tkl as rFr, 196 snaps. **30** Bryan Kilpatrick (6-4 197 Sr). Marcus Udell is **PS#34**.

FS 3 Jeffrey Dukes Sr. 6-1 193 4.42 spd. JC. 7 tkls in '04. 1 st, 16 tkl, 1 int in '05. **43** Sam Burnthall (6-2 190 Fr) PS#133. GS LY. **13** Cory Reamer (6-3 198 So) PS#173. 2 tkls true.

P 11 PJ Fitzgerald rFr. 6-0 190 Avg 40.0 ypp as senior in HS, 800 pass, 300 rush yds. **23** Justin Martin (5-10 205 So) is the backup. **15** Andrew Friedman (6-2 215 rFr) PS#18.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Andre Smith 6-5 315 PS#3
WR	Nikita Stover 6-2 200 PS#15 in '04
OL	Alex Stadler 6-6 300 PS#22
RB	Terry Grant 5-10 188 PS#31
DB	Justin Woodall 6-1 200 PS#29
DB	Marcus Udell 5-11 180 PS#34
QB	Greg McElroy 6-2 210 PS#27
TE	Preston Dial 6-4 242 PS#19
OL	David Ross 6-4 295 PS#42
DB	Andy Davis 6-0 205 PS#46
WR	Michael McCoy 6-3 195 PS#46
OL	Taylor Pharr 6-6 270 PS#52
RB	Mike Ford 6-2 205 PS#46 in '05
DL	Milton Talbert 6-3 234 PS#83
OL	Cole Harvey 6-3 265 PS#63 in '05
DB	Tremayne Cogar 5-11 178 PS#73
QB	Earl Alexander 6-4 208 PS#49
DB	Marquis Johnson 6-0 210 PS#95
LB	Charlie Higgenbotham 6-0 210 PS#94
LB	Charlie Kirschman 6-3 255 PS#121
LB	LaBronski Hutchins 6-3 190 PS#129
DB	Sam Burnthall 6-2 190 PS#133 in '05
OL	Brian Motley 6-2 274 PS#170
DB	Jake Jones 6-0 185 PS#143
DB	Travis Sikes 6-4 190 PS#279WR in '05
DB	Javier Arenas 5-9 175 PS#441RB

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Weather (205) 945-7000

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#65

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Sep. 2	Hawaii	G					
Sep. 9	Vanderbilt	G					
Sep. 16	ULM	G					
Sep. 23	at Arkansas	G					
Sep. 30	at Florida	G					
Oct. 7	Duke	G					
Oct. 14	Mississippi	G					
Oct. 21	at Tennessee	G					
Oct. 28	Florida Int'l (HC)	G					
Nov. 4	Mississippi St	G					
Nov. 11	at LSU	G					
Nov. 18	Auburn	G					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Bama has played in an NCAA record 53 bowl gms (leads NCAA in wins w/30).
The 2005 season was Alabama's 28th 10+ win season which leads the NCAA.
The Crimson Tide are 10-6-1 ATS the last 17 SEC road games.

Alabama is 12-2 SU but 4-9 ATS the last 14 years in season openers.
UA is 5-4 SU & 2-6 ATS vs current WAC & lost to Hawaii SU at the end of Shula's 1st season.

Alabama is 4-14-1 ATS in their last 19 SEC home games.
UA is 2-8-1 ATS vs Vandy since 1992 with the last meeting in 2002.

Alabama is 13-0 SU (3-4 ATS) vs current Sun Belt Conference teams.
The Crimson Tide are 4-12-1 ATS the last 17 as a 20+ pt favorite.

Alabama is 3-5 SU & 2-6 ATS in road openers since 1998.
The SU winner is 14-1 ATS in this series all-time (Bama didn't cover in LY's win).

UA's win over Fla LY was their 1st win over a Top 5 team in Tuscaloosa.
Crimson Tide are 18-8-1 ATS since 1994 as an away dog.

Duke's AD Alleva referred to this game as a "money game".
The Crimson Tide is 10-18 ATS after a SU loss since 2000.

The home team has covered the last 6 in this series (5-1 SU).
Alabama is 12-2 SU & 9-5 ATS vs Ole Miss the last 14 games.

Alabama is 6-1 ATS in Knoxville since 1992 but just 3-4 SU.
This intense rivalry is referred to as the "Third Saturday in October".

FIU HC Strock is a former NFL QB who played for Mike's dad, Don Shula.
This is the 1st meeting between these two teams.

Alabama is just 4-13-1 ATS their last 18 November home games.
The home team is 4-9 ATS (0-5 ATS L5Y) in this series since 1993.

LY's game was the 1st ever matchup of Top 5 teams in Bryant-Denny Stadium history.
The visitor is 11-2-1 ATS the last 14 years in this series.

Shula is 0-3 SU but 2-1 ATS in Iron Bowls as a head coach.
The home team is 3-8 ATS since 1995 in this in-state rivalry.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Brodie Croyle 6,382 2002-'05
Rushing: Shaun Alexander 3,565 1996-'99 Receiving: Ozzie Newsome 2,070 1974-'77

MIKE SHULA (Career 20-17)

4th Year at Alabama
Shula's SU Bowl Record: 1-1

Shula's record AT ALABAMA

20-17	Straight Up	5-9	Home Favorite
14-19-1	Vs The Spread	3-3-1	Home Underdog
5-8	Off A SU Loss	4-2	Away Favorite
9-14-1	Vs Conference	2-5	Away Underdog
5-5	Vs Non-Conf	1-2	Off A Bye

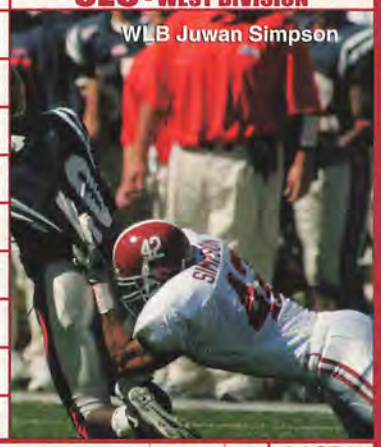
2005 RECORD: (10-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (24,19,1)
Lost: 24 (11,10,3)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 81,018

SEC - WEST DIVISION


WLB Juwan Simpson

STADIUM: BRYANT-DENNY STADIUM (83,818)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	3-8	6-5	10-3	4-9	6-5	9-2	48-34
Home	5-2	3-3	4-3	5-2	3-5	5-2	6-1	31-18
Away	5-0	0-5	2-2	5-1	1-4	1-3	3-1	17-16
ATS	8-4	3-8	5-6	7-5-1	5-8	6-4	3-7-1	37-42-2
Home Fav	3-2	2-3	3-3	3-4	2-2	3-2	0-5	16-21
Home Dog	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-3	1-0	1-0-1	4-6-1
Away Fav	2-1	0-2	0-2	1-1-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	7-8-1
Away Dog	2-0	1-2	2-0	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-1	10-7
Favorite	5-3	2-5	3-5	4-5-1	3-3	4-2	2-6	23-29-1
Dog	3-1	1-3	2-1	3-0	2-5	2-2	1-1-1	14-13-1
Grass	7-4	3-8	5-6	7-4-1	5-6	6-4	3-6-1	36-38-2
Artificial	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-4
vs Conf	6-3	3-5	3-5	4-3-1	2-6	4-4	3-4-1	25-30-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	2-1	3-2	3-2	2-0	0-3	12-12
Off SU Win	6-3	1-2	4-1	5-3-1	1-3	3-2	3-5-1	23-19-2
Off SU Loss	2-0	2-5	1-4	2-1	3-5	2-2	0-1	12-18

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kenneth Darby	239	1294	52	1242	3	5.2
Jimmy Johns	38	219	17	202	0	5.3
Glen Coffee	48	199	20	179	0	3.7
Tim Castille	45	124	0	124	7	2.8
Tyrone Prothro	9	92	0	92	0	10.2
Brodie Croyle	64	114	270	-156	1	-2.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brodie Croyle	339	202	59.6	2499	14	4
John Parker Wilson	11	7	63.6	98	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
DJ Hall	48	676	14.1	5	56
Keith Brown	34	642	18.9	4	76
Tyrone Prothro	17	325	19.1	3	87
Matt Caddell	13	179	13.8	0	50
Le'Ron McClain	18	140	7.8	2	21
Kenneth Darby	29	132	4.6	0	17
Ezekial Knight	11	126	11.5	1	27
Nick Walker	9	120	13.3	0	34
Glen Coffee	8	91	11.4	1	40

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Schatz	60	2300	38.3	15	32.6(T)	0	16
Jeff Aul	6	195	32.5	1	–	0	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jamie Christensen	25-26	4-4	8-13	4-7	0-1	16-25	45
Ryan Saxby	3-3	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	32

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
DeMeco Ryans	76	5	11	2	1
Roman Harper	69	0.5	8.5	1	1
Freddie Roach	66	0	3	9	0
Juwan Simpson	64	1.5	4.5	0	2
Anthony Madison	44	0	1	6	0
Charlie Peprah	43	0	3	5	0
Mark Anderson	40	7.5	10.5	0	0
Wallace Gilberry	37	1.5	8.5	1	0
Ramzee Robinson	32	0	1	7	2
Simeon Castille	28	2	2	7	2
Terrence Jones	21	1.5	2.5	1	0
Jeremy Clark	18	2	1	0	0
Demarcus Waldrop	16	0.5	0.5	1	0
Jeffrey Dukes	16	0	0	1	1
Rudy Griffin	16	0	3	0	1
Bobby Greenwood	15	3	2	1	0
Matt Collins	13	0	0	0	0
Keith Saunders	11	1	2	0	0
JP Adams	9	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tyrone Prothro	11	81	7.4	0
Brandon Brooks	11	77	7.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tyrone Prothro	7	193	27.6	0
Brandon Brooks	6	121	20.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Music City	+5	Virginia Tech	7-38	L
99	Orange	-1	Michigan (OT)	34-35	L
01	Independence	-6	Iowa St	14-13	L
04	Music City	-1	Minnesota	16-20	L
05	Cotton	+3'	Texas Tech - #18	13-10	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Alabama's All-Time SU Bowl Record 30-20-3

ALABAMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	21.9	19	143	3.7	216	59.5	16.4	+8	2005	9	10.7	14	94	3.1	161	49.7	23.9
6*	24.6	16	185	4.4	142	55.9	13.3	+6	2004	8	15.8	14	132	3.3	113	43.4	15.6
6	25.5	18	159	4.0	192	52.1	13.8	+1	2003	5	25.6	19	132	3.7	228	57.9	14.1
7*	28.2	20	213	4.5	190	56.1	14.3	+15	2002	8	15.4	15	80	2.7	177	49.5	16.7
7*	26.5	19	220	5.2	178	55.2	15.0	+3	2001	7	19.3	19	114	3.3	255	58.5	19.1
9*	20.7	16	138	3.9	172	49.2	14.9	-8	2000	8	22.4	19	125	3.3	212	55.5	15.1

2005 STATS BY GAME

UA 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	Middle Tenn	20	37 - 133	3.6	17 - 25	212	1	9	25 - 34	1.4	13 - 20	123	5	0
–	S Mississippi	24	43 - 140	3.3	21 - 37	330	3	12	23 - 9	0.4	15 - 30	190	4	-1
–	at S Carolina	23	52 - 338	6.5	13 - 22	151	1	14	19 - 71	3.7	21 - 39	185	2	+2
#20	Arkansas	16	37 - 128	3.5	13 - 27	173	3	14	40 - 237	5.9	11 - 27	81	2	+2
#15	Florida	17	37 - 121	3.3	15 - 18	286	2	15	31 - 139	4.5	16 - 37	187	4	0
#6	at Mississippi	17	30 - 121	4.0	22 - 37	234	2	14	30 - 69	2.3	19 - 33	210	0	0
#5	Tennessee	15	35 - 67	1.9	17 - 27	190	5	12	35 - 109	3.1	11 - 19	144	0	+3
#5	Utah St	19	32 - 205	6.4	23 - 36	288	1	17	41 - 150	3.7	13 - 30	159	2	0
#4	at Mississippi St	19	47 - 182	3.9	14 - 22	116	3	8	25 - 26	1.0	10 - 30	77	2	+1
#4	LSU	20	32 - 97	3.0	19 - 40	187	5	16	33 - 46	1.4	16 - 30	229	2	0
#8	at Auburn	11	37 - 33	0.9	16 - 29	155	11	13	35 - 139	4.0	14 - 21	118	1	+1
#13	† Texas Tech	21	44 - 145	3.3	19 - 31	275	0	18	24 - 103	4.3	16 - 36	226	4	0
TOTALS		222	463 - 1710	3.7	209 - 351	2597	37	162	361 - 1132	3.1	175 - 352	1929	28	+8
AVERAGES		18.5	39 - 143	3.7	17 - 29	216	3.1	13.5	30 - 94	3.1	15 - 29	161	2.3	0.7

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCLA - #17	-2'	17-20	L
at Vanderbilt	-11	12-9	L
Arkansas	-10	31-10	W
at South Carolina - #15	+6	36-37	W
UTEP	-21	56-7	W
at Mississippi	-8	24-27	L
Tennessee - #11	+2	24-35	L
LSU	-5	21-35	L
Mississippi St	-11	24-17	L
at Auburn - #17	+3	31-7	W
S Mississippi	-7	28-15	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Middle Tenn	-17	39-34	L
at Oklahoma - #2	+12	27-37	W
North Texas	-21	33-7	W
S Mississippi	-7	20-7	W
at Arkansas	+6'	30-12	W
Georgia - #7	-4'	25-27	L
Mississippi - #21	-11	42-7	W
at Tennessee - #16	+2	34-14	W
at Vanderbilt	-22	30-8	T
Mississippi St	-21'	28-14	L
at LSU - #14	-1'	31-0	W
Auburn	-10'	7-17	L
at Hawaii	-11'	21-16	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
South Florida	-15	40-17	W
Oklahoma - #1	+7'	13-20	W
Kentucky	-13'	27-17	L
N Illinois	-13'	16-19	L
Arkansas - #9	+1'	31-34 2OT	L
at Georgia - #11	+12	23-37	L
S Mississippi	-10'	17-3	W
at Mississippi	+4	28-43	L
Tennessee - #22	+3	43-51 5OT	L
at Mississippi St	-10'	38-0	W
LSU - #3	+7	3-27	L
at Auburn	+7'	23-28	W
at Hawaii	-2'	29-37	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah St	-26	48-17	W
Mississippi	-11'	28-7	W
W Carolina	NL	52-0	–
at Arkansas	+4'	10-27	L
South Carolina	-2'	3-20	L
at Kentucky	-6	45-17	W
S Mississippi - #24	-7	27-3	W
at Tennessee - #11	+7	13-17	W
Mississippi St	-17'	30-14	L
at LSU - #17	+7'	10-26	L
Auburn - #3	+10	13-21	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Middle Tenn	-21'	26-7	L
S Mississippi	-12'	30-21	L
at South Carolina	-2	37-14	W
Arkansas	-15	24-13	L
Florida - #5	+3	31-3	W
at Mississippi	-14	13-10	L
Tennessee - #17	-3'	6-3	L
Utah St	-34	35-3	L
at Mississippi St	-15'	17-0	W
LSU - #5	+3	13-16 OT	T
at Auburn - #11	+7	18-28	L

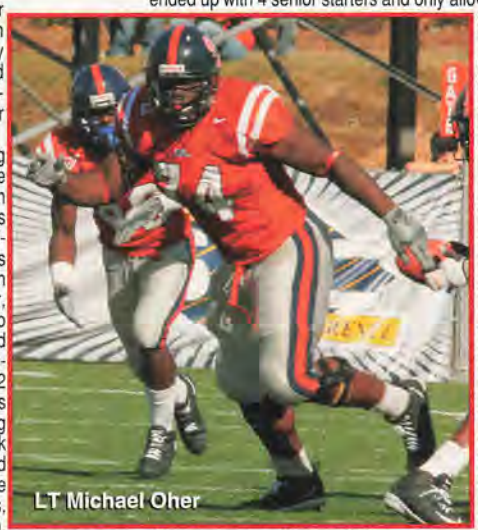
MISSISSIPPI REBELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Eli Manning turned down an early trip to the NFL to return for his senior season in '03 and led Ole Miss to one of its best seasons ever. He set or tied 47 school records, finished #3 in the race for the Heisman and was the 1st pick of the NFL draft. In '04 Micheal Spurlock (PS#42) who has been called a mini-Steve McNair battled Robert Lane (PS#5) and Ethan Flatt (PS#137). They used all 3 QB's, at times alternating on every play at one point. Lane led the team in rushing 3 times and Flatt threw for 1,530 (56%) with a 6-10 ratio in 9 starts. Lane threw for 242 (43.9%) while rushing for 370. Spurlock had 2 starts and threw for 341 (43%) with 100 rush. Last year Orgeron noted that with a questionable O-line he wanted a more mobile QB, so Flatt dropped to #3. Spurlock started 7 games but broke his hand and Lane started vs WY. When he struggled, Spurlock came off the bench but only hit 5 of 14. The next week, with his hand in a cast, Spurlock fumbled 3 times and had 2 int. UM led The Citadel 10-0 and Lane came in the 3Q but threw an int that was ret'd 44 yards for a TD. Spurlock returned and led 3 long scoring drives. Lane moved to FB vs Kentucky and also played TE and HB. Flatt played late vs Aub and hit 11 of 17. He started vs Ark (20 of 37 for 309) but suffered a concussion vs LSU. This year they lose Spurlock, who started the final game at RB and had 1,862 total yards and Flatt (3 st). Lane has moved to TE making way for Brent Schaeffer (PS#20 in '04) who threw for 2,970 yards at JUCO and was the first true frosh QB since 1945 to start an SEC opener at Tennessee in 2004. He has 4.4 speed and will be the starter despite not enrolling until August. Adding depth are Billy Tapp (6-4 225 rFr, PS#294) Army transfer Connor Wise (6-4 198 So PS#211) and JUCO Seth Adams. Despite being less experienced and having a new offense, I look for improved production from the QB position.

RUNNING BACKS - The Rebels leading rusher in 2002 had just 378 yards (3.9). Tremaine Turner had 809 (4.7) in '03 and Vashon Pearson led with 807 (5.1) in '04. The top 3 rushers returned last year but Pearson was ruled ineligible and Alan Abrams (PS#35) got in the coach's dog house and quit midyear (33 yd). Brandon Jacobs (2 st '04), their goal line power runner, played in just 3 (7 yd) due to injuries. Mico McSwain, who has 4.29 speed, played WR and then DB before moving to RB in August to become the team's feature back. He rushed for 612 (4.9) with just 6 starts missing most of 3 games with injury but set an Ole Miss frosh rushing record (Joe Gunn, 547 in '98). QB Spurlock started at RB in the season finale and they moved WR Larry Kendrick to RB for the last 4 where he had 77 (1.8). This year they lose Abrams, Jacobs, Kendrick and FB Jamal Pittman (4 st, 131 ttl yd). Added to the mix at RB is BenJarvus Green-Ellis who had 14 starts at Indiana with 1,732 yards rushing and 248 receiving in two years. Another option is true frosh Cordera Eason (PS#19) who was the state's top player (1,934 yd '05). This should be a much more productive group and McSwain could even move back to WR.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Rebels had to replace two starters but had their #1 receiver Mario Hill (36, 11.8) and #4 Taye Biddle (15, 18.9) returning. Hill got off to a great start with 14 rec's in the first 2 games but suffered a hamstring injury and finished with just 34 (15.4). Mike Espy (PS#22, 5 st) finally lived up to his VHT billing and had 52 rec's and leaves with 136 career grabs while Biddle (PS#30) had 10 starts and 35 rec (13.9). QB Robert Lane moved to FB/TE and finished 4th in rec yards. This year they lose 4 of their top 5 receivers. Also gone are TE Jimmy Brooks (7 st, 5 rec), Larry Kendrick, who had 3 starts at WR (18 rec) before moving to TB and Milton Collins (1 rec). This group is a lot less experienced but does add THREE VHT true frosh and may have more talent. Not listed in the 3 deep below is JUCO TE Jason Hawkins who was in for the spring.


LT Michael Oher

OFFENSIVE LINE - Since 1999 Ole Miss has only allowed 119 sacks, which is among the best of all SEC OL's. In 2004 they had to replace two starters but the line paved the way for 4.0 ypc rushing allowing 23 sacks. Last year they had to replace three longtime starters including #1 and #2 NFL DC. Michael Oher (PS#11) became the first true frosh starter on the O-line since Terrence Metcalf ('97). The backups did not play a lot and vs Tennessee all five OL's took every snap. The Rebels only avg'd 73 ypg rushing (2.4), their worst in more than a decade while allowing 26 sacks. This year they must replace LT Bobby Harris (11 st, 2 yr st'r), RT Tre' Stallings (#6DC KC, 11 st, 4 yr st'r, 1st Tm SEC), C Ben Boyce (5 gm) and OL Coach George DeLeone who left to become the OC at Temple. Orgeron made an excellent hire in former Miami, FL OL coach Art Kehoe and he inherits 3 returning starters and 5 players with starting experience. Surprisingly if you include this year's true frosh there are seven VHT's in the 3 deep and despite the change in offense, this should be a solidly improved O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 they had to replace 3 DL starters and the D allowed 185 ypg rushing (4.5) with just 22 sacks. Orgeron is an excellent DL coach and last year only had to replace 1 starter. He was expecting true frosh Jerrell Powe (PS#2) to contribute immediately but he DNQ and went to Hargrave. UM ended up with 4 senior starters and only allowed 3.7 ypc but the D had just 19 sacks. This year all 4 starters depart in DT McKinley Boykin (9 st, 41 tkl, 10.5 tfl), DE Corvelli Haynes (9 st, 30 tkl, 6.5 tfl), DE Jayme Mitchell (11 st, 36 tkl, 7.5 tfl) and NT Michael Bozeman (11 st, 51 tkl, 5.5 tfl, HM SEC). Powe has resigned and they have another VHT in DE Chris Bowers and add 2 more VHT's. While Orgeron should fashion a decent unit, it is clearly less experienced and much younger with just 3 juniors and 9 underclassmen including 4 true frosh in the 3 deep I list below. Orgeron also noted there is a big drop between the 1st and 2nd team D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - The Rebels had zero returning starters to this unit in '03 and '04. Last year they had to replace two starters and were still a young unit with 7 frosh, 3 soph and 2 upperclassmen in the Top 12. Patrick Willis was not listed as a returning starter last year but was HM SEC in '04 (70 tkl) as a backup. Last year he was simply one of 12 finalists for the Bednarik Award despite missing one full game and a part of another. Willis surprisingly turned down the NFL as he would have been a high DC after earning 1st Tm SEC honors (2nd Tm AA) but did miss the spring after off-season foot surgery. The only losses are WLB Kelvin Robinson (11 st, 85 tkl, 3 yr st'r) and Dontae Reed (6-2 205 So). Added to the mix this year are RB Antonio Turner (PS#127RB) who had 86 total yards as a true frosh, super JUCO Rory Johnson who was PS#19 and originally signed at Miss St and Don Hargroder, a ULL transfer. This is the most experienced and talented LB corps here in years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rebels were #68 in my pass D rankings in 2003. They had seven of the top eight back in '04 and moved up to #30 allowing just 47.3%. Last year they only had to replace one starter and returned a pair of CB's in Johnson and McBride who were #1 and #2 in the SEC in pd's. With a weaker defensive front 7 the Rebels surprisingly dropped to #72. This year they lose CB Travis Johnson (10 st) who saw his pd's go from 15 in '04 to six, Bryant Thomas (7 tkl) and Joshua Braithwaite (1 gm). Despite the loss of a top-notch CB, the Rebels should make some dramatic improvement in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ole Miss had an excellent K, P and return game in '03 and '04 finishing #37 and #31 in my ST rankings. Last year they had to replace their K and P. The '05 version finished just #91 with the bright spot being Will Moseley who had 24 TB's on 38 KO's. Moseley opened up the year as the long FG man and Matt Hinkle handled the short FG's but rFr Robert Bass (PS#61) entered into the mix. Those 3 combined for 10 of 20 FG's with Moseley having a long of 50. Moseley began as the punter (40.9) but Rob Park took over down the stretch. Also added to the mix this year is VHT rFr Justin Sparks (PS#7). Mike Espy surprisingly avg'd just 15.6 on KR's and 8.0 on PR's with a TD. With only Espy gone, this unit should show good sized improvement.

COACHES - Last year Ed Orgeron came over from National Champion USC where he spent his previous seven years and is considered one of the top DL coaches in the country. He was also the DL Coach at Miami (Fl) for four successful seasons. This year he brings in a new OC in Dan Werner who was the Miami, Fl OC the past 2 years. He has full control of the offense and will implement the Miami offense. Orgeron, like Pete Carroll, is his own DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Heading into 2004, Ole Miss was the only team in the SEC West to be bowl eligible for 7 straight years but ironically they are the only SEC West team without a trip to the SEC Title game. Ole Miss' last SEC Title was in 1963. From 1954-1971 Ole Miss went to 17 bowls including 9 appearances in either the Sugar or Cotton Bowl. From 1972 to 1996 they were in just 5 bowls with only one New Year's Day game. Scholarships were short when David Cutcliffe took over but he finally got the team to its full allotment in 2002. In '03, I said Ole Miss had their best team in over a decade and called for them to notch at least 9 wins. They went 10-3 led by QB Eli Manning winning the Cotton Bowl over Okla St. In 2004 it looked like a rebuilding year losing Manning and having just 4 starters back on defense. The team was also hit by the injury bug and went 4-7. Stunningly they opted to fire Coach Cutcliffe and I talked about them possibly being "Baylored" (see pg 309). As expected, Ole Miss suffered back-to-back losing years for the first time since 1987-'88 as they had just 12 starters back and 13 players quit or were dismissed following the coaching change. The 3-8 record was their worst record since 1987. They even benefitted from Memphis losing their starting QB on the 3rd play of the game to notch one of their victories. In Orgeron's home opener, they took on a Wyoming team that finished just 4-7 and were dominated being outFD'd 18-10. One of their victories came over IAA Citadel and the other over an injury ravaged Kentucky team. Their 40-7 home loss to LSU was their worst home defeat since 1949 and only avoided the shutout by getting an 86 yard drive for a garbage TD. They were blown out 55-14 by rival Miss St in their finale. Their 10 returning starters are second fewest in the SEC. Despite all of that, this is clearly a much stronger team in 2006 and Orgeron has brought in a large group of VHT's. Despite having new starters, the backfield looks to be much improved and the offense should easily blow away last year's 13.5 ppg. While the entire D-line must be replaced, the back 7 look solid and they may have more athletic talent up front. They should come close to last year's solid 22.3 ppg allowed. This team will top last year's 3-win total and could flirt with bowl eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB NA Brent Schaeffer Jr. 6-2 195 **PS#20 '04.** 3 sts Tenn true, 4.4 spd, 428 ttl yds. 2970 pass at JC, 860 rush LY, PS#2JC. **19** Seth Adams (6-4 215 Jr) #1 post spg. Michael Herrick **PS#30.**

RB 6 BenJARVUS GREEN-ELLIS JR. 5-11 211 Power, 14 sts, 2Y Indiana (1732, 3.8) 29 rec. **22 Mico McSwain** (6-1 203 So) **4.29 spd.** 6 sts rFr, 612 (4.9). Cordera Eason is **PS#19.**

WR NA Allen Walker Fr. 6-1 200 **PS#13DB. 81** Carlos Suggs (6-5 200 Jr). **FB 44** Jason Cook (6-0 230 So) 3 st, 36 yd. **39** Seth Michaelson (6-0 241 Jr) PS#321DL. Reggie Hicks PS#102.

WR 21 Marshay Green Fr. 5-10 170 PS#70RB. In for spg. **84** JD Lawhorn (6-1 187 rFr) PS#84. Terry Levy **PS#20. 32** Keith Houston (6-3 215 Sr) PS#171DB. 1 rec.

WR 2 Burnell Wallace So. 6-0 175 PS#131. 4 KR as true. Tyson Andrus (6-1 185 rFr) PS#82. Markeith Summers **PS#37. 31** Michael Hicks (6-3 215 rFr) PS#167. Kendrick Lewis PS#54.

TE 15 ROBERT LANE JR. 6-3 225 **PS#5QB.** 1 st QB, 2 FB LY. 919 total yds 2Y. **88** Lawrence Lilly (6-4 275 Sr) **PS#27** 4 st '04. **85 Robert Hough** (6-4 220 Jr) PS#141DL. 4 st, 7 rec LY.

C 51 Corey Actis Jr. 6-5 295 **PS#34JC.** In for spg. **52** James McCoy (6-3 312 Sr) PS#193. 11 gm 2nd string '04. **79** Maurice Miller (6-3 320 So). **LS 61** Brent Smith (6-4 271 rFr).

RG 60 THOMAS ECKERS JR. 6-2 290 PS#245. 4 st OG LY, 7 gm. Aubrey McFadden (6-6 330 Jr) **PS#16** '03 at Fla St! Don Mosley PS#471. John Jerry (6-6 340 Fr) **PS#60DL** LY. Hargrave.

LG 50 DARRYL HARRIS JR. 6-3 285 PS#503. 1 st at LT rFr, 5 games. 9 sts at C LY. **73** Andrew Wicker (6-5 290 Sr) PS#81DL. 2 st at DT, 9 tkl, 1 ttl 2Y. 6 st at LG, 10 gms LY.

RT 78 David Traxler So. 6-6 292 PS#126. 2 st LG, 5 games as rFr. **71** Reid Neely (6-6 295 rFr) **PS#85.** Injured in August 2005 & RS. **67** Paul Hurd (6-4 275 So).

LT 74 MICHAEL OHER SO. 6-5 330 **PS#11.** 10 sts RG true. SEC Fr Tm. 1st true OL to start here S/'97. **76** Marcus Cohen (6-5 290 Jr) **PS#39.** 11 gm LY. Daverin Geralds **PS#63.**

K 34 JUSTIN SPARKS rFR. 6-2 170 **PS#7. 96** Matt Hinkle (5-8 155 Jr) 5 of 10 FG LY, long 45. **17 Will Moseley** (6-2 200 Sr) 3 of 6 FG, 24 TB/38 KO. **93** Robert Bass (5-8 160 So) PS#61. 2 of 4 FG.

DE 95 Chris Bowers So. 6-2 231 **PS#30.** 2 st, 7 gms as rFr, 12 tkl, 1 ttl. **94** LaMark Armour (6-2 240 So) PS#480. 2 gms as true, miss spg w/inj. **91** Reterio Brown is PS#245LB.

DT 90 Brandon Jenkins Jr. 6-5 280 18 tkl, 2 sk L2Y. **97** Hayward Howard (6-4 300 So) Orig Mich St. 98 tkl, 27 ttl, 12 qbh as Fr JC LY. In for spg. **Marcus Tillman** is **PS#6.**

NT 54 Jeremy Garrett Jr. 6-1 275 7 tkl, 1 ttl rFr. 2 sts DT LY, 10 tkl, 1 ttl. **Jerrell Powe** (6-2 330 Fr) **PS#2 LY.** Hargrave. **58** Trey Poole (6-3 250 So). Moved from OL in spg.

DE 98 Peria Jerry So. 6-2 290 PS#108. Hargrave. 3 tkl, 6 gm "true". **56** Vicente DeLoach (6-4 260 Jr) PS#202. 5 tkl, 2 ttl 7 gms 2Y. Kentrell Lockett (6-2 225 Fr) **PS#42.**

SLB 26 GARRY PACK JR. 6-1 220 PS#52. 27 tkl as true. 11 st, 61 tkl, 3 sk LY. **Rory Johnson PS#19 '04.** 17 sk JUCO 2Y. **45** LeRon King (6-0 205 So) PS#206. John Cornell **PS#49.**

MLB 49 PATRICK WILLIS SR. 6-2 230 70 tkl, 11 ttl, HM SEC, bkup '04. 10 sts LY, **2nd Tm AA**, 128, 9.5 ttl. **42** Robert Russell (6-0 235 So) PS#92, 13 tkl. **43** Rogers Loche (6-0 225 rFr) PS#81.

WLB 10 Quentin Taylor So. 6-0 235 PS#47RB. 13 tkl as true. **33** Antonio Turner (6-1 223 So) PS#127RB. 86 yds true. **41** Brandon Thomas (5-11 240 So) PS#72. **46** Don Hargroder (6-0 210 So) PS#329.

CB 3 TRUMAINE McBRIDE SR. 5-10 170 PS#66RB. 11 sts '04, 36 tkl, 3 int, 13 pbu (**#1 SEC pd**). 11 st LY, 34 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu. **12** Dustin Mouzon (5-11 170 So) 14 tkls rFr. Gary Albury (6-0 180 rFr).

CB 5 Terrell Jackson So. 5-10 190 **PS#23.** 8 tkl, 11 gm rFr. **28 Nate Banks** (5-11 180 Jr) PS#177RB. 1 st, 13 tkl rFr. 1 st LY, 15 tkl, 1 sk. Cassius Vaughn PS#114RB.

SS 13 JAMARCA SANFORD SO. 5-10 200 PS#139LB. 10 sts SS as rFr, 58 tkl, 5 ttl, 3 pbu. **4** Bryan Brown (5-9 200 Sr) PS#66QB, 2 st, 3Y, 34 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. **48** Kirt Finnell (6-1 190 Jr).

FS 20 CHARLES CLARK SR. 6-0 195 PS#165. 17 tkl as true. 11 sts WS '04, 76 tkl, 3 pbu. 11 sts at FS LY, 40 tkl, 1 int. **30** Gary Riggs (6-2 203 rFr) **PS#57.** Jamal Harvey PS#134.

P 36 ROB PARK SO. 6-0 185 PS#33. 43 punts as true, 38.2 avg L/10 games. **17** Will Moseley (6-2 200 Sr) 21 punts, 40.9 avg. **34** Justin Sparks PS#7. 41.7 avg senior in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Brent Schaeffer 6-2 195 PS#2JC
DL	Jerrell Powe 6-2 330 PS#2 '05
DL	Marcus Tillman 6-5 250 PS#6
WR	Allen Walker 6-1 200 PS#13DB
RB	Cordera Eason 6-1 235 PS#19
OL	Corey Actis 6-5 295 PS#34JC
WR	Terry Levy 6-2 195 PS#20
DL	Kentrell Lockett 6-5 225 PS#42
WR	Markeith Summers 6-2 195 PS#37
LB	Rory Johnson 6-1 235 PS#63JC
RB	Derrick Davis 6-0 235 PS#45
QB	Michael Herrick 6-1 170 PS#30
TE	Jason Hawkins 6-3 255 PS#84JC
WR	Kendrick Lewis 6-0 180 PS#54
OL	Daverin Geralds 6-3 305 PS#63
LB	John Cornell 6-1 220 PS#49
OL	Don Mosley 6-2 295 PS#471
OL	Aubrey McPhadden 6-6 330 PS#137JC
RB	Marshay Green 5-10 170 PS#70 '05
QB	Bruce Hall 6-0 210PS#106 '03
RB	Reggie Hicks 6-1 225 PS#102
DB	Cassius Vaughn 5-11 180 PS#114RB
DB	Jamal Harvey 6-3 200 PS#134
WR	Shay Hodge 6-2 195 PS#127
WR	LaDerrick Vaughn 6-2 195 PS#191RB
DL	Greg Hardy 6-5 235 PS#201
K	Joshua Shene 5-10 170 PS#31
TE	Cecil Frison 6-3 235 PS#260DL
QB	Seth Adams 6-4 215 PS#430JC
RB	Dexter McCluster 5-9 170 PS#309DB
DL	Hayward Howard 6-4 300 PS#446JC
OL	John Jerry 6-6 340 PS#60DL '05

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2nd Year at Mississippi
Orgeron's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Orgeron's records AT MISSISSIPPI

3-8	Straight Up	0-3	Home Favorite
3-7	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Underdog
1-5	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
2-6	Vs Conference	2-2	Away Underdog
1-1	Vs Non-Conf	0-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 5

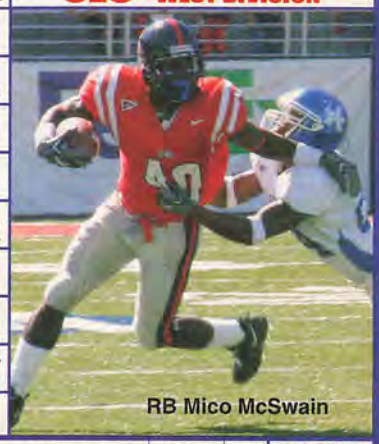
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (15,18,4)
Lost: 25 (16,8,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 54,225

SEC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#31

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Memphis	A						The Rebels are 17-6 SU & 7-14 ATS vs non-conf opponents since 1999. Ole Miss recorded back-to-back losing seasons for the 1st time S/'87-'88. The Rebels are 11-60 all-time vs ranked teams on the road.
Sep. 9	at Missouri	A						The visitor has won & covered the last 2 in this series (4-6 ATS L/10). The dog has won & covered the last 3 years in this series.
Sep. 16	at Kentucky	G						The last meeting between these teams was '79 (Ole Miss 1-3 SU & 0-2 ATS). UM is 4-2 SU & ATS vs Big 12 teams S/'98 but 0-2 in regular season gms.
Sep. 23	Wake Forest	A						The Rebels are 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS vs Kentucky since 1991. UM missed 4 field goals in last year's 13-7 win over the Wildcats.
Sep. 30	Georgia	A						This is the 1st meeting between these 2 & 1st vs current ACC since 1971. Rebels are 14-9 ATS their last 23 games after a SU win.
Oct. 7	Vanderbilt (HC)	A						Mississippi is 14-5 ATS the last 19 as a double digit dog. UM is 0-6 SU & 2-4 ATS the L/6 in this series with the last meeting being in '02.
Oct. 14	at Alabama	G						The home team is 3-8-1 ATS in this series since 1994. Ole Miss is 9-1 SU but 4-6 ATS the last 10 years on Homecoming.
Oct. 21	at Arkansas	G						The SU winner is 19-3 ATS in this series. UM missed 2 field goals in last year's 13-10 loss to then 6th ranked Bama.
Oct. 28	Auburn	A						The favorite is 10-3-1 ATS the last 14 in this series. UM held Ark to 89 yds rushing last year (Ark avg'd 216.9 ypg in 2005).
Nov. 4	Northwestern St	A						The road team is 8-2 ATS the last 10 in this series. Five of the last 7 meetings have been decided by single digits.
Nov. 11								This is the 1st meeting between these two schools. NSU Demons finished 5-5 in '05 as a member of the Div IAA Southland Conf.
Nov. 18	at LSU	G						Rebels are 0-6 SU & 1-5 ATS the last 3 years after a bye week. Ole Miss is 7-2 ATS the last 9 years vs LSU.
Nov. 25	Mississippi St	A						This is the 79th meeting of the "Battle of the Golden Egg" which started in 1927. The Rebels are 5-2 ATS vs the Bulldogs the last 7 years.
								ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Eli Manning 10,119 2000-'03 Rushing: Deuce McAllister 3,060 1997-'00 Receiving: Chris Collins 2,621 2000-'03


RB Mico McSwain

STADIUM: VAUGHT-HEMINGWAY STADIUM (60,580)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	7-4	7-4	6-6	9-3	4-7	3-8	43-36
Home	3-3	5-2	4-2	6-1	5-2	3-3	2-4	28-17
Away	4-1	2-2	3-2	0-5	4-1	1-4	1-4	15-19
ATS	5-6	4-6-1	4-6	6-6	8-4	4-7	3-7	34-42-1
Home Fav	0-4	2-4	1-3	3-2	4-2	1-3	0-3	11-21
Home Dog	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	7-4
Away Fav	2-1	1-0-1	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-1	0-1	5-7-1
Away Dog	2-0	0-2	1-1	2-3	2-0	2-2	2-2	11-10
Favorite	2-5	3-4-1	2-5	3-2	5-4	1-4	0-4	16-28-1
Dog	3-1	1-2	2-1	3-4	3-0	3-3	3-3	18-14
Grass	5-6	4-6-1	4-6	6-5	3-2	2-3	1-3	25-31-1
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	5-2	2-4	2-4	9-11
vs Conf	5-3	3-4-1	3-5	4-4	6-2	4-4	2-6	27-28-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	1-1	2-2	2-2	0-3	1-1	7-14
Off SU Win	2-5	2-4	3-3	3-2	5-3	2-1	1-2	18-20
Off SU Loss	3-0	1-2-1	1-3	3-3	3-0	2-5	1-5	14-18-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mico McSwain	**124**	**696**	**84**	**612**	**3**	**4.9**
Antonio Turner	**30**	**88**	**9**	**79**	**0**	**2.6**
Larry Kendrick	43	106	29	77	1	1.8
Jamal Pittman	18	59	6	53	0	2.9
Micheal Spurlock	51	159	179	-20	2	-0.4
Robert Lane	**9**	**15**	**38**	**-23**	**0**	**-2.6**
Ethan Flatt	15	0	84	-84	0	-5.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Micheal Spurlock	267	142	53.2	1703	7	9
Ethan Flatt	79	46	58.2	511	2	5
Robert Lane	**22**	**9**	**40.9**	**79**	**0**	**4**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mike Espy	52	543	10.4	3	41
Mario Hill	34	524	15.4	2	38
Taye Biddle	35	487	13.9	2	41
Robert Lane	**17**	**213**	**12.5**	**1**	**60**
Larry Kendrick	18	180	10.0	1	32
Mico McSwain	**7**	**82**	**11.7**	**0**	**45**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Rob Park	**43**	**1641**	**38.2**	**10**	**33.5(T)**	**1**	**8**
Will Moseley	**21**	**858**	**40.9**	**6**	**–**	**1**	**4**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Hinkle	**6-6**	**2-4**	**1-2**	**2-4**	**0-0**	**5-10**	**45**
Will Moseley	**3-4**	**0-0**	**1-2**	**1-3**	**1-1**	**3-6**	**50**
Robert Bass	**7-7**	**2-2**	**0-2**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**2-4**	**24**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Patrick Willis	**128**	**3**	**6.5**	**3**	**1**
Kelvin Robinson	85	2	1	2	1
Garry Pack	**61**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**1**
Jamarca Sanford	**58**	**0**	**5.5**	**3**	**0**
Michael Bozeman	51	1	4.5	1	0
McKinley Boykin	41	3	7.5	2	0
Charles Clark	**40**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Jayme Mitchell	36	2.5	5	6	0
Trumaine McBride	**34**	**0**	**2**	**7**	**1**
Travis Johnson	34	0	3	5	1
Corvelli Haynes	30	2	4.5	2	0
Bryan Brown	**19**	**1.5**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Nate Banks	**15**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Dustin Mouzon	**14**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Robert Russell	**13**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Quentin Taylor	**13**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Chris Bowers	**12**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Jeremy Garrett	**10**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Terrell Jackson	**8**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Bryant Thomas	7	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mike Espy	21	169	8.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mike Espy	17	265	15.6	0
Taye Biddle	7	130	18.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Independence	+9'	Texas Tech	35-18	W
99	Independence	+4	Oklahoma	27-25	W
00	Music City	-3'	West Virginia	38-49	L
02	Independence	+7	Nebraska	27-23	W
03	Cotton	-2'	Oklahoma St	31-28	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Mississippi's All-Time SU Bowl Record 19-12

MISSISSIPPI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	13.5	15	73	2.4	208	53.1	20.9	-5	2005	7	22.3	19	153	3.7	179	56.6	14.9
6	19.5	20	159	4.0	192	50.9	18.0	-3	2004	4	25.3	19	185	4.5	206	47.3	15.4
8*	34.0	23	147	3.9	286	62.8	12.7	+6	2003	8	21.9	19	102	3.2	276	56.2	17.3
7*	27.0	21	94	3.0	264	58.2	13.3	+5	2002	7	25.5	18	160	4.0	187	51.9	13.6
6	35.5	24	144	3.8	271	63.1	11.7	-1	2001	5	28.2	19	214	5.0	161	49.5	13.3
6*	29.3	19	143	3.9	216	54.2	12.2	+5	2000	5	27.4	19	173	4.6	199	48.5	13.5

2005 STATS BY GAME

UM 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Memphis	16	36-55	1.5	15-31	207	5	16	38-119	3.1	16-29	149	2	+1
–	at Vanderbilt	18	28-124	4.4	17-35	276	1	31	49-209	4.3	24-41	314	2	0
–	Wyoming	10	28-162	5.8	12-29	120	1	18	43-163	3.8	17-34	220	2	-3
–	at Tennessee	15	25-50	2.0	18-38	200	4	23	48-172	3.6	18-35	206	1	-3
–	The Citadel	18	38-112	2.9	20-30	254	2	4	28-60	2.1	5-14	21	0	-1
–	Alabama	14	30-69	2.3	19-33	210	0	17	30-121	4.0	22-37	234	2	0
–	Kentucky	18	39-163	4.2	19-38	198	0	16	38-149	3.9	12-22	107	3	+3
–	at Auburn	14	27-23	0.9	21-35	186	3	24	46-123	2.7	19-29	239	4	+1
–	Arkansas	14	34-10	0.3	21-40	316	5	17	40-89	2.2	17-24	175	2	0
–	LSU	11	22-7	0.3	20-38	168	1	19	41-177	4.3	15-26	203	1	0
–	at Mississippi St	12	25-31	1.2	15-24	158	4	23	56-304	5.4	11-20	105	0	-3
TOTALS		160	332-806	2.4	197-371	2293	26	208	457-1686	3.7	176-311	1973	19	-5
AVERAGES		14.5	30-73	2.4	18-34	208	2.4	18.9	42-153	3.7	16-28	179	1.7	-0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Murray St	NL	49-14	–
at Auburn	+5'	21-27	L
at Kentucky	-8	42-31	W
at Arkansas St	-22	35-17	L
Alabama	+8	27-24	W
Middle Tenn	-12	45-17	W
at LSU	+9'	35-24	W
Arkansas	-6	56-58 7OT	L
Georgia - #23	-3	15-35	L
at Mississippi St	-3	28-36	L
Vanderbilt	-16	38-27	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
ULM	-31'	31-3	L
Memphis	-8'	38-16	W
at Texas Tech	+3'	28-42	L
Vanderbilt	-21	45-38	L
Florida - #6	+13'	17-14	W
Arkansas St	-29	52-17	W
at Alabama - #24	+11	7-42	L
at Arkansas	+8	28-48	L
Auburn	+4	24-31	L
at Georgia - #7	+15	17-31	W
at LSU - #21	+9'	13-14	W
Mississippi St	-8	24-12	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	-13	24-21	L
at Memphis	-8	34-44	L
ULM	-28	59-14	W
Texas Tech	-3	45-49	L
at Florida - #24	+12'	20-17	W
Arkansas St	-26	55-0	W
Alabama	-4	43-28	W
Arkansas - #21	-1	19-7	W
South Carolina	-7	43-40	L
at Auburn	+8	24-20	W
LSU - #3	+6'	14-17	W
at Mississippi St	-19	31-0	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Memphis	-4	13-20	L
at Alabama	+11'	7-28	L
Vanderbilt	-6'	26-23 OT	L
at Wyoming	-3'	32-37	L
Arkansas St	-18'	28-21	L
at South Carolina - #25	+16'	31-28	W
Tennessee - #13	+10	17-21	W
Auburn	+16'	14-35	L
at Arkansas	+9'	3-35	L
at LSU - #14	+20'	24-27	W
Mississippi St	-5'	20-3	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Memphis	+2'	10-6	W
at Vanderbilt	+3	23-31	L
Wyoming	-2	14-24	L
at Tennessee - #10	+21	10-27	W
The Citadel	NL	27-7	–
Alabama - #6	+14	10-13	W
Kentucky	-10	13-7	L
at Auburn - #19	+20'	3-27	L
Arkansas	-1'	17-28	L
LSU - #4	+17	7-40	L
at Mississippi St	-1'	14-35	L

MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 Miss St had to replace Kevin Fant who threw for 2,151 yards but with a 14-21 ratio. Kyle York had two career starts and 966 yards passing (48.5%) with a 5-14 ratio. Omarr Conner (PS#20) had three starts at WR as a true frosh (14 rec) and won the starting job. Conner started 9 missing two with injury. Conner threw for 1,224 (51.9%) with a 6-7 ratio while also rushing for 262 gross yards. Michael Henig, who can throw the football 70 yards played in just one game and hit 1 of 4 with an int but redshirted and Brett Morgan (PS#97) played on special teams. All three returned last year and Conner tied a school record with 4 TD passes vs Murray St. Conner suffered a sprained ankle vs Georgia and was replaced vs LSU in the 2H by Henig after an int in the EZ just before the half. Conner bruised his sternum vs Florida and Henig hit 9 of 20 for 119 under constant pressure and took a crucial safety when he could have thrown the ball away. Henig came in the 2Q vs Kentucky and hit 16 of 31 for 200. Conner's shoulder wasn't 100% and Henig started the rest of the year with Conner moving to WR. Henig threw for 621 (44.4%) with just a 2-5 ratio. Morgan engineered a late drive vs Ole Miss getting to the 7 where they took a knee, but did not attempt a pass. Backing up Henig are rFr Tray Rutland (PS#99), Ty Evans (PS#212) and Robert Ambers (PS#145). They add JC Brett Hyatt who was in for the spring. With a more stable O-line and improved WR corps, I look for improved passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Jackie Sherrill signed 2 VHT true frosh RB's in Jerious Norwood (PS#6) and Nick Turner (PS#12). FB Justin Griffith led in rushing with 471 yards. In 2003 they had to replace FB Griffith (#4 DC ATL) but had their two stars back. Turner set school records for all-purpose yards in a game (344) and in a single season (1,664). He also led with 696 (5.7). Norwood had 642 (5.3) in 8 starts while Fred Reid rushed for 157 (4.9). Turner was kicked off the team prior to 2004. Norwood finished 2nd in the SEC in rush ypg (95.5) becoming just the 6th Bulldog to top 1,000 in a season with 1,050 (5.4). Reid was #2 with 393 (4.8). "Big Bryson" Davis, who is 263 lbs, started the last 5 at FB. Last year they had to replace Reid but Norwood became just the second Bulldog player to have back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons and broke the MSU career rushing record (Walter Packer 2,820 1973-'76). Norwood accomplished that despite having just 9 yards vs LSU (concussion). He also set the school's single game record with 257 vs Houston (James Johnson, 237 vs Ala in 1998). Brandon Thornton (PS#113) was #2 with 225 (4.8) and Demarcus Johnson had 135 total yards. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Derek Amborse (6-1 198 Sr), who had 90 (6.0) before suffering a torn ACL. Norwood (#3DC ATL) is a big loss and Johnson transferred so true frosh Anthony Dixon and Jones will be counted on immediately.

LB Quinton Culberson

RECEIVERS - The Bulldogs had a very inexperienced receiving corps in 2004 and soph Will Prosser led with 24 (13.7). Tee Milons (PS#103), who almost redshirted, also had 24 (11.9). TE Eric Butler made the all-SEC Frosh team and set a school record for TD's by a TE (4). All three returned last year but Prosser broke his foot and only recaptured 80% of his speed. Keon Humphries, the team's best deep threat, was also not 100% (foot) and moved to DB in the spring. Butler had 3 TD rec's in the first 4 but had just 4 rec in the final 7. The team's best WR at year's end was converted QB Omarr Conner. Conner, who had 14 (15.1) in '03 at WR, moved back to WR for the final two LY and had 9 of the team's 22 rec's. This year they only lose Milons (3 st, 18 rec) and bring in outstanding 6'4" JUCO Tony Burks who will play immediately. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Lance Long (5-10 182 Jr, 1 st, 7 rec), Tay Bowser (6-3 179 rFr), Tyler Threadgill (5-10 191 Jr, PS#111QB) and TE Jeremy Jones (6-3 278 So, PS#44, 1 st). With Conner around the entire year and a healthy Prosser, this is one of the most improved receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Croom inherited a veteran group in 2004 with 4 starters back. As expected the team improved its ypc rushing from 3.8 to 4.3 and allowed just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 1 backup. The OL coach said it was the youngest OL he'd ever seen and Croom called it their biggest weakness heading into 2005. Despite the presence of Norwood in the backfield, they only avg'd 3.9 ypc while allowing 36 sacks. This year they lose RT Avery House (10 st), C Chris McNeil (11 st, 2 yr st'r) and RG Johnny Wadley (4 st). Three true frosh earned playing time and they add VHT JUCO JD Hamilton, so this should be a much improved offensive front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Bulldogs allowed 4.3 ypc rushing which was the first time since 1995 the D had allowed over 4.0 ypc. In 2004, MSU allowed 4.4 ypc. Last year they only had to replace one starter and DE Willie Evans simply led the SEC in sacks (15) and was 3rd Tm AA. The Bulldogs' overall sack total went from 14 to 30 and the ypc allowed improved to 3.7. This year they lose their star in Evans (10 st) as well as DT Corey Clark (22 tkl, 5 tfl), DE Jeremy Jack (2 tkl) and DT Markell McKinley (1 tkl). Basically 7 of the top 8 return and even with the loss of their top guy, this could be an improved unit.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 the Bulldogs began the year with 3 junior LB starters. By year's end they had one soph, who had been moved from S, and two frosh starting. Last year they moved MLB Titus Brown to DE but basically had 3 starters returning including a pair of VHT's. Gabe O'Neal (PS#83), who started the last 5 as a true frosh, was not 100% and didn't earn the starting job until the last 5 again in 2005. This year they must replace Clarence McDougal (PS#29DB, 55 tkl, 5 st), Fred Akines (1 tkl) and Terrence Beaman (2 tkl). Five of the top six are back and I list 4 VHT's in the 3 deep below. I look for continued improvement from the Bulldog LB corps and MSU did allow just 23.5 ppg, their best mark since 1999.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003 four frosh DB's saw significant action including 14 starts. The unit fared very poorly at #114 in my pass D rankings allowing 62.2% with a 31-6 ratio. A more experienced secondary improved to #65 in 2004 but last year had to replace both starting safeties. They slipped to #71 but allowed a respectable 13-12 ratio. This year they lose CB Kevin Dockery (11 st, 53 tkl, 3 int, HM SEC) and CB Jamaal Johnson (3 tkl). Seven of the top 8 are back with five VHT's in my 3 deep. This is, by far, the best secondary Croom has fielded here.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2004 P Jared Cook was 1st Tm SEC avg 43.7 and PK Keith Andrews had 20 TB's on 38 KO's but MSU struggled on returns. They only finished #81 in my ST rankings. Last year they had to replace Cook. Jonathan Lowe, who averaged a solid 11.5 on PR's in 2004, only avg'd 4.8 and lost his spot after a fumble vs Florida. Norwood only had 4 returns (10.8) but actually led the team in PR yards. True frosh Blake McAdams avg'd 41.9 on punts. Andrews had 11 TB's on 26 KO's and Andrew Gambrell had zero on 10 KO's. Andrews missed the last 4 with injury (groin) and Adam Carlson hit 2 of 4 FG's with a long of 39. With Andrews healthy and basically everyone back, I look for the Bulldogs to make significant improvement on their #114 ST finish.

COACHES - Sylvester Croom was the GB Packers' RB Coach from 2001-2003 and became the first African American HC in the SEC. Croom coached at Alabama under Bear Bryant and Ray Perkins from '76-'86. His OC, Woody McCorvey, had been the RB coach at Tennessee from 1999-2003 and has 15 years of experience in the SEC. Ellis Johnson took over as the DC in 2004. He had previously been the HC at The Citadel for 3 years including a 6-6 record in '03 and was the DC at Alabama from 1997-2000. Another asst with HC experience is Coordinator of Football Operations Rockey Felker, who was MSU's HC from '86-'90.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to 2001 the Bulldogs actually had the best record of all SEC West schools over the previous 4 years! The last 3 years of Jackie Sherrill's tenure did not go well as the team managed just a 3-21 record in SEC play. In 2002 they actually outgained their opponents on the year by 13 ypg but somehow finished 3-9. Surprisingly when he announced he would retire, the team mailed it in down the stretch in 2003 and for the season was outgained by an average of 182.9 ypg in league play. Croom inherited a 2-10 team that was -21 in turnovers and instilled more discipline. While they went just 3-8 in his first season, they upset #20 Florida, only trailed Alabama 20-14 in the 4Q and Arkansas needed a 76 yd blocked FG return for a TD to get past the Bulldogs. The school was put on four years probation and did lose 4 scholarships in '05 and '06 but Croom did have 5 players make the SEC Frosh Team in '04. He had his contract extended through 2008. Last year they had 16 starters back but had very few winnable home games and actually blew one of those in a 28-16 home loss to Houston. MSU had just 9 seniors and only had 74 scholarship players in 2005. Since Croom took over, 20 players have quit or have been kicked off the team in the first two years. Hurricane Katrina ravaged Mississippi but MSU still opened the season 2-1. They lost to 3 ranked foes, who all happened to be angry as they were off losses (Auburn, LSU, Florida). After their stunning home loss to Houston (despite Norwood's school record 257 yards rushing), they lost to 1-5 Kentucky and were just 2-8 when they whipped Mississippi 35-14. That game stopped a streak of 19 straight losses vs the SEC West (since 2001) and Croom had his contract extended another year. The Bulldogs have lost 21 straight SEC road games. The Bulldogs' 16 returning starters are the 2nd most in the SEC. Despite the loss of their top player on offense (RB Norwood), with 8 starters back they can only improve upon last year's paltry 13.9 ppg (worst since 1971, 10.9). Despite losing their top defensive player (DE Evans, 15 sks), with 8 starters back MSU has the makings of an SEC-caliber D and only allowed 23.5 ppg in 2005. Although the Bulldogs have improved each year under Croom, they face Ole Miss on the road and don't play Vandy (weakest in East). They may be more competitive this year, but I think MSU will post their 6th straight losing season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 7 MIKE HENIG SO. 6-1 179 PS#221. L/3 st rFr, 621 yds (44%). **17** Tray Rutland (6-2 221 rFr) PS#99. **16** Ty Evans (6-4 198 rFr) PS#212. Robert Ambers (5-11 183 rFr) PS#145.

HB NA Anthony Dixon Fr. 6-1 229 **PS#28. 27 Brandon Thornton** (5-10 188 So) PS#113. 225 yds (4.8) rFr. Courtney Jones PS#74. Brandon Hart (5-10 233 So) 28 yds as true.

FB 41 BRYSON DAVIS SR. 6-2 263 5 st '04, 102 yds. 9 st '05. 102 yds. **31** Casey Rogers (6-1 218 Sr) 32 yds, 8 tkl LY. Marshall Brown (5-11 198 rFr). **49** Taurus Young (5-9 216 So).

WR 4 TONY BURKS JR. 6-4 213 PS#74JC. In for spg. Orig PS#32 in '04. **11 Will Prosser** (6-3 207 Sr) 8 st, 24 rec (13.7) '04. 8 st, 28 rec (10.2) LY. Ryan Mason PS#132JC.

WR 14 OMARR CONNER SR. 6-1 218 **PS#20QB**. 17 st at QB 3Y, 4 st WR, 23 rec (14.2), 2127 pass. **83** Joey Sanders (6-0 208 Jr) PS#149. 4 st, 13 rec 2Y. **87** Aubrey Bell (6-3 217 So) 1 st true.

TE 88 ERIC BUTLER JR. 6-3 250 9 st rFr, 15 rec, SEC Fr Tm. 8 st in '05, 14 rec. **48** Dezmond Sherrod (6-2 247 Jr) 4 st 2Y, 5 rec. **82** Jason Husband (6-4 221 Jr) PS#99WR. 3 st, 6 rec 2Y.

C 76 ROYCE BLACKLEDGE JR. 6-3 293 PS#312. 4 gms as rFr. L/6 st at RG LY. **73** Dio Herrera (6-3 309 So) PS#389. 5 gms rFr. **59** Johnny Carpenter (6-3 288 rFr) PS#144.

RG 55 BRIAN ANDERSON SR. 6-6 307 L/7 st at LG as '04. 11 st at LT LY. Move to RG in spg. **72** Anthony Dunning (6-3 300 So) PS#125. 1 st at RG, 7 gms as true. Daniel Kennedy (6-5 258 Jr).

LG 53 ANTHONY STRAUDER SO. 6-3 306 PS#110DL. 11 st at LG as So. Improved in offseason. **63** Chris Spencer (6-3 305 rFr) PS#190. Gunner Boykin (6-2 274 So) JC.

RT NA JD Hamilton Jr. 6-4 300 PS#62JC. Should start RT in the fall. **78** Michael Gates (6-4 302 So) PS#556. 6 games as true. **75** Craig Jenkins (6-4 317 rFr) **PS#82.**

LT 79 Calvin Wilson So. 6-5 356 **PS#37**. Huge. 1 st at RT, 8 gms as true. **67** Roland Terry (6-7 291 So) PS#146. 2 gms rFr. **71** James Redmond (6-7 308 Sr) PS#115. 10 gms '03. JC '04.

K 46 KEITH ANDREWS SR. 6-1 199 **PS#17**. 6 of 10 FG's '04, long 48. 5 of 8 FG, long 49 LY (inj). **37** Adam Carlson (6-4 191 So) PS#30. 2 of 4 FG's as rFr. Todd McGee (6-2 212 Sr).

DE 54 Titus Brown Jr. 6-3 240 PS#268LB. 5 st as true, 59 tkl, 1.5 sk. 2 st LY, 30 tkl, 1.5 sk. **92** Charles Burns (6-2 265 So) PS#107. 1 st, 2 tkl as true. Alex Dekle is PS#106.

DT 98 DELJUAN ROBINSON SR. 6-4 296 **PS#9LB**. 5 st, 18 tkl as true. 4 st, 23 tkl '04. 11 st, 29 tkl LY. **51** Avery Hannibal (6-0 246 Jr) PS#177. 16 tkl, 3 sks, 2Y. Reggie Odom **PS#51.**

NT 94 ANDREW POWELL SR. 6-0 298 PS#190. 9 st, 40 tkl '04. 11 starts '05, 39 tkl, 6 tfl. **90** Antonio Johnson (6-3 299 Sr) PS#127JC. 15 tkl, 2.5 sk LY. MIP Def Player in spring.

DE 58 MICHAEL HEARD SR. 6-2 268 PS#134LB. 7 st '04, 32 tkl, 5 tfl. 9 st LY, 35 tkl, 3.5 sk. **99** Quinton Wesley (6-5 287 rFr) PS#115LB. **64** Anwar Phillips (5-10 275 Sr). Alexander Smith (6-0 265 rFr).

SLB 5 GABE O'NEAL JR. 6-0 223 PS#83. Last 5 st as true, 29 tkl. L/5 st LY (inj), 34 tkl. **56** Anthony Littlejohn (6-2 217 So) PS#201. 8 st, 22 tkl as rFr. Jamon Hughes PS#136.

MLB 2 QUINTON CULBERSON SR. 6-0 239 **PS#2DB**. 8 st CB as true, 6 pbu. L/5 st WLB '04, 56 tkl. 11 st MLB LY, #1 tkl'r. **52** Jimmy Miller (5-11 224 So) **PS#48. 44** Brad Horton (5-11 236 Sr) 30 tkl 3Y.

WLB 22 Jamar Chaney So. 6-2 229 **PS#59**. 11 gms, L/3 st as true, 31 tkl. Chasman Davis **PS#23. 32** Carlton Rice (6-0 226 Jr) PS#116. FB '04. 7 tkl LY. Timmy Bailey PS#477JC.

CB 3 Derek Pegues So. 5-10 188 **PS#17**. 14 tkl, 28 KR (20.0) true. **13** Anthony Johnson (5-10 195 Fr) PS#47WR in '05, Hargrave. **9** Keon Humphries (5-10 172 So) 4 st, 11 rec at WR LY.

CB 23 DAVID HEARD SR. 6-0 190 10 tkl true. 8 st, 31 tkl '04. 11 st LY, 37 tkl, 4 pbu. **8** Adron Chambers (5-9 191 rFr) PS#156WR. 4.32 spd. **40** Adrian Griffin (5-9 169 Jr) **PS#40.**

SS 1 KEITH FITZHUGH SO. 5-10 213 **PS#42**. 1 st NB true, 13 tkl, 1 int. **6 Demario Bobo** (6-0 176 Jr) PS#180. 3 st, 27 tkl as true. 9 st, 38 tkl LY. **20** Jarvis Kyles (6-0 187 rFr) PS#121WR.

FS 34 JERAMIE JOHNSON SR. 5-11 216 **PS#60**. 6 st, 52 tkl as true. 3 st, 34 tkl '04. 10 st LY, 64 tkl, 4 int, 7 pbu. **45** De'Mon Glanton (6-1 183 So) 3 st, 14 tkl rFr. Anthony Summers is **PS#27.**

P 43 BLAKE McADAMS SO. 5-11 187 PS#111DB. 69 punts as true, 41.9 avg. net of 31.8, 43.4 avg as Sr in HS. **38** Brooks Crabtree (5-10 181 Sr) 18 punts (36.1) '04. Adam Carlson 41.3 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

LB	Chasman Davis 5-11 209 PS#23
RB	Anthony Dixon 6-1 229 PS#28
DB	Anthony Summers 6-2 200 PS#27
OL	JD Hamilton 6-4 300 PS#62JC
DL	Reggie Odom 6-0 290 PS#51
WR	Tony Burks 6-4 213 PS#74JC
WR	Ryan Mason 6-5 215 PS#132JC
DB	Anthony Johnson 5-10 195 PS#47WR '05
RB	Courtney Jones 6-0 212 PS#74
DL	Alex Dekle 6-1 270 PS#106
WR	Alex Carpenter 6-0 168 PS#110
LB	Jamon Hughes 6-0 221 PS#136
DL	Rodney Prince 6-3 230 PS#178
DL	JC Brignone 6-1 284 PS#183
OL	Chris Herrera 6-3 275 PS# 238
WR	Ben Shelton 5-10 187 PS#430JC
OL	Mark Melichar 6-5 275 PS#280
DB	Marcus Washington 5-10 175 PS#293
QB	Brett Hyatt 5-11 196 PS#439JC
DL	Brandon Cooper 6-3 240 PS#291
RB	Arnil Stallworth 5-10 190 PS#361
TE	Brandon Henderson 6-1 228 PS#133
WR	Keith Mills 6-3 200 PS#341
LB	Timmy Bailey 6-3 241 PS# 477JC
DL	Kyle Love 6-1 315 PS#495
OL	Aaron Feld 6-1 220 PS#495DL

MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#37

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MSU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	S Carolina (Thur)	G					
Sep. 9	Auburn	G					
Sep. 16	Tulane	G					
Sep. 23	at UAB	G					
Sep. 30	at LSU	G					
Oct. 7	West Virginia	G					
Oct. 14	Jacksonville St (HC)	G					
Oct. 21	at Georgia	G					
Oct. 28	Kentucky	G					
Nov. 4	at Alabama	G					
Nov. 11							
Nov. 18	Arkansas	G					
Nov. 25	at Mississippi	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Mississippi St is 1-16 SU & 4-13 ATS on the road the last 17.
MSU has lost 21 consecutive SEC road games heading into 2006.
The Bulldogs are 1-14 SU & 5-10 ATS in November the last 4 years.

The Bulldogs have lost their last 6 SEC openers SU & ATS.
The dog is 8-3 ATS in this series all-time.

Mississippi St is 4-9 ATS the last 13 in this series.
Bulldogs are 8-22 ATS the last 4 years after a SU loss.

Last year's game was relocated to Shreveport due to Hurricane Katrina.
Miss St is 7-1 SU & ATS the last 8 vs Tulane.

MSU is 3-6 SU & 2-7 ATS in road openers since '97 being shutout 4 times.
This is just the 2nd meeting & UAB won the last one in '04 in Starkville 27-13 (-12).

Miss St is 1-13 SU & ATS in this series since 1992.
The average score of the last 5 meetings is LSU 40-MSU 5.

MSU has been a non-conf HD just twice the L4Y & have gone 0-2 SU & ATS.
This is the 1st meeting between these 2 schools.

The Bulldogs are 5-3 SU & 1-6 ATS the last 8 Homecomings.
Gamecocks finished 6-5 as a Div IAA member of the Ohio Valley Conf LY.

The last time MSU beat Georgia SU was 1974, 8 straight losses since.
The home team is 5-1 ATS since 1983 in this series.

The home team has won the last 3 in a row SU & ATS.
Miss St is 1-4 ATS as a single digit home dog the last 4 years.

HC Croom is a former player & coach at Alabama (0-2 SU, 1-1 ATS).
Miss St is 4-11 SU but 11-4 ATS the last 15 vs Alabama.

Miss St is 3-9 ATS after a bye week since 1999.
Arkansas has won 7 in a row SU vs MSU & 10 of the last 11.

The home team has won 6 of the last 7 games SU in this series (5-2 ATS).
MSU ended a 19 game losing streak to SEC West opps w/their Egg Bowl win LY.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Wayne Madkin 6,336 1998-'01
Rushing: Jerious Norwood 3,222 2002-'05 Receiving: Mardye McDole 2,214 1977-'80

SYLVESTER CROOM (Career 6-16)

3rd Year at Miss St
Croom's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Croom's records AT MISSISSIPPI ST

6-16	Straight Up	2-1	Home Favorite
9-11	Vs The Spread	4-4	Home Underdog
5-9	Off A SU Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
7-9	Vs Conference	2-5	Away Underdog
2-2	Vs Non-Conf	2-2	Off A Bye

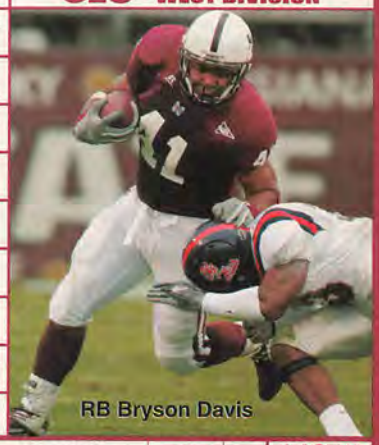
2005 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (21,24,4)
Lost: 19 (9,8,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 47,688

SEC - WEST DIVISION


RB Bryson Davis

STADIUM: DAVIS WADE STADIUM (55,082)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	7-4	3-8	3-9	2-10	3-8	3-8	30-49
Home	7-0	4-1	3-4	2-4	2-4	3-4	2-4	23-21
Away	2-2	3-3	0-4	1-5	0-6	0-4	1-4	7-28
ATS	4-7	6-5	6-5	3-8	2-10	5-5	4-6	30-46
Home Fav	2-5	2-2	1-3	0-1	2-0	2-0	0-1	9-12
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	2-1	1-3	0-4	2-2	2-2	8-12
Away Fav	1-1	3-3	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-1	5-7
Away Dog	1-1	0-0	3-1	2-4	0-4	1-3	1-2	8-15
Favorite	3-6	5-5	1-3	0-1	2-2	2-0	1-2	14-19
Dog	1-1	1-0	5-2	3-7	0-8	3-5	3-4	16-27
Grass	4-7	6-5	6-5	3-7	2-9	5-4	3-5	29-42
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-4
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	4-4	2-6	1-7	4-4	3-5	21-35
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	1-1	1-1	9-11
Off SU Win	3-5	4-3	2-1	1-2	1-1	2-1	1-1	14-14
Off SU Loss	1-1	1-2	3-4	2-5	1-8	2-4	3-5	13-29

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jerious Norwood	191	1180	44	1136	6	5.9
Brandon Thornton	47	245	20	225	1	4.8
Demarcus Johnson	24	126	9	117	2	4.9
Derek Ambrose	15	91	1	90	0	6.0
Brandon Hart	11	25	1	24	0	2.2
Bryson Davis	8	24	0	24	0	3.0
Omarr Conner	44	125	140	-15	0	-0.3
Michael Henig	25	46	125	-79	0	-3.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Omarr Conner	167	86	51.5	903	8	5
Michael Henig	135	60	44.4	621	2	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Will Prosser	28	286	10.2	0	25
Tee Milons	18	214	11.9	1	37
Keon Humphries	11	200	18.2	2	56
Eric Butler	14	188	13.4	3	44
Joey Sanders	7	137	19.6	1	66
Omarr Conner	9	116	12.9	0	31
Jerious Norwood	19	96	5.1	2	19
Bryson Davis	13	78	6.0	1	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Blake McAdams	69	2891	41.9	5	31.8	2	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Keith Andrews	11-11	0-0	3-4	2-4	0-0	5-8	49
Adam Carlson	7-7	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	2-4	39

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Quinton Culberson	78	1	0.5	0	1
Jeramie Johnson	64	0	0.5	7	4
Willie Evans	60	15	6	3	1
Clarence McDougal	55	1	5.5	5	0
Kevin Dockery	53	1	4	9	3
Andrew Powell	39	1.5	4.5	0	1
Demario Bobo	38	0	1	2	0
David Heard	37	0	3	4	0
Michael Heard	35	3.5	2	0	0
Gabe O'Neal	34	0.5	2	1	0
Jamar Chaney	31	0	0	0	0
Titus Brown	30	1.5	4	1	0
Deljuan Robinson	29	0	1	1	0
Corey Clark	22	1	4	0	0
Anthony Littlejohn	22	1.5	3	0	0
Antonio Johnson	15	2.5	0.5	0	0
Derek Pegues	14	0	0	2	1
De'Mon Glanton	14	0	0	3	0
Keith Fitzhugh	13	0	1	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jerious Norwood	4	43	10.8	0
Jonathan Lowe	8	38	4.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derek Pegues	28	559	20.0	0
Lance Long	3	48	16.0	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Peach	-1'	North Carolina	17-21	L
94	Peach	-6	NC State	24-28	L
98	Cotton	+6'	Texas	11-38	L
99	Peach	+3	Clemson	17-7	W
00	Independence	+1'	Texas A&M (OT)	43-41	W

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MISSISSIPPI ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	13.9	15	138	3.9	139	48.3	19.9	+2	2005	8	23.5	19	140	3.7	195	61.4	14.2
6	15.7	15	159	4.3	145	50.5	19.3	-1	2004	6	25.5	19	190	4.4	174	58.5	14.3
5*	18.8	16	119	3.8	202	52.4	17.1	-21	2003	7	39.3	24	190	4.3	283	62.2	12.1
5	18.9	18	119	3.4	218	51.1	17.8	-15	2002	7	28.3	18	170	3.9	154	49.6	11.5
7*	17.8	17	129	3.6	215	52.7	19.3	-4	2001	5	26.2	20	157	3.9	215	54.7	14.2
6*	32.5	18	198	4.7	182	54.8	11.7	+10	2000	3	25.5	19	107	3.1	233	49.2	13.3

2005 STATS BY GAME

MSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Murray St	26	44 - 249	5.7	17 - 27	233	0	16	33 - 88	2.7	14 - 20	141	3	+2
–	at Auburn	10	38 - 81	2.1	12 - 21	126	5	16	41 - 118	2.9	12 - 18	202	1	-2
–	at Tulane	10	30 - 117	3.9	13 - 26	108	0	19	35 - 87	2.5	27 - 48	206	4	0
–	Georgia	13	26 - 49	1.9	19 - 32	205	4	22	34 - 94	2.8	21 - 36	312	3	-1
–	LSU	12	28 - 56	2.0	11 - 26	173	5	23	37 - 172	4.6	23 - 28	230	2	0
–	at Florida	10	30 - 109	3.6	11 - 25	134	6	25	37 - 191	5.2	21 - 38	289	2	+1
–	Houston	16	38 - 244	6.4	14 - 31	84	4	19	37 - 152	4.1	20 - 29	218	4	+1
–	at Kentucky	22	37 - 173	4.7	17 - 37	202	3	22	47 - 183	3.9	13 - 27	141	2	0
–	Alabama	8	25 - 26	1.0	10 - 30	77	2	19	47 - 182	3.9	14 - 22	116	3	-1
–	at Arkansas	11	33 - 106	3.2	11 - 27	77	7	19	45 - 247	5.5	14 - 26	132	2	-1
–	Mississippi	23	56 - 304	5.4	11 - 20	105	0	12	25 - 31	1.2	15 - 24	158	4	+3
TOTALS		161	385 - 1514	3.9	146 - 302	1524	36	212	418 - 1545	3.7	194 - 316	2145	30	+2
AVERAGES		14.6	35 - 138	3.9	13 - 27	139	3.3	19.3	38 - 140	3.7	18 - 29	195	2.7	0.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Memphis	-18'	30-10	W
South Carolina - #18	-3	14-16	L
at Florida - #2	+18	0-52	L
at Auburn	+2'	14-16	W
Troy	-24	9-21	L
LSU	+3	0-42	L
Kentucky	-7'	17-14	L
at Alabama	+11	17-24	W
at Arkansas	+7'	21-24	W
Mississippi	+3	36-28	W
BYU - #10	+4	38-41	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oregon - #15	+13	13-36	L
Jacksonville St	NL	51-13	–
Auburn	+3	14-42	L
at LSU - #22	+13'	13-31	L
at South Carolina	+4'	10-34	L
Troy	-11	11-8	L
at Memphis	+2'	29-17	W
Kentucky	+5	24-45	L
at Alabama - #11	+21'	14-28	W
Tennessee	+7	17-35	L
Arkansas	+11'	19-26	W
at Mississippi	+8	12-24	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oregon	+3'	34-42	L
at Tulane	-3	28-31	L
at Houston	-4'	35-42	L
LSU - #7	+13'	6-41	L
Vanderbilt	-4'	30-21	W
Memphis	-4	35-27	W
at Auburn - #18	+21	13-45	L
at Kentucky	+10	17-42	L
Alabama	+10'	0-38	L
at Tennessee - #9	+23'	21-59	L
at Arkansas	+27	6-52	L
Mississippi - #17	+19	0-31	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-6'	28-7	W
Auburn - #18	+13'	14-43	L
Maine	NL	7-9	–
at LSU - #14	+31	0-51	L
at Vanderbilt	+13	13-31	L
UAB	+12	13-27	L
Florida - #20	+24'	38-31	W
Kentucky	-3'	22-7	W
at Alabama	+17'	14-30	W
Arkansas	+10	21-24	W
at Mississippi	+5'	3-20	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Murray St	NL	38-6	–
at Auburn	+15	0-28	L
at Tulane	-2'	21-14	W
Georgia - #7	+15	10-23	W
LSU - #4	+14	7-37	L
at Florida - #13	+27'	9-35	W
Houston	-2	16-28	L
at Kentucky	-1	7-13	L
Alabama - #4	+15'	0-17	L
at Arkansas	+13'	10-44	L
Mississippi	+1'	35-14	W

TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Tennessee has had some fine QB's including Peyton Manning. In 2004 they had to replace their #2 career leader in passing, Casey Clausen. Casey's brother, Rick (PS#38), who transferred from LSU, battled two true frosh in Brent Schaeffer (PS#20) and Erik Ainge (PS#22). Schaeffer (4.4 spd) was the first true frosh QB to start an SEC opener since 1945 (John Rauch, Georgia) but split time with Ainge. Ainge, who is a prototypical QB like Manning, took over in the 2H vs Florida and then saw the bulk of the time. After 3 games he was #4 in the NCAA in pass efficiency but had 4 int and lost a fumble on the Vols' 1 yard line vs Auburn. After completing 64.3% with an 8-1 ratio in his first 3, over the next six he hit 51.4% with a 9-8 ratio before separating his shoulder on the final play of the 1H vs ND. Clausen struggled vs ND, but threw for 349 vs Kentucky and led the team to a blowout win over A&M in the Cotton Bowl. Schaeffer transferred and although Clausen hit 77% in 3 August scrimmages and Ainge just 54%, it was Ainge who started the opener. Clausen played the bulk of that game then started vs Florida but Ainge replaced him after two series and started vs LSU. Trailing 21-0, Clausen came off the bench in 2Q leading the miracle comeback. Clausen played the majority of the next 3 but then Ainge got the start vs ND and played the entire game. Clausen came off the bench with the team down 13-0 vs Memphis and led UT to a 20-16 win. Clausen was injured on the last play vs Vandy and Ainge hit 17 of 25 for 221 vs Kentucky. Clausen departs and Ainge will have to battle rFr Jonathan Crompton (PS#3). Adding depth are Bo Hardegree (6-5 215 Jr, PS#207), Jim Bob Cooter (6-1 220 Sr) and this year's frosh. While Ainge completed just 45.5% last year, he has improved greatly under Cutcliffe's tutelage this spring.

RUNNING BACKS - Tennessee usually has a star RB. In 2000 they had to replace current NFL star Jamal Lewis. Travis Henry took over and rushed for 1,494 (5.5) and left as the school's all-time leading rusher (#2DC). Travis Stephens then passed Henry's UT record for rushing in a season with 1,502 while fighting off three VHT true frosh for the starting job. In 2002 Cedric Houston (PS#11) topped the team with 779 (5.1) and true frosh Gerald Riggs Jr (PS#3) missed most of the year with injury. In 2003 Houston rushed for 321 in the first two but finished with just 744 (5.0) due to injuries. Everyone returned in 2004 and Riggs stepped to the forefront with 1,107 (5.7) and Houston added 1,005 (5.6). Riggs had the job all to himself last year and after six games was leading with 530 (4.2) but suffered a season ending ankle injury. RFr Arian Foster (PS#143) topped 100 in each of his 5 starts tying Chuck Webb's school record for consecutive 100 yard games by a frosh. His best game was 223 vs Vandy. This year they lose Riggs but everyone else is back and it wouldn't surprise me to see one of the backup VHT TB's win the starting spot. Not listed in the 2 deep below are walk-on David Yancey (5-8 198 Sr), who has 264 all-purpose yards in 17 career games, and FB's Ryan Hill (6-0 230 So), Calvin Tate (6-2 240 Sr) and Ricardo Kemp (5-11 190 rFr) who moved from DB.

RECEIVERS - Tennessee has the reputation of being "WR U" as they've produced plenty of NFL WR's. Last year they only had to replace their #2 receiver but the unit was hit hard by injuries and dropped passes. In many practices early in the year, the majority of the WR's were in green (no-contact) jerseys. The best WR, CJ Fayton, started just 7 and finished #3 with 24 grabs. This year they must replace Fayton, WR Chris Hannon (8 st, 24 rec) and TE Justin Reed (0 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Austin Rogers (6-2 185 So, PS#54), Casey Woods (6-5 220 Jr), Stanley Asumnu (6-5 205 Sr), Bill Grimes (6-4 207 Jr, PS#143) and TE Wes Kesner (6-5 252 So). Like the entire team, 2005's production from the receiving corps did not match UT's high expectations and I look for much improved numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The last two years the Vols have had a banged up O-line. Despite the injuries, the 2004 unit paved the way for 4.7 ypc rushing while allowing just 17 sacks. Last year they had 3 starters return and five players who had started 5 or more in 2004. Not a single OL managed to start all 11 at the same spot. The Vols averaged just 3.5 ypc, their worst total since 1996 but did allow just 19 sacks. This year they must replace Albert Toeaina (10 st, 2 yr st'r), LG Rob Smith (11 st, 2 yr st'r), RG Cody Douglas (10 st, 2 yr st'r) and C Richie Gandy (4 st). Arron Sears turned down a shot at the NFL and returns to anchor the LT position. I count David Ligon as a returning starter because he started the last four of 2005 (inj'd early). The O-line trimmed down in the spring to be more athletic. While this unit is less experienced, hopefully they can stay healthy and have better production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Vols had to replace all 4 starters from the defensive front for the 2nd straight year and allowed 3.7 ypc rushing while the team recorded just 28 sacks. In 2004 they had to replace three starters then lost a projected starter and allowed 3.5 ypc with 33 sacks. Last year seven of the top 8 were back and with an experienced front, the Vols finished #2 in the NCAA in rush D allowing just 2.5 ypc. This year the losses are heavy as they must replace DT Jesse Mahelona (#5DC TEN, 11 st, 3rd Tm AA, 35 tkl, 8 tfl), DE Parys Haralson (#5DC SF, 45 tkl, 8.5 sk, 8 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC), DE Jason Hall (11 st, 51 tkl, 7 sk, 6 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC) and DT Tony McDaniel (13 tkl). They get the solid addition of JT Mapu who was an 11 game starter in 2003 and went on a Mormon mission. He should return over the summer and will battle Turk McBride for one DT spot. Justin Harrell also turned down a likely 1st or 2nd round pick in the NFL draft and there are plenty of VHT's in the group. Eli Ash was reinstated in the spring and not listed in the 3 deep below are Dan Williams (6-3 310 rFr, PS#97OL), Jared Hostetter (6-5 290 Jr, PS#44), Matt McGlothlin (6-0 290 Sr) who had 2 st in '03 and this year's true frosh. Despite the losses, this should still be a formidable unit.

LINEBACKERS - The Vols had to replace a 2nd round DC last year but basically returned 3 starters as Kevin Simon missed most of 2004 (2nd Tm SEC in '03). The unit spearheaded a solid Vol defense that allowed just 18.6 ppg and WLB Jason Mitchell heroically played on a partially torn ACL all year. This year all 3 starters depart in Mitchell (8 st, 32 tkl, 1.5 tfl), SLB Omar Gaither (#5DC PHI, 11 st, 2nd Tm SEC, 78 tkl, 4 sk), MLB Simon (#7DC WAS, 11 st, #1 tkl'r with 88, 2nd Tm SEC) as well as backup Nick Wilson (6 gm). They have 2 VHT's in the 2 deep but are a much less experienced unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Vols had a young secondary in 2004 and actually finished #73 in my pass D rankings! Last year they had seven players with starting experience back but lost their top DB, Jason Allen, after 5 games. The Vols still moved up to #29. This year they only lose CB Allen (5 st, 35 tkl, 3 tfl, #1DC MIA) and FS Corey Campbell (3 tkl) but 7 of the top 8 return and this unit figures to move up even higher.

SPECIAL TEAMS - After finishing #24 in my ST rankings in 2002 and #26 in 2003, the Vols surprisingly dropped to #49 in 2004. Almost everyone returned last year but they had to replace P Dustin Colquitt (#3DC KC) who had a 38.7 career net. Special teams were a problem for the Vols throughout the season and they finished just #88. Britton Colquitt (PS#21) only had a 33.5 net as a rFr but should be one of the better punters in the SEC TY. Also back is James Wilhoit (PS#2), who had 21 TB's on 44 KO's and hit 14 of 19 FG's, along with the top returnmen. Fulmer has restructured the ST coaching in the offseason and this unit should be significantly improved.

COACHES - Following the 2004 season, after their Cotton Bowl victory, Phillip Fulmer signed a new contract that pays him $2.05 million annually through 2011. Fulmer currently has a 128-37 record (78%), which is the best in the major college ranks amongst coaches with 10+ years of service. Fulmer has zero SEC Titles and just two Top 10 finishes in the last 7 years. DC John Chavis enters his 12th year. However, Fulmer made an excellent OC hire bringing back David Cutcliffe who was the HC at Ole Miss for six years after being the Tenn OC from 1993-'98. UT scored 30+ ppg in each of his 6 years as the OC.

DT Justin Harrell

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Vols' 2004 season of 10-3 was very misleading. They were 7-1 in SEC play and yet only outgained SEC foes by an avg of 14.5 ypg, just the 7th best mark in the conference. I pointed out in my Regional Magazine that in the best case/worst case scenario Tenn could have actually had been a 4-9 team in 2004. I did not make a lot of friends in Knoxville in 2005. UT was ranked #4 in the AP and was the preseason choice to win the SEC Title. The last time they had been the SEC favorite, they finished just 8-5. Despite being #3 in the preseason coaches poll, I had them #3 as well but it was in the SEC East as mine was the only magazine that called for GA to win the conference and the ONLY magazine that did NOT have UT in first place. UT was fortunate to get past UAB in the opener. After losing in The Swamp, they were extremely fortunate that LSU had its practices disrupted by the Hurricane and did not have the conditioning needed to hold on to a 21 point 4Q lead. UT was throttled by Georgia at home and actually lost 4 games in a row for the first time since 1988. Fulmer moved to just 3-8 vs Spurrier when they lost by 1 to SC. They were stunned at home snapping a streak of 22 straight wins vs Vandy (Vandy's last win in Nashville was 1975) dealing 26 seniors a poor final home game while having their streak of 16 consecutive bowls snapped. Since needing a win in 2001 to go to the National Title game (but lost to LSU) the team is just 34-18. Fulmer's previous worst year was 2002's 8-5. On the bright side for Tenn fans is that last year was very reminiscent of when UT went from 10-2-1 in '87 to 5-6 in '88 and was upset by a Steve Spurrier-led Duke team. That '88 team scored just 212 points while the 2005 squad had just 205. In '89, the Vols rebounded with an 11-1 record and finished #5 in the final poll. Last year UT outgained SEC foes by 28.9 ypg despite their 3-5 conf mark. David Cutcliffe returns as the OC, has 7 starters back on that side of the ball and should see more consistent QB play. That should mean they should be significantly better than the 18.6 ppg they achieved in 2005. The defense does lose 6 top-notch starters but should still be one of the SEC's stronger groups. With a much improved QB (Ainge) and Cutcliffe back on offense, the Vols could go from a disappointment to a surprise.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 10 Erik Ainge Jr. 6-6 220 **PS#22.** 6 st true, 1452 yds (55%), 17-9 ratio until inj. 5 st LY, 737 yds (46%). **3 Jonathan Crompton** (6-4 225 rFr) **PS#3.** 14 Bo Hardegree (6-5 215 Jr).

RB 27 ARIAN FOSTER SO. 6-1 215 5 st rFr, 879 (4.8). **SEC Fr Tm. 2** Montario Hardesty (6-0 205 So) **PS#22.** 22 LaMarcus Coker (5-11 205 rFr) **PS#18.** 6 Ja'Kouri Williams (5-10 190 So) **PS#15.**

FB 45 CORY ANDERSON SR. 6-3 255 12 st '04. 9 st last year. 73 yds rush (6.1), 31 rec (9.8) 2Y. 30 David Holbert (6-1 250 Jr) **PS#33.** 65 ttl yds, 2Y. Adam Gillem (6-2 260 Jr).

WR 3 ROBERT MEACHEM JR. 6-3 210 **PS#5.** 25 rec (18.4) as rFr. 3 st LY, 29 (13.2). 9 Bret Smith (6-3 190 Sr) **PS#10.** 1 st, 39 rec (13.2), L2Y. 12 Lucas Taylor (6-0 185 So) **PS#21.**

WR 1 JAYSON SWAIN SR. 6-1 205 **PS#7.** 21 rec (12.6) true. 5 st, 29 (13.4) '04. 6 st LY, 27 (14.1). 81 Josh Briscoe (6-3 183 So) **PS#26.** 4 (20.0) true. 11 Slick Shelley (6-4 185 rFr) **PS#9.**

TE 28 CHRIS BROWN JR. 6-3 250 PS#30. 3 st as true, 6 rec (12.3). 10 st LY, 14 rec (10.1). 86 Brad Cottam (6-8 260 Jr) PS#33. 24 gms, 2 rec, 2Y. 80 Jeff Cottam (6-8 255 rFr) **PS#7.**

C 50 Josh McNeil rFr. 6-4 290 **PS#9.** 73 Michael Frogg (6-4 300 Jr). 4 games 2Y. 67 Cameron Mayo (6-4 290 So) **PS#74.** Knee inj LY, DNP. Stephen Darville (6-0 285 So).

RG 78 Ramon Foster So. 6-6 325 PS#106. 2 st rFr, 7 gm. 64 Malcom Rawls (6-5 315 rFr) **PS#46.** Ramone Johnson is **PS#32.** Ben Weisensel (6-4 300 So). Sam Wantland (6-3 275 Sr).

LG 65 DAVID LIGON SR. 6-5 300 **PS#45DL.** Knee inj rFr. 9 gm '04. 7 gm LY (inj 3), L/4 st C. 75 Anthony Parker (6-3 305 So) PS#171. 1 st C rFr, 5 gm. Jacques McClendon **PS#9.**

RT 54 Eric Young Jr. 6-4 310 **PS#4.** 3 gms as rFr (inj). 2 sts at LT LY, 9 gms. 71 Steven Jones (6-4 305 Jr) **PS#51DL.** 5 gms, 2Y. Darius Myers (6-6 320 Fr) PS#107. Hargrave LY.

LT 76 ARRON SEARS SR. 6-4 315 **PS#23.** 1 st as true. 12 st (9 OT, 3 OG) '04. 11 sts LY, **1st Tm SEC.** Turned down NFL! 78 Chris Scott (6-5 325 rFr) **PS#7.** Jordy Harrison (6-4 325 rFr).

K 25 JAMES WILHOIT SR. 5-10 195 **PS#2. 17** of 24 FG's rFr, long 51, 29 TB's. 10 of 17, long 51 '04. 14 of 19 FG's, long 46 LY, 21 TB's. Daniel Lincoln PS#48. 52 yd FG in HS.

DE 91 Robert Ayers So. 6-3 255 **PS#14LB.** 5 tkl, 1 sk rFr. 93 Xavier Mitchell (6-2 252 Jr) PS#35. 11 tkl, 1.5 sk LY. 85 Walter Fisher (6-3 265 So) PS#19JC. In for spg. ?? for '06 (inj).

DT 92 JUSTIN HARRELL SR. 6-4 300 PS#52. 11 st '04, 26 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 11 st LY, 39 tkl, 2.5 sk, 5 tfl, **2nd Tm SEC.** 99 Demonté Bolden (6-6 290 So) **PS#6.** 58 Eli Ash (6-5 293 So) Re-instated spg.

DT 90 Turk McBride Sr. 6-4 275 **PS#3.** 4 st '04, 36 tkl, 8 tfl. 16 tkl, 2.5 sk LY. 99 **JT Mapu** (6-3 275 Jr) **PS#18. 11 st '03,** 26 tkl, 5 tfl. Mission. 96 Vladimir Richard (6-4 290 rFr) **PS#46.**

DE 89 Antonio Reynolds Jr. 6-3 260 **PS#38LB.** 21 tkl, 3 tfl, 23 games in 2Y. +17 lb. 94 Wes Brown (6-4 256 rFr) is **PS#32.** Gerald Williams is PS#34LB. Victor Thomas is PS#127.

SLB 7 Jerod Mayo So. 6-2 230 **PS#22.** 1 st as rFr, 13 tkl (inj 3). 39 Ryan Karl (6-0 225 Jr) PS#170DB. 19 tkl, 2Y. 35 Ellix Wilson (5-10 225 So) PS#77DB. 7 tkl in '04. RS LY.

MLB 40 Marvin Mitchell Sr. 6-3 235 PS#120. 2 sts, 3Y, 50 tkl, 6 tfl. 46 Andre Mathis (6-2 245 rFr) **PS#19.** 58 James Turner (6-0 234 Jr) PS#249. Anthony McAllister (5-11 235 rFr).

WLB 5 Rico McCoy rFr. 6-1 215 **PS#8.** 53 Adam Myers-White (6-2 215 So) **PS#12DB.** 5 gms as true. Dorian Davis PS#120. Michael Crain (6-2 235 Jr). Max Broffitt (6-2 215 rFr).

CB 23 INQUORIS JOHNSON JR. 5-9 180 6 st LY, 30 tkl, 8 pbu, 2.5 tfl. Dynamic. 37 Antonio Gaines (5-9 185 Jr) PS#143RB. 3 tkl, 12 gm, 2Y. 31 Marsalous Johnson (5-9 180 rFr) PS#130.

CB 4 JONATHAN WADE SR. 6-0 195 PS#50. 4.19 spd! 3 sts at WR in '02. 13 sts at CB 2Y, 56 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. 36 **Roshaun Fellows** (6-0 185 Jr) PS#94. 11 sts at CB 2Y, 60 tkl, 3 int, 14 pbu.

SS 24 ANTWAN STEWART SR. 6-0 195 PS#103RB. 5 st rFr, 25 tkl, 6 pbu. 11 st LY, 47 tkl, 3 pbu. 20 Demetrice Morley (6-2 195 So) **PS#7.** 15 tkl true. 15 Sinclair Cannon (6-2 200 So) PS#74WR.

FS 33 JONATHAN HEFNEY JR. 5-9 185 PS#95. 12 sts as true, 65 tkl, 10 pbu. 11 sts at FS LY, 65 tkl, 3 int, 3 pbu. 67 Justin Garrett PS#76JC. 38 Antonio Wardlow (6-0 185 rFr) PS#34.

P 47 BRITTON COLQUITT SO. 6-3 198 PS#21. 59 punts as rFr, 41.2 average, net 33.5. Nino Polimeni (5-10 183 So) Albright University trans. David Campbell (6-2 200 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Jacques McClendon 6-3 325 PS#9
DL	Walter Fisher 6-3 265 PS#19JC
TE	Lee Smith 6-6 245 PS#10
RB	Dustin Lindsey 6-1 225 PS#38
OL	Ramone Johnson 6-4 305 PS#32
DL	Gerald Williams 6-4 225 PS#34LB '05
DB	Justin Garrett 6-2 195 PS#76JC
DL	Jarrod Shaw 6-4 330 PS#69
QB	Nick Stephens 6-3 210 PS#41
WR	Quintin Hancock 6-2 185 PS#69
DL	Chase Nelson 6-4 255 PS#105
K	Chad Cunningham 6-3 210 PS#8
WR	Brent Vinson 6-2 180 PS#91
OL	Cody Pope 6-5 270 PS#126
DL	Victor Thomas 6-4 263 PS#127
OL	Darius Myers 6-6 320 PS#107 '05
LB	Dorian Davis 6-1 205 PS#120
TE	Luke Stocker 6-6 235 PS#55
DL	Blake Garretson 6-3 277 PS#199
LB	LaMarcus Thompson 6-1 203 PS#168
WR	Stephaun Raines 6-0 176 PS#249
K	Daniel Lincoln 6-0 204 PS#48

TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#9

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	California	G					
Sep. 9	Air Force	G					
Sep. 16	Florida	G					
Sep. 23	Marshall (HC)	G					
Sep. 30	at Memphis	A					
Oct. 7	at Georgia	G					
Oct. 14							
Oct. 21	Alabama	G					
Oct. 28	at South Carolina	G					
Nov. 4	LSU	G					
Nov. 11	at Arkansas	G					
Nov. 18	at Vanderbilt	G					
Nov. 25	Kentucky	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

UT ended a 16 year bowl streak in 2005 which was the 3rd longest in the nation.
The Vols faced 5 Top 10 teams last year (1-4 SU & 2-3 ATS).
Fulmer is 19-6 SU in his career in games decided by 3 pts or less.

The Vols have won 11 straight season openers (8-3 ATS).
Tennessee is 13-10-3 SU & 6-12 ATS all-time vs current Pac 10 teams.

The Vols are 8-23 ATS the last 31 games as a home favorite.
The only meeting between these 2 tms was a 34-13 UT win in the '71 Sugar Bowl.

Tennessee is 4-9 SU & 3-9-1 ATS the last 13 in this series.
The loser of this game hasn't made it to the SEC Champ game since 1997.

The Vols are 9-0 SU but just 1-8 ATS since 1998 vs current CUSA members.
Tennessee is 11-1 SU but only 4-8 ATS the last 12 years on Homecoming.

The Vols are 19-1 all-time vs their cross-state rivals (0-6 ATS L/6).
UT is 10-3-1 SU & 9-5 ATS since '88 vs non-conf opponents away from Knoxville.

The Vols have lost 5 of the last 6 games to the Bulldogs SU & ATS.
Tennessee is 2-9 ATS prior to a bye since 2000.

The visitor is 13-1 ATS in this series since 1992.
Fulmer has won 9 out of the L/11 games vs Alabama as HC (7-4 ATS).

Could apply: UT is 6-2 ATS as an SEC away favorite the last 8.
Tennessee has won & covered the last 4 in this series in Columbia.

Including the '01 SEC Champ game, UT is 1-4 ATS the L/5 games vs LSU.
Tennessee is 77-7 SU in November since 1985 (48-36 ATS).

UT played their longest game in school history last time they met Ark in 2002.
The Vols are 12-2 SU all-time & 4-7 ATS since 1992 vs the Razorbacks.

VU's 28-24 win over the Vols in '05 was their 1st win in the series in 23 yrs.
Vandy's win eliminated UT from post season play for the 1st time in 17 yrs LY.

Tennessee is 14-1 SU & 11-4 ATS the last 15 home finales.
UT will face their former OC Randy Sanders who is now the QB coach at UK.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Peyton Manning 11,201 1994-'97
Rushing: Travis Henry 3,078 1997-'00 Receiving: Joey Kent 2,814 1993-'96

PHILLIP FULMER (Career 128-37)
15th Year at Tennessee — Fulmer's SU Bowl Record: 7-6

Fulmer's records AT TENNESSEE

128-37	Straight Up	41-43	Home Favorite
80-79-1	Vs The Spread	2-5	Home Underdog
17-15	Off A SU Loss	25-23	Away Favorite
57-58-1	Vs Conference	12-8-1	Away Underdog
23-21	Vs Non-Conf	13-16-1	Off A Bye

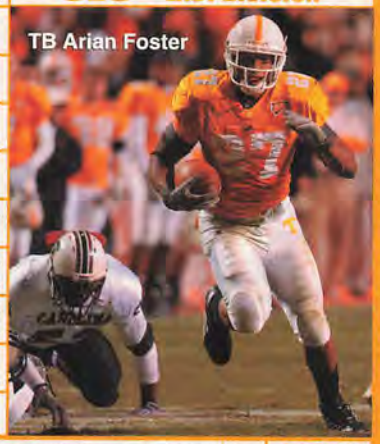
2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (20,24,4)
Lost: 27 (11,13,3)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 107,593

SEC - EAST DIVISION


TB Arian Foster

STADIUM: NEYLAND STADIUM (104,079)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	8-3	10-2	8-4	10-2	9-3	5-6	59-22
Home	7-0	5-1	5-1	5-3	6-1	5-2	3-3	36-11
Away	2-2	3-2	5-1	3-1	4-1	4-1	2-3	23-11
ATS	7-3-1	5-6	5-7	6-6	6-6	5-7	3-8	37-43-1
Home Fav	5-2	4-1	2-4	3-4	2-4	2-5	0-6	18-26
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-3
Away Fav	2-1	1-3	2-3	3-0	2-0	0-2	1-0	11-9
Away Dog	0-0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-1	3-0	2-2	8-5-1
Favorite	7-3	5-4	4-7	6-4	4-4	2-7	1-6	29-35
Dog	0-0-1	0-2	1-0	0-2	2-2	3-0	2-2	8-8-1
Grass	7-3-1	5-6	5-6	6-6	6-6	4-6	3-8	36-41-1
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-2
vs Conf	5-2-1	4-4	3-6	4-4	5-3	3-6	3-5	27-30-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	1-3	2-1	0-3	10-13
Off SU Win	5-2-1	3-4	3-7	3-4	5-4	3-6	0-4	22-31-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	2-1	1-0	2-2	1-1	1-1	3-3	11-9

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Arian Foster	**183**	**916**	**37**	**879**	**5**	**4.8**
Gerald Riggs	127	556	26	530	3	4.2
David Yancey	**13**	**42**	**0**	**42**	**0**	**3.2**
Lucas Taylor	**6**	**29**	**10**	**19**	**0**	**3.2**
Rick Clausen	25	47	77	-30	2	-1.2
Erik Ainge	**24**	**45**	**109**	**-64**	**0**	**-2.7**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Rick Clausen	209	120	57.4	1441	6	6
Erik Ainge	**145**	**66**	**45.5**	**737**	**5**	**7**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Robert Meachem	**29**	**383**	**13.2**	**2**	**50**
Jayson Swain	**27**	**380**	**14.1**	**0**	**35**
CJ Fayton	24	272	11.3	2	53
Chris Hannon	24	268	11.2	3	32
Bret Smith	**21**	**223**	**10.6**	**3**	**33**
Arian Foster	**14**	**148**	**10.6**	**0**	**39**
Cory Anderson	**14**	**147**	**10.5**	**0**	**21**
Chris Brown	**14**	**141**	**10.1**	**0**	**18**
Josh Briscoe	**4**	**80**	**20.0**	**1**	**39**
Gerald Riggs	10	74	7.4	0	15
David Holbert	**2**	**30**	**15.0**	**0**	**26**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Britton Colquitt	**59**	**2431**	**41.2**	**16**	**33.5**	**0**	**19**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
James Wilhoit	**21-21**	**6-6**	**5-6**	**3-6**	**0-1**	**14-19**	**46**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevin Simon	88	1	3.5	5	0
Omar Gaither	78	4	3.5	1	0
Jonathan Hefney	**65**	**0**	**3.5**	**6**	**3**
Jason Hall	51	7	6	3	0
Antwan Stewart	**47**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**0**
Parys Haralson	45	8.5	8	1	0
Justin Harrell	**39**	**2.5**	**5**	**5**	**2**
Jesse Mahelona	35	2	6	0	0
Jason Allen	35	1	2	2	0
Jonathan Wade	**32**	**0**	**1.5**	**7**	**2**
Jason Mitchell	32	1	0.5	2	0
Inquoris Johnson	**30**	**1**	**1.5**	**8**	**0**
Marvin Mitchell	**22**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Roshaun Fellows	**21**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Turk McBride	**16**	**2.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Demetrice Morley	**15**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**1**
Tony McDaniel	13	0	3	3	0
Jerod Mayo	**13**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Ryan Karl	**13**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jonathan Hefney	**13**	**149**	**11.5**	**0**
Lucas Taylor	**13**	**80**	**6.2**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lucas Taylor	**19**	**428**	**22.5**	**0**
Demetrice Morley	**4**	**72**	**18.0**	**0**

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Cotton	+3'	Kansas St	21-35	L
01	Citrus	-3	Michigan - #17	45-17	W
02	Peach	+1	Maryland - #20	3-30	L
03	Peach	-4'	Clemson	14-27	L
04	Cotton	+4'	Texas A&M - #22	38-7	W

Tennessee's All-Time SU Bowl Record 24-21

TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	18.6	18	128	3.5	198	52.2	17.5	-7	2005	9	18.6	17	82	2.5	216	59.9	16.0
5	29.1	21	186	4.7	213	55.9	13.7	+6	2004	3	22.7	20	120	3.5	236	60.8	15.7
8*	28.1	20	138	3.9	233	56.4	13.2	+3	2003	3	18.4	19	138	3.7	186	55.6	17.6
5*	22.8	19	151	3.8	203	61.2	15.5	+2	2002	5	17.5	16	129	3.4	156	48.7	16.3
7*	30.8	19	150	4.0	260	65.1	13.3	+5	2001	7	19.3	17	87	2.7	220	53.3	15.9
4	31.7	20	164	4.3	203	57.8	11.6	+3	2000	5	20.6	18	93	2.8	219	53.2	15.2

2005 STATS BY GAME

UT 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#3	UAB	24	35-138	3.9	22-38	274	0	21	23-53	2.3	27-38	282	1	-1
#5	at Florida	14	25-66	2.6	16-35	147	2	13	37-68	1.8	17-26	179	5	-1
#10	at LSU	21	34-70	2.1	28-51	250	4	13	33-98	3.0	14-28	158	2	-1
#10	Mississippi	23	48-172	3.6	18-35	206	1	15	25-50	2.0	18-38	200	5	+3
#8	Georgia	16	26-48	1.8	21-36	310	2	21	42-198	4.7	16-27	207	1	-1
#17	at Alabama	12	35-109	3.1	11-19	144	0	15	35-67	1.9	17-27	190	5	-3
#23	South Carolina	13	35-172	4.9	14-32	99	1	17	28-65	2.3	22-37	242	2	+1
–	at Notre Dame	18	39-109	2.8	13-32	187	3	14	34-48	1.4	20-33	295	3	-2
–	Memphis	20	37-126	3.4	15-27	215	2	17	38-165	4.3	13-30	128	2	-1
–	Vanderbilt	19	47-251	5.3	11-26	125	1	21	28-49	1.8	27-39	315	3	-2
–	at Kentucky	16	38-150	3.9	17-25	221	3	16	33-46	1.4	27-41	177	4	+1
TOTALS		196	399-1411	3.5	186-356	2178	19	183	356-907	2.5	218-364	2373	33	-7
AVERAGES		17.8	36-128	3.5	17-32	198	1.7	16.6	32-82	2.5	20-33	216	3.0	-0.6

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Syracuse	-15	33-9	W
at Arkansas	-13	13-3	L
LSU - #14	-10	26-18	L
Georgia	-11	24-26	L
at Alabama	-2	35-24	W
South Carolina - #12	-7'	17-10	L
at Notre Dame	-8	28-18	W
Memphis	-24	49-28	L
at Kentucky	-18	38-35	L
Vanderbilt	-25'	38-0	W
at Florida - #2	+17'	34-32	W
† LSU - #21	-7	20-31	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wyoming	-30'	47-7	W
Middle Tenn	-22	26-3	W
Florida - #10	-5	13-30	L
Rutgers	-41	35-14	L
Arkansas	-11	41-38 6OT	L
at Georgia - #6	+4	13-18	L
Alabama - #19	-2	14-34	L
at South Carolina	-1'	18-10	W
Miami, Fl - #2	+9	3-26	L
at Miss St	-7	35-17	W
† Vanderbilt	-17'	24-0	W
Kentucky	-8'	24-0	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-20	24-6	L
Marshall	-19'	34-24	L
at Florida - #17	+3'	24-10	W
South Carolina	-16	23-20 OT	L
at Auburn	+1	21-28	L
Georgia - #8	+2'	14-41	L
at Alabama	-3	51-43 3OT	W
Duke	-24	23-6	L
at Miami, Fl - #6	+12'	10-6	W
Mississippi St	-23'	59-21	W
Vanderbilt	-21	48-0	W
at Kentucky	-11'	20-7	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UNLV	-19	42-17	W
Florida - #11	-3	30-28	L
Louisiana Tech	-23	42-17	W
Auburn - #8	-2	10-34	L
at Georgia - #3	+12'	19-14	W
at Mississippi	-10	21-17	L
Alabama	-7	17-13	L
at South Carolina	+1	43-29	W
Notre Dame	-7	13-17	L
at Vanderbilt	-12'	38-33	L
Kentucky	-24	37-31	L
† Auburn - #3	+14'	28-38	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UAB	-21'	17-10	L
at Florida - #6	+6'	7-16	L
at LSU - #3	+6'	30-27 OT	W
Mississippi	-21	27-10	L
Georgia - #5	-3	14-27	L
at Alabama - #5	+3'	3-6	W
South Carolina	-13'	15-16	L
at Notre Dame - #8	+8'	21-41	L
Memphis	-18'	20-16	L
Vanderbilt	-11	24-28	L
at Kentucky	-8'	27-8	W

GEORGIA BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - David Greene (PS#31), who was the SEC's Frosh of the Year in 2001, had a fine four-year career and eclipsed Peyton Manning's NCAA record for most career wins with 42. He also set the SEC record for career passing yards (11,528) as well as the SEC record for passes without an int (214). He had an outstanding 20-4 ratio as a senior (#3DC SEA). DJ Shockley (PS#3) had battled Greene for the starting spot and despite losing out, stuck with the team. He came into 2005 with 26 games of experience and 967 passing yards (490 rush). Shockley had a fine senior season and was 1st Team SEC. He threw for 2,588 (55.8%) with an outstanding 24-5 ratio (427 rush). He suffered a knee injury vs Arkansas, missed the Florida game and wore a brace vs Auburn. Shockley's completion % would've been close to 60% if not for a myriad of dropped passes. He also attempted a lot of deep passes. When Shockley was injured, Joe Tereshinski (PS#21) hit 13 of 30 for 191 with 2 int's vs the Hogs and Gators. In four other games he hit 12 of 19 for 180. Blake Barnes (PS#19) got in 3 games (3 passes) while Joe Cox (PS#8) redshirted. True frosh Matthew Stafford is PS#2 and practiced with the team in spring (Richt was a graduate asst at Florida St and the last time a team he coached started a true frosh was 1985, Chip Ferguson). Tereshinski held the top job throughout spring but Richt said all 4 QB's will compete through August to determine the starter. While Shockley (#7DC ATL) will be tough to replace , this year's QB's should benefit from less dropped passes.

C Nick Jones

RUNNING BACKS - Surprisingly UGA has had just one 1,000-yard back here since 1992! In 2003, Kregg Lumpkin (PS#3) had 523 (4.7) despite missing two games with a hamstring injury. Lumpkin unfortunately suffered an ACL injury in 2004. Thomas Brown (PS#3) got in 3 starts as a true frosh and rushed for 875 (5.1) and Danny Ware (PS#97), who spent the 2003 season at Hargrave, added 692 (5.0). They became the first RB duo to top 100 each in the same game since 1992 and this was after UGA did not have a back top 100 in a game in 2003. All three returned last season but Lumpkin was not fully recovered. Ware led the team in rushing four times and finished with 492 (4.9). Brown led with 736 (5.0) and Lumpkin came on, down the stretch including a 74 yard effort vs GT (335 , 5.1). The team lost FB Des Williams (PS#26LB) to injury prior to the season, so Brannan Southerland (PS#61, 4.5 spd), a solid blocker, started. This year the only losses are TB Tyson Browning (41 yds), backup FB Tony Milton and TB Christopher Burgett (32 yds). With Lumpkin another year removed from his surgery and all the top guys back, I look for the Bulldogs to have a 1,000-yard rusher this year.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 the Bulldogs returned their top 2 receivers. Both earned 1st Team SEC honors and were #2 and #4 NFL DC's. The top returning WR in 2005 was Sean Bailey (PS#6) who had just 14 rec in '04. This unit was plagued by injuries and dropped passes. There were 3 key drops vs Florida, 4 vs Auburn, 4 vs GT and the 45 yard pass on the opening play of the bowl. Mohamed Massaquoi (PS#5, 38 rec, 13.3) only had one drop as a true frosh and emerged as the team's top go-to guy. TE Leonard Pope, who has outstanding size and speed, led with 39 (13.9). Pope (12 st, 1st Tm SEC) opted to leave early for the NFL (#3DC ARZ) and the only other losses are WR Bryan McClendon (12 st, 35, 15.1) and Bailey (10 st, 16, 22.8), who tore his ACL prior to the bowl and will redshirt this year. Not listed below are WR's TJ Gartrell (6-1 186 Jr, PS#58, 1 st), converted CB Mikey Henderson (5-10 165 Jr), Demiko Goodman (6-2 189 So, PS#56) and TE Trahern Holden (6-5 238 Jr, PS#58). This unit is more experienced and should be more consistent.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Bulldogs had to replace five senior starters. The inexperienced O-line allowed an SEC high 47 sacks while paving the way for just 3.4 ypc rushing, the lowest total since 1993. In 2004 three starters were back and the ypc improved to 4.1 while the sacks decreased to 21. Last year basically the entire 2 deep returned. As expected, the ypc increased to 4.6 and UGA allowed the 2nd fewest sacks in the SEC (20). It seemed like every other week one of their players was being named the SEC OL of the Week. This year they must replace TG Max Jean-Gilles (#4DC PHI, 13 st, 1st Tm AA, 3 yr st'r), TT Dennis Roland (13 st, 2 yr st'r), C Russ Tanner (9 st, 3 yr st'r) and C Ryan Schnetzer (4 st).

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Bulldogs returned 7 of their top 8 to the DL but did have to replace DE David Pollack who won the Hendricks, Lombardi, Bednarik and Lott Trophies, was the SEC Def POY and a 1st round DC. Kedric Golston (PS#3) had been the 1st true frosh NT to start at UGA since 1994 and was one of 4 seniors in the 2 deep LY. The loss of Pollack was evident as they had 3 less sacks than 2004 and went from allowing 3.0 ypc rushing to 3.8. This year they must replace 4 yr st'r DT Golston (#6DC WAS, 9 st, 21 tkl, 1.5 sk), NT Gerald Anderson (9 st, 15 tkl, 2 yr st'r), DE Will Thompson (13 st, 23 tkl, 5 sk), DT Darrius Swain (16 tkl, 1.5 sk) and DT John DeGenova (1 tkl). Only three players return with starting experience but they do have 4 VHT's and 3 seniors in the 2 deep and Quentin Moses turned down the NFL (projected #3DC) to return.

LINEBACKERS - Last year it appeared that UGA would return 4 of their top 6 LB's. They did have to replace a #2DC and another LB who started 6. They then dismissed projected starting SLB Derrick White. Injuries also cropped up and no LB managed to start more than 10 games. This year the only losses are Olaolu Sanni-Osomo (1 tkl) and Jamario Smith (5 tkl). With basically the entire 2 deep back, including 4 players who have started 10 or more career games, this figures to be an improved and formidable LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After a veteran group produced a #11 finish in my pass D rankings (17 int) in '03, they had to replace 3 starters in 2004 and dropped to #68 as they had an SEC low 5 int, fewest in school records vs a fairly soft slate of opposing QB's. Last year they had 7 of their top 8 back but did have to replace a 1st round DC and I called for them to make a solid rise in my rankings. The Bulldogs picked off 16 passes and moved up to #27. This year they lose 3 starters in FS Greg Blue (#5DC MIN, 13 st, #1 tkl'r, 1st Tm AA), CB DeMario Minter (#5DC CLE, 13 st, 1st Tm SEC, 48 tkl, 9 pbu), CB Tim Jennings (#2DC IND, 12 st, 1st Tm SEC, 56 tkl, 4 int) as well as CB Mike Gilliam (5 tkl). They have 6 VHT's below (4 in two deep) but it will be tough to replace three NFL draft choice performers.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This is usually an area of strength for the Bulldogs. In 2001 they finished #13 in my ST rankings and in Richt's first season moved up to #5. After a surprising slip to #56 in 2003, they were #32 in 2004 and had everyone back last season. In 2004 Andy Bailey (PS#28) had won the FG job and hit 14 of 20. After a missed xp vs GT, the job was given to Brandon Coutu (PS#26) who hit 2 of 3 FG's and had 18 TB's on 62 KO's. Coutu won the job in 2005 and at one point hit 10 straight FG's, nailing 23 of 29 with a long of 58 tying an SEC record for longest FG without a tee. Ray Guy Semifinalist Gordon Ely-Kelso, in his 3rd year, improved his net to an outstanding 38.7. Thomas Flowers is one of the NCAA's top PR's (13.7) and Tyson Browning avg'd 23.5 on KR's. Overall the Bulldogs finished #2 in my ST rankings and the only loss this year is Browning, so I give them a shot at the #1 spot.

COACHES - Mark Richt has done well vs rivals Tenn, Florida and GT going 10-5. He was the 2002 and 2005 SEC Coach of the Year and just received a new 8 yr $16 million contract. OC Neil Callaway returns for his sixth season and was previously at Alabama from 1997 to 2000. Last year they had to replace DC Brian VanGorder, who won the Broyles Award in 2003. During his four years here, they allowed just 19.0, 15.1, 14.5 and 16.5 ppg. Last year Richt promoted DB coach Willie Martinez to the DC spot and added C Michigan DC John Jancek as his LB coach. Jancek was the DC at Wayne St under VanGorder. They did a fine job as UGA allowed just 16.4 ppg.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mark Richt is doing an incredible job here. In 2002 UGA won their first SEC Title in 20 years setting a school record with 13 wins and finished #3 in the final AP poll. They had just 9 starters back in 2003 and despite a spate of injuries and suspensions, somehow lost just 3 games including 2 to eventual National Champ LSU. UGA outgained SEC foes by 121.8 ypg which was the best mark in the conference in '03. In 2004 Richt had his most veteran squad yet with 14 returning starters, including QB David Greene. They finished 10-2, their 3rd straight year with double-digit wins, which was the first time they achieved that since 1980-'83 under Vince Dooley. They also beat Florida for the first time since 1997 and outgained SEC foes by an average of 105 ypg. Last year they lost just 15 lettermen and had 12 senior starters. Six of those 15 letterman were NFL DC's including two 1st rounders (FS Davis, DE Pollack) and two 2nd rounders. Last year my publication was the only one in the country to call for UGA to win the SEC East as everyone else had them finishing 3rd. I called the Bulldogs one of my surprise teams and they very nearly went undefeated but QB Shockley was injured and they lost to Florida by 4 without him. With Shockley not 100% the next week, they lost to Auburn by 1. They throttled LSU in the SEC Championship game but came up short in the Sugar Bowl with -3 in turnovers to finish 10-3 and #10 in the AP poll. Only UGA and USC have finished in the Top 10 in each of the last 4 years (#7 '04 and '03, #3 '02). UGA's defense has finished in the Top 20 for five straight years. Offensively, the Bulldogs return just 4 starters and with an inexperienced QB and weaker O-line, figure to avg less than the 29.5 ppg of 2005. The Bulldogs' D has just 5 starters returning but that was the same amount as in 2002 when they allowed just 15.1 ppg and have not allowed more than 16.5 ppg in the last 4 years. UGA only has 9 returning starters and while replacing their QB, they are not in as good of shape at that position this year. They do have the most favorable schedule of the East as they don't have to play at Fla or Tenn and are capable of getting back to the Title game.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 13 Joe Tereshinski Sr. 6-3 217 **PS#21.** 1 st, 371 pass (51%), 51 rush '05. **15** Blake Barnes (6-3 219 So) **PS#19.** 3 att LY. **14** Joe Cox (6-1 200 rFr) PS#8. **7 Matthew Stafford PS#2.**

RB 20 THOMAS BROWN JR. 5-8 185 **PS#3.** 4.37 spd. 3 st, 875 (5.1) as true. 12 st LY, 736 (5.0). **6 Kregg Lumpkin** (6-1 220 Jr) **PS#3.** 858 (4.8) 2Y. **28** Danny Ware (6-1 223 Jr) 1184 (5.0) 2Y.

FB 35 DES WILLIAMS JR. 6-1 245 PS#26LB. 2 sts '04, 83 ttl yd first 2Y. Med RS LY. **38 Brannan Southerland** (6-0 242 So) PS#61. 7 st as rFr, 82 ttl yds. **46** Stephen White (5-11 217 Sr).

WR 18 AJ Bryant Jr. 6-2 195 **PS#10QB.** 41.5" VL. 8 rec (17.8) 2Y (injury). **88** Kenneth Harris (6-3 214 So) PS#158. 1 st, 11 (19.6) as rFr. **82** Michael Moore (6-2 195 rFr) **PS#15.**

WR 1 Mohamed Massaquoi So. 6-2 198 **PS#5.** 4 sts true, 13 gm 38 rec (13.3). **80** Mario Raley (6-1 190 Sr) **PS#18.** 1 st, 17 rec (12.2) 3 years. Kris Durham **PS#34.** In for spring.

TE 87 Martrez Milner Sr. 6-4 240 6 st, 3Y, 19 rec (20.2). 615 squat. **86** Tripp Chandler (6-6 253 So) PS#38. 10 gms as true. **84** Coleman Watson (6-6 250 Jr) PS#17.

C 70 NICK JONES SR. 6-3 295 PS#159. Last 5 st at C as true. 11 st at SG '04. 13 st at SG LY. Back to C '06. **64** Ian Smith (6-3 295 rFr) PS#71. Chris Davis is PS#40TE.

SG 75 Fernando Velasco Jr. 6-4 315 PS#163. 11 gms as true. 1 st, 12 gms in '04. RS last year. **77** Zeb McKinzey (6-3 285 Jr) **PS#22.** 10 gms as rFr. 12 gms LY. 2 letters.

TG 67 Chester Adams Jr. 6-4 320 PS#237. 10 gms as true, SEC Frosh Tm. 13 gms LY. 2 letters, "The Big Cheese". **76** Seth Watts (6-4 313 So) **PS#31.** 3 games as rFr.

ST 79 Ken Shackleford Sr. 6-5 315 **PS#98.** 10 gm as true. 1 st at ST, 11 gm '04. 11 gm as bkup '05. Justin Anderson (6-5 320 Fr) **PS#12.** "The Bean". **66** John Miller is **PS#97.** Enrolled in Jan.

TT 72 DANIEL INMAN SR. 6-7 319 **PS#69.** 12 st as rFr, **SEC Frosh Tm.** 12 st '04. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm SEC. 61** Michael Turner (6-4 295 Sr) PS#172. 2 gm as So. 12 gm bkup LY.

K 96 BRANDON COUTU JR. 6-0 185 PS#26. 2-3 FG's '04. **3rd Tm AA** LY, 23 of 29 FG's, **SEC record (w/o tee) 58 yd FG! 93** Andy Bailey (6-2 220 Jr) 14 of 20 FG's '04, long 46, **SEC Fr Tm.**

DE 99 Charles Johnson Jr. 6-2 275 **PS#13.** 6 tkl, 1 sk as true. 23 tkl, 4 sk, 28 qbh LY. **41** Roderick Battle (6-4 249 rFr) PS#67. **55** Jeremy Lomax (6-4 220 So) PS#191. 4 qbh, inj LY.

DT 90 Ray Gant Sr. 6-2 277 3 st, 39 tkl '03. 8 tkl in '04. 7 sts LY, 19 tkl, 2 sk. **54** Dale Dixson (6-2 308 Sr) PS#85. 1 st, 3 tfl, 2Y. **19** Marquis Elmore (6-4 281 Sr) **PS#15.** 3 gms LY.

NT 95 Jeff Owens So. 6-3 280 **PS#22.** 17 tkl, 2.5 sk, 16 qbh as true, SEC Fr Tm. **91 Kade Weston** (6-5 310 rFr) **PS#8. 68** Chris Abbott (6-0 282 Sr). Brandon Wood is **PS#23.**

DE 94 QUENTIN MOSES SR. 6-5 250 37 tkl as rFr. 1 st, 23 tkl, 6.5 sk '04. 13 st LY, 44 tkl, **11.5 sk, 1st Tm SEC. 38** Marcus Howard (6-2 220 Jr) **PS#49LB.** 24 tkl, 1.5 sk, 6 qbh LY.

SLB 12 BRANDON MILLER JR. 6-4 248 **PS#10DL.** 9 tkl true. 10 st LY, 41 tkl, 4 tfl. **42 Danny Verdun-Wheeler** (6-2 244 Sr) PS#61. 9 st '04, 51 tkl. 9 st LY, 62 tkl. Darius Dewberry **PS#21** LY.

MLB 45 JARVIS JACKSON SR. 6-2 218 PS#144. 19 tkl true. 5 st, 37 tkl '04. 10 st LY, 84 tkl, 4 tfl. **44** Marcus Washington (6-0 245 So) PS#57. 11 tkl as true. **36** Jeff Busbee (5-10 237 Jr) AF trans.

WLB 43 TONY TAYLOR SR. 6-1 237 **PS#55.** 12 st '03, 82 tkl, 4 tfl. RS '04. 9 st LY, 56 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **33** Dannell Ellerbe (6-1 228 So) PS#87DB. "Phenom", 15 tkl as rFr. Akeem Hebron is **PS#7.**

CB 2 Asher Allen Fr. 5-10 180 Enrolled in Jan. **29** Thomas Flowers (5-10 186 Jr) PS#107RB. Top PR 2Y, 10 tkl. Ramarcus Brown (5-11 173 So) PS#73RB. 2 tkl rFr. Reshad Jones **PS#6.**

CB 8 Paul Oliver Jr. 6-0 205 **PS#7.** 9 tkl, 1 sk as rFr. 2 st LY, 28 tkl, 3 int, 2 pbu. **3** Bryan Evans (5-11 180 rFr) **PS#11. 27** Prince Miller PS#22. SC's Mr. Football as Sr in HS LY.

ROV 25 TRA BATTLE SR. 5-11 176 1 st at FS '04, 22 tkl, 2 tfl. 12 st LY at ROV, 71 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **5 CJ Byrd** (6-2 186 So) **PS#10.** 8 tkl as true. **10** Donavon Baldwin (6-2 193 rFr) PS#118.

FS 17 Antavious Coates rFr. 6-4 200 PS#99LB. **30** Kelin Johnson (6-1 192 Jr) PS#309. 1 st 2Y, 28 tkl, 1 tfl. **47** Drew Williams (6-0 197 Jr) 9 tkl, 2Y. **15** Mitchell Pittman (6-2 202 So).

P 95 GORDON ELY-KELSO SR. 6-2 215 66 punts '03, 39.0 avg, net 35.5. 53 punts '04, 40.0 avg, net 35.2. 57 punts LY. 42.9 avg, **net 38.7, 2nd Tm SEC. 26** Brian Mimbs (5-11 197 So) PS#85.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Matthew Stafford 6-3 225 PS#2
LB	Akeem Hebron 6-1 195 PS#7
DB	Reshad Jones 6-2 180 PS#6
OL	Justin Anderson 6-5 320 PS#12
RB	Knowshon Moreno 5-11 205 PS#14
TE	NaDerris Ward 6-5 247 PS#5
DL	Brandon Wood 6-1 254 PS#23
DB	Prince Miller 5-8 185 PS#22
DB	Asher Allen 5-10 180 PS#24
LB	Darius Dewberry 6-3 211 PS#21 '05
DL	Kiante Tripp 6-6 244 PS#34
WR	Kris Durham 6-5 195 PS#34
OL	Kevin Perez 6-3 260 PS#50
WR	Tony Wilson 5-11 175 PS#48
DL	Demarcus Dobbs 6-2 253 PS#24TE
LB	Darryl Gamble 6-2 215 PS#53DB
DB	Quintin Banks 6-2 193 PS#62
OL	Ben Harden 6-3 290 PS#90
OL	John Miller 6-6 290 PS#97
LB	Akeem Dent 6-2 225 PS#82
OL	Chris Davis 6-4 245 PS#40TE
OL	Josh Davis 6-6 295 PS#147
RB	Fred Munzenmaier 6-2 235 PS#139
DL	Michael Lemon 6-4 255 PS#152
RB	Shaun Chapas 6-2 235 PS#145
DL	Ricardo Crawford 6-1 303 PS#164
DL	Geno Atkins 6-1 270 PS#204

GEORGIA BULLDOGS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#48

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score GA	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 2	Western Kentucky	G					
Sep. 9	at South Carolina	G					
Sep. 16	UAB	G					
Sep. 23	Colorado	G					
Sep. 30	at Mississippi	A					
Oct. 7	Tennessee	G					
Oct. 14	Vanderbilt (HC)	G					
Oct. 21	Mississippi St	G					
Oct. 28	† Florida (Jacksonville)	G					
Nov. 4	at Kentucky	G					
Nov. 11	at Auburn	G					
Nov. 18							
Nov. 25	Georgia Tech	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

GA is 19-2 SU (15-6 ATS) in road games under Richt not including Florida.
Georgia & USC are the only 2 schools to finish in the Top 10 the L4Y.
GA allowed 143.8 ypg rush LY which is the most they've allowed S/'96.

GA has won 9 straight season openers by a combined score of 363-110.
Hilltoppers were 6-5 in 2005 as members of the Div IAA Gateway Conf.

Richt is 9-5-1 SU lifetime vs Spurrier (1-1 as a HC).
Georgia is 5-8 ATS since 1993 in their road openers.

Coming into '06 Bulldogs are 13-0 SU, but just 3-8 ATS in non-conf HG's under Richt.
In the only previous meeting, GA pulled out a 16-13 win (-29) at home in '03.

Georgia is 12-7 SU & 6-1 ATS all-time vs current Big 12 members.
This is the 1st meeting between these two teams.

Georgia is 8-2 SU & ATS their last 10 games on artificial turf.
GA is 6-0 SU & 4-2 ATS since '97 vs Ole Miss with the last meeting in '02.

Georgia is 12-2 SU & 9-5 ATS their last 4 years hosting SEC opponents.
UT snapped a 17 gm GA win streak at Sanford Stadium with their '04 win.

The Bulldogs are 4-1 ATS the last 5 years in this series.
Georgia is 23-1 SU but 6-16 ATS since 1982 on Homecoming.

GA is 15-5 SU & 5-2 ATS all-time in this battle of the Bulldogs.
Georgia is 12-1 SU but just 4-9 ATS the wk before facing Florida since '93.

GA is 2-14 SU & 4-11-1 ATS the last 16 games in this series.
The SU winner is 21-2-1 ATS the L24Y in the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party.

Georgia is 9-3 SU & 8-4 ATS their L/12 regular season gms in November.
Could apply: The Bulldogs are 13-7 ATS off a SU loss since 1997.

The home team is 4-9 ATS since 1993 in this series.
Georgia is 2-9-1 ATS the last 12 games prior to a bye.

Bonus: Most consecutive games without a bye week since 1979.

Georgia has won 5 in a row in this series (4-1 ATS) & 12 of the last 15 SU.
The visitor is 5-3 SU & 7-1 ATS the last 8 years in this series.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: David Greene 11,528 2000-'04
Rushing: Herschel Walker 5,259 1980-'82 Receiving: Terrence Edwards 3,093 1999-'02

MARK RICHT (Career 52-13)
6th Year at Georgia
Richt's SU Bowl Record: 3-2

Richt's records AT GEORGIA

52-13	Straight Up	13-15	Home Favorite
32-25-1	Vs The Spread	0-1	Home Underdog
6-4	Off A SU Loss	12-6	Away Favorite
25-17-1	Vs Conference	7-3-1	Away Underdog
7-8	Vs Non-Conf	7-3	Off A Bye

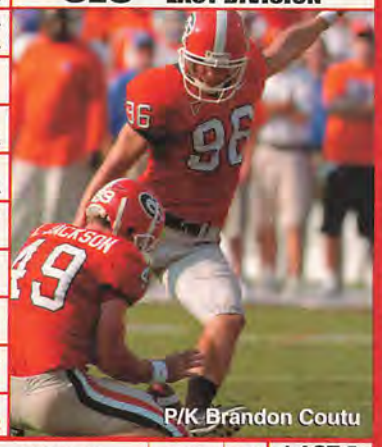
2005 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (20,19,3)
Lost: 22 (11,9,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 92,746

SEC - EAST DIVISION


P/K Brandon Coutu

STADIUM: SANFORD STADIUM (92,746)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	7-4	8-3	12-1	10-3	9-2	10-2	63-19
Home	5-1	5-1	4-2	7-0	6-0	5-1	5-1	37-6
Away	2-3	2-3	4-1	5-1	4-3	4-1	5-1	26-13
ATS	6-5	4-6	6-5	9-3	7-6	4-6	6-5-1	42-36-1
Home Fav	3-3	3-1	1-4	4-2	4-2	2-3	2-4	19-19
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2
Away Fav	1-0	1-2	1-0	4-1	3-2	2-2	2-1	14-8
Away Dog	2-2	0-2	4-0	1-0	0-2	0-1	2-0-1	9-7-1
Favorite	4-3	4-3	2-4	8-3	7-4	4-5	4-5	33-27
Dog	2-2	0-3	4-1	1-0	0-2	0-1	2-0-1	9-9-1
Grass	6-5	4-6	6-5	8-3	7-5	4-6	5-5-1	40-35-1
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-1
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	5-3	7-2	5-4	4-4	4-4-1	32-26-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	0-2	2-1	10-10
Off SU Win	3-4	2-5	4-3	9-1	4-6	3-5	4-4-1	29-28-1
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-1	2-1	0-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	10-6

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Thomas Brown	147	788	52	736	4	5.0
Danny Ware	101	535	43	492	1	4.9
Kregg Lumpkin	66	338	3	335	3	5.1
DJ Shockley	78	427	105	322	4	4.1
Jason Johnson	3	44	0	44	0	14.7
Tyson Browning	7	44	3	41	1	5.9
Joe Tereshinski	14	51	11	40	0	2.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
DJ Shockley	310	173	55.8	2588	24	5
Joe Tereshinski	49	25	51.0	371	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Leonard Pope	39	541	13.9	4	34
Bryan McClendon	35	529	15.1	6	43
Mohamed Massaquoi	38	505	13.3	2	33
Sean Bailey	16	364	22.8	4	53
Martrez Milner	14	291	20.8	2	56
Kenneth Harris	11	216	19.6	1	40
Danny Ware	7	118	16.9	2	28
AJ Bryant	5	84	16.8	2	34
Mario Raley	6	78	13.0	0	32
TJ Gartrell	3	76	25.3	0	35

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Gordon Ely-Kelso	57	2443	42.9	17	38.7	0	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brandon Coutu	45-45	10-10	3-5	7-9	3-5	23-29	58

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Greg Blue	96	0	4.5	5	2
Jarvis Jackson	84	1	3	0	0
Tra Battle	71	0	1	4	2
Danny VerdunWheeler	62	0	3	0	0
Tony Taylor	56	1	4.5	1	1
Tim Jennings	56	1	6	4	4
DeMario Minter	48	0	3.5	9	2
Quentin Moses	44	11.5	9	2	0
Brandon Miller	41	0	4	1	0
Paul Oliver	28	0	1	2	3
Marcus Howard	24	1.5	0	0	0
Charles Johnson	23	4	4.5	2	0
Will Thompson	23	5	5	0	0
Kedric Golston	21	1.5	1	0	0
Ray Gant	19	2	0.5	1	0
Jeff Owens	17	2.5	0.5	0	0
Darrius Swain	16	1.5	0.5	0	0
Dannell Ellerbe	15	2	1	0	1
Gerald Anderson	15	0	1.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Thomas Flowers	32	438	13.7	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tyson Browning	12	282	23.5	0
Bryan McClendon	8	142	17.8	0
Ramarcus Brown	4	85	21.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Music City	-4	Boston College	16-20	L
02	Sugar	-8	Florida St - #16	26-13	W
03	Capital One	-3'	Purdue - #12 (OT)	34-27	W
04	Outback	-8	Wisconsin - #16	24-21	L
05	Sugar	-6	West Virginia - #11	35-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Georgia's All-Time SU Bowl Record 22-16-3

GEORGIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	29.5	20	162	4.6	229	55.4	13.2	+11	2005	7	16.4	18	144	3.8	170	57.2	19.1
8*	27.9	20	157	4.1	248	55.4	14.5	-2	2004	6	16.5	16	107	3.0	182	55.2	17.5
3*	26.5	20	135	3.4	245	59.4	14.4	+11	2003	6	14.5	15	102	3.1	175	54.4	19.1
8*	32.1	21	140	3.6	245	57.8	12.0	+8	2002	5	15.1	17	114	3.0	190	55.1	20.0
7	27.6	22	159	4.1	272	57.8	15.6	-3	2001	7	19.0	20	116	3.2	241	59.1	18.8
8*	27.6	19	134	3.8	217	53.8	12.7	+1	2000	7	17.7	17	114	3.2	204	57.5	18.0

GA 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#13	Boise St	22	33-180	5.5	22-33	394	0	17	35-169	4.8	13-25	123	0	+5
#9	South Carolina	21	49-238	4.9	8-17	112	1	13	23-43	1.9	22-34	236	4	0
#7	ULM	22	29-280	9.7	16-24	263	1	16	38-88	2.3	18-34	123	3	+2
#7	at Mississippi St	22	34-94	2.8	21-36	312	3	13	26-49	1.9	19-32	205	4	+1
#5	at Tennessee	21	42-198	4.7	16-27	207	1	16	26-48	1.8	21-36	310	2	+1
#5	at Vanderbilt	18	34-148	4.4	15-32	298	2	21	39-150	3.8	15-28	174	4	0
#4	Arkansas	14	30-52	1.7	11-19	165	4	16	49-216	4.4	11-20	116	4	0
#4	† Florida	19	42-177	4.2	9-22	109	0	16	37-153	4.1	15-20	108	1	0
#9	Auburn	22	31-142	4.6	20-36	304	2	23	46-227	4.9	16-28	279	2	0
#14	Kentucky	21	31-169	5.5	22-38	226	2	13	31-99	3.2	18-33	100	2	+1
#13	at Georgia Tech	13	30-68	2.3	15-34	198	3	20	37-172	4.6	18-35	155	1	+2
#13	† LSU	16	42-138	3.3	6-12	112	1	18	36-74	2.1	14-30	156	5	+2
#8	† West Virginia	27	28-224	8.7	20-33	277	0	27	63-382	6.1	11-14	120	2	-3
TOTALS		258	455-2108	4.6	201-363	2977	20	229	486-1870	3.8	211-369	2205	34	+11
AVERAGES		19.8	35-162	4.6	15-28	229	1.5	17.6	37-144	3.8	16-28	170	2.6	0.8

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-35	45-17	L
South Carolina - #21	+2	9-14	L
Arkansas	-10	34-23	W
at Tennessee - #6	+11	26-24	W
at Vanderbilt	-7'	30-14	W
Kentucky	-22	43-29	L
† Florida - #6	+19	10-24	W
Auburn	-7'	17-24	L
at Mississippi	+3	35-15	W
at Georgia Tech - #21	+2'	31-17	W
Houston	-31'	35-7	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Clemson	-8'	31-28	L
at South Carolina	-5'	13-7	W
Northwestern St	NL	45-7	–
New Mexico St	-27	41-10	W
at Alabama - #22	+4'	27-25	W
Tennessee - #10	-4	18-13	W
Vanderbilt	-25'	48-17	W
at Kentucky	-5	52-24	W
† Florida	-1'	13-20	L
Mississippi	-15	31-17	L
at Auburn - #24	-2'	24-21	W
Georgia Tech	-9	51-7	W
† Arkansas - #22	-8	30-3	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Clemson	-3	30-0	W
Middle Tennessee	-29	29-10	L
South Carolina - #25	-13'	31-7	W
at LSU - #11	+1'	10-17	L
Alabama	-12	37-23	W
at Tennessee - #13	-2'	41-14	W
at Vanderbilt	-25	27-8	L
UAB	-29	16-13	L
† Florida - #23	-2'	13-16	L
Auburn	-6'	26-7	W
Kentucky	-19	30-10	W
at Georgia Tech	-8'	34-17	W
† LSU - #3	+3	13-34	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Georgia Southern	NL	48-28	–
at South Carolina	-7'	20-16	L
Marshall	-18'	13-3	L
LSU - #13	-2'	45-16	W
Tennessee - #17	-12'	14-19	L
Vanderbilt	-23	33-3	W
at Arkansas	-8'	20-14	L
† Florida	-6'	31-24	W
at Kentucky	-24	62-17	W
at Auburn - #3	+3'	6-24	L
Georgia Tech	-15	19-13	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boise St - #18	-7	48-13	W
South Carolina	-17'	17-15	L
ULM	-39	44-7	L
at Mississippi St	-15	23-10	L
at Tennessee - #8	+3	27-14	W
at Vanderbilt	-16	34-17	W
Arkansas	-19'	23-20	L
† Florida - #16	+4	10-14	T
Auburn - #15	-3	30-31	L
Kentucky	-25'	45-13	W
at Georgia Tech - #20	-4	14-7	W
† LSU - #3	+1	34-14	W

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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 after Rex Grossman opted to leave early for the NFL (#1DC CHI), Ingle Martin (PS#10) won the starting job. After two games he was #2 in the SEC in pass efficiency but Chris Leak (PS#2) took over starting 9 and throwing for 2,435 yards (59.4%) with a 16-11 ratio (187 rush). Leak had a fine 2004 season throwing for 3,197 (59.6%) with a 29-12 ratio (229 rush). After being SEC Frosh of the Year in 2003, he was 2nd Tm SEC in '04. Leak, who is more of a pocket passer, was not a good fit for Meyer's spread option offense and struggled in the first 7. Leak did break Steve Spurrier's record for consecutive completions (16 in 1966) with 17. Meyer also played his own recruit, true frosh Josh Portis (PS#14). Portis had trouble with ball security and did not see a lot of action later in the year, especially once they switched to an offense using a TE and a FB vs Georgia. Leak hit 32 of 41 for 257 vs Vandy in the modified offense and 25 of 40 for 278 vs Iowa. Portis transferred at the end of season. Cornelius Ingram (PS#9) moved to TE and Gavin Dickey (PS#9), who played WR but was the #2 QB for the bowl, opted to just play baseball. True frosh Tim Tebow (PS#3), who owns all of Florida's HS passing records, was in for the spring and is #2. Meyer hopes to land a walk-on over the summer for the #3 spot and may also use Jarred Fayson (PS#9) whose eventual position will be WR. Leak threw for 2639 yds (62.8%) with a 20-6 ratio and should improve in the 2nd year of Meyer's system.

RUNNING BACKS - Ciatrick Fason (PS#4) rushed for 1,267 yards (5.7) in 2004 but opted to leave early for the NFL draft (#4DC). DeShawn Wynn (PS#8), a power back, had 540 yards rushing (4.7) in '03 but just 217 (3.7) in '04. He was suspended for the '05 opener and seemed to be more of a burst player, able to give 100% for only 5 or 6 plays but not through an entire game. The fastest TB was Markus Manson (PS#16, 4.3 spd) but he had some fumbling problems. Skyler Thornton (PS#19) rushed for 230 (4.2) in '04 but was in and out of Meyer's dog house. Wynn led the team with 621 (4.8) despite a shoulder injury. Manson had 365 (4.5) and surprisingly in the bowl, true frosh Kestahn Moore (PS#35) led with 88 (6.8). At midseason they played the FB more and Billy Latsko was very effective. Thornton (1 st, 96 yd) quit but everyone else is back. The Gators should have a more effective rush attack in 2006 but Meyer said the team lacked a solid RB during spring.

RECEIVERS - Florida had at least one WR named to the All-SEC team every year since 1989 but that streak was snapped in 2003. In 2004 the top three receivers departed and OJ Small, a possession receiver, led with 63 (11.4). Their fastest WR, Andre Caldwell (PS#1), had 43 (16.0) and Chad Jackson (PS#4) averaged a school record 22.3 ypc on 29 rec's. Dallas Baker, in four starts, had 26 (15.8). Only Small departed last year but Caldwell broke his leg vs Tenn and WR's Baker and Jemalle Cornelius (PS#14) were banged up. In Meyer's 5 receiver set, vs Miss St, they used former QB Gavin Dickey (PS#9), FB Latsko and walk-on Kyle Morgan a good percentage of the time because of the injuries. By featuring the TE more down the stretch, Tate Casey (PS#9), who had just 3 rec's after 7, finished with 10 (12.1). Chad Jackson had an up and down year but did tie a school record with 88 rec. Carlos Alvarez had the same total in 1969 but in two less games. Jackson, however, only averaged a pedestrian 10.2 ypc, the lowest among the SEC's top receivers. Baker had 10 rec's for 147 yards and was the Bowl Off MVP finishing #2 on the team (52, 13.4). Cornelius was #3 (29, 13.2). Although Jackson (#2DC NE, 11 st) departs, with Caldwell's return and in the second year of the offense, I look for improved play from the Gator receivers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Gators' 2004 OL had 3 starters back and paved the way for 4.5 ypc rushing, their best since 1996 and allowed the second lowest percentage of sacks (4.7%) in the SEC. Last year they had to replace two starters and three backups but had basically the same three starters returning as 2004. While the unit did suffer from injuries, the three returning starters each started all 12. Surprisingly, the unit allowed an SEC worst 24 sacks after the first 7 games and yielded 35 on the year (9.1%) while the ypc dropped to just 3.9. C Mike Degory tied a school record with his 50th straight start. This year they lose LT Randy Hand (12 st, 3 yr st'r, 2nd Tm SEC, UFA NE), LG Tavares Washington (10 st, UFA SF), RT Lance Butler (12 st, 3 yr st'r, UFA CLE) and C Degory (12 st, 1st Tm SEC, 4 yr st'r). Four players return with starting experience but this is clearly a less experienced group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - They had four DL starters back last year but lost Ray McDonald after three starts to an ACL and then lost 4 backups for various reasons. The front 4 averaged just 276 lbs but Florida had their most experienced D-line in years. It showed in the rush D stats as they allowed 47 ypg less than '04 and the 3.1 ypc allowed was their best since 2001. This year the only losses are DE Jeremy Mincey (#6DC NE, 62 tkl, 12 st, 10.5 tfl, 2nd Tm SEC) and DE Bryan Royal (6 tkl). With McDonald's return, it's like having four full-time starters back and they should have their best ypc allowed in a decade.

LINEBACKERS - The Gator LB corps was inexperienced and injury-plagued in both 2003 and 2004. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 14 starts and 96 tackles including a #3 DC but had two starters returning. Brandon Siler (PS#22) was the 2nd true frosh in school history to lead the team in tackles and was the 2004 SEC Frosh of the Year. The other returnee, Earl Everett, was arguably the best overall athlete on the team. True frosh Jon Demps looked like he would contribute but tore an ACL early. This year Siler turned down a shot at the NFL, so the only loss is SLB Todd McCullough (12 st, 28 tkl, 2 tfl). They add 4 VHT true frosh and two HT rFr. This looks like the best Gator LB corps since at least 2001.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Gators usually finish near the top of my pass D rankings. After a #16 finish in 2003, they had to replace all four starters in 2004 but only dropped to #26. Last year they had to replace two starters and then lost starting CB Vernell Brown to a fractured fibula vs Vandy. True frosh Avery Atkins had an int, a FR and two pbu vs Fla St. FS Reggie Nelson missed the bowl. The Gators moved up to #13. This year they lose their top CB Demetrice Webb (#7DC JAX, 12 st, 13 pbu, 1st Tm SEC), who led the SEC in pbu, CB Brown (10 st, 41 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu, UFA NE) and SS Jarvis Herring (12 st, 63 tkl, 2 int, UFA NE). Five players return with starting experience and this will be another solid secondary but is less experienced than 2005.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Gators were #6 in my ST rankings in 2001 but were just #91, #81 and #42 in Zook's three years. Last year they only had to replace their K. P Eric Wilbur (PS#10) had a super 38.1 net in his 3rd year. Meyer was the ND ST coach and plays a lot of starters on this unit. Last year he lost both star WR Caldwell and top cover CB Brown to injuries during ST play. UF did record its first blocked FG for a TD since records were kept at UF (1979) and also blocked a punt for a TD against Iowa. They struggled in KO's so true frosh Jonathan Phillips (PS#39), who had 95% TB's in HS, took over but surprisingly had just one TB on 33 KO's. Chris Hetland (PS#66) hit his first 9 FG's, finishing 13 of 16 with a long of 47. Despite the injury, Brown still led the team in PR's (7.6) and RB Markus Manson (PS#16) was the top KR (19.6). Caldwell avg'd 31.0 on 4 returns before he was injured. Overall the Gators finished #26 and have Top 10 potential.

COACHES - Urban Meyer became a HC in 2001 at Bowling Green and achieved a 17-6 record in two seasons there. He moved on to Utah where his team simply went 22-2 including an unbeaten 2004 season in which the team finished its highest ever in the polls at #4. His OC/QB coach is Dan Mullen who was his QB coach at both BG and Utah. Meyer has two solid co-DC's. Greg Mattison was the DC at Michigan from '95-'96 (one of 5 finalists for the Broyles Award in '96) and was the DC at ND from 1997-'01. He was the DL coach at ND 02-'04. Charlie Strong was the DC at S Carolina from 1999-'02 and now enters his 4th year as the DC here. He was also the interim HC for UF in the 2004 Peach Bowl.

SLB Earl Everett

PHIL'S FORECAST

UF had some amazing accomplishments under Steve Spurrier. They were one of just two schools to have 9 wins or more for 12 straight years and UF appeared in 7 of the first 10 SEC Title games. They ranked in the Top 15 for 12 straight years and just missed out on playing for the National Title in 2001, finishing #3 and won the National Title in 1996. The Gators' last losing season was in 1979 and last non-bowl year was 1990. Ron Zook was never a fan favorite until his final few games as it's very tough to replace a legend like Spurrier. His first team went 5-0 in the SEC East and while UF did win some of the big games, they also lost 5 games each season. The 2004 squad had just 9 starters back and were 4-4 in SEC play but actually outgained SEC foes by 63.2 ypg. They suffered a tough loss to Tenn when the ref wrongfully stopped the clock allowing the Vols a 50 yard FG with :06 left. They beat Fla St on the road for the first time since 1986 (Spurrier was 0-5-1 in Tallahassee). The Gators had just 5 home losses under Spurrier but lost six times in The Swamp in just 3 years under Zook. Zook was a tremendous recruiter and left Meyer with a loaded team and 15 starters returned last year. Meyer recorded a 6-0 record at home and swept Fla St, Tenn and UGA for just the 4th time in school history. He also became the first coach in school history to beat 4 ranked foes in his first year at UF. After beating Tenn, they were 4-0 and got their first Top 5 ranking since Spurrier left but were throttled by #15 Alabama, 31-3. They defeated #4 UGA but the Bulldogs were without QB Shockley, due to injury. Unfortunately Meyer also lost to Steve Spurrier at S Carolina which was SC's first win over UF since 1939. UF had the advantage of FSU looking ahead to the ACC Title game in their 34-7 rout in which 4 TO's equalled 24 pts and also had a blocked FG for a TD as FSU had a 334-284 yd edge. Thanks to a wrong call on a recovered onside kick, they were able to get past Iowa in the bowl finishing 9-3 and were #12 in the AP poll. It was their 16th straight season ranked in the Coaches Final Top 25 Poll (2nd longest nationally). Their 15 straight bowl games are the 3rd longest. The Gators did benefit from +18 in turnovers (see pg 312). The Gators had 7 starters back on offense last year but saw the ppg drop from 31.8 to 28.6. While almost all of the skill players are back, they do have to replace their top WR as well as four starting OL's. However, this is the first time that Leak and the offense have had the same OC for 2 years in a row and the offensive numbers should improve. The Gators had 8 starters back on D last year and allowed 18.8 pgg, their best in four years. They have six starters back this year and provided the young secondary comes together quickly, could be just as strong. UF will be celebrating 100 years of Gator Football in '06. My main set of power ratings calls UF the most talented team in the SEC but they do have to play Tenn, Aub, UGA and FSU on the road. Even with that schedule, this team is clearly capable of topping their 9 wins of last season and could reach the SEC Title game.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 12 CHRIS LEAK SR. 6-0 210 **PS#2**. 33 career st, 8271 yds pass (60.7%) 65-29 ratio, 746 rush. **2nd Tm SEC** 2Y. **15** Tim Tebow **PS#3**. In for spg. Jarred Fayson **PS#9**.

RB 21 DeSHAWN WYNN SR. 5-11 232 **PS#8**. 6 st, 3Y, 1378 (4.5) rush. **2 Markus Manson** (6-0 210 So) **PS#16**. 2 st, 365 (4.5) LY. **33 Kestahn Moore** (5-10 212 So) PS#35. 6st, 333 ttl yds.

WR 5 ANDRE CALDWELL SR. 6-1 200 **PS#1**. 12 st '04, 43 (16.0). 3 st LY (inj). **83** David Nelson (5-9 208 rFr) **PS#19**. **85** Michael McIntosh (6-0 191 So) PS#42. Jamar Hornsby **PS#10DB**.

WR 81 DALLAS BAKER SR. 6-3 206 PS#54. 3 st, 39 rec first 2Y. 11 st LY, 52 (13.4) Bowl MVP. **17** Nyan Boateng (6-2 205 So) **PS#8**. 4 rec true. **82** Louis Murphy (6-3 195 So) PS#92.

WR 6 JEMALLE CORNELIUS SR. 5-11 190 **PS#14**. 14 sts, 3Y, 48 rec (13.4). **9** Kenneth Tookes (6-2 209 Sr) PS#57. 4 st, 7 rec LY. **Percy Harvin PS#1**. Riley Cooper is **PS#15DB**.

TE 84 Tate Casey Jr. 6-6 242 **PS#9**. 6 st 2Y, 18 rec. **7 Cornelius Ingram** (6-4 235 So) **PS#9QB**. **FB 42** Billy Latsko (5-10 231 Sr) 6 st 3Y. **29** Eric Rutledge (6-0 243 Jr).

C 79 STEVE RISSLER SR. 6-3 310 **PS#95**. 1 st RT true. 2 st RG, 471 plays '04. Last 7 st OG '05. **69** Eddie Haupt (6-4 305 rFr) **PS#26**. **LS 43** James Smith (6-3 230 So).

RG 63 Jim Tartt So. 6-3 310 **PS#38**. 3 st OG rFr & inj. 450 bench. **57** Carl Johnson (6-4 345 Fr) **PS#2. In for spg. 65** Brad Hiers (6-6 286 rFr). **58** Mike Williamson (6-0 197 rFr).

LG 70 Ronnie Wilson rFr. 6-4 310 **PS#25. 73** Carlton Medder (6-5 315 Jr) PS#129. 12 gm LY. **74** Maurice Hurt (6-3 315 Fr) PS#104. In for spg. **64** Kyle Newell (6-8 279 rFr).

RT 67 Drew Miller Jr. 6-5 305 **PS#8**. 28 plays as true. First 4 starts at RG '05. **77** Jason Watkins (6-6 310 So) **PS#48**. Jim Barrie **PS#27**. **62** Andrew Johnson (6-1 235 rFr).

LT 75 Phil Trautwein Jr. 6-6 309 **PS#32**. 6 gm, 60 snaps true. 1 st TE LY, 12 gm. Simon Codrington (6-7 310 rFr) **PS#79**. +40 lbs, RS LY. Marcus Gilbert (6-6 280 Fr) **PS#30**.

K 39 CHRIS HETLAND SR. 6-0 185 PS#66. 5 KO first 2Y. 13 of 16 FG's LY, long 47, **2nd Tm SEC. 38** Jonathan Phillips (5-11 195 So) PS#39. 1 TB, 33 KO. **14** Eric Nappy (5-10 180 Sr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 20 JOE COHEN SR. 6-2 292 **PS#4RB**. 165 plays RB true. 12 st, 28 tkl '04. 9 st LY, 4 tfl. **91** Derrick Harvey (6-4 260 So) **PS#4**. 1 sk LY. **61** Vernon Shelton (6-0 250 So).

DT 93 STEVEN HARRIS SR. 6-4 285 PS#312. 23 tkl, 3 sk '04. 12 st '05, 17 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **50** Branden Daniel (6-3 290 So) PS#58. **99** Lutrell Alford (6-2 290 Jr) Furman transfer. 6 gm LY.

DT 44 MARCUS THOMAS SR. 6-3 290 **PS#35**. 2 st, 47 tkl true. 12 st '04, 39 tkl, 4.5 sk. 12 st LY, 45 tkl, 10.5 tfl. **98** Clint McMillan (6-1 282 Jr) 7 tkl 2Y. **48** Javier Estopinan (6-1 280 So) **PS#25LB**.

DE 94 Jarvis Moss Jr. 6-6 252 **PS#3LB**. 6 tkl, 1st 2Y, inj. 25 tkl, **7.5 sk**, 3.5 ttl LY. **95** Ray McDonald (6-3 280 Sr) 12 st rFr, 8 tfl, 54 tkl. 7 st '04, 39 tkl, 10 tfl. 3 st LY until ACL, 3 tfl.

WLB 13 Brian Crum Sr. 6-3 237 PS#115. 13 tkl, 1 tfl LY. **35** Eric Sledge (6-2 212 rFr) PS#67DB. AJ Jones **PS#41**. **52** Darryl Gresham (6-1 260 rFr) **PS#38**. Dustin Doe **PS#57**.

MLB 40 BRANDON SILER JR. 6-2 235 **PS#22DL**. 6 st, **#1 tkl'r true w/77**, 10 tfl. 12 st LY, 64 tkl, 9 tfl. **55** Jon Demps (6-4 230 So) **PS#17**. 6 tkl, 4 gm true, ACL. Brandon Spikes **PS#6**.

SLB 30 EARL EVERETT SR. 6-2 231 **PS#12**. 5 st, 52 tkl true. 11 st '04, 74 tkl, 4.5 sk. 12 st LY, 72 tkl (#1) 2.5 sk. **41** Ryan Stamper (6-1 228 rFr) PS#91. Jermaine Cunningham **PS#36DL**.

CB 22 Reggie Lewis Sr. 5-10 195 PS#32QB. 272 plays, 63 yds first 2Y. 2 st LY, 6 pbu. **18** Tremaine McCollum (5-8 175 Sr) **PS#57**. 5 tkl, 187 ret yds 3Y. Bryan Thomas is PS#86.

CB 4 Avery Atkins So. 5-11 189 **PS#14**. 9 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu as true. Jacques Rickerson **PS#49. 36** Nick Brooks (6-0 207 Sr) PS#119. **26** Jermaine McCollum (5-9 185 Sr) PS#83. 8 tkl 3Y.

SS 1 REGGIE NELSON JR. 6-1 198 **PS#10**. JC. 4 st FS, 46 tkl, 4 sk. **49** Terrence Holmes (5-11 202 Sr) PS#62WR. 3 st, 32 tkl, 3 int 3Y. **34** Dorian Munroe (6-0 201 rFr) PS#77.

FS 3 Kyle Jackson Jr. 6-1 200 **PS#5**. 12 st 2Y, 58 tkl, 4 int, 4 pbu. **19 Tony Joiner** (5-11 208 Jr) **PS#45**. 6 tkl as true. 1 st '05, 27 tkl, 1 int. **17** Curtis Carr (5-10 184 So).

P 10 ERIC WILBUR SR. 6-1 203 **PS#10**. 66 punts true, 44.8 avg, 36.4 net. 53 (42.3), net 36.2 '04. 59 (41.7), **net 38.1 LY! 92** Bobby Kane (6-0 183 rFr). **98** Robert Ijjas (6-2 200 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Carl Johnson 6-6 345 PS#2
WR	Percy Harvin 5-11 182 PS#1
QB	Tim Tebow 6-3 229 PS#3
LB	Brandon Spikes 6-4 230 PS#6
WR	Jamar Hornsby 6-4 195 PS#10DB
WR	Riley Cooper 6-4 205 PS#15DB
QB	Jarred Fayson 6-0 195 PS#9
DL	Corey Hobbs 6-5 310 PS#13
RB	Mon Williams 6-2 198 PS#24
OL	James Barrie 6-5 305 PS#27
WR	Justin Williams 6-2 183 PS#22
LB	Jermaine Cunningham 6-4 210 PS#36DL
OL	Marcus Gilbert 6-6 280 PS#30
RB	Chevron Walker 5-11 192 PS#37
LB	AJ Jones 6-2 192 PS#41
DB	Jacques Rickerson 5-10 180 PS#49
DL	Terron Sanders 6-2 298 PS#70
DL	Brandon Antwine 6-0 271 PS#74
LB	Dustin Doe 6-0 209 PS#57
TE	Trent Pupello 6-4 250 PS#75DL
DL	Lawrence Marsh 6-5 260 PS#85
RB	Brandon James 5-7 175 PS#81
DB	Bryan Thomas 6-2 192 PS#86
OL	Maurice Hurt 6-3 315 PS#104
DB	Markihe Anderson 5-10 175 PS#164
DB	Wondy Pierre-Louis 6-0 176 PS#201
DB	Derrick Robinson 5-11 168 PS#326WR
RB	Kyle Pupello 6-2 235 PS#400JC

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Meyer's records AT FLORIDA

9-3	Straight Up	3-3	Home Favorite
4-6-1	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
1-1-1	Off A SU Loss	0-3-1	Away Favorite
2-5-1	Vs Conference	1-0	Away Underdog
2-1	Vs Non-Conf	1-0-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (20,22,4)
Lost: 18 (9,8,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 90,406

SEC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#33

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UF	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 2	S Mississippi	G					
Sep. 9	UCF	G					
Sep. 16	at Tennessee	G					
Sep. 23	Kentucky	G					
Sep. 30	Alabama	G					
Oct. 7	LSU (HC)	G					
Oct. 14	at Auburn	G					
Oct. 21							
Oct. 28	† Georgia *(Jacksonville)*	G					
Nov. 4	at Vanderbilt	G					
Nov. 11	South Carolina	G					
Nov. 18	W Carolina	G					
Nov. 25	at Florida St	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Gators were 6-0 in the Swamp LY, last time they were undefeated at home was 2000.
Florida was the only SEC school to go undefeated at home LY.
In his 1st yr as HC of UF, Meyer defeated 4 ranked teams (school record).

UF is 7-2 SU & ATS the L3Y vs non-conf opp, outscoring them 45-16 ppg on avg.
The Gators have won 16 consecutive season openers (7-8 ATS).

Florida was 1-4 ATS as a double digit favorite in 2005.
In the only other meeting between these 2, UF won 58-27 in Gainesville in '99.

The dog is 6-3-1 ATS the last 10 years in this series.
The Gators are 9-2-1 ATS since 1994 in their 1st SEC game of the year.

Florida is 0-4 ATS the last 4 years vs Kentucky (4-0 SU).
UF is 10-5 SU, but just 4-11 ATS the last 15 games as an SEC home fav.

Last yr was the 1st time that the Gators were held without a TD since 1992.
Florida is 0-5-1 ATS in their last 6 games with Alabama.

The dog is 6-3 ATS including 3 outright upsets since 1997.
LSU was 1 of only 2 opps that outrushed UF in 2005 (GA was the other).

UF is 8-1 SU & 7-2 ATS vs AU since '95 with the last meeting in 2002.
The Gators are 15-3 SU & 12-5 ATS the week prior to a bye since 1995.

The Gators are 15-5 SU & 12-7-1 ATS following a bye since 1994.
Although UF has won 7 of the L/8 gms in this series SU, they have been the dog 3 of the L4Y.

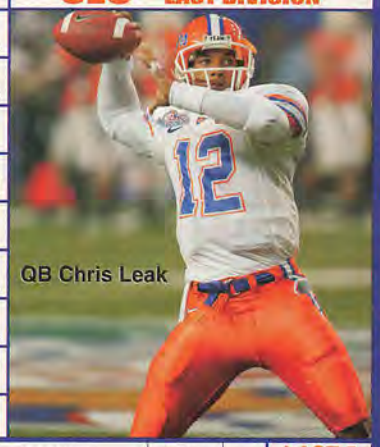
The home team is 3-8 ATS the last 11 meetings in this series.
The Gators have won 15 in a row vs Vandy the last loss was in 1988.

Last year's loss to SC was UF's 1st since 1939 to the Gamecocks.
S Carolina's 30-22 upset eliminated UF from the SEC East race last yr.

This is the 1st meeting between these two teams.
Catamounts finished w/a 5-4 record LY as members of IAA's Southern Conf.

UF has won B2B reg season meetings in this series for the 1st time since '85-'86.
The SU winner is 23-1 ATS in their last 25 games (1 tie).

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Danny Wuerffel 10,875 1993-'96
Rushing: Errict Rhett 4,163 1990-'93 Receiving: Carlos Alvarez 2,563 1969-'71


QB Chris Leak

STADIUM: BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM (88,548)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	10-2	9-2	8-4	8-4	7-4	8-3	59-22
Home	4-2	6-0	5-1	5-2	3-3	5-1	6-0	34-9
Away	5-1	4-2	4-1	3-2	5-1	2-3	2-3	25-13
ATS	4-7-1	9-3	7-4	4-8	5-6	7-4	4-6-1	40-38-2
Home Fav	0-4-1	5-1	4-2	2-5	1-3	4-2	3-3	19-20-1
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2
Away Fav	4-2	4-1	3-2	0-2	0-2	1-1	0-3-1	12-13-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	4-0	2-1	1-0	9-3
Favorite	4-6-1	9-2	7-4	2-7	1-5	5-3	3-6-1	31-33-2
Dog	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-1	4-1	2-1	1-0	9-5
Grass	4-6-1	8-3	7-4	4-8	5-6	7-4	4-6-1	39-37-2
Artificial	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	4-4-1	8-1	5-3	3-5	3-5	4-4	2-5-1	29-27-2
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	2-1	1-3	2-1	3-0	2-1	11-11
Off SU Win	3-5-1	7-2	6-3	3-5	3-5	4-2	3-4	29-26-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-3	1-1	2-2	1-1-1	7-9-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeShawn Wynn	130	644	23	621	7	4.8
Markus Manson	81	372	7	365	2	4.5
Kestahn Moore	48	291	14	277	1	5.8
Josh Portis	29	184	21	163	0	5.6
Skyler Thornton	20	98	2	96	0	4.8
Chad Jackson	16	100	11	89	2	5.6
Chris Leak	105	330	249	81	6	0.8
Andre Caldwell	5	64	0	64	1	12.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Leak	374	235	62.8	2639	20	6
Josh Portis	11	6	54.5	81	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chad Jackson	88	900	10.2	9	80
Dallas Baker	52	697	13.4	5	42
Jemalle Cornelius	29	383	13.2	1	50
DeShawn Wynn	12	161	13.4	2	27
Andre Caldwell	10	148	14.8	0	63
Tate Casey	10	121	12.1	1	33
Nyan Boateng	4	77	19.2	0	28
Kestahn Moore	13	56	4.3	1	12

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Eric Wilbur	59	2459	41.7	16	38.1(T)	1	22
Nick Fleming	2	83	41.5	0	–	0	0

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Hetland	38-40	3-5	5-5	5-6	0-0	13-16	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Earl Everett	72	2.5	1	4	2
Brandon Siler	64	4	5	4	0
Jarvis Herring	63	2	2	2	2
Jeremy Mincey	62	3.5	7	2	0
Reggie Nelson	46	4	0	1	1
Demetrice Webb	46	0	0	13	1
Marcus Thomas	45	4	6.5	1	0
Vernell Brown	41	0	3.5	6	3
Kyle Jackson	34	0	1	1	2
Todd McCullough	28	0	2	0	1
Tony Joiner	27	0	1	1	1
Jarvis Moss	25	7.5	3.5	2	0
Steven Harris	17	1.5	3	1	0
Joe Cohen	15	1	3	0	1
Brian Crum	13	0	1	0	0
Reggie Lewis	11	0	0	6	1
Avery Atkins	9	0	0	2	1
Ray McDonald	8	1	2	0	0
Billy Latsko	8	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Vernell Brown	26	197	7.6	0
Chad Jackson	4	18	4.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Markus Manson	16	313	19.6	0
Jemalle Cornelius	7	141	20.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Orange	-14	Maryland - #6	56-23	W
02	Outback	+1	Michigan - #12	30-38	L
03	Outback	-3'	Iowa - #13	17-37	L
04	Peach	+4	Miami, Fl - #14	10-27	L
05	Outback	E	Iowa - #25	31-24	W

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FLORIDA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	28.6	20	147	3.9	227	62.6	13.1	+18	2005	8	18.8	17	95	3.1	205	52.3	15.9
5*	31.8	21	156	4.5	271	59.7	13.4	+4	2004	4	21.1	20	142	3.7	204	55.4	16.4
6	30.0	20	146	4.2	245	60.1	13.0	+7	2003	3	20.8	20	159	3.9	209	55.1	17.6
5*	25.8	23	136	3.8	271	57.1	15.7	-9	2002	5	21.5	16	163	4.0	162	51.1	15.2
8*	44.8	27	129	4.4	409	64.7	12.0	-6	2001	8	14.8	15	100	3.1	196	55.4	20.0
4	36.0	22	113	3.8	308	55.9	11.7	+18	2000	9	21.0	19	137	3.7	217	53.6	16.9

2005 STATS BY GAME

UF 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#10	Wyoming	23	36 - 91	2.5	26 - 34	320	4	14	27 - 72	2.7	14 - 32	150	4	+2
#10	Louisiana Tech	22	49 - 251	5.1	14 - 24	224	3	10	26 - 45	1.7	11 - 32	117	2	+3
#6	Tennessee	13	37 - 68	1.8	17 - 26	179	5	14	25 - 66	2.6	16 - 35	147	2	+1
#5	at Kentucky	27	42 - 187	4.5	27 - 36	350	2	19	33 - 133	4.0	15 - 33	162	2	+3
#5	at Alabama	15	31 - 139	4.5	16 - 37	187	4	17	37 - 121	3.3	15 - 18	286	2	0
#13	Mississippi St	25	37 - 191	5.2	21 - 38	289	2	10	30 - 109	3.6	11 - 25	134	6	-1
#11	at LSU	11	32 - 99	3.1	11 - 30	107	4	15	44 - 125	2.8	14 - 22	236	5	+5
#16	† Georgia	16	37 - 153	4.1	15 - 20	108	1	19	42 - 177	4.2	9 - 22	109	0	0
#13	Vanderbilt	29	42 - 191	4.5	32 - 41	257	1	22	25 - 58	2.3	28 - 42	361	1	+4
#12	at S Carolina	21	37 - 149	4.0	18 - 31	210	5	16	36 - 120	3.3	7 - 17	126	3	-1
#19	Florida St	17	33 - 73	2.2	19 - 28	211	2	19	28 - 49	1.8	24 - 42	285	5	+2
#16	† Iowa	26	42 - 169	4.0	25 - 40	278	2	23	20 - 64	3.2	32 - 55	346	1	0
TOTALS		245	455 - 1761	3.9	241 - 385	2720	35	198	373 - 1139	3.1	196 - 375	2459	33	+18
AVERAGES		20.4	38 - 147	3.9	20 - 32	227	2.9	16.5	31 - 95	3.1	16 - 31	205	2.8	1.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Marshall	-31	49-14	W
UL Monroe	-56	55-6	L
at Kentucky	-32	44-10	W
Mississippi St - #21	-18	52-0	W
at LSU - #18	-13'	44-15	W
at Auburn	-23'	20-23	L
† Georgia - #15	-19	24-10	L
Vanderbilt	-35'	71-13	W
at South Carolina - #14	-12	54-17	W
Florida St - #21	-16	37-13	W
Tennessee - #5	-17'	32-34	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UAB	-32	51-3	W
Miami, Fl - #1	-2'	16-41	L
Ohio	-41'	34-6	L
at Tennessee - #4	+5	30-13	W
Kentucky	-19	41-34	L
at Mississippi	-13'	14-17	L
LSU - #18	-8'	7-36	L
Auburn	-8	30-23 OT	L
† Georgia - #5	+1'	20-13	W
at Vanderbilt	-21'	21-17	L
South Carolina	-14'	28-7	W
at Florida St - #23	+3'	14-31	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-24	65-3	W
at Miami, Fl - #3	+14	33-38	W
Florida A&M	NL	63-3	–
Tennessee - #12	-3'	10-24	L
at Kentucky	-10	24-21	L
Mississippi	-12'	17-20	L
at LSU - #6	+10	19-7	W
at Arkansas - #11	+4'	33-28	W
† Georgia - #4	+2'	16-13	W
Vanderbilt	-23'	35-17	L
at South Carolina	-7	24-22	L
Florida St - #9	+1	34-38	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Michigan	-37	49-10	W
at Tennessee - #14	+3	28-30	W
Kentucky	-19	20-3	L
Arkansas	-7'	45-30	W
LSU - #24	-3'	21-24	L
Middle Tenn	-28'	52-16	W
at Mississippi St	-24'	31-38	L
† Georgia - #10	+6'	24-31	L
at Vanderbilt	-12'	34-17	W
South Carolina	-7	48-14	W
at Florida St - #10	+7	20-13	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wyoming	-24	32-14	L
Louisiana Tech	-29'	41-3	W
Tennessee - #5	-6'	16-7	W
at Kentucky	-23	49-28	L
at Alabama - #15	-3	3-31	L
Mississippi St	-27'	35-9	L
at LSU - #10	+6	17-21	W
† Georgia - #4	-4	14-10	T
Vanderbilt	-19'	49-42 2OT	L
at South Carolina	-4	22-30	L
Florida St - #23	-3'	34-7	W

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Former HC Holtz had mostly option-style QB's on hand for Spurrier. In Spurrier's first year at Florida, Shane Matthews was 5th on the depth chart coming in and ended up as the SEC POY. Spurrier mentioned that he might use one of his own true frosh QB's but Blake Mitchell (PS#15), who hit just 9 of 22 for 86 yards with a 1-3 ratio as a rFr, won the starting job. Mitchell attempted more passes (23) in the opener than he had in all of the previous year. His 330 yards was the most ever for a first time starter at SC. He suffered an ankle injury in the 2H vs Troy and backup Antonio Heffner (PS#43) hit 15 of 23 for 133 starting vs Auburn but the team had just 7 FD's. He would not attempt another pass. Mitchell returned vs Kentucky and played the rest of the season. In watching game films of the 2004 Alabama game, Spurrier noted that Syvelle Newton (PS#7) was very impressive and needed to get the ball in his hands more. Newton had six starts at WR and also got playing time at both QB and TB. Against Vandy, Newton was the SEC Off POW as QB/RB. He rushed for 80 yards on 15 carries, was 3 of 4 for 46 yds (2 TD) and caught one for 8 yds. Unfortunately he was lost for the season (Achilles') on his 4Q TD run. True frosh Cade Thompson (PS#64) needed to add weight at just 170 lbs and redshirted. Walk-on Brett Nichols (6-2 218 Sr) was 2nd string in one game. For the season Mitchell threw for 2,370 yards (59%) with a 17-12 ratio and will battle Thompson as well as Tommy Beecher (6-1 206 rFr, PS#72) and true frosh Chris Smelley (PS#13). I look for improved production in the second year of the Spurrier offense.

RUNNING BACKS - Holtz made a huge signing in 2003 bringing in Demetris Summers (PS#1). The team also had FB Daccus Turman, who broke Herschel Walker's Georgia HS single season rushing record and led SC in rushing in 2003 with 646 (4.9). Summers was banged up in '04 and had just 487 (5.5). Cory Boyd (PS#44) had 309 (5.0) while Turman surprisingly, only had 185 (3.4). All three were scheduled to return in '05 but Summers was kicked off the team. Boyd was ineligible and Turman, who was playing FB, was suspended for the opener. That left them with a pair of true frosh in Mike Davis (PS#31) and Bobby Wallace (PS#78). The two combined for just 19 yards on 16 carries vs UCF and neither topped 40 in a game until Davis got the first 11 carries vs Troy finishing with 78. Davis had just 27, 2 and 20 in the next 3. He had 89 vs Arkansas and 88 vs Florida. Davis then became the first SC back to top 100 in 2005 with 111 vs Clemson and had 104 yards in the 1H vs Missouri. For the season Davis had 666 (4.6) while Turman was #2 with 245 (4.2). QB/WR/RB Newton was #3 and Wallace was #4 with 135 (3.3). This year not only do Davis and Wallace return with a full year in the system, but also back are Boyd and this year's true frosh. The only losses are Turman (9 st, 336 ttl yd) and FB Jared Jeffcoat (2 gm). This unit is vastly more experienced than 2005.

RECEIVERS - Last year SC had to replace their star WR Troy Williamson, whose 4.32 speed made him the Vikings' #1DC (43, 19.4). They also had to replace their starting TE and two WR's who combined for 8 starts (24 rec) while learning a new offense. The leading returnee was Noah Whiteside (20 rec '04) but he dislocated an ankle in the spring game and was not 100% all year (7, 18.7). Syvelle Newton started the first 6 but was moved to QB/RB/WR and then was lost for the year finishing #2 with 27 (11.0). RFr Sidney Rice (6-3, PS#25) was #1 by far with 70 rec for 1,143 yards (16.3). He came up one shy of the NCAA record for TD's in a frosh season (13) but set an Independence Bowl record with 12 grabs for 191 yards. The TE's were banged up with starter Andy Boyd (PS#44) playing in just two and true frosh Jonathan Hannah (PS#4) redshirted. This year the only losses are WR Kris Clark (4 st, 20 rec), TE Carson Askins (5 st, 7 rec), TE Hannah (transfer), WR Michael Flint (2 rec) and 40 year old Tim Frisby (1 rec). Newton is questionable and may RS. He could play safety if he returns. Rice caught a TD pass in 8 straight games setting a school record (old record 5, Jermale Kelly in 1997) and this unit is far more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - With option-style QB's, the key stats for grading an OL are usually inflated and in 2004 SC averaged 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks. Last year they had to replace two OL starters. Due to injuries and some shuffling, they used six different OL's in the first six weeks and lost starting G William Brown after 4 starts. They also had to learn new zone pass-blocking techniques installed by OL Coach Hunt and it took a while for the OL's to get comfortable. The unit paved the way for just 3.1 ypc while allowing 30 sacks (8.5%). This year they must replace RT Na'Shan Goddard (12 st, 8@T, 4@G, 3 yr st'r), LG Freddy Saint-Preux (8 st, inj), LT Jabari Levey (11 st, 3 yr st'r), LG Fran Person (2 st), G Kyle Bishop (4 gm) and G Brook Antonio (2 gm). Five players return with starting experience and they bring in a VHT JUCO and I list the 3 deep below. Despite losing three starters, this unit could be more effective in the second year of the Spurrier offense and should stay healthier.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 SC had all 4 starters back on the D-line but surprisingly allowed 4.1 ypc rushing while the D had just 12 sacks. Last year they had to replace all 4 starters and the leading returning DL had just 11 tkl. Surprisingly the D increased their sack total to 32 while allowing the same 4.1 ypc (although 36 ypg more rush). NT Stanley Doughty did not report in shape and struggled with his weight all year. He is trying to get down to 295 before August. This year they must replace DE Orus Lambert (8 st, 49 tkl, 2.5 sk), NT Chris Tucker (12 st, 22 tkl, 8 tfl), DE De'Adrain Coley (3 st, 6 tfl), DE Charles Silas (1 st, 8 tkl) and DE Josh Johnson (3 st, 12 tkl). Despite the losses, this group is actually more experienced than 2005.

LINEBACKERS - The Gamecocks had to replace two starting LB's last year but had four of their top six back. This year the losses are even heavier as gone are LB Ricardo Hurley (8 st, 57 tkl, 8 tfl), Lance Laury (10 st, 69 tkl, 6 tfl) and Terrell Davis (4 st, 32 tkl) who have all graduated. Dustin Lindsey (4 st, 58 tkl, 6.5 tfl) is ineligible this year. Two other LB's moved, Ryan Brown (PS#39, 1 st) to DE and Mike West (8 st) to ROV then WR. There is only one senior in the unit and just 5 juniors in the 4 deep I list below. While this is a young group, it contains more VHT's than 2005 and actually comes close to last year in terms of experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SC had an inexperienced secondary in 2004 but still finished #32 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace one starter and three backups but returned their top defensive player Ko Simpson. They moved up to #22 allowing just 55.9% with a 10-12 ratio. This year two starters opted to leave early for the NFL draft in Simpson (#4DC BUF, 12 st, 103 tkl, 1st Tm SEC) and CB Johnathan Joseph (#1DC CIN, 10 st, 4 int, 2nd Tm SEC). Also gone this year is Tremaine Tyler (8 st, 3@CB, 5@FS, 56 tkl). CB Carlos Thomas had 3 starts at WR last year and had a key int late in the season (UGA) after moving to CB and should have a bigger impact. Five players return with starting experience and despite the loss of two outstanding players, this unit could be just as solid.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Steve Spurrier's last year with the Gators they finished #6 in my ST rankings. He inherited an SC unit that finished a poor #108. They had K/P Josh Brown returning who had hit 10 of 13 FG's and had a net of 35.3. They had to replace their explosive KR man Troy Williamson and PR Noah Whiteside who was banged up. Spurrier alternated kickers in August and went with Josh Brown on the short FG's and Ryan Succop on the long. Succop was 0 for 2, missing one from 53. Brown had hit 35 straight xp's, but missed a key one vs Georgia forcing them to go for two at the end. Brown hit an outstanding 10 of 12 FG's including a 49 yarder with 2:45 left that delivered the win vs Tennessee. Brown also avg'd 40.0 on punts with an outstanding net of 37.6. Succop had a solid 29 TB's on 59 KO's. Carlos Thomas avg'd 23.9 on KR's. They have to replace Brown but Succop can handle all 3 duties. SC did improve to #83 and should move up again.

COACHES - Steve Spurrier took the Florida Gators to six SEC Title games. Last year Spurrier hired co-DC's in John Thompson, who had been EC's HC the previous two years, and Tyrone Nix who played for S Miss and then became the youngest coordinator in Div IA in 2001 there. Thompson was Nix's DC at SM from 1992-'93. Nix took over the defensive play calling vs Tennessee and the team won 3 of its last 5 games. Spurrier is his own OC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

SC's last conf title came in the ACC in 1969. SC won just one game in 1998 and 1999 combined but Holtz then guided them to consecutive Outback Bowl victories over Ohio St in 2000 and '01. After opening 2002 at 5-2, an injury-plagued SC team dropped their final 5 and missed a bowl. In 2003 with the fewest returning starters in the SEC (9), they nearly broke through. The Gamecocks had tight losses to both Tenn and Florida and they are a combined 3-25 against them since joining the SEC. Needing just one win, they lost their final four (5-7). In 2004 they had 17 starters back and got off to a 5-2 start and this time actually won one of their final 4 to become bowl-eligible but due to a brawl vs Clemson, did not go to a bowl. Spurrier had just 8 (fewest SEC) returning starters and was switching from a run-based attack to a pass attack. They set a school record with 62,618 season tickets. I called the program a sleeping giant and Spurrier, who has guided his teams to bowls in 13 out of 16 years, did an amazing job. They almost upset #9 UGA but then were throttled by Bama at home and two games later by Auburn on the road by a combined margin of 85-21. A bowl appeared unlikely at 2-3 but then they beat Kentucky and got a TD with 1:41 left to beat Vandy. Having lost 8 straight games to ranked teams, they knocked off #23 Tenn. They beat Arkansas on the road despite being outgained 356-187 and then vs Spurrier's old team, the #12 Gators, they got their first win over UF since 1939. If UGA had lost to Kentucky, SC would have been the SEC East Champ and they had 5 straight SEC wins for the first time ever. They were knocked off by Clemson and surprisingly went to the Independence Bowl where they blew a 28-7 lead and lost. Despite their 5-3 record in the SEC, they were actually outgained by 76.4 ypg in league play. The offense has 7 starters back including QB Mitchell and will easily top '05's 23.7 ppg. Despite the loss of 11 players who started on defense, including star Ko Simpson, the D is actually more experienced and could be better. SC does have the Mitchell/Rice pass combo on offense and get both Tenn and UGA at home. They should become bowl-eligible once again this year and could out perform expectations a second straight season.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 12 BLAKE MITCHELL JR. 6-3 206 **PS#15**. 11 st LY, 2370, (59%), 17-12 ratio, 64 rush. **7** Cade Thompson (6-2 181 rFr) PS#64. **6** Tommy Beecher (6-1 206 rFr) PS#72.

TB 25 MIKE DAVIS SO. 5-9 210 **PS#31**. 9 st, 666 (4.6) true. **3 Cory Boyd** (6-1 208 Jr) **PS#44**. 9 st, 2Y, 541 (4.5). RS LY. **22** Bobby Wallace (5-7 185 So) PS#78. 1 st, 135 yd true.

WR 1 NOAH WHITESIDE SR. 5-10 180 PS#57. 4 sts '04, 20 (14.5). 2 st LY (inj), 7 rec. **FB 39 Lanard Stafford** (5-9 242 Jr) 1 st LY. **44** Clark Gaston is PS#203. In for spg. Emanuel Cook is PS#111.

WR 4 SIDNEY RICE SO. 6-3 200 **PS#25. 1st Tm SEC** rFr, 10 st, 70 rec (16.3), 13 TD. **15 OJ Murdock** (5-11 187 rFr) **PS#16. 23** Mike West (6-0 213 Jr) PS#51JC. 47 tkl LB LY.

WR 11 KENNY McKINLEY SO. 5-11 181 PS#107DB. 6 st true, 25 (11.6). **13 Syvelle Newton** (6-0 218 Sr) **PS#7QB**. 5 st QB '04, 1490 ttl yds. 6 sts WR LY (inj) 27 rec (11.0) 150 rush.

TE 80 Andy Boyd Sr. 6-4 271 PS#44. 1 rec '04. 2 st LY, ACL. **84** Jared Cook (6-5 229 rFr) PS#109WR. **93** Robert Pavlovic (6-4 241 Jr) 2 st, 2 rec LY. **92** David Laggis (6-5 245 Jr) PS#74.

C 60 CHRIS WHITE SR. 6-3 316 PS#133. 6 sts rFr, (3G, 3C). 9 st '04 (8G, 1C). 12 st C LY. **76** Jeremy Burgess (6-4 286 So) PS#119. **LS 29** Ike Crofoot (6-1 185 Sr).

RG 67 James Thompson Jr. 6-3 323 **PS#37**. 3 gms as true. 3 sts RG LY. **72** Hardee Sanders (6-1 283 rFr). In for spg. **46** Bryan Kingrey (6-1 237 Jr). Pierre Andrews is **PS#72**.

LG 55 THOMAS COLEMAN SR. 6-3 315 MIP OL LY, 4 st (3G, 1T). **71 William Brown** (6-4 287 Jr) PS#131. First 4 st LY until inj. Heath Batchelor is PS#114. Garrett Anderson is PS#142.

RT 77 Jamon Meredith Jr. 6-4 290 PS#95DL. Inj'd as true. 4 st RT LY. **68** Justin Sorensen (6-7 309 So) PS#311. Canadian. 3 gm rFr. Biggest ply'r on tm. **Kevin Young is PS#40.**

LT NA Clarence Bailey Jr. 6-7 320 **PS#45JC. 75** Gurminder Thind (6-4 286 So) 2 gm backup rFr. Canadian. #1 in spring. **81** Seth Edwards (6-3 265 Sr) JUCO '03. 5 gms in 2Y.

K 14 Ryan Succop So. 6-3 214 **PS#18**. 0-2, long FG as true, 29 TB's on 59 KO's. **92** Jordan Dodds (5-10 192 rFr). **88** Thomas Hooper (5-6 155 Jr) 2-2 xp as true. Josh Epps (6-0 181 So).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 41 JORDIN LINDSEY JR. 6-3 248 PS#186LB. 3 tkl as true. L/9 st at DE LY, 29 tkl, 3 sk, 2.5 tfl. **94** Lemuel Jeanpierre (6-4 257 rFr) PS#81. Jarriel King (6-7 275 Fr) PS#217OL LY.

DT 79 Marque Hall Jr. 6-3 291 **PS#10**. 3 st, 9 gms, 9 tkl as true. 1 st LY, 14 tkl, 3 tfl. **96** Matt Raysor (6-3 313 So) PS#109. 1 tkl rFr. **98** Joel Reaves is PS#430JC. In for spg.

DT 55 STANLEY DOUGHTY JR. 6-0 318 PS#367. 11 tkl, 4 tfl as rFr. 9 st LY, 24 tkl, 3.5 sk, 3.5 tfl. **95** Nathan Pepper (6-1 278 So) PS#114. 9 games as true. **Kenrick Ellis** is **PS#16.**

DE 99 Dakota Walker So. 6-3 226 PS#148LB. 13 tkl, 3.5 sk true, **SEC Fr Tm. 43 Ryan Brown** (6-0 247 Jr) **PS#39LB**. 1 st LB, 20 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **90** Shea McKeen (6-4 258 rFr) PS#120TE.

SLB 53 Marvin Sapp So. 5-11 216 **PS#29**. 1 st true, 8 gm, 23 tkl. **16** Yvan Banag (5-9 205 So) 9 tkl true. Rodney Paulk is **PS#53**. **57** Rahmel Walker (6-0 231 Sr) SC St transfer.

MLB 52 Jasper Brinkley Jr. 6-2 250 PS#49JC. In for spg. **47** Curtis Rice (6-1 233 Jr) PS#133. 8 tkl LY. **91** Kerry Bonds (6-2 215 rFr) PS#103DL. **21** Greg Wright (5-10 203 Jr).

WLB 24 CODY WELLS JR. 5-11 212 PS#170DB. 2 sts LY, 31 tkl, 1 pbu. **31** Gerrod Sinclair (6-0 221 rFr) **PS#51DB. 35** Brent Davis (6-1 204 rFr) PS#191. Casper Brinkley PS#220JC.

CB 5 Carlos Thomas So. 5-10 174 **PS#22WR**. 3 st WR, 9 rec true, 628 all-purp yd, 1 int CB. **18** Jeremy Ware (5-10 188 rFr) PS#364. **14** Nitron Stork (5-8 169 So). **46** Aubrey McKay (5-10 173 Jr).

CB 8 FRED BENNETT SR. 6-1 199 PS#90. 11 st '04, 32 tkl, 4 int. 10 st LY, HM SEC, 3 int, 10 pbu. **36** Stoney Woodson (5-11 186 So) 1 st, 2 pbu LY. Darian Stewart is PS#175.

ROV 26 BRANDON ISAAC SR. 6-2 191 **PS#49JC**. 2 starts at FS last year, 34 tkls, 3 pbu. **49** Damien Wright (6-0 208 rFr) PS#94LB. **28** Jerod June (5-11 193 Sr) 6 tkl, 11 gm LY, MIP DB Awd.

FS 17 Mychal Belcher Fr. 6-0 190 PS#120QB. GS LY. **27** Ty Erving (5-10 197 Jr) PS#218. 8 tkl LY. **33** Chris Hampton (5-11 186 Jr) 5 st, 28 tkl LY. Douglas Peterson (6-2 210 So).

P 14 Ryan Succop So. 6-3 214 **PS#18**. Avg 41.0 as Sr HS. 29 TB's on 59 KO's as true. **89** Charles Brady (6-1 154 rFr). **86** Charlie Carpenter (5-11 195 Sr) PS#72. 0-1 FG, 1-3 xp career.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Chris Smelley 6-3 210 PS#13
DL	Kenrick Ellis 6-5 325 PS#16
OL	Clarence Bailey 6-7 320 PS#45JC
LB	Jasper Brinkley 6-2 250 PS#49JC
OL	Kevin Young 6-5 340 PS#40
LB	Rodney Paulk 6-0 200 PS#53
OL	Pierre Andrews 6-3 285 PS#72
OL	Heath Batchelor 6-7 290 PS#114
DL	Eric Norwood 6-2 256 PS#93LB
WR	Moe Brown 6-0 170 PS#88
RB	Emanuel Cook 6-0 205 PS#111
OL	Garrett Anderson 6-5 285 PS#142
OL	Hutch Eckerson 6-6 285 PS#143
LB	Casper Brinkley 6-3 250 PS#220JC
LB	Vandaral Shackleford 6-1 220 PS#125
QB	Nick Prochak 6-4 210 PS#96
OL	Seaver Brown 6-6 320 PS#165
DB	Darian Stewart 6-0 205 PS#175
RB	Clark Gaston 6-3 238 PS#203
DL	Jarriel King 6-7 275 PS#217OL '05
WR	Chris Hail 5-11 185 PS#187
DB	Mychal Belcher 6-0 190 PS#120QB '05
DL	Joel Reaves 6-1 262 PS#430JC
OL	Ryan Broadhead 6-5 265 PS#364
DL	Terrence Campbell 6-3 245 PS#371
DB	Captain Munnerlyn 5-9 175 PS#501

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

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STEVE SPURRIER (Career 149-45-2)
2nd Year at S Carolina
Spurrier's SU Bowl Record: 6-7

Spurrier's records AT S CAROLINA

7-5	Straight Up	2-2	Home Favorite
6-5	Vs The Spread	1-2	Home Underdog
2-1	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
5-3	Vs Conference	3-1	Away Underdog
1-2	Vs Non-Conf	0-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (18,19,3)
Lost: 24 (12,11,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 79,867

SEC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#60

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SC	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	at Miss St (Thur)	G					
Sep. 9	Georgia	G					
Sep. 16	Wofford	G					
Sep. 23	Florida Atlantic	G					
Sep. 28	Auburn (Thur)	G					
Oct. 7	at Kentucky	G					
Oct. 14							
Oct. 21	at Vanderbilt	G					
Oct. 28	Tennessee	G					
Nov. 4	Arkansas (HC)	G					
Nov. 11	at Florida	G					
Nov. 18	Middle Tennessee	G					
Nov. 25	at Clemson	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

S Carolina sold a school record 62,618 season tickets in 2005.
SC ranked last in Div IA in regular season offensive snaps last year w/605.
The Gamecocks are 12-20-1 ATS at home the last 5 years.

SC is 9-2 SU but 2-7-1 ATS their last 11 season openers.
S Carolina is 5-10 ATS vs SEC West teams the last 5 years.

The home team is 8-4 ATS in this series.
Spurrier is 47-32-1 SU vs ranked opps & 19-19-1 SU vs Top 10 opponents.

SC is 16-4 vs Wofford including, 14-2 in Columbia w/the last meeting being a 38-14 SC win in '01.
The Terriers finished 6-5 in 2005 as members of Div IAA's Southern Conf.

South Carolina is 3-0 SU but 1-2 ATS vs current Sun Belt teams all-time.
SC is 12-5 SU but just 5-10-1 ATS vs non-conf opponents since 2001.

Last time SC had less than a wk to prepare for an opponent was in '93 (21-17 loss -11).
Spurrier is 10-4 all-time vs Auburn, but SC last won vs the Tigers in 1933.

Kentucky has lost 6 in a row vs South Carolina (4-2 ATS in favor of SC).
Spurrier is 14-0 all-time vs UK, but SC is 2-12 SU & 5-8 ATS S/'92 before a bye.

South Carolina is 2-9 SU & 3-8 ATS after a bye week since 1994.
SC has won 6 in a row SU & are 10-4 ATS the last 14 in this series.

The home team is 0-9 ATS the last 9 years in this series.
Last year the Gamecocks notched their 1st ever win in Knoxville.

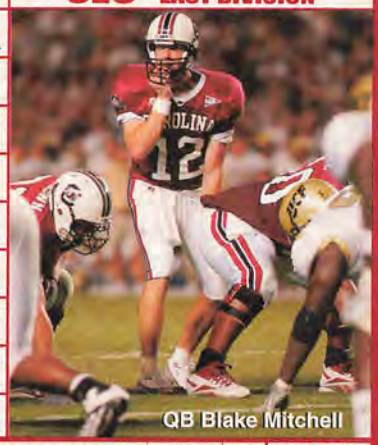
The favorite has covered 9 of the last 12 in this series.
South Carolina is 5-12 SU & 4-12 ATS the last 5 years in November.

The visitor is 1-6 ATS since 1999 in this series.
This will be Spurriers' 1st trip back to his alma mater & former team.

New MTSU HC Stockstill was SC's recruiting coordinator & TE coach LY.
SC is 5-13 SU & 3-15 ATS since 1988 in their home finale.

S Carolina has now lost 4 in a row SU & ATS to Clemson (0-5 ATS L5Y).
These two schools have played every year since 1909.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Todd Ellis 9,953 1986-'89
Rushing: George Rogers 5,204 1977-'80 Receiving: Sterling Sharpe 2,497 1983, '85-'87


QB Blake Mitchell

STADIUM: WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM (80,250)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	0-11	7-4	8-3	5-7	5-7	6-5	7-4	38-41
Home	0-6	5-1	6-1	3-3	5-3	3-3	5-2	27-19
Away	0-5	2-3	2-2	2-4	0-4	3-2	2-2	11-22
ATS	4-7	8-3	5-4-1	3-9	5-7	4-7	6-5	35-42-1
Home Fav	0-1	3-0	2-2-1	2-1	1-4	1-4	2-2	11-14-1
Home Dog	3-2	2-1	0-1	0-3	2-1	1-0	1-2	9-10
Away Fav	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	4-4
Away Dog	1-4	1-2	2-0	1-3	2-2	1-2	3-1	11-14
Favorite	0-1	5-0	3-3-1	2-3	1-4	2-5	2-2	15-18-1
Dog	4-6	3-3	2-1	1-6	4-3	2-2	4-3	20-24
Grass	4-7	8-3	5-4-1	3-9	4-7	4-7	6-5	34-42-1
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	5-3	2-6	3-5	3-5	5-3	26-30
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-0	0-1-1	1-3	2-2	1-2	1-2	9-12-1
Off SU Win	0-0	5-2	4-3	2-3	3-2	2-4	4-3	20-17
Off SU Loss	4-6	2-1	1-1	1-5	2-4	1-3	2-1	13-21

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mike Davis	146	706	40	666	5	4.6
Daccus Turman	59	255	10	245	4	4.2
Syvelle Newton	21	152	2	150	2	7.1
Bobby Wallace	41	154	19	135	0	3.3
Antonio Heffner	28	101	34	67	1	2.4
Blake Mitchell	45	64	194	-130	1	-2.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Blake Mitchell	315	186	59.0	2370	17	12
Antonio Heffner	33	22	66.7	236	2	0
Syvelle Newton	5	4	80.0	47	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Sidney Rice	70	1143	16.3	13	64
Syvelle Newton	27	297	11.0	2	35
Kenny McKinley	25	291	11.6	1	42
Kris Clark	20	245	12.2	0	32
Mike Davis	15	136	9.1	0	64
Noah Whiteside	7	131	18.7	1	49
Carson Askins	7	74	10.6	2	20
Carlos Thomas	9	73	8.1	0	22
Daccus Turman	14	66	4.7	0	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Josh Brown	58	2322	40.0	6	37.6	0	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Josh Brown	32-35	4-4	3-3	3-4	0-1	10-12	49
Ryan Succop	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ko Simpson	103	0	2.5	9	1
Lance Laury	69	1	5	1	0
Dustin Lindsey	58	2	4.5	0	0
Ricardo Hurley	57	2	6	0	0
Tremaine Tyler	56	0	1	1	0
Johnathan Joseph	55	0	3.5	9	4
Orus Lambert	49	2.5	3	4	1
Mike West	47	3	0.5	3	0
Brandon Isaac	34	0	2	3	0
Terrell Davis	32	1	2.5	0	0
Cody Wells	31	2	1.5	1	0
Fred Bennett	31	1	0	10	3
Jordin Lindsey	29	3	2.5	0	1
Chris Hampton	28	1	1.5	2	0
Stanley Doughty	24	3.5	3.5	0	0
Marvin Sapp	23	0	0.5	0	0
Chris Tucker	22	2	6	0	1
De'Adrian Coley	21	2	4	0	0
Ryan Brown	20	1.5	2	1	0
Marque Hall	14	1	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kenny McKinley	18	83	4.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Carlos Thomas	21	502	23.9	0
Johnathan Joseph	6	141	23.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
88	Liberty	+3	Indiana	10-34	L
94	Carquest	+2	West Virginia	24-21	W
00	Outback	+6'	Ohio St	24-7	W
01	Outback	-1	Ohio St - #22	31-28	W
05	Independence	-4	Missouri	31-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

S Carolina's All-Time SU Bowl Record 3-9

SOUTH CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	23.7	17	95	3.1	221	60.0	13.3	+2	2005	4	23.2	20	174	4.1	187	55.9	15.5
9*	22.1	18	169	4.0	200	56.8	16.7	+1	2004	8	20.8	16	138	4.1	177	53.0	15.1
3	22.3	19	161	4.2	194	49.7	15.9	+7	2003	6	26.2	19	166	4.3	203	61.9	14.1
5	18.8	17	167	4.2	152	53.6	17.0	-5	2002	4	21.8	19	165	4.1	187	59.2	16.1
9*	25.8	19	181	4.5	178	55.8	13.9	+8	2001	7	19.2	18	138	3.6	194	57.5	17.3
8*	23.6	19	162	4.3	208	53.4	15.7	+5	2000	7	15.1	17	113	3.2	191	54.9	20.2

2005 STATS BY GAME

SC 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	UCF	17	28-32	1.1	18-23	330	3	22	41-83	2.0	27-39	258	6	-2
–	at Georgia	13	23-43	1.9	22-34	236	4	21	49-238	4.9	8-17	112	1	0
–	Alabama	14	19-71	3.7	21-39	185	2	23	52-338	6.5	13-22	151	1	-2
–	Troy	24	41-116	2.8	17-23	268	4	14	40-137	3.4	12-30	99	5	+5
–	at Auburn	7	28-70	2.5	16-24	129	4	21	39-123	3.2	21-34	265	1	-1
–	Kentucky	24	34-139	4.1	24-35	278	1	20	53-213	4.0	12-18	95	6	+3
–	Vanderbilt	20	30-132	4.4	18-31	267	1	25	34-41	1.2	27-49	339	2	0
–	at Tennessee	17	28-65	2.3	22-37	242	2	13	35-172	4.9	14-32	99	1	-1
–	at Arkansas	16	33-45	1.4	12-25	142	4	17	48-219	4.6	12-24	137	3	0
–	Florida	16	36-120	3.3	7-17	126	3	21	37-149	4.0	18-31	210	5	+1
#19	Clemson	17	33-167	5.1	16-29	180	1	19	40-175	4.4	17-26	172	1	0
–	† Missouri	21	32-142	4.4	20-38	266	1	21	40-203	5.1	23-43	301	0	-1
TOTALS		206	365-1142	3.1	213-355	2649	30	237	508-2091	4.1	204-365	2238	32	+2
AVERAGES		17.2	30-95	3.1	18-30	221	2.5	19.8	42-174	4.1	17-30	187	2.7	0.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boise St	-19	32-13	T
at Georgia - #25	-2	14-9	W
at Mississippi St - #17	+3	16-14	W
Alabama	-6	37-36	L
Kentucky	-21'	42-6	W
at Arkansas	-9	7-10	L
Vanderbilt	-16'	46-14	W
at Tennessee - #9	+7'	10-17	W
Wofford	NL	38-14	–
Florida - #4	+12	17-54	L
Clemson	-5'	20-15	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico St	-23'	34-24	L
at Virginia	-4'	21-34	L
Georgia - #9	+5'	7-13	L
Temple	-16'	42-21	W
at Vanderbilt	-9'	20-14	L
Mississippi St	-4'	34-10	W
at Kentucky	+4	16-12	W
at LSU - #14	+8	14-38	L
Tennessee - #25	+1'	10-18	L
Arkansas	+4'	0-23	L
at Florida - #20	+14'	7-28	L
at Clemson	+4	20-27	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana-Lft	-24	14-7	L
Virginia - #15	+3	31-7	W
at Georgia - #8	+13'	7-31	L
UAB	-14	42-10	W
at Tennessee - #8	+16	20-23 OT	W
Kentucky	-7'	27-21	L
LSU - #10	+4	7-33	L
Vanderbilt	-15'	35-24	L
at Mississippi - #20	+7	40-43	W
at Arkansas	+7'	6-28	L
Florida - #15	+7	22-24	W
Clemson	-1/E	17-63	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	-3'	31-6	W
Georgia - #3	+7'	16-20	W
South Florida	-12'	34-3	W
Troy	-14	17-7	L
at Alabama	+2'	20-3	W
Mississippi	-16'	28-31	L
at Kentucky	-13	12-7	L
Tennessee - #11	-1	29-43	L
Arkansas	-3'	35-32	L
at Florida	+7	14-48	L
at Clemson	+3	7-29	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-21	24-15	L
at Georgia - #9	+17'	15-17	W
Alabama	+2	14-37	L
Troy	-20	45-20	W
at Auburn	+14'	7-48	L
Kentucky	-12'	44-16	W
Vanderbilt	-8'	35-28	L
at Tennessee - #23	+13'	16-15	W
at Arkansas	+4'	14-10	W
Florida - #12	+4	30-22	W
Clemson	+3	9-13	L

KENTUCKY WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 the Cats had to replace their career passing leader, Jared Lorenzen. Shane Boyd was the perfect athletic-type of QB for Ron Hudson's offense. He fought off André Woodson (PS#25) who is more of the prototypical pure passer. Boyd threw for 1,328 (52.5%) with a 7-9 ratio and was the team's leading rusher (297 net). Woodson played in 7 games as Boyd had a shoulder injury and even got in one start throwing for 492 (61.4%) with a 2-1 ratio. Boyd had to be replaced last year and Woodson hit 17 of 27 for 278 in the opener but lost 3 fumbles. Woodson set a school record with 153 consecutive passes without an int but suffered 3 vs Florida in a game where he pulled his oblique muscle. True frosh Curtis Pulley (PS#49), who saw some time at WR vs Indiana, stepped in and played the 4Q hitting 4 of 6 for 38 and rushing for 2 TD's. Pulley even blocked 2 FG's vs Mississippi showing his athleticism. Woodson injured his thumb vs Georgia and Pulley led the team with 61 yards rushing but hit just 3 of 7 for 8 yards in the 4Q. Woodson injured his shoulder in the 2Q vs UT and Pulley hit 23 of 33 for 155, but threw 3 int. The good-sized Woodson threw for 1,644 (57.7%) on the year but with just a 6-6 ratio. This year they add true frosh Will Fidler (PS#34) who threw for 9,395 yards and 92 TD's in HS. Adding depth are Rocco Maragas (6-1 200 Sr) and Blake Bowling (6-2 206 rFr, PS#129). This group is much more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - The Cats actually had the SEC's leading rusher in 2002 with Artose Pinner (1,414) who was the SEC Off POY. Arliss Beach, 2003's #1 rusher, had just 366 (3.6), FB Alexis Bwenge had 318 (4.4) and Draak Davis had 194 (2.9). In 2004 they all returned but the leading rusher was actually QB Shane Boyd (297 net). The leading RB was true frosh Rafael Little (PS#37) with 265 (5.0) and another true frosh, Tony Dixon, had 244 (4.5) with Beach netting 186 (4.3). Dixon missed 2005 and the top 3 TB's missed a good portion of August with injury. Little finished with a school record 1,982 single season all-purp yards topping Derek Abney (1,922 in '02). The #2 back was Beach who started two games at WR (inj's) and rushed for 288 (4.5). Beach departs along with FB's Bwenge (7 st, 71 ttl yd), and Justin Sprowles (10 gm). Dixon ran a 4.41 in the 40 this spring and Little ran a 4.37. Also in the mix are Alfonso Smith (6-1 200 rFr, 4.33 spd, PS#143) who was the Off Scout Tm MVP, Antoine Brown (5-9 205 rFr, PS#81), Terrell Bankhead (5-11 220 Sr) and this year's solid class of true frosh. The top FB's are John Conner (5-11 243 rFr), Thomas Flannery (6-1 231 So) and James Davidson (6-0 275 So).

RECEIVERS - The Cats had an inexperienced and injury-plagued receiving corps in 2004 and only had to replace 3 players who combined for 6 starts. Unfortunately, the 2005 unit was hit even harder by injuries as Keenan Burton, who made a lot of Lynn Swann-type catches in August, was limited to one start due to a broken foot. John Logan, the team's fastest player (sub 4.3), had a knee injury (4 gm) and Glenn Holt (ankle) had just 8 starts (21 rec). Tommy Cook dislocated a knee cap (2 st, 11 rec), true frosh DeMoreo Ford (knee) played in just 4 (2 rec) while TE Jacob Tamme was bothered by a nagging shoulder injury. QB Pulley, QB Joe Joe Brown (PS#62QB), RB Beach and CB David Jones were all forced to play WR at times. It's no surprise that RB Little led with almost twice the amount of catches as the #1 WR (Burton). This year they must replace Holt (8 st), WR Scott Mitchell (9 st, 23 rec), Cook (2 st) and TE Jeremiah Drobney (2 st, 2 rec). Everyone else is back and they also hope to have Lonnell Dewalt (PS#31) back after he missed '05 (acad). Dicky Lyons (PS#118) returns from injury and they add VHT JUCO Steve Johnson (PS#33JC) and this year's true frosh. Brown also will likely stay at WR. This unit should remain healthier and will be much more productive.

TB Rafael Little

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 they had to replace three starters up front and had just 10 scholarship OL's and 4 of them were true frosh. The unit only paved the way for 3.3 ypc rush while allowing 23 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup but then LT Aaron Miller (PS#113), who started 10 as a true frosh, left the team. Of the 19 OL's on the roster, 8 were newcomers and 6 entered as walk-on's, leaving 5 who were scholarship players from 2002-'04 including zero from the '01 or the '03 class. Fatu Turituri tore his ACL after 7 starts and projected starter Micah Jones went down in August (knee). Three true frosh took off their redshirts in Sept and played a lot vs Florida. The Cats saw the sack total increase to 34 but did improve the ypc to 3.6. This year all 5 starters return, they get back Turituri from injury and also LT Aaron Miller. C Matt McCutchan was awarded a 6th year, and UK will have 9 players returning with starting experience. The 3 deep I list below is loaded with scholarship players and this should be one of the most improved OL's in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Cats did have to replace a 1st round DC but still allowed just 4.2 ypc rush. In 2004 they had just one starter lost but surprisingly allowed 5.0 with just 20 sacks. DC Archer switched them back to a 4-3 last year and they had to replace Sweet Pea Burns (#3DC IND) and another starter. They then lost DT Lamar Mills after he started the opener (8 tkl) and returning starter DT Ricky Abren had a dislocated wrist (8 st '04). The Cats allowed 4.9 ypc with just 16 sacks. This year they must replace DT Trey Mielsch (11 st, 21 tkl, 3.5 tfl), DE B. Jay Parsons (10 st, 34 tkl, 3.5 sk) and DT Cedric Koger (1st, 4 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ventrell Jenkins (6-2 286 So, 2 sk true), Eric Mueller (6-3 233 Jr), Greg Noe (6-3 224 rFr) and Austin Moss (6-0 240 rFr). They also get back both Abren and Mills. This should be the deepest and strongest Cat D-line Brooks has fielded.

LINEBACKERS - Last year UK was in good shape heading into the spring at LB but coming out of the spring it was a different story. Durrell White (10 st '04) was moved to DE, their #1 tackler Jon Sumrall was forced to retire (inj), Chad Anderson (#1 tkl'r '03, 4 st '04) quit and they had to replace four other backups. The top 3 returning LB's combined for 10 starts and 100 tackles. True frosh Braxton Kelley started the first 7 but then tore his ACL and was the #3 tackler at the time. This year they lose OLB Raymond Fontaine (3 st, 19 tkl) but have 5 of the top 6 returning and add VHT true frosh Micah Johnson who could take a starting spot immediately. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Terry Clayton (6-1 243 Jr), Brandon Lawrence (6-4 208 rFr), Johnnie Walker (6-3 217 rFr) and Patrick Barnette (6-1 206 So).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cats finished #46 in my pass D rankings in 2003 and with 3 starters back in 2004, they finished #62. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups and surprisingly dropped to #106. This year they must replace UK's career pbu leader (27) CB Antoine Huffman (11 st, 46 tkl, 7 pbu) and 2nd Tm SEC FS Muhammad Abdullah (11 st, 81 tkl, 3 tfl). Six of the top 8 are back plus Marcus McClinton (2 st until inj LY) returns at FS. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Martin McPherson (6-2 208 Jr), Kendall O'Donnell (6-2 185 So), Adam Richey (5-10 186 So), Timothy Hargrett (5-8 167 Sr), Jordan Nevels (5-10 175 rFr) and six HT true frosh. The Cats should make a significant leap upwards in my pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - When Brooks was hired, he brought in Steve Ortmayer, who had been an NFL ST Coach for 17 years. His first unit finished #59 in my ST rankings and after losing super returnman Derek Abney, dropped to #79 in '04. Last year they had to replace their P then top PR Dicky Lyons missed the year. This unit was the strength of the UK team and finished #22. Draak Davis avg'd a super 25.6 on KR's and RB Little an amazing 16.9 on PR's. Taylor Begley hit 12 of 15 FG's with a long of 46. He hit a school record 92 straight xp's and had 19 TB's on 41 KO's. They had some punt protection problems resulting in 3 blocks and others being hurried. True frosh P Tim Masthay avg'd just 36.4. Davis and Begley must be replaced but everyone else is back and vs Idaho St, UK set an SEC record with 287 KR yards. Lonnell Dewalt, who blocked a school record 7 kicks, had to spend '05 at JC. TE Tamme blocked 2 punts and QB Pulley blocked 2 FG's. Little also had a 75 yard PR for a TD called back vs UGA. They set school records for team KR and PR avg (Top 5 NCAA both) and have Top 25 potential in the ST rankings in 2006.

COACHES - Rich Brooks was the head man at Oregon from 1977 to 1994 and compiled a 91-109-4 record there. He did guide Oregon to their first Rose Bowl appearance in 37 years and then left for the St Louis Rams (13-19). Brooks was out of coaching for two years prior to coming to UK in 2003. His DC is Mike Archer, who was the LB coach of the Steelers from '96-'02, and the DC at Kentucky under Bill Curry from 1993 to 1995. He was also the HC at LSU (1987-'90). Last year the new OC was Joker Phillips who was the WR coach in 2004. The new QB coach is Randy Sanders who was the Tennessee OC the last 7 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Guy Morriss' magical 2002 season (7 wins), they were practically injury free but despite being 3-5 in SEC play were still outgained by 114 ypg in league play (2nd worst). Brooks inherited a program that lost 19 scholarships from 2002-2004 due to NCAA sanctions. In the 2004 fall practice they had an SEC low 73 scholarship players. UK has beaten just one Top 15 team since 1977 and in Brooks' first year were 1-7 in SEC play being outgained by 79.3 ypg. Mike Archer's D allowed just 22.8 ppg not including OT. In 2004, they had 3 close losses including giving up a TD to the Vols with :38 left and finished 1-7 in the SEC, being outgained by a league worst 200.1 ypg. A total of 20 starters and key reserves missed a combined 77 games in 2004 due to injury. Most of UK's winnable games were on the road last season and of last year's 81 scholarship players, 11 were walk-on's. UK has been to just 10 bowls in school history, the 2nd lowest in the SEC and since 1951 have had just 3 seasons of 8 wins or more. With the WR corps and the DL banged up, they were drilled by Indiana 38-14 and Brooks' departure seemed a forgone conclusion. Four TO's in 7 plays turned a close game into a blowout vs S Carolina. They surprisingly beat Miss St in front of just 55,163 and then had 450 yards vs Auburn, the 2nd most of any Tiger foe all year. They knocked Vandy out of a bowl with a 48-43 win and improved to 3-8 despite being outgained in all 11 games. Once again they were last in the SEC in ypg in league play (-142.4) and -9 turnovers but showed enough signs of life that with 16 returning starters (only 6 recruited scholarship seniors) and a much more favorable schedule, they'll give Brooks one more shot. The last coach to leave UK with a winning record was Blanton Collier (1954-61). Of the 40 signees from the 2001 and 2002 classes, 24 have left the team. Last year 17 starters and key reserves missed a total of 80 games. The Cats averaged 27.3 ppg in Brooks' first year but have slumped to 15.7 and 21.7 the last two. This year with 9 offensive starters back including a much upgraded O-line, they could even top '03's production. Last year's D had just 5 starters back and suffered a lot of injuries allowing 34.1 ppg, their highest since 2000. This year's D has 7 starters back and gets a couple of VHT newcomers. With 16 defensive players back having starting experience, UK should allow the fewest ppg in the Brooks era. The Cats will escape the basement in the SEC East and I give them a great shot at bowl eligibility for the first time since 2002.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

LB	Micah Johnson 6-2 255 PS#4DL
WR	Steve Johnson 6-3 198 PS#33JC
QB	Mike Hartline 6-6 190 PS#24
DL	JD Craigman 6-4 250 PS#66JC
QB	Will Fidler 6-4 205 PS#34
WR	Marckus Boswell 5-10 165 PS#61
RB	Moncell Allen 5-7 225 PS#66
RB	Demetrius Goode 5-10 185 PS#79
DL	Josh Minton 6-3 250 PS#95
DB	Ameer Salahudin 5-10 183 PS#85
DB	Calvin Harrison 6-1 190 PS#90
DB	Ashton Cobb 6-0 205 PS#105
DL	Jamil Paris 6-6 215 PS#126
DL	Corey Peters 6-3 278 PS#128
DB	Maurice Grinter 6-3 253 PS#92RB '05
DB	Paul Warford 5-10 195 PS#118RB
WR	LaShun Watson 6-5 190 PS#102
DB	Chris Drayton 6-1 196 PS#122
OL	Justin Jeffries 6-5 300 PS#151
DB	Ahmad Grigsby 6-0 195 PS#229JC
LB	Chris Cessna 6-4 210 PS#152
WR	Michael Strickland 6-2 190 PS#147
WR	Terrence Jones 6-2 183 PS#152
K	Lones Seiber 5-9 180 PS#35
RB	Corey Goodson 6-1 212 PS#220 '05
DL	Ricky Lumpkin 6-4 260 PS#261
TE	Chris Goode 6-4 220 PS#94
LB	Jamaal Jackson 6-4 220 PS#220DL '05
DB	LaRay Foote 5-10 187 PS#303
TE	TC Drake 6-6 223 PS#146
DB	EJ Adams 6-0 194 PS#355WR '05
LB	Sam Maxwell 6-3 225 PS#450 '05
DL	Brandon Thurmond 6-2 200 PS#438
WR	Darrell Stevens 6-0 170 PS#485

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE

QB 3 ANDRE WOODSON JR. 6-5 240 **PS#25**. 12 st 2Y, 2136 pass (59%), 8-7 ratio, 169 rush. **15** Curtis Pulley (6-4 203 So) PS#49. 439 ttl yds true. **1** Will Fidler is PS#34. In for spring.

RB 22 RAFAEL LITTLE JR. 5-10 198 **PS#37. 4.37 spd. 2nd Tm SEC RB**, 1045 rush (5.3), 937 rec & ret yds, #1 SEC all-purp. **28 Tony Dixon** (5-9 208 So) PS#87. 319 ttl yds true.

WR 19 KEENAN BURTON JR. 6-2 195 5 st, 20 (11.1) true. 1 st '04 (inj). 24 (15.2) LY. **12** Dicky Lyons (5-11 190 So) PS#118. 219 ttl yds true. RS LY. Terrence Jones is PS#152.

WR NA Steve Johnson Jr. 6-3 198 **PS#33JC! 11** Joe Joe Brown (6-3 200 So) PS#62QB. 1 rec, 3 gm (inj) LY. Marckus Boswell is PS#61. **89** Sean Murphy (6-4 195 Jr).

WR 6 John Logan Jr. 6-0 189 **PS#20. 4.3 spd. 8** DeMoreo Ford (5-10 189 So) PS#185. 2 rec true. **Lonnell Dewalt** (6-6 225 Jr) **PS#31WR**. 11 rec true. Ineligible LY.

TE 18 JACOB TAMME JR. 6-5 240 PS#92WR. 4 st, 16 (10.1) rFr. 10 st, 29 (8.7) LY. **81** Zipp Duncan (6-5 250 rFr) PS#39. **86** Ross Bogue (6-5 247 rFr). **82** Tyler Sexton (6-2 254 rFr).

C 62 MATT McCUTCHAN SR. 6-3 310 PS#194. Navy trans. 10 st C '04. 11 st LY, Top OL Award. **58** Travis Slaydon (6-3 290 Sr) PS#298. **77** Casey Shumate (6-3 273 Jr).

RG 60 TRAI WILLIAMS SR. 6-4 286 1 st LG '04. 11 st RG LY, 500 bench. **52 Fatu Turituri** (6-3 290 Sr) PS#175JC. 7 st LY until ACL. **75** Micah Jones (6-4 **330** So) 1 st '04. RS LY.

LG 72 MICHAEL AITCHESON SR. 6-3 300 PS#304DL. 1 st '04, 11 games. 11 st LG LY. **78** Christian Johnson (6-4 325 So) PS#259. 10 gms true. **61** Jorge Gonzalez (6-3 310 rFr).

RT 57 HAYDEN LANE SR. 6-6 283 PS#314. 1 st RT rFr. 11 st RT '04. 11 st RT in '05. **71** James Alexander (6-5 281 So) PS#341. 1 st LT LY. **55** Sefo Mailau Blaylock (6-4 330 rFr) PS#290.

LT 69 AARON MILLER SO. 6-5 300 PS#113. 10 st LT true. RS LY. **79** Garry Williams (6-3 288 So) PS#181. Last 3 st LT true. **70** Zach Hennis (6-8 322 rFr) **PS#78**.

K NA Lones Seiber Fr. 5-9 180 PS#35. Hit 10 of 15 FG's (2 miss 55+) HS. 96% TB's on KO. **96** Tommy Brummett (6-2 210 So). **97** JJ Housley (5-10 186 So). **99** Brian Scott (5-11 190 Jr).

DEFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE

DE 97 Nii Adjei Oninku So. 6-1 245 **PS#68**. Scout Tm MVP true. 5 st rFr, 24 tkl. **JD Craigman is PS#66JC. 20** Dominic Lewis (6-3 263 Jr) PS#169RB. **99** Jeremy Jarmon (6-3 250 rFr).

DT 98 MYRON PRYOR SO. 6-1 307 PS#155OL. 2 st true, 2 sk, 13 tkl. **66 Jason Leger** (6-1 288 Jr) PS#228OL. 19 tkl, 2 tfl true. 7 st LY, 23 tkl, 2 tfl. Corey Peters PS#128.

DT 45 Lamar Mills Sr. 6-1 295 PS#135. 7 st rFr, 52 tkl, 6 tfl. 4 st '04, 23 tkl, 2 tfl. 1 st, 8 tkl, inj LY. **63 Ricky Abren** (6-2 285 Jr) PS#148OL. 8 st, 26 tkl, 5 tfl '04. Inj'd LY.

DE 9 DURRELL WHITE SR. 6-3 260 PS#170LB. 10 st LB, 43 tkl, 7.5 tfl rFr. 10 st LB '04, 42 tkl, 6 tfl. 7 st LY, 22 tkl, 4 tfl. Added 15 lbs. **94** Travis Day (6-3 255 Jr) 13 tkl, 14 gms 2Y.

OLB NA MICAH JOHNSON FR. 6-2 255 **PS#4DL. 46 Joe Schuler** (6-3 233 Jr) PS#96. 10 st (last 8 LY) 2Y, 80 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **48** Terry Clayton (6-1 243 Jr) PS#351. Chris Cessna is PS#152.

MLB 56 BRAXTON KELLEY SO. 6-0 226 PS#154DL. 7 st true, 44 tkl until ACL. **11** Ben McGrath (6-2 232 So) PS#191QB. 4 st rFr, 35 tkl, 4 tfl. **41** Ben Bates (6-1 230 rFr) PS#253.

OLB 16 WESLEY WOODYARD JR. 6-1 212 PS#303DB. 5 st true, 34 tkl. 11 st LY, **#1 tkl'r w/ 100**, 7 tfl. **51** Johnny Williams (6-3 243 So) PS#235. 14 tkl true. **43** Mikhail Mabry (6-2 235 So) 5 tkl true.

CB 24 BO SMITH SR. 6-0 190 PS#268RB. 7 st '03, 57 tkl, 4 pbu. RS '04. 9 st LY, 63 tkl, 2 int. **32** Trevard Lindley (6-0 175 rFr) PS#189. Ahmad Grigsby (6-0 195 Jr) is PS#229JC.

CB 7 David Jones So. 5-10 194 PS#107RB. 20 tkl true, 15 KR (21.9). 4.4 speed. **23** Shomari Moore (5-9 180 So) PS#265. 2 st, 24 tkl LY. **30** Jarrell Williams (5-11 185 So) PS#140QB.

SS 35 ROGER WILLIAMS JR. 6-0 200 PS#252. 16 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. 9 st at SS in '05, 69 tkl. **40** Maurice Grinter (6-3 253 Fr) PS#92RB '05. In for spg. **14** Dallas Greer (6-1 195 Jr) PS#209. 3 tkl LY.

FS 2 Marcus McClinton So. 6-1 214 PS#97. Last 3 st at FS as true, 27 tkl. 2 st LY (inj). **10** Karl Booker (6-1 190 Sr) PS#203. 1 st, 5 pbu, 29 tkl 2Y. **21** Michael Schwindel (6-2 210 rFr) PS#179.

P 44 TIM MASTHAY SO. 6-2 200 PS#22. 54 punts as true, 36.4 avg, team net 32.9, 2 TB's on 10 KO's. **92** Kris Kessler (6-0 193 Sr) PS#75. 43.0 avg on JV LY. UCF transfer.

KENTUCKY WILDCATS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#47

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UK	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	at Louisville	A						UK is 8-6 SU & 10-4 ATS their last 14 Homecoming games. Kentucky hasn't beaten a Top 10 team since 1977 (at #4 Penn St). The Wildcats were outgained in all 11 of their games in 2005.
Sep. 9	Texas St	G						UK hasn't beaten a ranked team since their 2002 opener vs Louisville. UK has opened each yr w/UL since '94 & are 1-6 SU & 2-5 ATS the L/7.
Sep. 16	Mississippi	G						Texas St finished #4 in Div IAA in 2005 with an 11-3 record. The Bobcats were co-champs of the Southland Conference last year.
Sep. 23	at Florida	G						Wildcats are 11-6 ATS their last 17 games after a SU win. UK has lost 18 straight SEC openers, but have covered the last 4 in a row.
Sep. 30	Central Michigan	G						UF led 49-7 at halftime with a 437-69 yd edge last year vs Kentucky. Wildcats are 4-15 SU but 12-7 ATS the last 19 SEC road games.
Oct. 7	South Carolina	G						UK is 4-0 SU vs CMU but 0-3 ATS all-time, outscoring them by just 9.5 ppg. UK lost SU to Ohio (28-16, -13') in their last MAC meeting in 2004.
Oct. 14	at LSU	G						The home team is 4-10 ATS in this series since 1992. Steve Spurrier is 13-0 lifetime vs Kentucky.
Oct. 21								UK has covered the L/2 vs LSU & almost pulled the outright upset in the last meeting in '02. Wildcats are 2-9 SU but 8-3 ATS since 2000 prior to a bye week.
Oct. 28	at Mississippi St	G						The Wildcats are 15-7 ATS since 1991 the week after a bye. The favorite is 4-2 ATS the last 6 in this series.
Nov. 4	Georgia (HC)	G						GA limited UK RB Little to just 61 all purpose yds LY including just 29 rush yds. Kentucky has been a dog 28 straight times to Georgia S/'78 (3-25 SU).
Nov. 11	Vanderbilt	G						The dog is 6-1 ATS since 1999 in this series. The home team is 7-4 ATS over the last 11 years in this series.
Nov. 18	ULM	G						These 2 teams have met twice with UK winning & covering the most recent (49-14). Kentucky is 4-2 ATS as a double digit home favorite since 2002.
Nov. 25	at Tennessee	G						The Wildcats are 3-11 ATS the last 14 in this series. Kentucky's last win in the series came in Knoxville in '84 (17-12) 0-21 SU since.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Jared Lorenzen 10,354 2000-'03
Rushing: Sonny Collins 3,835 1972-'75 Receiving: Craig Yeast 2,899 1995-'98

RICH BROOKS (Career 100-134-4)
4th Year at Kentucky
Brooks' SU Bowl Record: 1-3

Brooks' records AT KENTUCKY

9-25	Straight Up	3-2	Home Favorite
17-15	Vs The Spread	7-5	Home Underdog
10-10	Off A SU Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
13-11	Vs Conference	6-7	Away Underdog
4-4	Vs Non-Conf	4-2	Off A Bye

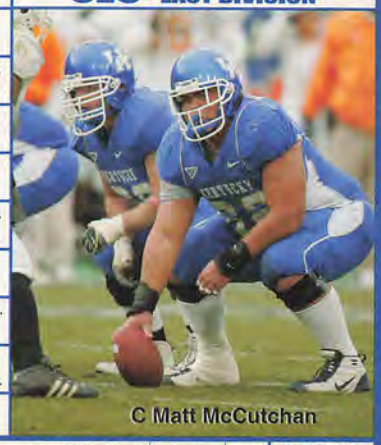
2005 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (23,25,2)
Lost: 21 (11,8,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 62,450

SEC - EAST DIVISION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STADIUM: COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (67,606)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	2-9	2-9	7-5	4-8	2-9	3-8	26-53
Home	3-3	2-4	1-5	4-3	3-4	2-4	2-4	17-27
Away	3-2	0-5	1-4	3-2	1-4	0-5	1-4	9-26
ATS	5-5	2-8	5-6	8-4	6-5	5-6	6-4	37-38
Home Fav	1-0	1-1	0-1	3-2	2-1	1-1	0-0	8-6
Home Dog	1-3	1-2	2-3	1-1	1-2	2-2	4-1	12-14
Away Fav	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	3-3
Away Dog	2-1	0-4	3-2	3-1	2-1	2-3	2-3	14-15
Favorite	2-1	1-2	0-1	4-2	3-2	1-1	0-0	11-9
Dog	3-4	1-6	5-5	4-2	3-3	4-5	6-4	26-29
Grass	5-5	2-8	5-6	8-4	5-5	5-5	5-3	35-36
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-2
vs Conf	4-4	1-7	5-3	5-3	4-4	4-4	5-3	28-28
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-1	2-1	1-2	1-1	9-10
Off SU Win	3-3	1-1	1-1	4-3	3-1	2-0	1-2	15-11
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-6	4-4	3-1	3-3	3-5	4-2	20-22

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rafael Little	**197**	**1103**	**58**	**1045**	**9**	**5.3**
Arliss Beach	64	314	26	288	6	4.5
Curtis Pulley	**49**	**212**	**63**	**149**	**3**	**3.0**
Alexis Bwenge	15	53	2	51	1	3.4
Glenn Holt	2	25	0	25	1	12.5
Andre' Woodson	**57**	**101**	**234**	**-133**	**1**	**-2.3**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Andre' Woodson	**253**	**146**	**57.7**	**1644**	**6**	**6**
Curtis Pulley	**50**	**31**	**62.0**	**208**	**0**	**3**
Arliss Beach	1	1	100.0	5	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Rafael Little	**46**	**449**	**9.8**	**0**	**65**
Keenan Burton	**24**	**365**	**15.2**	**2**	**53**
Scott Mitchell	23	288	12.5	2	79
Jacob Tamme	**29**	**251**	**8.7**	**1**	**31**
Glenn Holt	21	200	9.5	0	25
Tommy Cook	11	155	14.1	0	53
Arliss Beach	8	65	8.1	0	16
Alexis Bwenge	4	20	5.0	0	8
Draak Davis	3	13	4.3	0	13
Curtis Pulley	**2**	**19**	**9.5**	**0**	**13**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tim Masthay	**54**	**1965**	**36.4**	**19**	**32.9**	**3**	**15**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Taylor Begley	27-28	5-5	6-7	1-3	0-0	12-15	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Wesley Woodyard	**100**	**2**	**5**	**5**	**1**
Muhammad Abdullah	81	2	1	1	0
Roger Williams	**69**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Bo Smith	**63**	**0**	**2**	**4**	**2**
Joe Schuler	**47**	**0**	**3.5**	**1**	**0**
Antoine Huffman	46	0	0	7	0
Braxton Kelley	**44**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Ben McGrath	**35**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**
B. Jay Parsons	34	3.5	3	5	0
Nii Adjei Oninku	**24**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Shomari Moore	**24**	**0**	**0.5**	**3**	**1**
Jason Leger	**23**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Durrell White	**22**	**1**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Trey Mielsch	21	0.5	3	0	0
David Jones	**20**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Ray Fontaine	19	0	2	0	0
Johnny Williams	**14**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Myron Pryor	**13**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Draak Davis	9	0	0	0	0
Karl Booker	**9**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Rafael Little	**21**	**355**	**16.9**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Draak Davis	18	461	25.6	0
David Jones	**15**	**328**	**21.9**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
83	Hall of Fame	+10	West Virginia	16-20	W
84	Hall of Fame	+3	Wisconsin	20-19	W
93	Peach	+2'	Clemson	13-14	W
98	Outback	+7	Penn St	14-26	L
99	Music City	-3	Syracuse	13-20	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Kentucky's All-Time SU Bowl Record 5-5

KENTUCKY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	21.7	17	129	3.6	169	58.6	13.7	-9	2005	5	34.1	22	196	4.9	243	62.2	12.9
4	15.7	16	108	3.3	168	54.7	17.5	-2	2004	7	31.0	21	225	5.0	203	56.9	13.8
7*	27.3	18	125	3.5	202	54.1	12.0	-1	2003	4	26.8	21	187	4.2	196	56.4	14.3
7*	32.1	18	149	4.1	199	55.7	10.8	+7	2002	4	25.1	21	174	4.2	227	47.2	16.0
8*	23.5	20	107	4.1	276	56.5	16.3	-8	2001	5	33.4	24	178	4.4	297	60.0	14.2
7	23.1	23	110	4.0	335	57.1	19.3	-12	2000	7	34.8	21	163	4.3	243	56.8	11.7

2005 STATS BY GAME

UK 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Louisville	17	27 - 47	1.7	17 - 27	278	7	22	46 - 209	4.5	19 - 27	179	2	-3
–	Idaho St	16	34 - 143	4.2	15 - 20	167	2	19	36 - 157	4.4	25 - 38	291	0	+4
–	at Indiana	9	25 - 77	3.1	11 - 20	140	2	22	60 - 305	5.1	17 - 22	135	2	-1
–	Florida	19	33 - 133	4.0	15 - 33	162	2	27	42 - 187	4.5	27 - 36	350	2	-3
–	at S Carolina	20	53 - 213	4.0	12 - 18	95	5	24	34 - 139	4.1	24 - 35	278	1	-3
–	at Mississippi	16	38 - 149	3.9	12 - 22	107	2	18	39 - 163	4.2	19 - 38	198	0	-3
–	Mississippi St	22	47 - 183	3.9	13 - 27	141	2	22	37 - 173	4.7	17 - 37	202	3	0
–	Auburn	20	27 - 115	4.3	26 - 43	335	4	24	49 - 388	7.9	13 - 21	201	0	+1
–	at Vanderbilt	16	43 - 210	4.9	12 - 20	155	2	30	27 - 119	4.4	39 - 67	395	1	+1
–	at Georgia	13	31 - 99	3.2	18 - 33	100	2	21	31 - 169	5.5	22 - 38	226	2	-1
–	Tennessee	16	33 - 46	1.4	27 - 41	177	4	16	38 - 150	3.9	17 - 25	221	3	-1
TOTALS		184	391 - 1415	3.6	178 - 304	1857	34	245	439 - 2159	4.9	239 - 384	2676	16	-9
AVERAGES		16.7	36 - 129	3.6	16 - 28	169	3.1	22.3	40 - 196	4.9	22 - 35	243	1.5	-0.8

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisville	+3'	10-36	L
Ball St	-11	28-20	L
Florida - #2	+32	10-44	L
Mississippi	+8	31-42	L
at South Carolina - #13	+21'	6-42	L
LSU	+16'	25-29	W
at Georgia - #17	+22	29-43	W
at Mississippi St	+7'	14-17	W
at Vanderbilt	+1	56-30	W
Tennessee - #6	+18	35-38	W
at Indiana	+6	15-26	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisville - #17	+13	22-17	W
UTEP	-20	77-17	W
Indiana	-17'	27-17	L
Middle Tenn	-5'	44-22	W
at Florida - #7	+19	34-41	W
South Carolina	-4	12-16	L
at Arkansas	+10'	29-17	W
Georgia - #5	+5	24-52	L
at Mississippi St	-5	45-24	W
LSU - #16	+5	30-33	W
Vanderbilt	-15'	41-21	W
at Tennessee	+8'	0-24	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisville	-6	24-40	L
Murray St	NL	37-6	–
at Alabama	+13'	17-27	W
at Indiana	-8'	34-17	W
Florida - #25	+10	21-24	W
at South Carolina	+7'	21-27	W
Ohio	-15	35-14	W
Mississippi St	-10	42-17	W
Arkansas	+4'	63-71 7OT	L
at Vanderbilt	-6'	17-28	L
at Georgia - #6	+19	10-30	L
Tennessee - #7	+11'	7-20	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisville	+9'	0-28	L
Indiana	-2	51-32	W
at Florida - #17	+19	3-20	W
Ohio	-13'	16-28	L
Alabama	+6	17-45	L
South Carolina	+13	7-12	W
at Auburn - #3	+30'	10-42	L
at Mississippi St	+3'	7-22	L
Georgia - #8	+24	17-62	L
Vanderbilt	+3	14-13	W
at Tennessee - #15	+24	31-37	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisville - #12	+23	24-31	W
Idaho St	NL	41-29	–
at Indiana	+1'	14-38	L
Florida - #5	+23	28-49	W
at South Carolina	+12'	16-44	L
at Mississippi	+10	7-13	W
Mississippi St	+1	13-7	W
Auburn - #17	+22'	27-49	W
at Vanderbilt	+11	48-43	W
at Georgia - #14	+25'	13-45	L
Tennessee	+8'	8-27	L

VANDERBILT COMMODORES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Greg Zolman left as the school's all-time leader in attempts, completions and yards after 2001. Bobby Johnson brought in an option oriented offense similar to the one he ran at Furman. Jay Cutler, a rFr, who almost moved to WR or DB in 2001, ended up becoming the first ever rFr QB to start an opener at Vandy. He also became the first QB to top 100 yards rushing and 200 passing in a game here since Eric Jones (1987). In his first year, Cutler threw for 1,433 (48.6%) with a 10-9 ratio (561 rush) and led all SEC QB's with 9 rushing TD's. Cutler became a much more proficient passer in 2003 as he completed 57.2% for 2,347 yards with an 18-13 ratio (530 rush). He has nice size (6-4 228) and benches 225 lbs 23 times. Cutler was banged up a good portion of 2004 and threw for 1,844 (61%) with a 10-5 ratio (581 rush). Steven Bright (PS#39) threw for 205 (51.2%) while rushing for 187. Chris Nickson (PS#71), who was 2003's Mr. Football in Alabama, became the backup last year and Bright moved to FB. Cutler was voted 1st Tm SEC in the preseason. He broke almost every VU career passing record and led the SEC in passing with 3,073 (59.1%) with a 21-9 ratio (443 rush). He was also voted AP SEC POY and became VU's first, 1st Tm SEC QB since Kurk Page in 1984. Nickson (6 gm) attempted just 3 passes (67 yds rush). Nickson threw for 2,946 yards with 42 TD's and rushed for 1,526 with 22 TD's as a senior in HS and Vandy could incorporate more option this year. MacKenzi Adams (PS#73) is another mobile QB who is battling for the spot. This unit goes from having a 4-year starter, who was a 1st round DC (DEN), to a group that combined to throw only 3 collegiate passes.

RUNNING BACKS - Vanderbilt has not had a 1,000 yard rusher since 1995 with just 3 in school history. Last year they had to replace their top rusher, Norval McKenzie (graduation), and suffered the tragic loss of Kwane Doster. The top returning RB was Jeff Jennings who had one start and 135 (2.9) as a true. They did move good-sized QB Steven Bright (PS#39QB) to FB and despite missing 3 full games and parts of others with injury, had 17 rec's (11.6). Jennings had 448 (3.6) while Cassen Jackson-Garrison had some big runs of 71, 60, 50 and 40 yards and led with 539 (5.6). Each back had only one 100-yard game and vs LSU the team had -15 yards rushing until Garrison ripped off a 40 yard run. Jennings tore his ACL vs UK and missed the spring. This unit is more experienced and figures to be more of a focal point of the offense.

RECEIVERS - Vandy had to replace their #1 receiver last year but had Erik Davis, who had 19 starts and 78 grabs the previous two years, good-sized Marlon White (6-4 205, 50 rec, 2 yr), as well as TE Dustin Dunning (14 st, 26 rec 2Y). Davis suffered an injury-plagued season but was still leading in receiving yards (619) when he was lost for the year vs Florida. White had 7 rec's in the opener but was plagued by injuries and finished with just 34. In the last 4 games true frosh Earl Bennett snagged 49 of his 79 rec's and tied an SEC record with 5 TD rec's vs Kentucky which also set a school record (old record 4 by Allama Matthews in '82 vs VT). All 3 of their star receivers dropped key passes vs Georgia but had a good year. TE Dunning had 35 (11.1) and George Smith, who missed two after being shot in the arm, added 23 (12.5). This year they must replace Davis (8 st), Dunning (10 st), WR Jason Caldwell (0 rec) and Jason Burns (1 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Larry Simmons (5-10 160 rFr, PS#237), Chris Reinert (5-9 175 So) and this year's true frosh. While this unit figures to have less action with a less experienced QB, it is almost as experienced as '05 with one of the SEC's top WR's and should remain healthier. Also keep your eyes on rFr Alex Washington who caught Johnson's eye last August.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 Vandy's O-line opened holes for 3.7 ypc rushing but allowed 33 sacks despite having 3 returning starters. Last year they had to replace a pair of four year starters but had six of the top 8 returning. Starting G Mac Pyle missed most of the year (ACL) and returning starting G Nigel Seaman missed the entire year so they had only two starters back. Their ypc dropped to 3.5 but only allowed 24 sacks. Their top OL was Brian Stamper who was 2nd Tm SEC and Lifter of the Yr (500 lb bench). This year the only losses are C Trey Holloway (11 st, 2 yr st'r) and LT Ryan King (11 st). If Pyle returns 100% healthy, they'll have four starters back including a pair of quality SEC OT's and this unit is more experienced and stronger for '06.

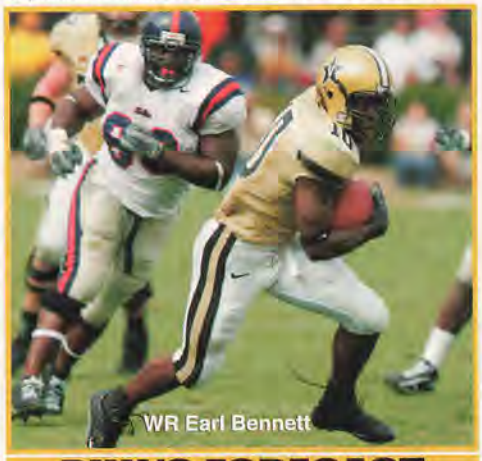
DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 Jovan Haye (strength) and Chris Booker (speed) were nicknamed "Thunder and Lightning". In 2004 everyone returned but Booker suffered an ACL. Surprisingly with 3 starters back, Vandy allowed 4.8 ypc rush while the D recorded just 13 sacks. Last year Haye left early for the NFL (#6DC) and they had to replace three others who combined for 25 starts. They moved starting OLB Herdley Harrison to DE and Booker returned. Although not 100%, Booker still tied for the team lead with 3 sacks. Vandy improved slightly allowing 4.5 (14 sk). This year they lose DT Ralph McKenzie (10 st, 19 tkl), DE Harrison (11 st, 22 tkl, 3 sk, 3 yr st'r) and DT Lamar Divens (23 tkl). DT Ray Brown missed five with injury and DT Theo Horrocks missed the GA game with an MCL injury. This year Booker is another year removed from his injury and while not an overwhelming group, the D-line is stronger in 2006.

LINEBACKERS - Vandy had two starting LB's returning LY including Moses Osemwegie, who was the #1 tackler in 2003 & 2004 and 1st Tm SEC in '04. Once again, Osemwegie led in tackles (118) and earned 1st Tm SEC honors in '05. This year they must replace Osemwegie (11 st, 9.5 tfl, 2 yr st'r) and Otis Washington (6 tkl, 18 st '03 & '04). Jonathan Goff hopes to step into the line of highly productive Vandy LB's of recent years and was the #3 tackler last season. While two starters return, only three of the top six return (Darnell Martemus moved to FB) and they lose their top tackler, but Goff and Joyce look like quality SEC LB's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Commodores were #59 in my pass D rankings in 2003. Surprisingly, with all 4 starters back, they dropped to #103 in '04. Last year they had to replace both starting CB's and moved SS Andrew Pace there. Two frosh CB's played in the opener. Starting SS Kelechi Ohanaja missed 3 starts with a knee injury. Vandy moved up to #94. This year they lose CB Andrew Pace (11 st, 74 tkl, 4 pbu, 2 yr st'r), SS Ohanaja (8 st, 56 tkl, 4 pbu, 3 yr st'r) and CB Cheron Thompson (1 st, 31 tkl). They do return three CB's with starting experience including Jared Fagan who had the game clinching int vs Tennessee and have Duran Coger (5-11 180 rFr). Despite the losses, this unit is more experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bobby Johnson's last ST unit at Furman had 4 KR TD's and 3 blocked punts as he puts an emphasis on this unit. In his first year at Vandy, they finished #48 in my ST rankings but surprisingly dropped to #108 and #111 the next 2 years. They had to replace their P and top returnman last year and Patrick Johnson (PS#44), who hit 7 of 14 FG's in 2004, lost his job. True frosh Bryant Hahnfeldt (PS#58) became a one man show. He hit 12 of 17 FG's including a 48 yarder into the wind vs MT and 4 of his 5 misses were blocks. He avg'd 41.1 on punts (but Vandy was last in SEC in net punting) and had 18 TB's on 52 KO's. Unfortunately he tore his ACL in the season finale and hopefully will be 100% by the start of the season. Super true frosh WR Earl Bennett handled the PR's (6.3) and KR's (21.3). Overall Vandy finished just #109 and with a healthy Hahnfeldt (they also add PS#18 K Brett Upson), should make great strides.

COACHES - Bobby Johnson was 60-36 in 8 years at Furman and was IAA Nat'l Coach of the Year there in '01. His OC is Ted Cain, who was the OC at NC State from '86-'96 and the HC at VMI for 2 years. He enters his fifth year here. The DC is Bruce Fowler, who is now in his 5th year here after spending 16 years as an asst at Furman (the last 3 as a DC there).


WR Earl Bennett

PHIL'S FORECAST

Vanderbilt has now had 23 consecutive losing seasons with their last bowl coming in 1982, the year I started Northcoast Sports. With Vandy's strict academic standards and playing in a tough conference, they've won just 9 SEC games in the last 10 years and have had just one winning SEC record in the last 45 years. Vandy fielded very young units in each of Bobby Johnson's first two seasons but had 20 starters returning in '04. Expectations were high. VU lost an amazing 5 close games (by combined 15 pts) and while they could have easily been a 7-4 squad, they finished just 2-9. It was their 4th straight 2-win season and in SEC play they were outgained by 77 ypg. Last year expectations were lower but VU appeared on the verge of a rare winning season. They had 103 players in August, the most since the mid-1980's. They got a TD with 1:48 left vs WF to clinch the first road win in Johnson's tenure and the first season opening win since 1997. They then got their first road win in an SEC opener since 1984 when they upset Arkansas. After beating Ole Miss at home, they were 2-0 in SEC play for the first time since 1956 and were on top of the SEC East standings. After beating Richmond, they were 4-0 for the first time since 1984 and actually received votes in the USA Today Poll at #30 and *The New York Times, Sports Illustrated, ESPN Radio* all did interviews that week. They would have been 5-0 for the first time since 1943 but were upset at home by Mid Tenn, a game in which VU had a 23-11 FD edge. They trailed #11 LSU by just 3 points late 3Q and the next week lost to #5 Georgia. VU almost upset SCar then lost in 2 OT's to Florida. Needing a win vs Kentucky to keep their bowl hopes alive, they trailed 34-10 at the half and lost by 5. They got their first win in Neyland Stadium since 1975 when they beat Tenn 28-24 in the finale. VU once again had 4 close losses but this year must replace star QB Cutler who was a 1st round draft pick of Denver. From 1988 to 2004, Vandy's best offensive ppg was just 22.9 (1999). Last year's 27.2 ppg was their best since 1948 (29.8). They have six starters back on offense but with the loss of outstanding QB Jay Cutler, figure to be less potent. Vandy's defense allowed 29.2 ppg last year with 6 starters back. While they must replace 3 of their top four tacklers, they have six starters back again this year and should improve. Vandy missed their shot at a winning season last year. This season the team is weaker and the schedule is tougher and they will not match last year's 5-win total.

OFFENSE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 7 **Chris Nickson So.** 6-1 210 PS#71, Alabama's Mr Football '03. 6 gm, 1-3 pass, 13 yd, 67 rush rFr. 16 **MacKenzi Adams** (6-2 205 rFr) PS#73. 5146 pass in HS, 110m hurdle champ.
RB 22 **CASSEN JACKSON-GARRISON JR.** 6-1 225 PS#264. 606 (5.5) 1 st, 2Y. 21 **Jeff Jennings** (6-1 225 Jr) PS#188LB. **11 st**, 583 (3.4), 2Y. 30 Jared Hawkins (5-10 190 rFr) PS#155. #2 in spg.
FB 17 **Steven Bright Sr.** 6-4 240 **PS#39QB**. 57 yd pass, 76 rush QB rFr. 205 pass, 187 rush '04. 4 st FB LY (inj) 17 rec (11.6). 41 Darnell Martemus (5-11 235 Jr) 13 games LB 2Y.
WR 10 **EARL BENNETT SO.** 6-1 202 **1st Tm SEC true**, 49 rec last 4 gm! 81 Bryant Anderson (6-3 200 So) 1 st, 3 rec. 87 Sean Walker (6-1 180 So) PS#146. 90 Justin Wheeler (6-2 180 rFr).
WR 12 **MARLON WHITE SR.** 6-4 205 PS#141. 50 rec (13.9) First 2Y. 9 st, 34 (10.3), inj LY. 88 George Smith (6-3 196 So) 2 st, 23 (12.5). 25 Alex Washington (5-10 185 rFr) PS#235.
TE 82 **Brad Allen So.** 6-4 240 **PS#5**. 11 gm rFr. Jonathan Massey **PS#21**. 83 Jake Bradford (6-6 255 rFr) PS#111WR. 85 Thomas Welch (6-6 255 rFr) PS#205QB. Justin Green PS#80.
C 52 **Hamilton Holliday Jr.** 6-4 290 PS#140. Last 2 st RG as true. 8 gm, 2nd string LY. 68 Bradley Vierling (6-4 285 rFr) PS#220. Scout Tm POY. 76 Ryan Vance (6-3 280 rFr).
RG 65 **Mac Pyle Sr.** 6-4 320 PS#257. 6 st RG, **SEC Fr Tm '02**. 12 st RG '03. 5 st L2Y (inj). 64 Merritt Kirchoffer (6-5 320 Jr) 2nd string. 73 Ryan Custer (6-4 292 rFr).
LG 75 **JOSH EAMES JR.** 6-5 310 PS#139. 2nd string rFr. 11 st LY (2 LG, 9 RG). Solid run blocker. 70 Drew Gardner (6-5 300 rFr) PS#135. Adam Smotherman PS#108.
RT 72 **BRIAN STAMPER SR.** 6-5 305 PS#231. 500+ bench. 9 st as true, SEC Frosh Tm. 11 st RT '04. 11 st RT LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 0 sk allowed. 45 Eric Hensley (6-6 300 rFr) PS#285.
LT 74 **CHRIS WILLIAMS JR.** 6-6 315 PS#473. Ineligible as rFr. Last 9 st at LG LY, 2nd Tm SEC, also played LT. 55 Elliott Hood (6-5 300 Jr) PS#152. 2nd string, 2 years, 18 games.
K 76 **BRYANT HAHNFELDT SO.** 5-11 185 PS#58. 12 of 17 FG true, long of 48. 4 blk'd. ACL inj. 39 Patrick Johnson (5-10 175 Sr) PS#44. 8-16 FG, long 44 3Y. 58 Bill Robertson (6-1 205 Sr) 5 KO LY.

DE 43 **David Carter Jr.** 6-4 260 PS#466. 18 tkl, 2 tfl, 2Y. 49 Curtis Gatewood (6-3 230 Jr) PS#400LB. 31 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 2Y. Miss spring. 96 Steven Stone (6-5 255 rFr) PS#342.
DT 94 **Ray Brown Sr.** 6-3 300 PS#334. Ineligible as rFr. 1 st, 12 tkl in '04. 4 st LY (inj 5), 7 tkl. 53 Gabe Hall (6-1 300 Jr) PS#486. 16 tkl, 2Y. 67 Micael Haskins (6-1 280 So).
DT 54 **THEO HORROCKS JR.** 6-3 290 2 st DE, 19 tkl true. 8 starts DT LY, 21 tkl, 2 tfl. 42 Brandon Holmes (6-3 290 So) PS#176. 1 tkl. 99 Derrius Dowell (6-3 265 rFr) PS#480.
DE 45 **CHRIS BOOKER SR.** 6-4 260 PS#229LB. 4.7 spd. 9 st '03, 30 tkl. ACL '04. 11 st LY, 30 tkl, 3 sk. 89 Broderick Stewart (6-5 220 rFr) PS#96TE. 44 David Whittington (6-2 250 So) 1 st FB LY.
WLB 24 **Marcus Buggs Jr.** 5-11 230 PS#220DB. ACL true. 2 st FS '04, 13 tkl. 2 st OLB LY, 29 tkl. 50 Brandon Bryant (6-0 235 rFr) PS#270. 48 Bo Baggerley (6-1 205 So). Scout Tm MVP.
MLB 47 **JONATHAN GOFF JR.** 6-4 240 PS#91. 4 starts rFr, 38 tkl. 10 starts LY, 63 tkl, 3 tfl. 57 Chris Johnson (6-1 235 rFr). 46 Dom Morias (6-0 215 Jr). Nathan Campbell PS#101.
SLB 40 **KEVIN JOYCE SR.** 6-3 224 **PS#99**. 41 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. 1 st at OLB '04, 57 tkl, 4 tfl. 9 st LY, 47 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 31 Quavian Lewis (6-4 218 rFr) PS#256. Patrick Benoist PS#140.
CB 14 **JOSH ALLEN SO.** 5-9 184 PS#275. 7 starts rFr, 42 tkl, 5 pbu. Added 14 lbs. 42 Darlron Spead (5-10 180 rFr) PS#185. 29 Joel Caldwell (6-1 184 rFr) PS#121. Ben Havrilesko.
CB 34 **Sean Dixon Sr.** 6-0 190 PS#198. 4.4 speed. 1 st, 16 tkl '04. 3 st LY, 11 tkl, 2 pbu. 26 Jared Fagan (5-9 180 So) PS#169. 1 st, 11 gms, 10 tkl as a rFr. 10.63 in 100m.
SS 23 **Ben Koger Sr.** 6-1 200 PS#155. 14 tkl as rFr. 6 tkl '04. 3 st LY, 24 tkl, 1 pbu. 35 Ryan Hamilton (6-1 205 rFr) PS#173. 43 Adrian Reif (6-2 210 Sr) 9 games in '05.
FS 32 **RESHARD LANGFORD SO.** 6-2 218 PS#296RB. 11 starts FS rFr. 54 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu. 25 Funtaine Hunter (6-3 215 Sr) 13 tkl, 3 years. 10.4 in 100m. Myron Lewis is PS#186.
P 75 **BRYANT HAHNFELDT SO.** 5-11 185 36 punts as true, 41.1 avg, 18 TB's on 52 KO's. 19 Kyle Keown (6-0 200 Jr) 27 punts 2Y (35.9). Brett Upson PS#18. 44.2 avg in HS, 54 yd FG.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

TE Jonathan Massey 6-2 245 PS#21
OL Adam Smotherman 6-4 260 PS#108
RB Gaston Miller 5-7 160 PS#93
DB Alan Strong 5-10 175 PS#104
OL Chris Bush 6-5 285 PS#123
QB Jared Funk 6-2 185 PS#67
LB Nathan Campbell 6-3 215 PS#101
WR Matt Quinn 6-5 200 PS#108
DL Greg Billinger 6-2 260 PS#150OL
LB Patrick Benoist 6-0 210 PS#140
DB Myron Lewis 6-3 195 PS#186
K Brett Upson 5-10 170 PS#18
WR Steven Goulet 6-2 180 PS#168
DL Reilly Lauer 6-7 240 PS#222
TE Justin Green 6-7 205 PS#80
OL Drew Brenk 6-5 290 PS#281
DB DJ Moore 5-10 175 PS#240WR
QB Turner Wimberly 6-1 195 PS#223
DL Terriall Brannon 6-4 228 PS#375
LB Kikko Logan 6-2 205 PS#390
DB Marquez Hall 5-9 160 PS#444
RB Kennard Reeves 6-0 182 PS#419
DL Austin Newton 6-3 210 PS#436
TE Austin Monahan 6-6 232 PS#205
OL Joey Bailey 6-4 235 PS#562
DB Brent Trice 6-3 210 PS#560

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#49

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at Michigan	A					
Sep. 9	at Alabama	G					
Sep. 16	Arkansas	G					
Sep. 23	Tennessee St	G					
Sep. 30	Temple	G					
Oct. 7	at Mississippi	A					
Oct. 14	at Georgia	G					
Oct. 21	South Carolina	G					
Oct. 28	at Duke	G					
Nov. 4	Florida	G					
Nov. 11	at Kentucky	G					
Nov. 18	Tennessee	G					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Vandy won 3 SEC games last year for the 1st time since 1991.
VU won 2 straight road games LY (WF & Ark) for the 1st time since 1999.
Vanderbilt began the season 4-0 last year for the 1st time since 1984.

Vandy is 8-1 ATS as an away dog the last 2 years w/3 outright upsets.
Vanderbilt is 4-10-1 ATS since 2000 in non-conference action.

Vandy won their SEC opener at Ark last year for the 1st time since 1990.
Vanderbilt is 12-4 ATS the last 16 years in their 1st SEC game.

Vandy is 2-4 SU & 1-3 ATS vs Arkansas all-time.
VU is 4-9 SU but 8-4 ATS the last 13 years in home openers.

The Tigers finished 2-9 as Div IAA Ohio Valley Conference members LY.
TSU is located in Nashville & play their HG's at the Nashville Coliseum.

The Commodores are 4-14 ATS the last 8 years as a favorite.
Vanderbilt is 3-6-1 ATS their last 10 games after a SU win.

VU is 2-5 SU but 6-0-1 ATS the last 7 games vs Ole Miss.
These two teams have played every year since 1970.

The visitor is 11-3 ATS since 1992 in this series.
Vandy is 2-23 SU & 10-15 ATS the last 5 years vs SEC East teams.

Vandy WR Bennett had a career high 16 rec for 204 yds vs SC last year.
VU is 0-13 vs Spurrier coached tms (0-10 vs FL, 0-2 vs Duke, 0-1 vs SC, 8-5 ATS).

Vandy is just 1-5 ATS as an away favorite since 1995.
Commodores are 6-3 SU & 7-2 ATS all-time vs the Blue Devils.

Vandy is 0-12 SU but 8-4 ATS vs the Gators since 1994.
LY VU lost 49-42 in 2OT's as the 42 pts were 11 more than their previous high vs UF all-time.

Vandy is 14-7 ATS vs UK S/'85, however, VU has lost the L2Y SU & ATS.
Last year's 48-43 (-11) loss to UK eliminated Vandy from bowl eligibility.

Vanderbilt is 10-5 ATS since 1991 in home finales.
This instate rivalry began in 1892 & VU won for just the 9th time LY S/'27.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Jay Cutler 8,697 2001-'05
Rushing: Frank Mordica 2,632 1976-'79 Receiving: Boo Mitchell 2,964 1985-'88

Johnson's records AT VANDERBILT

11-35	Straight Up	2-6	Home Favorite
19-21-2	Vs The Spread	6-6-2	Home Underdog
14-14-1	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
17-14-1	Vs Conference	11-8	Away Underdog
2-7-1	Vs Non-Conf	3-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (19,17,4)
Lost: 22 (10,10,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 36,031

SEC - EAST DIVISION

LB Jonathan Goff

STADIUM: VANDERBILT STADIUM (39,773)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	3-8	2-9	2-10	2-10	2-9	5-6	21-58
Home	2-4	1-5	1-5	2-4	2-5	2-4	2-4	12-31
Away	3-2	2-3	1-4	0-6	0-5	0-5	3-2	9-27
ATS	5-5	5-5-1	4-6	3-7-1	5-5-1	5-5	6-4	33-37-3
Home Fav	0-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	1-1	1-2	3-10
Home Dog	2-2	1-2-1	2-1	2-1-1	3-1-1	1-2	0-2	11-11-3
Away Fav	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-3
Away Dog	3-1	3-1	1-3	1-4	2-3	3-1	5-0	18-13
Favorite	0-2	1-2	1-2	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-2	4-13
Dog	5-3	4-3-1	3-4	3-5-1	5-4-1	4-3	5-2	29-24-3
Grass	5-5	5-5-1	4-6	3-7-1	5-5-1	4-5	6-4	32-37-3
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	4-4	4-3-1	3-5	3-4-1	5-3	4-4	5-3	28-26-2
vs Non-Conf	1-1	1-2	1-1	0-3	0-2-1	1-1	1-1	5-11-1
Off SU Win	3-2	2-1	1-1	0-1-1	0-2	1-1	2-1	9-9-1
Off SU Loss	1-3	3-3-1	3-4	3-5	4-3-1	4-3	3-3	21-24-2

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cassen Jackson-Garrison	97	579	40	539	8	5.6
Jeff Jennings	123	476	28	448	7	3.6
Jay Cutler	106	443	228	215	1	2.0
Chris Nickson	15	67	18	49	0	3.3
Steven Bright	5	14	2	12	0	2.4
Earl Bennett	5	27	16	11	0	2.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jay Cutler	462	273	59.1	3073	21	9
Chris Nickson	3	1	33.3	13	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Earl Bennett	79	876	11.1	9	41
Erik Davis	46	619	13.5	3	40
Dustin Dunning	35	389	11.1	0	38
Marlon White	34	350	10.3	6	34
George Smith	23	287	12.5	2	47
Steven Bright	17	198	11.6	0	31
Jeff Jennings	21	156	7.4	1	16
Cassen Jackson-Garrison	14	139	9.9	0	35
Bryant Anderson	3	49	16.3	0	22
Jason Burns	1	13	13.0	0	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Bryant Hahnfeldt	36	1481	41.1	4	30.3(T)	1	12
Kyle Keown	16	560	35.0	2	–	0	2

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Bryant Hahnfeldt	32-33	3-3	4-7	5-7	0-0	12-17	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Moses Osemwegie	118	3	6.5	0	2
Andrew Pace	74	1	3.5	4	1
Jonathan Goff	63	1	2	2	0
Kelechi Ohanaja	56	0	0.5	4	0
Reshard Langford	54	0	3.5	4	3
Kevin Joyce	47	1	2.5	3	0
Josh Allen	42	0	0	5	0
Cheron Thompson	31	0	2	2	1
Chris Booker	30	3	2.5	2	0
Marcus Buggs	29	0	1	0	0
Ben Koger	24	0	0.5	1	0
Lamar Divens	23	0	1.5	0	0
Herdley Harrison	22	3	3	4	0
Curtis Gatewood	22	0	2.5	0	0
Theo Horrocks	21	1	1	0	0
Ralph McKenzie	19	0	1	0	0
Gabe Hall	15	0	0	0	0
Sean Dixon	11	0	0	2	0
David Carter	10	1	1	0	0
Jared Fagan	10	0	0	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Earl Bennett	12	76	6.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Earl Bennett	19	405	21.3	0
Cassen Jackson-Garrison	15	299	19.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
55	Gator	NL	Auburn	25-13	–
74	Peach	NL	Texas Tech	6-6	–
82	Hall of Fame	-9	Air Force	28-36	L

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VANDERBILT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	27.2	23	115	3.5	281	58.7	14.6	-2	2005	6	29.2	20	170	4.5	224	57.7	13.5
10*	19.3	19	149	3.7	186	59.3	17.4	+4	2004	10	26.0	21	194	4.8	208	65.1	15.5
6*	19.6	20	145	3.6	207	56.5	18.0	-10	2003	6	29.8	20	181	4.3	199	56.1	12.7
6	18.4	17	174	4.3	139	49.8	17.0	-14	2002	7	30.7	22	187	4.6	219	64.1	13.2
7*	20.5	18	134	4.0	241	51.7	18.2	-2	2001	7	36.5	25	202	4.7	287	64.0	13.4
7*	17.5	18	97	3.1	224	52.0	18.3	-3	2000	9	24.8	20	178	4.6	213	51.6	15.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

VU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Wake Forest	24	30 - 146	4.9	25 - 36	276	0	26	51 - 274	5.4	15 - 26	198	2	0
–	at Arkansas	22	33 - 130	3.9	23 - 45	278	3	20	43 - 194	4.5	17 - 30	204	1	0
–	Mississippi	31	49 - 209	4.3	24 - 41	314	1	18	28 - 124	4.4	17 - 35	276	1	0
–	Richmond	29	37 - 237	6.4	29 - 42	276	2	18	24 - 89	3.7	16 - 31	250	0	+1
–	Middle Tenn	23	33 - 102	3.1	26 - 45	245	1	11	31 - 62	2.0	14 - 22	147	2	-1
–	LSU	10	26 - 25	1.0	11 - 33	113	6	22	43 - 194	4.5	21 - 32	285	1	+1
–	Georgia	21	39 - 150	3.8	15 - 28	174	4	18	34 - 148	4.4	15 - 32	298	2	0
–	at S Carolina	25	34 - 41	1.2	27 - 49	339	2	20	30 - 132	4.4	18 - 31	267	1	0
–	at Florida	22	25 - 58	2.3	28 - 42	361	1	29	42 - 191	4.5	32 - 41	257	1	-4
–	Kentucky	30	27 - 119	4.4	39 - 67	395	1	16	43 - 210	4.9	12 - 20	155	2	-1
–	at Tennessee	21	28 - 49	1.8	27 - 39	315	3	19	47 - 251	5.3	11 - 26	125	1	+2
TOTALS		258	361 - 1266	3.5	274 - 467	3086	24	217	416 - 1869	4.5	188 - 326	2462	14	-2
AVERAGES		23.4	33 - 115	3.5	25 - 42	281	2.2	19.7	38 - 170	4.5	17 - 30	224	1.3	-0.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Middle Tennessee	-7'	28-37	L
Alabama	+11	9-12	W
Richmond	NL	28-22	–
Auburn	+5	21-24	W
Georgia - #19	+7'	14-30	L
at South Carolina - #16	+16'	14-46	L
at Duke	-7'	42-28	W
at Florida - #4	+35'	13-71	L
Kentucky	-1	30-56	L
at Tennessee - #7	+25'	0-38	L
at Mississippi	+16	27-38	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia Tech	+20'	3-45	L
Furman	NL	49-18	–
at Auburn	+20'	6-31	L
at Mississippi	+21	38-45	W
South Carolina	+9'	14-20	W
Middle Tenn	-6'	20-21	L
at Georgia - #5	+25'	17-48	L
Connecticut	-8	28-24	L
Alabama - #12	+22	8-30	T
Florida - #23	+21'	17-21	W
at Kentucky	+15'	21-41	L
† Tennessee	+17'	0-24	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mississippi	+13	21-24	W
Chattanooga	NL	51-6	–
Auburn	+12	7-45	L
at TCU - #20	+11'	14-30	L
Georgia Tech	+7	17-24 OT	T
at Mississippi St	+4'	21-30	L
Navy	-4'	27-37	L
Georgia - #4	+25	8-27	W
at South Carolina	+15'	24-35	W
at Florida - #17	+23'	17-35	W
Kentucky	+6'	28-17	W
at Tennessee - #9	+21	0-48	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
South Carolina	+3'	6-31	L
at Mississippi	+6'	23-26 OT	W
at Navy	+8'	26-29	W
Mississippi St	-13	31-13	W
Rutgers	-6	34-37	L
at Georgia - #12	+23	3-33	L
E Kentucky	NL	19-7	–
at LSU - #19	+23'	7-24	W
Florida	+12'	17-34	L
at Kentucky	-3	13-14	L
Tennessee - #15	+12'	33-38	W

2005 RESULTS

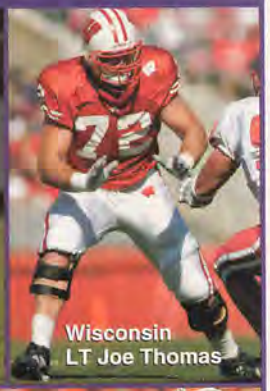
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wake Forest	+8	24-20	W
at Arkansas	+10'	28-24	W
Mississippi	-3	31-23	W
Richmond	NL	37-13	–
Middle Tennessee	-14	15-17	L
LSU - #11	+15'	6-34	L
Georgia - #5	+16	17-34	L
at South Carolina	+8'	28-35	W
at Florida - #13	+19'	42-49 2OT	W
Kentucky	-11	43-48	L
at Tennessee	+11	28-24	W

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 BIG TEN TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Drew Stanton, Michigan St	Troy Smith, Ohio St	Drew Tate, Iowa	Chad Henne, Michigan
RB	Albert Young, Iowa	Tyrell Sutton, Northwestern	Tony Hunt, Penn St	Pierre Thomas, Illinois
RB	Mike Hart, Michigan	Antonio Pittman, Ohio St	Javon Ringer, Mich St	Kory Sheets, Purdue
WR	Ted Ginn Jr, Ohio St	Mario Manningham, Mich	Steve Breaston, Michigan	Anthony Gonzalez, Ohio St
WR	Derrick Williams, Penn St	Dorien Bryant, Purdue	Kyle Ingraham, Purdue	Deon Butler, Penn St
WR	James Hardy, Indiana	Ernie Wheelwright, Minnesota	Matt Trannon, Mich St	Shaun Herbert, N'Western
TE	Matt Spaeth, Minnesota	Scott Chandler, Iowa	Kellen Davis, Mich St	Dustin Keller, Purdue
C	Trevor Rees, Northwestern	Tony Brinkhaus, Minn	Robbie Powell, Purdue	Mark Bihl, Michigan
OG	Mike Jones, Iowa	Rueben Riley, Michigan	Adam Kraus, Michigan	Ryan Keenan, N'Western
OG	Jordan Grimes, Purdue	Matt Maddox, Illinois	TJ Downing, Ohio St	Kyle Cook, Michigan St
OT	Joe Thomas, Wisconsin	Alex Boone, Ohio St	Mike Otto, Purdue	Akim Millington, Illinois
OT	Levi Brown, Penn St	Jake Long, Michigan	Joe Ainslie, Minnesota	Sean Sester, Purdue
DL	Alan Branch, Michigan	David Patterson, Ohio St	Clifton Ryan, Michigan St	Derek Walker, Illinois
DL	Jay Alford, Penn St	Nick Hayden, Wisconsin	Anthony Spencer, Purdue	Terrance Taylor, Michigan
DL	Quinn Pitcock, Ohio St	Mitch King, Iowa	Chris Norwell, Illinois	Matt Kroul, Iowa
DL	LaMarr Woodley, Michigan	Kenny Iwebema, Iowa	Steve Davis, Minnesota	Matt Shaughnessy, Wisc
LB	Dan Connor, Penn St	Marcus Freeman, Ohio St	Nick Roach, Northwestern	Adam Kadela, N'Western
LB	Dave Harris, Michigan	Tim Shaw, Penn St	Mark Zalewski, Wisconsin	SirDarean Adams, Mich St
LB	Paul Posluszny, Penn St	Prescott Burgess, Michigan	George Hall, Purdue	David Herron Jr, Mich St
CB	Leon Hall, Michigan	Marquice Cole, N'Western	Tracy Porter, Indiana	Adam Shada, Iowa
CB	Justin King, Penn St	Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio St	Morgan Trent, Michigan	Greg Cooper, Mich St
SS	Will Meyers, Indiana	Bryan Heinz, Northwestern	Jamario O'Neal, Ohio St	Jamar Adams, Michigan
FS	Ryan Mundy, Michigan	Roderick Rogers, Wisconsin	Marcus Paschal, Iowa	Trumaine Banks, Minn
K	Kyle Schlicher, Iowa	Kevin Kelly, Penn St	Garrett Rivas, Michigan	Taylor Mehlhaff, Wisconsin
P	Ken DeBauche, Wisc	AJ Trapasso, Ohio St	Brandon Fields, Michigan St	Tyson Beattie, Indiana
KR	Ted Ginn Jr, Ohio St	Steve Breaston, Michigan	Lance Bennett, Indiana	Pierre Thomas, Illinois
PR	Ted Ginn Jr, Ohio St	Steve Breaston, Michigan	Marquice Cole, Northwestern	Marcus Randle El, Wisc

Purdue
WR Dorien Bryant


Wisconsin
LT Joe Thomas

Northwestern
CB Marquice Cole

Illinois
RG Matt Maddox

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 BIG TEN FORECAST

1. OHIO ST - This figures to be a different Buckeye team in 2006 as they relied on defense and special teams the past few years but this season have just 2 returning starters on D. Still, I rate the Buckeyes with the #3 defense and #1 offense in the Big 10. Under Tressel, the Buckeyes play their best ball in the 2nd half of the season. They are 13-7 in the 1H of the B10 season but 17-3 in B10 play over the 2H of the year. Despite having the fewest amount of returning starters in the league (9), they almost qualified for my Turnovers=Turnaround article (-9). The Bucks also outgained Big 10 foes by a league best 158.8 ypg. They do have to face Iowa on the road but a win there and a win at Texas could very well have the Buckeyes in the National Title game.

2. MICHIGAN - Last year was a miserable season for the Wolves as their 5 losses was the most since 1984. They also were stunningly outgained in Big 10 play by 9.1 ypg! The Wolves do have to play ND, Penn St and Ohio St all on the road this year but they also have some good things going for them. Unlike previous years, they will probably be taken a little more lightly by opponents and they have my #1 rated defense in the Big 10. The 14 returning starters tie for the 2nd most in the league and 3 of my 7 sets of power ratings call Michigan the most talented team in the Big 10. Many times in recent years we have seen disappointing teams turn into surprise teams the next season and the Wolves have a shot at not only the Big 10 Title but are National Title contenders as well.

3. IOWA - It's very tough to put Iowa in the #3 spot. In fact, I was torn for weeks as to whether or not to call for a surprise and have Iowa winning the Big 10. The Hawkeyes do have to play Michigan on the road and Ohio St at home but avoid Penn St. They have numerous things in their favor. Their 14 returning starters tie for the 2nd most in the Big 10 and they were -3 in net close losses last year (see pg 299). They also have one of the top offenses and defenses in the league despite question marks at LB and CB. This is a team clearly capable of winning the Big 10 Title and they will be at least a TD favorite in their 10 games not involving the Buckeyes and Wolverines and that makes them a 3rd National Title contender out of the Big 10.

4. PURDUE - Many times when a team underperforms in the year in which there are great expectations, they take teams by surprise under lower expectations the next season. Auburn did it in 2004 and West Virginia last year. Purdue was thinking National Title at the start of last year but when those hopes flew out the window early, the team seemed to give up at times. They did rally for a strong finish. Despite being less experienced than last year's team, this year's squad should achieve more and they once again do not have to face either Ohio St or Michigan. Tiller enters his 10th year and his previous high mark for wins in a season at Purdue is 9 and I give him a great shot of at least matching that total.

4. PENN ST- I personally thought Joe Paterno would go out on top with a Big 10 Title and a January bowl win over Bobby Bowden. Last year's team was senior laden and this year they have just 9 starters back, the fewest in the league. They also benefitted from a +2 in net close wins last year. Penn St did outgain league foes by 107.2 ypg (2nd best) and even with the losses, thanks to the LB corps is my #2 rated defense in the conference. They also do not have to play Iowa. I don't think they'll match last year's seven Big 10 wins, especially with a rebuilt O-line and brand-new QB but it should be another highly successful season for Paterro and the Lions.

4. MICHIGAN ST - Mich St appeared on their way to a possible National Title game last year as they upset #10 ND and were 4-0 when they hosted Michigan. A tough OT loss to the Wolves and incredible loss to Ohio St (mostly due to a messed up FG attempt) saw them stunningly drop to 5-6. This year's offense will be among the most potent in the NCAA and the defense figures to be solidly improved. Michigan St is actually capable of winning at Pitt, home vs ND and even at Michigan and Penn St and home vs Ohio St. The largest amount of wins this team has achieved under Smith is 8 and that was in his first season. The Spartans are a bonafide Big 10 Title contender this year.

7. WISCONSIN - If the Badgers weren't so fortunate last season, I would probably have them rated higher as their schedule is very favorable. They only play in four hostile venues (BG neutral site) and avoid Ohio St and Michigan St in Big 10 play. Most of their winnable games are at home. The 2 primary reasons that have me calling for the Badgers to finish 7th in the Big 10 this year is the fact that they only have 11 returning starters (3rd fewest) and they benefitted from +13 in turnovers last year (see page 312). A check of page 299 shows the Badgers were very fortunate in ypp and net close wins as well. They only have my #10 rated offense in the conference. Also keep in mind last year they gave a supreme effort for Alvarez's final season and despite their 5-3 league record, were outgained by 120.4 ypg (2nd worst). All 7 sets of my power ratings call for UW to have a winning season but even with their favorable schedule, they will probably not match last year's five Big 10 wins.

8. MINNESOTA - Minnesota returns their least experienced team in the last four years and plays one of the conference's toughest schedules (no Ill or NW). Winnable games against Purdue, Wisconsin and Michigan St all take place on the road while they must host league powers Iowa, Mich and Penn St. I think Glen Mason is doing a great job with the Gophers and feel that one of these years they'll break through and get to a NY's Day Bowl game but that may not happen until next year when the schedule softens. They also have a big question mark at RB as of this writing.

8. NORTHWESTERN - I have had a good pulse on the Cats for years but last season I picked them near the basement of the Big 10 and they exceeded my expectations with a 5-3 finish. This year's squad looks stronger on defense and the big question is who will replace QB Basanez. In Basanez's first two years the offense only averaged 22.7 and 20.2 ppg in the complex scheme. They are the 3rd most experienced team in the league but benefitted from 3 net close wins last year and almost qualified for my Turnovers=Turnaround (+9). They also do not get to play Indiana in Big 10 play. It's tough picking the Cats this low for a 2nd straight season but they do have a difficult conference schedule this year.

10. ILLINOIS - The Illini finished 0-8 last year in Big 10 play, gave up a Big 10 record 435 points and have just 10 seniors on this year's squad. They also were outgained by 170.5 ypg, the 3rd straight year they were the worst in the league in that total. While it would be easy to slot the Illini last again this season, the 19 returning starters are the most in the Big 10 and they were -11 in turnovers (pg 312). They should be one of the most improved teams in the country and I expect them to at least double last year's win total. Unfortunately they will not move up too far in the conference standings this year as they have a lot of ground to make up.

11. INDIANA - Early wins can give a team confidence and the Hoosiers have the capability of winning their first 6 including their Big 10 opener vs Wisconsin. They have 14 starters back which ties for the 2nd most in the Big 10 and were -8 in turnovers last year. Unfortunately they were also outgained by 115.4 ypg in Big 10 play and get some pretty tough foes at home including Iowa, Michigan and Mich St with most of their winnable games on the road. My biggest question marks for the Hoosiers this year are along the lines where they have my #11 O-line and #11 D-line but if those units gel quickly, the Hoosiers are capable of getting to a bowl despite my low pick for them in the Big 10 standings.

Big Ten Notes: During last season, three B10 coaches achieved 100 or more career wins at their respective B10 schools in Barry Alvarez, Joe Paterno and Lloyd Carr. It was the first time that happened since 1921 when Michigan's Fielding Yost, Chicago's Amos Alonzo-Stagg and Minnesota's Henry Williams all passed the benchmark. The Buckeyes tied Penn St for the Title last year but had the best ypc in the conference outgaining Big 10 foes by an average of 158.8 ypg and also outscored foes by an average of 19.6 ppg, the best mark in the league. PSU outgained B10 foes by 107.2 ypg. Illinois set a B10 record by allowing 435 pts with the old record being 425 by Northwestern. The Big 10 almost every year has the best record in non conf BCS games and did so once again in '05 with a 6-4 (60%) mark. They were 2nd highest with 26-6 (81.3%) vs non conf 1A teams overall missing #1 by less than 1%. Their 41 draft picks were 2nd most among the conf's but they were just 3-4 in bowl games. This season the Big Ten does have 3 legitimate National Title contenders in Ohio St, Michigan and Iowa.

2005 BIG 10 vs BIG 10 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
4	Minnesota	31.9	3	477.0	2	259.3	1	5.1	2	217.8	7	58.7	6	15.0	7	11	3	2	1
6	Northwestern	31.6	4	494.0	1	187.4	5	4.9	3	306.6	1	62.7	3	15.6	4	13	6	9	4
7	Michigan St	29.6	6	474.8	3	188.4	4	4.7	5	286.4	2	64.2	2	16.0	3	14	7	21	8
14	Ohio St	34.4	2	429.9	5	204.4	3	4.6	7	225.5	6	64.8	1	12.5	9	14	7	13	6
15	Penn St	35.3	1	425.1	6	233.1	2	5.4	1	192.0	10	49.3	11	12.1	10	11	3	4	2
21	Michigan	27.4	9	370.3	8	156.9	8	3.9	9	213.4	8	60.2	5	13.5	8	12	5	16	7
22	Iowa	29.0	7	436.9	4	173.4	7	4.7	6	263.5	3	61.0	4	15.1	5	9	1	11	5
23	Purdue	27.8	8	417.8	7	180.0	6	4.8	4	237.8	5	56.3	9	15.1	6	17	10	8	3
29	Wisconsin	30.8	5	358.4	9	109.1	11	2.8	11	249.3	4	57.6	8	11.7	11	10	2	30	11
78	Indiana	19.4	10	326.6	11	114.4	10	3.2	10	212.3	9	54.8	10	16.9	2	21	11	21	8
80	Illinois	11.8	11	329.4	10	148.0	9	4.0	8	181.4	11	57.9	7	28.0	1	15	9	24	10

2005 BIG 10 vs BIG 10 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
1	Ohio St	14.8	1	271.1	1	80.8	1	2.5	1	190.4	1	60.8	8	18.4	10	6	10	28	1
3	Penn St	17.6	2	317.9	2	118.5	2	3.1	2	199.4	2	55.3	2	18.0	9	18	3	26	2
8	Michigan	22.3	4	379.4	3	145.9	4	4.0	5	233.5	5	57.5	6	17.1	8	14	6	12	6
28	Iowa	20.6	3	413.8	5	127.3	3	3.4	3	286.5	11	62.9	9	20.1	11	11	8	15	4
34	Purdue	26.5	5	429.5	6	173.6	5	4.0	4	255.9	9	56.7	4	16.2	6	18	3	20	3
47	Michigan St	30.9	7	404.6	4	195.9	7	5.0	9	208.8	3	63.2	10	13.1	4	15	5	8	10
49	Wisconsin	28.5	6	478.8	10	239.6	10	5.7	11	239.1	7	53.3	1	16.8	7	20	1	10	7
55	Minnesota	34.1	9	433.0	7	184.8	6	4.9	8	248.3	8	55.3	3	12.7	3	5	11	9	8
85	Indiana	37.9	10	442.0	8	214.4	9	4.9	6	227.6	4	56.8	5	11.7	2	13	7	15	4
88	Northwestern	31.8	8	470.1	9	212.4	8	4.9	7	257.8	10	58.6	7	14.8	5	20	1	9	8
104	Illinois	43.9	11	499.9	11	261.3	11	5.4	10	238.6	6	70.5	11	11.4	1	7	9	7	11

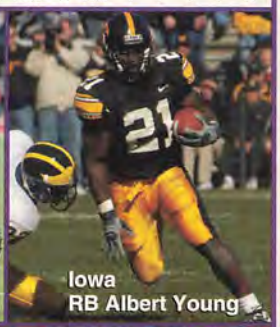
Illinois
LG Martin O'Donnell

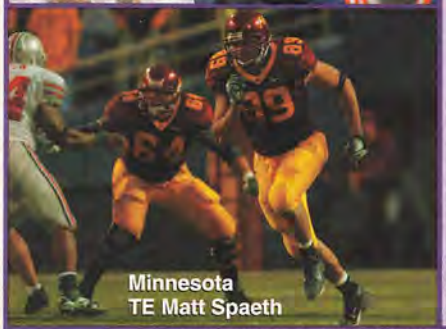
2005 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games				YPG CONF PLAY		
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2005	2004	2003
Penn St	7	1	282	141	11	1	413	204	+107.2	-47.6	-63.6
Ohio St	7	1	275	118	10	2	392	183	+158.8	-58.7	+62.4
Wisconsin	5	3	246	228	10	3	446	309	-120.4	+42.1	+26.9
Iowa	5	3	232	165	7	5	360	240	+23.1	+31.6	-2.3
Michigan	5	3	219	178	7	5	345	244	-9.1	+84.0	+139.1
Northwestern	5	3	253	254	7	5	388	407	+23.9	+6.7	-75.7
Minnesota	4	4	255	273	7	5	429	348	+44.0	+0.7	+138.0
Purdue	3	5	222	212	5	6	330	309	-11.7	+80.5	+92.6
Michigan St	2	6	237	247	5	6	372	316	+70.2	+113.4	-14.1
Indiana	1	7	155	303	4	7	248	361	-115.4	-119.8	-130.8
Illinois	0	8	94	351	2	9	187	435	-170.5	-132.9	-161.3

Coach of the Year: Joe Paterno, Penn St

Indiana
WR James Hardy


Iowa
RB Albert Young


Minnesota
TE Matt Spaeth

2004 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Iowa	7	1	199	125	10	2	292	211
Michigan	7	1	246	182	9	3	370	279
Wisconsin	6	2	167	145	9	3	249	185
Northwestern	5	3	168	198	6	6	295	342
Ohio State	4	4	184	171	8	4	290	219
Purdue	4	4	207	156	7	5	381	206
Michigan St	4	4	253	228	5	7	353	326
Minnesota	3	5	207	199	7	5	361	273
Penn State	2	6	103	124	4	7	195	168
Illinois	1	7	141	248	3	8	240	323
Indiana	1	7	159	258	3	8	262	343

Coach of the Year: Kirk Ferentz, Iowa

2003 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Michigan	7	1	286	150	10	3	460	219
Ohio St	6	2	175	124	11	2	322	229
Purdue	6	2	198	138	9	4	349	226
Iowa	5	3	198	160	10	3	373	210
Minnesota	5	3	285	204	10	3	503	285
Michigan St	5	3	249	191	8	5	363	293
Wisconsin	4	4	226	180	7	6	355	306
Northwestern	4	4	148	202	6	7	263	326
Penn St	1	7	154	190	3	9	233	255
Indiana	1	7	104	279	2	10	177	388
Illinois	0	8	112	317	1	11	203	398

Coach of the Year: John L. Smith, Mich St

Ohio St
RB Antonio Pittman

Michigan St
RB Javon Ringer

2005 BIG 10 CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Troy Smith, Ohio St	237	149	62.9	4	2282	9.6	16	162.7
Drew Stanton, Mich St	354	236	66.7	12	3077	8.7	22	153.4
John Stocco, Wisc	328	197	60.1	9	2920	8.9	21	150.5
Drew Tate, Iowa	352	219	62.2	7	2828	8.0	22	146.3
Bryan Cupito, Minn	297	176	59.3	9	2530	8.5	19	145.9
Brett Basanez, N'wstrn	497	314	63.2	8	3622	7.3	21	135.1
Chad Henne, Mich	382	223	58.4	8	2526	6.6	23	129.6
Michael Robinson, Penn St	311	162	52.1	10	2350	7.6	17	127.2
Blake Powers, Indiana	376	212	56.4	16	2305	6.1	22	118.7
Tim Brasic, Illinois	337	206	61.1	11	1979	5.9	11	114.7
Curtis Painter, Purdue	170	89	52.4	5	932	5.5	3	98.3

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Laurence Maroney, Minn	11	281	1464	5.2	10	133.1
Brian Calhoun, Wisconsin	13	348	1636	4.7	22	125.8
Tyrell Sutton, N'western	12	250	1474	5.9	16	122.8
Albert Young, Iowa	12	249	1334	5.4	8	111.2
Antonio Pittman, Ohio St	12	243	1331	5.5	7	110.9
Gary Russell, Minnesota	12	186	1130	6.1	18	94.2
Tony Hunt, Penn St	12	174	1047	6.0	6	87.3
Javon Ringer, Mich St	11	122	817	6.7	5	74.3
Jerod Void, Purdue	10	130	696	5.4	10	69.6
Chris Taylor, Indiana	11	156	740	4.7	4	67.3
Michael Robinson, Penn St	12	163	806	4.9	11	67.2

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Tamba Hali, Penn St	11	79
AJ Hawk, Ohio St	9.5	72
Mike Kudla, Ohio St	9.5	71
Jay Alford, Penn St	8.5	57
Bobby Carpenter, Ohio St	8	65
Rob Ninkovich, Purdue	8	36
Kenny Iwebema, Iowa	7	38
Victor Adeyanju, Indiana	6.5	51
LaMarr Woodley, Mich	6	57
Steve Davis, Minn	6	35

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Tamba Hali, Penn St	17	86
Rob Ninkovich, Purdue	17	57
AJ Hawk, Ohio St	16.5	85
LaMarr Woodley, Mich	14	67
Mark Zalewski, Wisc	12.5	43
Victor Adeyanju, Indiana	12	63
Mike Kudla, Ohio St	11.5	76
Jay Alford, Penn St	11.5	63
Paul Posluszny, Penn St	11	38
Abdul Hodge, Iowa	11	27

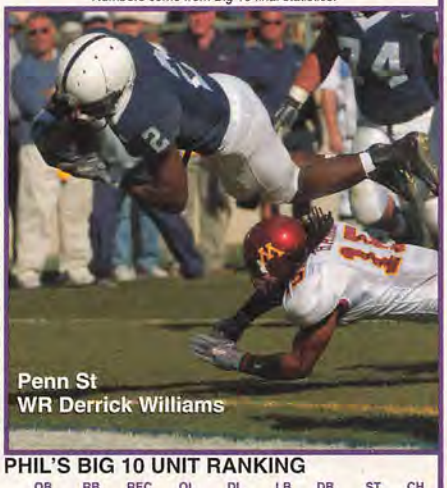
*Numbers come from Big 10 final statistics.

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
James Hardy, Indiana	10	61	893	10	89.3	6.1	14.6
Dorien Bryant, Purdue	11	80	960	4	87.3	7.3	12.0
Brandon Williams, Wisc	13	59	1095	6	84.2	4.5	18.6
Jason Avant, Michigan	12	82	1007	8	83.9	6.8	12.3
Santonio Holmes, Ohio St	12	53	977	11	81.4	4.4	18.4
Shaun Herbert, N'Wstrn	12	79	862	6	71.8	6.6	10.9
Ted Ginn Jr, Ohio St	12	51	803	4	66.9	4.3	15.7
Clinton Solomon, Iowa	12	46	800	7	66.7	3.8	17.4
Jerramy Scott, Mich St	11	49	722	4	65.6	4.5	14.7
Deon Butler, Penn St	11	37	691	9	62.8	3.4	18.7
Kyle Brown, Mich St	9	36	546	2	60.7	4.0	15.2

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Brett Basanez, N'Wstrn	12	113	423	497	3622	4045	337.1
Drew Stanton, Mich St	11	121	338	354	3077	3415	310.5
Michael Robinson, Penn St	12	163	806	311	2350	3156	263.0
Troy Smith, Ohio St	11	136	611	237	2282	2893	263.0
Drew Tate, Iowa	12	44	41	352	2828	2869	239.1
Bryan Cupito, Minn	11	24	30	297	2530	2560	232.7
John Stocco, Wisc	13	86	-32	328	2920	2888	222.2
Blake Powers, Indiana	11	100	121	376	2305	2426	220.5
Tim Brasic, Illinois	11	151	420	337	1979	2399	218.1
Chad Henne, Mich	12	54	25	382	2526	2551	212.6


Penn St
WR Derrick Williams

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Kenneth DeBauche, Wisc	13	57	2555	44.8
Steve Weatherford, Illinois	11	67	2856	42.6
Tyson Beattie, Indiana	11	75	3124	41.7
Brandon Fields, Mich St	11	40	1664	41.6
Jeremy Kapinos, Penn St	12	61	2522	41.3
AJ Trapasso, Ohio St	12	43	1738	40.4
Ryan Pederson, N'Western	11	45	1783	39.6
Dave Brytus, Purdue	11	62	2446	39.5
Justin Kucek, Minnesota	12	37	1456	39.4
Andy Fenstermaker, Iowa	12	49	1885	38.5
Ross Ryan, Michigan	12	52	1992	38.3

Ohio St
DT Quinn Pitcock

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Kyle Schlicher, Iowa	12	17	21	81.0	52
Josh Huston, Ohio St	12	22	28	78.6	47
Garrett Rivas, Michigan	12	19	26	73.1	47
Taylor Mehlhaff, Wisconsin	13	14	20	70.0	46
Kevin Kelly, Penn St	12	16	23	69.6	47
Jason Giannini, Minnesota	11	13	19	68.4	49
Jason Reda, Illinois	10	13	20	65.0	52
Ben Jones, Purdue	11	8	14	57.1	50
Joel Howells, Northwestern	12	11	21	52.4	46
Joe Kleinsmith, Indiana	11	3	6	50.0	39

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Jovon Johnson, Iowa	13	226	1	17.4
Brandon Williams, Wisconsin	26	380	2	14.6
Steve Breaston, Michigan	29	356	0	12.3
Calvin Lowry, Penn St	32	340	0	10.6
Ted Ginn Jr, Ohio St	25	250	1	10.0
Dominic Jones, Minnesota	12	120	0	10.0
Ed Hinkel, Iowa	10	91	0	9.1
Lance Melvin, Purdue	23	194	0	8.4
EB Halsey, Illinois	16	73	0	4.6

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Abdul Hodge, Iowa	12	98	62	158	13.2
Chad Greenway, Iowa	12	95	61	156	13.0
Tim McGarigle, N'western	12	81	75	156	13.0
AJ Hawk, Ohio St	12	69	52	121	10.1
Paul Posluszny, Penn St	12	64	52	116	9.7
Eric Smith, Michigan St	11	72	29	101	9.2
Dan Connor, Penn St	9	38	38	76	8.4
Bernard Pollard, Purdue	11	64	28	92	8.4
Kyle Killion, Indiana	11	63	28	91	8.3
Joe Stellmacher, Wisc	11	48	42	90	8.2

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ted Ginn Jr, Ohio St	18	532	1	29.6
Steve Breaston, Michigan	23	646	1	28.1
Brandon Williams, Wisconsin	22	616	0	28.0
Jakari Wallace, Minnesota	20	540	0	27.0
Demond Williams, Mich St	17	431	1	25.4
Dorien Bryant, Purdue	21	500	1	23.8
Pierre Thomas, Illinois	20	461	0	23.0
Lance Bennett, Indiana	24	544	0	22.7
Gerard Hamlett, N'western	21	468	0	22.3
Santonio Holmes, Ohio St	11	239	0	21.7

PHIL'S BIG 10 UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Ohio State	1	2	1	3	3	3	2	1	1
Michigan	4	1	3	5	2	2	1	2	4
Iowa	3	3	9	4	1	6	7	3	1
Purdue	8	8	5	1	5	5	10	8	7
Penn State	9	5	3	10	5	1	2	4	3
Michigan St	1	5	2	9	7	4	7	5	9
Illinois	6	7	8	6	10	9	11	11	10
Wisconsin	5	10	11	8	4	9	5	6	11
Minnesota	9	8*	6	7	8	7	7	9	6
Northwestern	11	4	9	2	9	8	4	10	5
Indiana	6	11	7	11	11	10	6	6	8

* Higher if RB Russell Returns in fall

OHIO ST BUCKEYES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 Justin Zwick (PS#7) battled Troy Smith (PS#31) for the starting job while Todd Boeckman (PS#30) redshirted. Zwick started 6 and threw for 1,209 (52.4%) with a 6-6 ratio before being injured. Smith stepped in to start the last 6 of the regular season. He had his most memorable performance against Michigan with 145 yards rush and 241 pass becoming the first OSU QB since Rod Gerald (1977) to top 100 rushing in a game. He was suspended for the 2004 bowl and Zwick, despite injury, had a fine game. Smith was also suspended for the '05 opener which put him behind as he did not take many snaps with the #1's in bowl practices or in August. Zwick missed part of August with injury so Boeckman got a lot of snaps with the 1st string. Zwick hit 17 of 23 vs Miami OH and then split time with Smith vs Texas. After Smith led the Bucks to 19 of the team's 22 pts vs the Horns, he won the job starting the final 10. After the first four games, he had just 3 TD's and 2 int's but as he got more comfortable, he became a force. Against Michigan and ND, he combined to hit 46 of 65 (71%) for 321 ypg with a 3-0 ratio and simply led the Big 10 in pass efficiency while also being the team's #2 rusher. Zwick played in 7 and threw for 359 (72.4%). Boeckman hit 5 of 7 for 67. Added to the mix this year is Rob Schoenhoft (6-6 225 rFr, PS#12) who has a big arm and may pass Boeckman for #3. If Smith continues to progress, he should be one of the top QB's in the country.

RUNNING BACKS - The Buckeyes did not have a 1,000 yard rusher in 2003 or 2004 and in fact Lydell Ross led with just 475 (4.1) in '04. Antonio Pittman (PS#19), who has 4.4 speed, was the leading returnee with 381 (5.3). In 2005 Pittman was a workout warrior adding 20 lbs and became just the third soph in school history to top 1,000 with 1,331 (5.5). He had zero TD's after 7 games but then had 7 in the last 5 as he became the 23rd 1,000 yard rusher in OSU history. Speedster Erik Haw (PS#18, 4.21 spd), who was in the coaches doghouse, had just 61 (4.4). Converted FB Brandon Schnittker was 2nd string but missed the final 4 and rushed for just 47 (2.6). True frosh Maurice Wells (PS#11) only averaged 3.3 ypc with 199 yards but most of his carries came late when opponents knew they would run. The Buckeyes add PS#1 RB Chris Wells who has the best size and speed of the backs and gives them one of the top RB duo's in the country. Adding depth are Shaun Lane (5-10 180 So, PS#51DB), Joe Gantz (6-0 203 rFr) and FB's Ryan Franzinger (6-1 250 Sr) and Matt Daniels (5-7 205 So). It will be interesting to see if Pittman can join Archie Griffin, Tim Spencer, Keith Byars and Eddie George as the only backs in OSU history to have two 1,000 yard seasons.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 the Buckeyes had to replace a 1st, 3rd and 5th round DC from this unit but last year returned all of their top receivers. Santonio Holmes was clearly the most polished WR and led with 55 rec's (14.0) in 2004 while Ted Ginn Jr, who was just learning the position, had 25 (14.4). Roy Hall (PS#15) added 17 and Anthony Gonzalez, who has 4.29 speed, had 8 (22.4) as a rFr. In 2005 TE Ryan Hamby dropped a key pass vs Texas then got injured and missed the last 4 regular season games. He finished with 9 (9.4). Ginn got off to a slow start but had 23 rec in the final 4 and had a great bowl game with 254 yards of total offense. He finished #2 with 51 (15.7). Holmes led again with 977 yards and an impressive 18.4 ypc but opted to leave early for the NFL draft (#1DC PIT). Gonzalez had a huge catch vs Michigan (don't ask Lloyd Carr about that) on their final drive and finished with 28 (13.3). Marcel Frost (PS#8) filled in well at TE (7, 10.0). This year they lose Holmes and Hamby and while the top WR is gone, this unit still has outstanding size and speed with Ginn being one of the most explosive playmakers in the game.

OFFENSIVE LINE - One would expect OSU, which garnered a reputation of "3 yards and a cloud of dust" under Woody Hayes, to have a top-notch running game on a yearly basis. Surprisingly their best ypc rushing since 1998 had been 4.3 in 2002. They had four OL starters back in 2003 but the O-line only paved the way for 3.3 ypc while allowing 33 sacks. In 2004 they had to replace four starters but surprisingly improved to 4.0 ypc with just 23 sacks allowed with 3 of the top 10 as walk-ons. Last year they had 4 starters back and finally lived up to the type of O-line you would expect. They opened holes for 4.7 ypc rush while allowing just 18 sacks (6.0%). Of course, having a mobile QB like Troy Smith aided those numbers. This year they lose RG Rob Sims (#4DC SEA, 12 st, 1st Tm B10, 4 yr st'r), C Nick Mangold (#1DC NYJ, 2nd Tm B10, 12 st, 3 yr st'r) and backups LG John Conroy, C Steve Winner and G Andree Tyree. Starting LT Doug Datish moved to C in the spring but may end up at OG to make room for Jim Cordle. True frosh Alex Boone, who started the last 4 at RT, should contend for AA honors and now 9 of the top 10 are VHT's. Despite being a little less experienced, they should be just as strong.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003, with a veteran D-line, the Bucks allowed a paltry 62 ypg rush (2.0). In 2004 they had to replace a #1 and two #3 DC's and the inexperienced D-line allowed 130 ypg and 3.5 ypc with the D recording just 24 sacks. Last year they had to replace just one starter and with an excellent LB corps behind them, led the nation allowing just 73 ypg rush (2.2). This year they lose DT Marcus Green (12 st, 37 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 2 yr st'r) and DE Mike Kudla (1st Tm B10, 41 tkl, 9.5 sk, 12 st, 555 lb bench). Six of the top 8 return and DE David Patterson moves inside. This is a unit loaded with VHT's and is almost as experienced as 2005.

LINEBACKERS - The Buckeyes had the best LB corps in the country last year including 3 players who had led a Div IA team in tackles. Anthony Schlegel, who led Air Force in tackles in 2002, was a 2 year starter and #2 with 82 tackles. AJ Hawk, who was 1st Tm AA and the Lombardi winner, was the Big 10 Def POY with 121 tackles and 9.5 sacks. Bobby Carpenter (2nd Tm B10) had 11 starts with 8 sacks until he broke his foot in the first defensive play of the game vs Michigan. Unfortunately this year all three are off to the NFL (two 1st rounders and one 3rd) and played almost all of the minutes. This is still a very deep group with Kerr leading Indiana in tackles in 2002, Marcus Freeman (PS#8), Mike D'Andrea (PS#1) and Larry Grant (PS#10JC) are all capable of earning Big 10 honors. This unit will clearly be down a few notches.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Buckeyes had to replace a #1 and #4 DC in 2004 but still moved up to #17 in my pass D rankings. Last year they only had to replace a #3DC and two backups. Since 1997 the Buckeyes have had 5 CB's end up as 1st round DC's and 18 DB's drafted overall. Surprisingly the Bucks only finished #23 in my pass D rankings snagging just six int's while allowing just 8 TD passes. This year the losses are heavier as gone are FS Nate Salley (#4DC CAR, 12 st, 43 tkl, 1st Tm B10, 3 yr st'r), CB Tyler Everett (8 st, 33 tkl, 2 yr st'r), SS Donte Whitner (#1DC BUF, 12 st, 73 tkl, 9 tfl, 1st Tm B10), CB Ashton Youboty (#3DC BUF, 12 st, 1st Tm B10, 9 pbu, 56 tkl, 2 yr st'r) and SS Rob Harley (5 tkl). This has the makings of a solid secondary but it is clearly less experienced than in 2005.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jim Tressel has been quoted as saying that the punt is the most important play in football and OSU has recorded three #1 finishes in my ST rankings ('95, '98 and '04). Last year they had to replace their Lou Groza winner Mike Nugent as well as outstanding P Kyle Turano (39.2 net) and top KR. As usual, Tressel formed an outstanding group and the Buckeyes finished #4 in my ST rankings. New K Josh Huston (PS#10) should have won the Lou Groza Award. He hit 22 of 28 FG's with misses from 50, 49, 46 and 46 and also had an amazing 54 TB's on 77 KO's. New P AJ Trapasso (PS#30) had an outstanding net of 37.6 and opponents had just 63 yards (5.2) in PR's. Ted Ginn Jr, as expected, averaged an outstanding 29.6 on KR's and 10.0 on PR's. The only losses are Huston and Santonio Holmes (12.8 PR, 21.7 KR). Ryan Pretorius is a former rugby player with a huge leg that could be the third straight 1st Tm Big 10 kicker here. The Bucks could grab their fourth special teams title.

COACHES - In Jim Tressel's 2nd year, he won a National Championship and became the first coach to win an NCAA Title at both the IAA and IA levels. He was the Div IA Coach of the Year in 2002 and now enters his sixth season as does his OC Jim Bollman. In 2004 DC Mark Dantonio took over as the HC at Cincinnati and last spring the DC Mark Snyder took the head job at Marshall (with Tressel's blessing). Last year they used co-DC's Jim Heacock and Luke Fickell. DB coach Tim Beckman was BG's DC ('99-'04) and was a Broyles Award finalist in 2001. Tressel is not only 4-1 vs Michigan and in bowls (4 consecutive bowl wins), but he was 22-6 in playoff games in IAA ball.

WR Ted Ginn, Jr.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Ohio St actually finished outside the AP Top 25 for 3 straight years prior to 2002. Before the 2002 season, I rated Ohio St #7 which was far higher than almost every other source. I called them a surprise team and darkhorse contender for the National Title. Only two other preseason magazines (besides mine) even picked OSU to win the Big 10. Instead they simply took home their first National Championship since 1968 (when Woody Hayes won his 3rd) and defeated Miami in the Fiesta Bowl. They became the first team in major college history to compile 14 wins but won 7 games by 7 points or less. In 2003 they had the Maurice Clarett situation hanging over their head but still had a chance to get to the National Title game before they lost to Michigan. The Buckeyes finished 11-2 including a rout of K-St in the Fiesta Bowl. In 2004 the Bucks set a record for NFL DC's as they had 14 DC's in 7 rounds (the previous high had been 11). As you would expect, OSU stumbled to an 8-4 record. In Big 10 play they were actually just 4-4 and were outgained by 58.7 ypg. Jim Tressel's teams always have relied on defense and special teams and the highest they finished on offense in the Big 10 rankings prior to 2005 was #8. Last year the Bucks moved up to the #5 offense in the Big 10. The defense was clearly #1 and was even better than their impressive stats (see Hardcore). They suffered a tough loss at home (at night) vs Texas dropping a TD pass with 5:20 left and settling for 5 FG's losing a 22-16 lead. Their other loss came at Penn St (at night) where they had a 230-195 yard edge. They caught a break vs Mich St with a blocked FG for a TD with no time left in the 1H and instead of trailing 20-7, only trailed 17-14 and rallied for the win. They thrashed #25 Northwestern 48-7 and outgained Michigan 418-255, rallying in the 4Q for a win in Ann Arbor. They beat ND in the Fiesta Bowl with a 617-348 yard edge. The Bucks came within a few plays of an undefeated season despite being -9 in turnovers! This will be a different Buckeye team this year, relying more on offense where they have 7 starters back with just two returning on the defense. Everyone wants to get Tempe on Jan. 8th and Arizona is becoming a 2nd home to the Bucks as they have won 3 of the last 4 Fiesta Bowls. The Buckeyes had an amazing 5 players picked in the 1st round of the draft and score 49 points in my NFL Draft Day Party Hangover (pg 308). The Buckeyes do have extremely difficult road games at Texas and Iowa (both maybe at night), but their defense will be better than expected and that makes them a National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 10 TROY SMITH SR. 6-1 215 **PS#31**. 16 st, 2Y, 3178 (60.4%) 24-7 ratio, 1123 rush. **12** Justin Zwick (6-4 225 Sr) **PS#7**. 8 st, 1592 (57%) 7-7 ratio, 173 rush 3Y.

RB 25 ANTONIO PITTMAN JR. 5-11 195 **PS#19**. 381 (5.3) as true. 12 st LY, **1331 (5.5).** **28 Chris Wells PS#1. In for spring.** **34** Maurice Wells (5-10 190 So) **PS#11**. 199 (3.3) as true.

WR 8 Roy Hall Sr. 6-3 240 **PS#15**. 7 st, 39 (11.1) 3Y. **80** Brian Robiskie (6-3 190 So) PS#48. **FB 89** Stan White (6-3 242 Sr) PS#18LB. **49** Dionte Johnson (6-0 250 Jr) PS#112LB.

WR 11 ANTHONY GONZALEZ JR. 6-0 195 **PS#25. 4.29 spd.** 8 st LY, 28 (13.3). **14** Brian Hartline (6-3 180 rFr) PS#44. **82** Devin Jordan (6-2 205 Jr) **PS#22**. Raymond Small **PS#14DB.**

WR 7 TED GINN JR. 6-0 175 **PS#1DB. 4.22 spd.** 6 st true, 25 rec, 896 all-purp yds. 12 st LY, 51 (15.7), 782 ret yd. **5** Albert Dukes (6-1 190 So) PS#89. **19** Derek Harden (6-1 215 Sr).

TE 81 Marcel Frost Jr. 6-5 255 **PS#8**. 4 st, 7 rec LY. **88** Rory Nicol (6-5 260 So) **PS#13WR**. 1 st, 3 rec true. RS LY. **87** Brandon Smith (6-3 240 So) PS#227LB. 5 rec LY.

C 64 Jim Cordle rFr. 6-5 275 **PS#24**. **54** Tyler Whaley (6-1 270 So). **76** Drew Parry (6-2 295 So). **LS 58** Drew Norman (6-0 230 Sr). **56** Dimitrios Makridis (6-1 225 Jr).

RG 72 TJ DOWNING SR. 6-5 305 **PS#74**. 2 st LG '04. 12 st RG LY. **63** Ben Person (6-4 315 So) **PS#25**. **79** Jon Skinner (6-5 300 So) **PS#84**. **52** Josh Kerr (6-4 275 rFr).

LG 50 DOUG DATISH SR. 6-5 295 **PS#11**. 11 st '04 (10 LG). 12 st LT LY. **71** Steve Rehring (6-8 329 So) **PS#46**. 1 st true. **68** Tim Schafer (6-5 290 Sr) PS#60DL. **5 st RT '04.**

RT 74 KIRK BARTON JR. 6-7 325 **PS#98**. Last 7 st at RT rFr. 8 st RT until inj LY. **67** Kyle Mitchum (6-6 295 So) **PS#6**. **65** Doug Ebner (6-4 285 So). Andrew Moses (6-3 267 rFr).

LT 75 Alex Boone So. 6-8 315 **PS#2OL**. 4 st RT true. #1 LT in spg. **77** Connor Smith (6-5 295 Fr) **PS#6**. In for spg. **78** Daniel Dye (6-3 271 Jr). Bryant Browning is PS#39.

K 85 Ryan Pretorius So. 5-10 190 27 yrs old. S African. Big leg. 55 yd FG in '05 scrimmage. **20** Aaron Pettrey (6-1 184 rFr) PS#36. **39** Andrew Good (5-10 185 Jr) PS#37. WV trans.

DE 99 Jay Richardson Sr. 6-6 276 PS#70. 6 st '04, 15 tkl. 11 tkl, 2 sk LY. **84** Doug Worthington (6-7 250 rFr) **PS#12LB.** **78** Alex Barrow (6-4 255 So). **91** Ryan Williams (6-6 245 rFr) PS#58.

DT 97 DAVID PATTERSON SR. 6-3 285 **PS#11**. 4 st, 5 tfl '04. 9 st LY, 24 tkl, 4 sk. **95** Sian Cotton (6-4 315 Jr) PS#28. **93** Nader Abdallah (6-5 300 So) PS#69. **92** Brett Daly (6-7 250 Jr).

DT 90 QUINN PITCOCK SR. 6-3 295 **PS#11**. 11 st, 49 tkl, 8 tfl '04. 12 st LY, 28 tkl, 3 tfl. **98** Joel Penton (6-5 290 Sr) PS#51. 25 tkl, 3.5 tfl 2Y. **96** Juan Garnier (6-4 330 Sr) Auburn trans.

DE 87 Lawrence Wilson So. 6-6 225 PS#52. 2 tkl true. **50** Vernon Gholston (6-4 260 So) PS#59LB, 2 gm (inj). **92** Todd Denlinger (6-3 265 rFr) PS#23. Robert Rose is **PS#10.**

WLB 1 Marcus Freeman So. 6-2 230 **PS#8**. 4 tkl true. RS LY. **38** Austin Spitler (6-3 228 rFr) PS#119. Ross Homan **PS#14**. **46** Chad Hoobler (6-3 240 Jr) PS#4TE. 6 tkl 2Y.

MLB 52 John Kerr Sr. 6-1 246 PS#81. 12 st Indiana as true, 114 tkl, 6 tfl, **B10 Frosh Tm**. 14 tkl here LY. **5 Mike D'Andrea** (6-3 248 Sr) **PS#1**. 44 tkl, 7 tfl, 3 years (inj).

SLB 41 Larry Grant Jr. 6-3 225 **PS#10JC**. Florida transfer. **33** James Laurinaitis (6-3 231 So) PS#74. 1 st, 9 tkl true. **55** Curtis Terry (6-2 220 Jr) 2 tkl rFr. Mark Johnson PS#18.

CB 13 Andre Amos rFr. 6-1 180 PS#59WR. **20** Donald Washington (6-1 185 rFr) PS#62WR. **19** Brandon Underwood (6-2 170 So) PS#28. **24** Michael Roberts (5-11 185 Sr) PS#37.

CB 2 Malcolm Jenkins So. 6-1 180 PS#72WR. 5 st true, 37 tkl, 2 pbu. **30** Sirjo Welch (6-0 185 Jr) PS#18. 20 tkl 2Y. **29** Kurt Coleman PS#17. **14** Antonio Smith (5-9 195 Sr). 12 gms.

SS 3 Jamario O'Neal So. 6-1 180 **PS#9**. 2 tkl, 11 gm true. **37** Anderson Russell (6-0 190 rFr) PS#168RB. **36** Curt Lukens (6-3 215 Jr) **PS#29**. 39"VL. DNP '04 (inj). 1 tkl LY.

FS 32 Brandon Mitchell Sr. 6-3 205 PS#98WR. 3 st, 19 tkl rFr. 2 st, 15 tkl '04. 2 st, 12 tkl LY. **35** Nick Patterson (6-2 210 So) PS#54WR. 6 tkl. **18 Devon Lyons** (6-4 214 So) **PS#11**. 1 st, 2 rec '04.

P 15 AJ TRAPASSO SO. 6-1 220 PS#30. 43 punts as a rFr, 40.4 average, **37.6 net.** **48** John Thoma (6-1 190 rFr). **84** Evan Jablonka (6-0 195 rFr). **44** Jason Weihrauch (6-2 190 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Chris Wells 6-1 225 PS#1
OL	Connor Smith 6-5 295 PS#6
LB	Thaddeus Gibson 6-3 220 PS#8DL
LB	Larry Grant 6-3 225 PS#10JC
DL	Robert Rose 6-4 245 PS#10
LB	Ross Homan 6-1 237 PS#14
WR	Raymond Small 6-0 175 PS#14DB
TE	Jake Ballard 6-7 255 PS#6
DB	Kurt Coleman 5-11 185 PS#17
LB	Mark Johnson 6-4 230 PS#18
QB	Antonio Henton 6-2 210 PS#25
OL	Bryant Browning 6-4 328 PS#39
DL	Dexter Larimore 6-3 275 PS#80
DB	Tyler Moeller 6-1 205 PS#70
DB	Grant Schwartz 6-0 200 PS#116
DL	Walter Dublin 6-3 225 PS#133
DB	Chimidi Chekwa 6-1 180 PS#130
TE	Andy Miller 6-6 250 PS#49
RB	Aram Olson 6-2 252 PS#216
DB	Aaron Gant 6-0 205 PS#307

OHIO ST BUCKEYES

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JIM TRESSEL (Career 50-13) (Div IAA 135-57-2)
6th Year at Ohio St
Tressel's SU Bowl Record: 4-1

Tressel's records AT OHIO STATE

50-13	Straight Up	20-12-1	Home Favorite
30-27-1	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Underdog
7-4	Off A SU Loss	7-11	Away Favorite
22-17-1	Vs Conference	2-3	Away Underdog
8-10	Vs Non-Conf	1-3	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (10-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 2

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (21,20,2)
Lost: 17 (6,10,1)

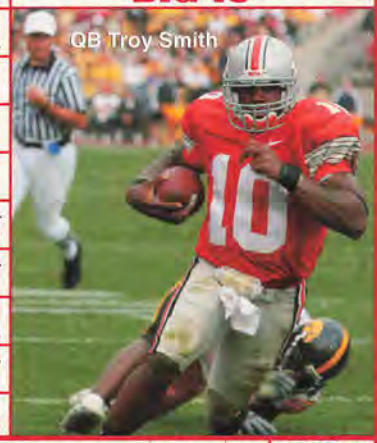
2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 105,017

BIG 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#17

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Northern Illinois	G						Since 2001, Tressel is 13-7 SU in 1H of Big 10 games but 17-3 SU in 2H! In 20 years as a HC (IAA & IA) Tressel has won 5 championships! Buckeyes are 5-10 ATS the last 15 games as a 20 pt or more favorite.
Sep. 9	at Texas	G						Ohio St is 19-1 SU & 3-6 ATS all-time vs current MAC members. OSU is 13-0 SU & 11-2 ATS in the 1st home game of the season since '93.
Sep. 16	Cincinnati	G						Ohio St is 8-3 ATS their last 11 games after a SU victory. During the regular season OSU is 22-4-1 SU but 5-8 ATS vs the Big 12.
Sep. 23	Penn St	G						This in-state series began in 1893 w/OSU leading 12-2 SU (1-2 ATS). Cincy HC Dantonio was the DC at OSU from 2001-'03 including their National Title.
Sep. 30	at Iowa	G						Ohio St is 17-3 SU & 14-5-1 ATS in Big 10 home games under Tressel. The last 5 games between these two teams have been decided by 27 pts.
Oct. 7	Bowling Green	G						Buckeyes are 5-11 ATS in Big 10 road games the last 4 years. Ohio St is 11-2-1 SU & 11-3 ATS the last 14 games vs Iowa.
Oct. 14	at Michigan St	G						Buckeyes are 3-0 SU but 0-3 ATS vs the Falcons, avg just 40 ppg combined. OSU needed an int at their 28 w/ no time left to preserve the win in 2003.
Oct. 21	Indiana	G						Tressel is 3-0 SU & ATS vs John L. Smith's Michigan St squads. The home team in this series is 3-8 ATS since 1991.
Oct. 28	Minnesota (HC)	G						Ohio St is 14-0-1 SU & 10-4-1 ATS vs Indiana since 1989. All-time Ohio St has held Indiana to just 9.9 ppg.
Nov. 4	at Illinois	A						The home team is just 2-9 ATS since 1991 in this series. Since 1969, Ohio St has dominated Minnesota with a 31-2 SU record.
Nov. 11	at Northwestern	G						Under Tressel, the Buckeyes are 15-3 SU & 11-6-1 ATS in November gms. Including the '04 Alamo Bowl, OSU is a perfect 4-0 SU & ATS on art turf the L2Y.
Nov. 18	Michigan	G						Last visit to Evanston, OSU was upset in OT snapping a 24 gm winning streak vs NU. The home team is 10-1-1 ATS since 1990 in this series.
Nov. 25								Under Cooper ('88-'00) OSU went 2-10-1 SU & 6-7 ATS vs Michigan. The L5Y under Tressel, OSU is 4-1 SU & ATS w/2 outright upsets vs UM.
								Bonus: After 2 consecutive AG's the next wk OSU is 8-0 SU & 7-1 ATS in C-bus S/'99. Bonus: Ohio St is 9-3 ATS the last 12 Homecoming games.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Art Schlichter 7,547 1978-'81
Rushing: Archie Griffin 5,589 1972-'75 Receiving: Michael Jenkins 2,898 2000-'03



STADIUM: OHIO STADIUM (101,568)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	8-3	7-4	13-0	10-2	7-4	9-2	60-21
Home	5-2	4-2	4-2	8-0	8-0	5-1	6-1	40-8
Away	1-4	4-1	3-2	5-0	2-2	2-3	3-1	20-13
ATS	5-7	5-6	5-6	7-6	4-7-1	6-5	8-3	40-40-1
Home Fav	3-4	2-4	2-3	7-1	3-4-1	3-2	5-2	25-20-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1
Away Fav	0-1	3-1	2-1	0-5	1-2	1-2	3-1	10-13
Away Dog	2-2	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	4-6
Favorite	3-5	5-5	4-4	7-6	4-6-1	4-4	8-3	35-33-1
Dog	2-2	0-1	1-2	0-0	0-1	2-1	0-0	5-7
Grass	4-6	4-5	4-6	7-4	3-5-1	6-5	5-3	33-34-1
Artificial	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-2	0-0	3-0	7-6
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	5-3	3-5	3-4-1	4-4	7-1	29-26-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-1	0-3	4-1	1-3	2-1	1-2	11-14
Off SU Win	1-5	3-5	2-4	6-6	2-7-1	3-3	6-2	23-32-1
Off SU Loss	4-1	1-1	3-1	0-0	1-0	2-2	1-1	12-6

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Antonio Pittman	243	1360	29	1331	7	5.5
Troy Smith	136	722	111	611	11	4.5
Maurice Wells	61	221	22	199	1	3.3
Ted Ginn Jr	12	100	17	83	1	6.9
Erik Haw	14	61	0	61	1	4.4
Brandon Schnittker	18	47	0	47	2	2.6
Justin Zwick	12	46	21	25	0	2.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Troy Smith	237	149	62.9	2282	16	4
Justin Zwick	58	42	72.4	359	1	1
Todd Boeckman	7	5	71.4	67	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Santonio Holmes	53	977	18.4	11	85
Ted Ginn Jr	51	803	15.7	4	73
Anthony Gonzalez	28	373	13.3	3	29
Antonio Pittman	17	161	9.5	0	21
Roy Hall	16	134	8.4	0	22
Ryan Hamby	9	85	9.4	0	27
Marcel Frost	7	70	10.0	0	17
Brandon Smith	5	30	6.0	0	16
Albert Dukes	2	28	14.0	0	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
AJ Trapasso	43	1738	40.4	13	37.6	0	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Josh Huston	44-45	11-12	6-6	5-8	0-2	22-28	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
AJ Hawk	121	9.5	7	3	1
Anthony Schlegel	82	2	5	1	0
Donte Whitner	73	4	5	6	2
Ashton Youboty	56	1	5	9	1
Bobby Carpenter	49	8	2.5	2	0
Nate Salley	43	0	1.5	6	1
Mike Kudla	41	9.5	2	0	0
Marcus Green	37	1	3.5	0	0
Malcolm Jenkins	37	0	0	2	0
Tyler Everett	33	1	0	2	0
Quinn Pitcock	28	1	2	0	0
David Patterson	24	4	3.5	0	0
John Kerr	14	0	0	0	0
Joel Penton	12	0	1.5	0	0
Brandon Mitchell	12	0	0	0	1
Jay Richardson	11	2	0	2	0
James Laurinaitis	9	0	0.5	0	0
Antonio Smith	6	0	0	1	0
Nick Patterson	6	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ted Ginn Jr	25	250	10.0	1
Santonio Holmes	11	141	12.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ted Ginn Jr	18	532	29.6	1
Santonio Holmes	11	239	21.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Outback	+1	South Carolina - #14	28-31	L
02	Fiesta	+11'	Miami, Fl - #1 (2OT)	31-24	W
03	Fiesta	+7	Kansas St - #8	35-28	W
04	Alamo	+3'	Oklahoma St	33-7	W
05	Fiesta	-4'	Notre Dame - #5	34-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Ohio St's All-Time SU Bowl Record 18-19

OHIO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	32.7	21	197	4.7	226	64.9	12.9	-9	2005	9	15.2	16	73	2.2	208	60.7	18.4
5	24.2	16	145	4.0	175	53.5	13.3	-1	2004	4	18.3	19	130	3.5	202	55.8	18.2
8*	24.8	17	126	3.3	206	56.8	13.4	+1	2003	6	17.6	19	62	2.0	235	57.9	16.9
5	29.3	18	191	4.3	173	61.8	12.4	+13	2002	7	13.1	17	78	2.6	243	57.7	24.5
5*	26.0	19	180	3.9	191	51.7	14.3	+9	2001	6	20.3	18	139	3.6	197	51.9	16.5
7*	27.6	19	156	3.7	205	52.3	13.1	+8	2000	7	18.5	18	102	2.7	223	54.0	17.6

2005 STATS BY GAME

OSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#6	Miami, Oh	24	36-160	4.4	22-30	222	1	21	30-48	1.6	24-44	250	5	0
#4	Texas	13	36-111	3.1	14-26	144	3	19	38-112	2.9	18-29	270	3	+2
#9	San Diego St	21	46-179	3.9	23-36	196	0	3	19-13	0.7	14-22	166	3	-1
#8	Iowa	26	60-314	5.2	14-21	216	1	12	18-(-9)	-0.5	22-39	146	5	-1
#6	at Penn St	16	40-91	2.3	13-25	139	5	11	37-117	3.2	11-20	78	0	-2
#15	Michigan St	13	26-137	5.3	10-15	249	0	27	51-116	2.3	26-36	340	12	-4
#14	at Indiana	22	48-240	5.0	15-24	238	4	8	26-42	1.6	15-33	95	3	0
#12	at Minnesota	22	43-216	5.0	14-20	233	1	23	42-182	4.3	26-36	396	0	+1
#12	Illinois	24	46-202	4.4	16-25	324	0	9	33-68	2.1	18-24	92	5	-1
#10	Northwestern	23	54-317	5.9	9-15	105	1	16	29-98	3.4	18-40	153	2	+1
#9	at Michigan	25	35-118	3.4	27-37	300	1	17	24-32	1.3	25-37	223	1	-2
#4	† Notre Dame	27	36-275	7.6	19-28	342	1	22	28-62	2.2	29-45	286	5	-2
TOTALS		256	506-2360	4.7	196-302	2708	18	188	375-881	2.3	246-405	2495	44	-9
AVERAGES		21.3	42-197	4.7	16-25	226	1.5	15.7	31-73	2.3	21-34	208	3.7	-0.8

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-25	28-14	L
at UCLA - #14	+6'	6-13	L
at Indiana	-9'	27-14	W
Northwestern - #14	-3	38-20	W
Wisconsin	-11	17-20	L
San Diego St	-22'	27-12	L
at Penn St	-6'	27-29	L
at Minnesota	-2	31-28	W
Purdue	-6	35-9	W
Illinois - #12	+1'	22-34	L
at Michigan - #11	+8'	26-20	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas Tech	-6	45-21	W
Kent St	-28'	51-17	W
Wash St - #10	-7	25-7	W
† Cincinnati	-18'	23-19	L
Indiana	-29'	45-17	L
at Northwestern	-25	27-16	L
San Jose St	-28'	50-7	W
at Wisconsin	-7	19-14	L
Penn St - #18	-4'	13-7	W
Minnesota - #23	-13'	34-3	W
at Purdue	-5'	10-6	L
at Illinois	-8'	23-16 OT	L
Michigan - #12	-4	14-9	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington - #17	-9	28-9	W
San Diego St	-30'	16-13	L
NC State - #24	-9'	44-38 3OT	L
Bowling Green	-12'	24-17	L
Northwestern	-20'	20-0	L
at Wisconsin - #23	-2'	10-17	L
Iowa - #9	-3'	19-10	W
at Indiana	-20'	35-6	W
at Penn St	-7	21-20	L
Michigan St - #14	-6'	33-23	W
Purdue - #11	-3	16-13 OT	T
at Michigan - #5	+7	21-35	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Cincinnati	-14	27-6	W
Marshall	-16'	24-21	L
at NC State	+2'	22-14	W
at Northwestern	-11	27-33 OT	L
Wisconsin - #15	-4	13-24	L
at Iowa	-1	7-33	L
Indiana	-13'	30-7	W
Penn St	-6'	21-10	W
at Michigan St	-2	32-19	W
at Purdue	+6	17-24	L
Michigan - #7	+5'	37-21	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	-15	34-14	W
Texas - #2	-1'	22-25	L
San Diego St	-27'	27-6	L
Iowa - #21	-7'	31-6	W
at Penn St - #16	-3'	10-17	L
Michigan St - #16	-6'	35-24	W
at Indiana	-15'	41-10	W
at Minnesota	-3'	45-31	W
Illinois	-34'	40-2	W
Northwestern - #25	-19'	48-7	W
at Michigan - #17	-3	25-21	W

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Of the 101 QB's that were in the NFL last year, five (including Tom Brady) were from Michigan, which is the most of any NCAA team. Matt Gutierrez (PS#12) was supposed to be the starting QB in 2004 but was injured prior to the opener. True frosh Chad Henne (PS#1) started all 12 throwing for 2,743 (60%) with a 25-12 ratio. His remarkable performance was the best statistically for a true frosh QB in Big 10 history. He was, of course, helped out by Braylon Edwards who caught 20 of the team's 25 passes of 20+ yards adding 15 TD rec. Henne struggled at times in 2005 throwing for 2,526 (58.4%) with a 23-8 ratio. While he threw the game winning TD pass vs Penn St, he also fumbled into the EZ late 4Q vs ND and coughed it up late in the bowl loss to Nebraska. He finished the season just #7 in the Big 10's pass efficiency ratings. Gutierrez played in 3 throwing for 133 yards. Jeff Kastl (6-3 222 Sr, PS#141) played in 2 with 1 pass. Gutierrez opted to transfer to Idaho St so the backup will be Jason Forcier (PS#42). I look for improved numbers out of Henne as a junior.

RUNNING BACKS - Michigan has averaged over 4.0 ypc rushing just twice in the previous 10 years. Chris Perry helped them accomplish that in 2003 by rushing for 1,674 (5.0) and took home the school's first Doak Walker Award (#1 DC). True frosh Mike Hart nearly became the 5th UM back to top 1,500 yards as he rushed for 1,455 (5.2) starting the last 8 in 2004. Max Martin (PS#21) was #2 with 132 (4.1). Hart lost 6 lbs and added muscle but unfortunately suffered an injury-plagued year. When healthy, Hart, who is also an excellent blocker, had 218 vs Mich St but played in just 8 and was 100% for just a handful. He also rushed for just 662 yards. True frosh Kevin Grady (PS#2), who is 216 lbs with 4.43 speed, had 483 (4.0). Martin rushed for 226 (4.3). Jerome Jackson (5-11 200 Sr) rushed for 44 yards in the 4Q but he missed the last 2 and had just 228 (4.2). Alijah Bradley (5-6 171 Sr) rushed for 83 yards (4.4). Martin opted to transfer to Alabama but the other 3 return. Those not listed in the 2 deep below include FB Andre Criswell (6-1 254 rFr), TB Mister Simpson (5-10 210 rFr, PS#55) and this year's two VHT true frosh including Carlos Brown (PS#12) who was in for the spring. If Hart stays healthy, this should be a much improved RB corps and I look for a bigger contribution from Grady as well.

RECEIVERS - The Wolverines have had plenty of NFL-caliber WR's. Last year Braylon Edwards departed as the career leader in rec's, receiving yards and TD's breaking records set by Marquise Walker and Anthony Carter. He was the #1DC of CLE. He was missed as a deep threat especially early in the year when UM struggled with a 3-3 record. Jason Avant emerged and finished with 82 (12.3). True frosh Mario Manningham (PS#6) finished #2 with 27 (16.0) including his clutch TD catch on the last play vs Penn St. Steve Breaston (PS#43), who is a dangerous returnman, added 26 rec. This year they must replace Avant (#4DC PHI, 12 st, 1st Tm B10, Tm MVP) and TE Tim Massaquoi (#7DC TB, 9 st, 11 rec). Also at the end of the year, true frosh Antonio Bass (PS#22DB) became a threat both receiving (8) and rushing (81 yds) attempting 1 pass. Unfortunately he tore his ACL in the spring and is doubtful for '06. Not listed in the 3 deep below are LaTerryal Savoy (6-2 203 rFr, PS#33) and Ben Wright (5-9 193 Jr). Despite the loss of their top guy, this may be an improved receiving corps.

WR Mario Manningham

OFFENSIVE LINE - UM's OL paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing in 2003 allowing 15 sacks during the regular season but allowed 9 in the bowl. In 2004 they had to replace two starters and a backup. Surprisingly the ypc dropped to 3.8 and the sack total rose to 29. They played better at the end of the year when AA LG David Bass was moved to C. Last year they had to replace Bass (#2DC SF, Big 10 OL Yr) but did return 4 starters and 7 overall with starting experience. Unfortunately top RT Jake Long hurt his ankle in August and the team's best run blocker only started four games. His backup, Mike Kolodziej, got in one start but went down to injury so LG Rueben Riley moved to RT and started 7 despite playing with casts. Despite RB injuries, the Wolves improved the ypc to 3.9 and the sack total decreased to 24. This year they must replace RG Matt Lentz (11 st, 1st Tm B10, 3 yr st'r), LG Leo Henige (11 st, 2nd Tm B10), LT Adam Stenavich (12 st, 1st Tm B10, Top OL Award, 3 yr st'r) and 3rd string RG David Schoonover (3 gm). Seven of the top 10 are back with 5 having starting experience. While this unit should stay healthier, it is less experienced than the 2005 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Wolves had to replace 3 starters and a backup. After allowing 71.6 ypg (2.2 ypc) in the first 8 games, they were ripped for 256.8 ypg rushing and 5.6 ypc over the last 4 (3.6 on yr). While technically UM plays a 3-4, DE LaMarr Woodley runs up more frequently as a DE so I include the RLB position as part of the DL. Surprisingly a more veteran defensive front in 2005 still allowed 3.8 ypc rushing while the D had just 24 sacks. The team's top DL was DE Alan Branch who is 6'6" 330 lbs yet very fast. They lost DE Jeremy Van Alstyne (PS#17LB) who started the opener to an injury. Woodley also missed two games with injury. This year they lose NG Gabe Watson (#4DC ARZ, 1st Tm B10, 7 st, 40 tkl, 7 tfl), DT Pat Massey (11 st, 31 tkl, 1 sk, HM B10, 3 yr st'r) and RLB Pierre Woods (5 st, 24 tkl, 11 tfl). Five of the top 8 do return. The unit is loaded with VHT's and should help the Wolves vs the run.

LINEBACKERS - The Wolves had to replace a starter from last year and then starting MLB Scott McClintock was first benched and then lost due to an injury so the group was lightly experienced. PS#1 DB Prescott Burgess enrolled at 215 but had bulked up to 246 last year and won one of the starting OLB spots. RFr John Thompson was nicknamed "Baby Ray Lewis" and when OLB Chris Graham was out vs Iowa, he had 8 tackles and 3 tfl. This year the only loss is McClintock (9 tkl) so it is a more experienced LB corps with plenty of VHT's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Wolves were #13 in my pass D rankings in 2003 and despite a veteran secondary in 2004, surprisingly slipped to #28. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm AA SS and a #1DC at CB then lost starting FS Ryan Mundy to injury prior to the year so just one starter returned. Surprisingly the Wolves moved up to #18 in my pass D rankings. This year the unit is more experienced as the only loss is CB Grant Mason (12 st, 85 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu, HM B10) and they get Mundy back. Seven players in the 2 deep I list below have started at least 3 games. This should be one of the NCAA's best secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 Carr's ST unit had its lowest finish at #94 and the poor play cost the team several games. Mike DeBord, the former HC at C Michigan, was hired as a new coordinator in 2004 and the Wolves improved to #26. Steve Breaston, who was not 100% for half the year, set an NCAA bowl record for KR yards (221) and set the Rose Bowl record for all-purpose yards (315) previously held by OJ Simpson (276 in 1969). In 2005 Breaston set an Alamo Bowl record with 146 KR yards and became the school's all-time leading career PR topping Anthony Carter's mark. They had to replace their punter but Ross Ryan, who has a strong leg, had a 35.8 net and also boomed 40 TB's on 69 KO's. Ryan may lose his P job to rFr Zoltan Mesko (PS#2). K Garrett Rivas was one of 20 semifinalists for the Lou Groza Award hitting 19 of 26 for 47 yards but did miss a 25 yarder in the bowl. Breaston averaged 12.3 on PR's and 28.1 on KR's and with everyone returning, the Wolves could move even higher than their #15 finish of 2005.

COACHES - Lloyd Carr delivered Michigan a National Title in 1997 despite facing one of the toughest schedules in the country. He is 15-6 all-time vs Top 10 competition. Last year's OC, Terry Malone, was a Broyles finalist in 2003 but left for the NFL after the season. The new OC is Mike DeBord who was the OC here from '97-'99 (won National Title in 1997) and was the Central Michigan HC from 2000-'03. DC Jim Hermann took home the Broyles Award in 1997 but after 9 years as DC here left for the NFL. The new DC is Ron English who was the DB coach here the last 3 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Wolverines have had 38 straight winning years, which is the current longest streak in the NCAA (all-time record Penn St 1939-'87). They have been to 31 straight bowl games, also the longest streak in the NCAA, but last year played in the first December bowl game since Lloyd Carr's first year in 1995. In 2003 UM was #6 in the final polls after dropping the Rose Bowl to USC but outgained Big 10 foes by 139.1 ypg. They returned to the Rose Bowl again in 2004 despite a defense that allowed 279 points, which was the most in the program history. While they were 9-3 on the year, I pointed out that they had 4 close wins and could easily have been 5-7. The Wolves entered 2005 with 14 returning starters and what they hoped was a much improved defense. Michigan's D looked much stronger at the start of the year as they held the explosive ND offense to a season low 244 yards. The team began the season with National Title aspirations (#4 preseason poll) but dropped 5 games, their most losses since 1984, including their 4th bowl loss in 5 years. Close games were commonplace for the Wolves as they had 3 close wins and 5 close losses and theoretically could have finished 12-0 just as easily as 4-8. Michigan lost their 6th straight road opener vs Wisconsin to fall to 2-2 and were actually an underdog vs Mich St for the first time since 1967. They were also out of the AP for the first time since 1998. After winning that game, they were stunned at home by Minnesota but got a fortunate TD pass with :01 left to end Penn St's unbeaten season. They also got past Iowa in OT but after leading Ohio St 21-12 in the 4Q, lost and gave up a late lead in the bowl as well. While Michigan outscored Big 10 foes by 5.1 ppg, they were actually outgained by 9.1 ypg in league play. They took on the 2nd toughest schedule (pg 317) last year. The Wolves have six starters back on offense and are loaded with VHT's and should surpass last year's 28.8 ppg. The Wolves allowed 23.3 ppg in 2004, their highest since 1962. Last year they had 6 starters back on D and improved some to 20.3 ppg. This year they have 8 starters back on that side of the ball and should resemble a more traditional Wolverine defense. Michigan lost 3 players to the NFL which is in marked contrast to top Big 10 contender (Ohio St). The Wolves also failed to have a player drafted in the first 3 rounds for the first time since 1989. Three of my 7 sets of power ratings call Michigan the best team in the Big 10 and while they do play ND, Penn St and Ohio St on the road, they are not only capable of a Big 10 Title, but are a legitimate National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 7 CHAD HENNE JR. 6-2 223 **PS#1**. 12 st true, 2743 (60%) 25-12. 12 st LY, 2526 (58%) 23-8 ratio, 144 rush. **19** Jason Forcier (6-2 206 rFr) PS#42. **13** Jeff Kastl (6-3 222 Sr).

RB 20 MIKE HART JR. 5-9 198 **PS#11**. 1455 (5.2) 8 st as true. 662 (4.4) LY (inj). **3** Kevin Grady (5-9 216 So) **PS#2**. 2 st as true, 596 ttl yd. **24** Jerome Jackson PS#31.

FB 34 WILL PAUL JR. 6-3 252 **PS#21DL**. Move FB LY. Last 3 st. **35 Brian Thompson** (6-2 238 Sr) PS#153LB. **6 st**, 92 yds LY. **40** Obi Oluigbo (6-0 234 Sr) PS#126LB.

WR 86 Mario Manningham So. 6-0 187 **PS#6**. 4.39 spd. 2 st true, 27 (16.0). **16 Adrian Arrington** (6-3 187 So) **PS#10**. Med RS. **18 Antonio Bass** (6-0 203 So) **PS#22DB**. 145 yds true, ACL?

WR 15 STEVE BREASTON SR. 6-1 182 PS#43. 13 st 3Y, 101 rec (10.8) 2793 ret yds. **17** Carl Tabb (6-2 204 Sr) **PS#12**. 1 st, 24 rec 3Y. **81** Doug Dutch (5-11 195 So) **PS#14**, 1 st LY.

TE 89 Tyler Ecker Sr. 6-6 247 **PS#10**. 8 st 3Y, 45 rec (12.0). **83** Mike Massey (6-4 234 So) **PS#25DL**, 8 rec. **85** Carson Butler (6-4 254 rFr) PS#42. **59** Sean Griffin (6-2 234 So).

C 54 Mark Bihl Sr. 6-5 297 **PS#58**. 3 st '04. 5 st LY. **60** David Moosman (6-4 298 rFr) **PS#39**. **65** Justin Boren **PS#11** in spring. **62** Tim McAvoy (6-5 288 rFr) **PS#44**.

RG 73 Alex Mitchell So. 6-5 311 **PS#24.** 5 gm rFr. **70** Jeremy Ciulla (6-4 292 So) **PS#19**. **64** Grant DeBenedictis (6-5 296 So) **PS#80**. **60** Patrick Lyall (6-0 279 Sr). 1 gm.

LG 57 ADAM KRAUS JR. 6-6 295 PS#65DL. 3 games rFr. 8 starts '05 (7 at C). **78 Justin Schifano** (6-4 299 rFr) **PS#19**. **68** Patrick Sharrow (6-5 298 Jr) PS#109. 2 games '05.

RT 72 Rueben Riley Sr. 6-4 303 **PS#47**. 7 st LG '04. 8 st LY (1 LG, 7 RT). **76** Mike Kolodziej (6-7 307 Sr) **PS#14DL**. 2nd string rFr. 3 st '04. 1 st LY (inj). **75** Cory Zirbel (6-5 297 rFr) **PS#20**.

LT 77 JAKE LONG JR. 6-7 316 **PS#53. 2nd Tm Big 10 '04**. 10 st RT. 4 st RT LY (inj'd). **74** Brett Gallimore (6-4 298 So) **PS#15**. **71** Mark Ortmann (6-6 299 rFr) PS#33TE.

K 38 GARRETT RIVAS SR. 5-9 217 PS#39. 9 of 12 FG (long 47) rFr. 19 of 24 FG, long 47 '04. 19 of 26 FG in '05, long 47. 2x HM Big 10. **84** KC Lopata (6-2 217 So).

DE 80 ALAN BRANCH JR. 6-6 330 **PS#24**. 10 st, 31 tkl, 5 sk, Top DL Award in '05. **96 Eugene Germany** (6-2 279 rFr) **PS#15LB**. **50** Jeremy Van Alstyne (6-4 267 Sr) **PS#17LB**. 2 st, 3Y.

DT 67 Terrance Taylor So. 6-0 305 **PS#11. 500 bench**. 1 tkl, 10 gm true. **95** Marques Walton (6-0 291 So) PS#105OL. 1 gm rFr. **63** Mike Knill (6-5 270 Sr). Jason Kates is PS#21.

DT 97 Will Johnson So. 6-5 291 **PS#29**. 1 st at NT rFr, 5 tkl, 1 sk. **91** Rondell Biggs (6-3 275 Sr) PS#128. 5 st 3Y, 17 tkl, 2 tfl. John Ferrara (6-5 265 Fr) PS#76. 5.1 forty, 290 bench.

RLB 56 LAMARR WOODLEY SR. 6-2 268 **PS#2**. 10 st OLB '04, 70 tkl, **16 tfl**. 8 st DE LY, 48 tkl, 14 tfl. **90** Tim Jamison (6-3 249 So) PS#28DL. 3 sk rFr. **44** James McKinney (6-2 279 rFr) **PS#13DL**.

OLB 6 PRESCOTT BURGESS SR. 6-3 246 **PS#1DB**. 42 tkl first 2Y. 11 st LY, 81 tkl, 5 pbu. **2 Shawn Crable** (6-5 245 Jr) **PS#2DL**. 21 tkl, 4 sk, 2Y. **42** Chris McLaurin (6-3 246 rFr) PS#46DL.

ILB 45 DAVE HARRIS SR. 6-2 242 PS#53. 1 start, 10 tkl '04. 11 st LY, 88 tkl, 7 tfl. **46** Brandon Logan (6-0 218 So) PS#24. 2 tkl as true. **Brandon Graham** (6-2 240 Fr) PS#2.

OLB 37 CHRIS GRAHAM JR. 5-11 225 **PS#30**. 6 tkl as true. 5 starts in '05, 42 tkl, 3 tfl. **49 John Thompson** (6-1 231 So) PS#51. 19 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. Jonas Moutonis is PS#11.

CB 29 LEON HALL SR. 5-11 193 **PS#23**. 9 st '04. 2 int, 8 pbu. 12 st LY, 61 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu. **5** Charles Stewart (6-1 196 So) PS#26. **25** Johnny Sears (6-0 189 rFr) PS#54.

CB 14 Morgan Trent So. 6-1 192 **PS#19WR**. 3 st rFr, 22 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **27** Brandon Harrison (5-8 205 So) **PS#19**. 3 st FS, 24 tkl, 2 pbu. **4** Darnell Hood (5-11 193 Sr) PS#33RB. 22 tkl 3Y.

SS 22 JAMAR ADAMS JR. 6-2 215 **PS#40**. 7 st LY, 27 tkl, 2 pbu. **31** Brandent Englemon (5-11 205 Jr) 10 st, 42 tkl, 3 pbu. **9** Anton Campbell (5-11 193 Jr) PS#33RB.

FS 21 RYAN MUNDY JR. 6-1 205 **PS#5. 12 st FS** '04, 51 tkl, 2 int. **19 Willis Barringer** (6-0 205 Sr) PS#141. 6 st '03. 9 st in '05. 71 tkl, 3Y. **26** Mike Carl (6-0 205 Sr).

P 41 ZOLTAN MESKO rFR. 6-4 218 PS#2. 43.6 avg in HS, 47 yd FG. **3 Ross Ryan** (6-1 205 Sr) 52 punt LY, 38.2 avg, net 35.8. 40 TB on 69 KO's. Bryan Wright is PS#30.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

LB	Brandon Graham 6-2 240 PS#2
OL	Stephen Schilling 6-5 285 PS#4
OL	Justin Boren 6-4 308 PS#11
LB	Jonas Mouton 6-2 212 PS#11
DB	Stevie Brown 6-0 195 PS#9
RB	Carlos Brown 6-0 206 PS#12
WR	Greg Mathews 6-3 180 PS#10
DL	Adam Patterson 6-3 260 PS#11
RB	Brandon Minor 6-0 215 PS#25
DL	Jason Kates 6-4 325 PS#21
LB	Cobrani Mixon 6-2 206 PS#25
DL	Greg Banks 6-6 245 PS#66
DL	John Ferrara 6-5 265 PS#76
QB	David Cone 6-6 205 PS#40
LB	Quintin Patilla 6-2 205 PS#63WR
OL	Perry Dorrestein 6-7 300 PS#84
RB	Obi Ezeh 6-2 213 PS#80
K	Bryan Wright 6-1 200 PS#30
TE	Quintin Woods 6-6 220 PS#393DL

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#21

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Vanderbilt	A					
Sep. 9	Central Michigan	A					
Sep. 16	at Notre Dame	G					
Sep. 23	Wisconsin	A					
Sep. 30	at Minnesota	A					
Oct. 7	Michigan St	A					
Oct. 14	at Penn St	G					
Oct. 21	Iowa	A					
Oct. 28	Northwestern (HC)	A					
Nov. 4	Ball St	A					
Nov. 11	at Indiana	A					
Nov. 18	at Ohio St	G					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

UM has been to 30 straight bowl games (1975 last non-bowl year).
Michigan is 16-5 SU but 6-14 ATS S/'84 the wk before their B10 opener.
Wolverines are 5-13 ATS as a fav of 5' pts or less since 1999.

UM is 9-0-1 SU all-time vs Vanderbilt but their last game was in 1969.
Michigan is 11-1 SU but just 4-8 ATS in their last 12 "Big House" openers.

UM is 7-0 SU & 6-1 ATS the L4Y vs in-state schools with the avg win by 26 ppg.
The Wolverines are 10-0 SU & 7-3 ATS vs current MAC schools S/'95.

Wolverines are 1-7 SU & 0-8 ATS in their last 8 road openers.
The favorite is 1-9 ATS since 1992 in this series.

Wolverines are 12-0 SU & 8-4 ATS their last 12 games after a SU loss.
Michigan is 8-3 SU but only 3-8 ATS since 1989 vs Wisconsin.

UM is 9-2 SU & 8-3 ATS in their last 11 Big 10 road games.
The home team has covered in just 5 of the last 19 meetings.

Since 1968, UM has lost at home to MSU just 3X's ('78, '84 & '90) in 19 gms.
The home team is 8-5 ATS the last 13 years in this series (0-3 L3Y).

UM scored with no time left beating previously undefeated PSU last yr.
The home team is just 3-8 ATS all-time in this series.

Last time in Ann Arbor, UM turned 5 TO's into 27 pts & Iowa had -15 yds rushing (3rd best all-time).
Michigan is 7-2 SU but 1-6-2 ATS vs Iowa since 1993.

UM has won just 2 of their L/4 Homecoming games SU going 1-3 ATS.
Since '79 (19 gms) Michigan has held Northwestern to 10 pts or less 12 times.

First all-time meeting as UM is 4-0 SU & 3-1 ATS in non-OSU home finales S/'98.
Michigan is 12-2 SU & 10-4 ATS the last 14 November home games.

UM is 49-9 SU all-time vs IU, holding the Hoosiers to just 9.9 ppg.
Wolverines are 8-0 SU & 6-2 ATS the L8Y before taking on the Buckeyes.

This will be their 103rd meeting (straight S/'18) as UM has a 57-39-6 SU edge.
The home team is 15-8-1 ATS the last 24 years in this rivalry.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: John Navarre 9,254 2000-'03
Rushing: Anthony Thomas 4,472 1997-'00 Receiving: Braylon Edwards 3,541 2001-'04

LLOYD CARR (Career 102-34)

12th Year at Michigan — Carr's SU Bowl Record: 5-6

Carr's records AT MICHIGAN

102-34	Straight Up	32-35-1	Home Favorite
58-65-2	Vs The Spread	2-1	Home Underdog
12-12	Off A SU Loss	15-25-1	Away Favorite
42-44-2	Vs Conference	9-4	Away Underdog
16-21	Vs Non-Conf	5-6-1	Off A Bye

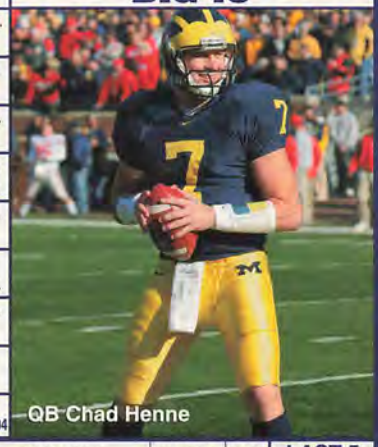
2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (21,24,3)
Lost: 17 (9,5,3)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 110,915

BIG 10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STADIUM: MICHIGAN STADIUM (107,501)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	8-3	8-3	9-3	10-2	9-2	7-4	60-19
Home	5-1	6-0	5-1	6-1	7-0	6-0	4-3	39-6
Away	4-1	2-3	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-1	21-13
ATS	5-6	6-5	5-5-1	4-8	9-3	4-6-1	5-6	38-39-2
Home Fav	3-3	4-2	4-2	2-5	6-1	2-3-1	2-4	23-20-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Away Fav	1-3	0-3	1-2-1	2-2	3-2	1-3	1-1	9-16-1
Away Dog	1-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	6-2
Favorite	4-6	4-5	5-4-1	4-7	9-3	3-6-1	3-5	32-36-2
Dog	1-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-1	6-3
Grass	4-4	6-4	5-2-1	2-8	2-1	1-2	3-0	23-21-1
Artificial	1-2	0-1	0-3	2-0	7-2	3-4-1	2-6	15-18-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	4-3-1	3-5	6-2	3-4-1	4-4	28-26-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-3	3-1	1-2	1-2	10-13
Off SU Win	5-3	3-4	3-4-1	3-6	7-2	3-5-1	3-4	27-28-2
Off SU Loss	0-2	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-1	8-7

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mike Hart	150	682	20	662	4	4.4
Kevin Grady	121	494	11	483	5	4.0
Jerome Jackson	54	230	2	228	3	4.2
Max Martin	53	245	19	226	2	4.3
Steve Breaston	10	104	3	101	0	10.1
Alijah Bradley	19	91	8	83	1	4.4
Antonio Bass	19	89	8	81	0	4.3
Mario Manningham	6	43	5	38	0	6.3
Chad Henne	54	144	119	25	1	0.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chad Henne	382	223	58.4	2526	23	8
Matt Gutierrez	22	14	63.6	133	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jason Avant	82	1007	12.3	8	54
Mario Manningham	27	433	16.0	6	49
Steve Breaston	26	291	11.2	2	52
Tyler Ecker	21	285	13.6	2	29
Mike Hart	16	154	9.6	1	34
Kevin Grady	14	113	8.1	0	19
Carl Tabb	12	96	8.0	0	17
Tim Massaquoi	11	86	7.8	0	14

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ross Ryan	52	1992	38.3	21	35.8	0	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Garrett Rivas	33-35	10-12	6-7	3-6	0-1	19-26	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dave Harris	88	1	6	3	0
Grant Mason	85	0	2	7	2
Prescott Burgess	81	1	3	5	1
Leon Hall	61	2	1	5	4
LaMarr Woodley	48	7	9	1	0
Willis Barringer	43	0	0	1	2
Brandent Englemon	42	2	0	3	0
Chris Graham	42	0	3	1	0
Gabe Watson	40	2	5	0	0
Pat Massey	31	1	0	2	0
Alan Branch	31	5	5	0	0
Jamar Adams	27	0	1	2	0
Brandon Harrison	24	0	0	2	2
Pierre Woods	24	3	8	1	0
Morgan Trent	22	0	1	4	1
John Thompson	19	0	3	1	0
Shawn Crable	14	3	0	3	0
Tim Jamison	10	3	1	0	0
Scott McClintock	9	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steve Breaston	29	356	12.3	0
Leon Hall	4	41	10.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steve Breaston	23	646	28.1	1
Grant Mason	6	123	20.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Citrus	+3	Tennessee - #8	17-45	L
02	Outback	-1	Florida - #22	38-30	W
03	Rose	+7	USC - #1	14-28	L
04	Rose	+7'	Texas - #6	37-38	W
05	Alamo	-10	Nebraska	28-32	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Michigan's All-Time SU Bowl Record 18-19

MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	28.8	22	162	3.9	223	58.2	13.4	+5	2005	6	20.3	19	137	3.8	208	57.0	17.0
6	30.8	21	154	3.8	233	59.8	12.5	+6	2004	6	23.3	17	133	3.6	203	55.8	14.5
7*	35.4	24	176	4.3	271	59.7	12.6	+2	2003	6	16.8	15	117	3.5	181	53.9	17.6
7*	27.8	20	148	3.8	233	54.9	13.7	+9	2002	8	20.4	18	123	3.4	225	53.6	17.1
4	26.7	19	143	3.6	216	53.6	13.5	-6	2001	8	19.8	16	89	2.5	229	55.1	16.1
7	33.7	22	215	4.8	231	59.2	13.3	+13	2000	5	19.1	21	147	3.8	243	58.5	20.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

UM 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#4	N Illinois	29	48 - 208	4.3	21 - 33	239	0	20	32 - 211	6.6	17 - 25	200	1	+4
#3	Notre Dame	15	29 - 114	3.9	19 - 44	223	2	17	44 - 104	2.4	19 - 30	140	3	-1
#14	E Michigan	30	56 - 232	4.1	20 - 28	233	2	10	24 - 15	0.6	15 - 30	119	2	+1
#14	at Wisconsin	17	36 - 143	4.0	16 - 34	258	2	21	43 - 140	3.3	15 - 32	147	3	-1
–	at Michigan St	21	43 - 232	5.4	26 - 36	256	2	21	37 - 173	4.7	20 - 31	282	2	+1
#21	Minnesota	19	34 - 94	2.8	14 - 29	155	3	23	57 - 264	4.6	11 - 23	139	0	+1
–	Penn St	21	39 - 163	4.2	21 - 36	212	3	20	38 - 181	4.8	19 - 34	239	1	+1
–	at Iowa	19	41 - 122	3.0	15 - 22	220	0	23	38 - 139	3.7	27 - 39	288	2	-1
#25	at Northwestern	22	58 - 253	4.4	17 - 30	174	2	18	17 - 89	5.2	26 - 49	326	1	-1
#21	Indiana	26	49 - 216	4.4	23 - 37	209	3	9	28 - 63	2.3	13 - 30	147	2	0
#17	Ohio St	17	24 - 32	1.3	25 - 37	223	1	25	35 - 118	3.4	27 - 37	300	1	+2
#20	† Nebraska	23	42 - 130	3.1	21 - 43	270	4	16	37 - 151	4.1	14 - 31	167	5	-1
TOTALS		259	499 - 1939	3.9	238 - 409	2672	24	223	430 - 1648	3.8	223 - 391	2494	24	+5
AVERAGES		21.6	42 - 162	3.9	20 - 34	223	2.0	18.6	36 - 137	3.8	19 - 33	208	2.0	0.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	-24'	31-13	L
at Washington - #15	+3	18-23	L
W Michigan	-14	38-21	W
Illinois - #22	-6'	45-20	W
at Penn St	-11	20-0	W
Purdue - #17	-11	24-10	W
at Iowa	-6	32-26	T
at Michigan St	-6	24-26	L
Minnesota	-15'	31-10	W
at Wisconsin	-5	20-17	L
Ohio St	-8'	20-26	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington - #11	-6	31-29	L
W Michigan	-22'	35-12	W
at Notre Dame - #20	-5	23-25	L
Utah	-10'	10-7	L
at Illinois	-7'	45-28	W
Penn St - #15	-4'	27-24 OT	L
at Purdue	-3'	23-21	L
Iowa - #13	-3'	9-34	L
Michigan St	-14'	49-3	W
at Minnesota	-6'	41-24	W
Wisconsin	-10'	21-14	L
at Ohio St - #2	+4	9-14	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	-33	45-7	W
Houston	-27'	50-3	W
Notre Dame - #15	-10	38-0	W
at Oregon - #22	-7	27-31	L
Indiana	-33'	31-17	L
at Iowa - #23	-3	27-30	L
at Minnesota - #17	-2	38-35	W
Illinois	-27'	56-14	W
Purdue - #10	-4'	31-3	W
at Michigan St - #9	-3'	27-20	W
at Northwestern	-17'	41-10	W
Ohio St - #4	-7	35-21	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	-13	43-10	W
at Notre Dame	-12	20-28	L
San Diego St	-20	24-21	L
Iowa	-13	30-17	T
at Indiana	-18	35-14	W
Minnesota - #13	-3'	27-24	L
at Illinois	-19	30-19	L
at Purdue - #12	+4	16-14	W
Michigan St	-11	45-37 3OT	L
Northwestern	-14	42-20	W
at Ohio St	-5'	21-37	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Illinois	-18'	33-17	L
Notre Dame - #20	-7	10-17	L
E Michigan	-29	55-0	W
at Wisconsin	-2'	20-23	L
at Michigan St - #11	+6	34-31 OT	W
Minnesota	-7'	20-23	L
Penn St - #8	-3'	27-25	L
at Iowa	+3	23-20 OT	W
at Northwestern - #21	-2	33-17	W
Indiana	-25'	41-14	W
Ohio St - #9	+3	21-25	L

IOWA HAWKEYES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Brad Banks simply led the NCAA in pass efficiency with a super 26-5 ratio while also rushing for 519 gross yards, the most by a Hawks QB since 1976. JUCO Nathan Chandler (6-7 250) was a prototypical dropback QB and in 2003 beat out Jason Manson (PS#50), who is a Banks-type QB. Chandler threw for 2,040 (53.7%) with an 18-10 ratio (348 rush). His backup was Drew Tate (PS#18), who played six games as a true frosh and threw for 55 yards. He set Texas HS passing records throwing for 12,180 yards and 113 TD's. Tate, despite a young O-line and a banged up RB corps (#117 NCAA in rushing), put the team on his shoulders in 2004. He threw for 2,786 (62.1%) with a 20-14 ratio and was 1st Tm Big 10. Interestingly, Tate improved his ratio to 22-7 and threw for more yards (2,828, 62.2%) but was not even voted HM Big 10 in 2005! Manson played 2.5Q's vs Iowa St after Tate suffered a concussion and got in 7 games throwing for 230 (50%) with an 0-1 ratio and 68 rush (Tate 155). Both return as does VHT rFr Jake Christensen (PS#6) who Ferentz said in spring needed to get onto the field in 2006. Tate should continue to improve and is one of the Big 10's best.

QB Drew Tate

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Fred Russell became just the 10th Iowa back to top 1,000 yards in a season rushing for 1,264 (5.7). He is a powerful back with 4.28 speed. In 2003 he rushed for 1,355 (4.8) and opted to turn pro early. 2004 was a nightmare for this position as injuries caused them to go down to 6th string walk-on Sam Brownlee (5-10 200 Sr) as the feature back vs Ohio St and he led the team in rushing 3 straight games. His 227 yards (2.4) was the lowest total for a #1 rusher here since 1937 when stadium namesake Nile Kinnick led with 214 in just 8 games. Last year they were in much better shape when VHT Albert Young (PS#14), who had missed almost all of his first two years with injury, took command. Marcus Schnoor was the starter the first 2 but Young started the final 11 and was the Big 10's #1 rusher in conference games with 1,002 yards finishing with 1,334 (5.4). Speedy Damian Sims, who started 2005 at CB, had 296 with an impressive 9.9 ypc. True frosh Shonn Greene rushed for 116 vs Ball St but had just 57 more. This year they lose Schnoor (83 ttl yds) and Marques Simmons (PS#29, 6 gm, 24 ttl yd). Not listed in the 2 deep below are FB's Gavin McGrath (6-2 231 So) who moved over from LB, Westin Hulst (6-3 248 Sr) and TB Dana Brown (5-10 203 rFr, PS#169). Last year I called the Hawks' RB position one of the most improved in the country and they went from averaging 73 ypg (2.0) to 174.7 ypg (4.8) and should continue to improve.

RECEIVERS - Things looked promising last year as the top three receivers returned in ex-QB Clinton Solomon (58, 15.6), Ed Hinkel (63, 11.8) and TE Scott Chandler (24, 13.5). Former QB Eric McCollom (PS#80) injured his foot and played in just 5 (2 rec). The team's fastest WR, James Townsend (PS#43), left for Rutgers so the top speedsters were Herb Grigsby (PS#119) and Andy Brodell (PS#79). Solomon (11 st) led in receiving yards for a second year with 800 and an impressive 17.4 ypc. Chandler led in rec (47) and Hinkel, who broke his arm vs Purdue and missed 3.5 games, still had 40 (12.9). This year they must replace Hinkel (9 st), Solomon, Matt Melloy (8 rec) and TE CJ Barkema (0 rec). They are extremely deep at TE. Not listed below are Tyler Blum (6-6 260 rFr, **PS#5**), Lucas Cox (6-4 247 So, PS#90), Michael Sabers (6-5 240 So, PS#29), Brandon Myers (6-4 242 So, PS#107, 1 rec) and this year's true frosh. This has the makings of a solid group but is less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Kirk Ferentz was an OL coach in the NFL which means this unit is always one of his top priorities. In 2002 he developed what was arguably the best OL in the NCAA. They paved the way for 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 13 sacks. In the last 3 years they have had 5 OL selected in the NFL draft. After having inexperienced and injury-plagued units for two seasons, the OL only had to replace one starter last year but did lose starting LT Lee Gray for the season. They opened holes for an outstanding 4.8 ypc while allowing just 19 sacks. This year they lose C Brian Ferentz (12 st, 3 yr st'r, HM B10), LT Ben Gates (11 st) and backups LG David Walker (4 gm), G Ted Bentler and C Ben Cronin. Not only do three starters return but they should get back Gray who is expected to receive a 6th year medical RS. Last year Ferentz added PS#3, PS#5 and PS#16 OL's in the recruiting class and all three will contend for time. Not even listed in the talented 3 deep below are Clint Huntrods (6-5 270 Sr, PS#135), Bryan Ryther (6-2 274 Sr) and Nyere Aumaitre (6-5 295 So). This is one of the Big 10's best OL's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - DL Coach Ron Aiken normally has a formidable unit and Iowa, in 2003, allowed just 2.5 ypc rushing while the D had 34 sacks. They did have to replace two top-notch starters in 2004 but still allowed just 2.8 ypc with 30 sacks. Last year the unit suffered heavy losses losing all 4 starters and 7 of the top 8 were underclassmen. DT Ettore Ewen, who benches 315 lbs 10x's, tore his ACL and Alex Willcox (PS#171) had a nagging shoulder injury and had just 3 starts. The D made major strides as the season went on. In the last seven games they allowed just 2.96 ypc including holding Wisconsin's strong rush attack to 19 yards (0.6). The only loss is DE Mike Follett (32 tkl, 3 sk) as 2 VHT true frosh who played last year should have a bigger impact. This unit goes from a weakness at the start of 2005 to one of the best DL's in the Big 10.

LINEBACKERS - Iowa had one of the top LB corps in the NCAA last year, led by the exceptional duo of MLB Abdul Hodge (12 st, 158 tkl, 11 tfl, 2nd Tm B10) and WLB Chad Greenway (12 st, 156 tkl, 10 tfl, 1st Tm B10). Their presence helped the Hawkeyes, who lost all 4 starting DL's, to allow just 3.2 ypc rushing and 20.0 ppg. Unfortunately for the Hawkeyes, both now will be playing on Sundays this year in the NFL, Hodge (#3DC GB) and Greenway (#1DC MIN). They have 4 of the top 6 back and add in 3 VHT frosh.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Hawkeyes finished #21, #22 and #25 in my pass D rankings prior to 2005. Last year they only had to replace one starter. CB Jovon Johnson (1st Tm B10) needed just 4 int's to tie the school record set by Nile Kinnick (1939) and tied by Devon Mitchell (1985) but only had 3. His cohort, CB Antwan Allen, has started four Jan 1 bowl games. With the inexperienced front 7, Iowa's experienced secondary slipped to #91 allowing 256.7 ypg (62%). It was the first time Iowa allowed over 60% completions on defense since they started keeping official records in 1935. This year they lose CB Johnson (11 st, 67 tkl, 11 pbu) and CB Allen (10 st, 60 tkl, 4 pbu, HM B10) but six of the top 8 are back including four with starting experience. While this unit is weaker, I look for Iowa to move up in my pass D rankings with a stronger front 7.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Over the last 4 seasons Iowa has finished #2, #2, #18 and #20 in my ST rankings and has produced a Lou Groza Award winner. In 2004 Kyle Schlicher (PS#7) connected on a school record-tying 21 FG's (26 att) but hit just 3 of 7 from 40+. He had 22 TB's on 67 KO's. He improved last year to 17 of 21 FG's with a long of 52 and had 27 TB's on 69 KO's. Fenstermaker beat out 3 year punter John Gallery in '05 and is a solid directional punter. The Hawks have blocked 10 punts in the last 3 years. Top PR Ed Hinkel (9.1) broke his arm so Jovon Johnson stepped up and avg a nifty 17.4. This year basically everyone is back including wedge buster LB Zach Gabelmann and this is yet another premium Iowa ST unit.

COACHES - Kirk Ferentz is doing a tremendous job and was named the Big 10 Coach of the Year in 2002 (also AP National Coach of Year!) and 2004. He enters his 8th season here and in 2002 led the team to its first Big 10 Title since 1990 and the most wins in school history. NFL scouts feel this coaching staff is one of the Top 10 in the country. Ken O'Keefe has been the OC for 8 years. He was the HC at Fordham in 1998 and at Allegheny from 1990-'97. DC Norm Parker enters his 8th year. Parker was named the SEC DC of the Year in '97 while at Vandy. DL coach Ron Aiken was named the 2002 AFCA Div I Asst Coach of the Year. Parker was a finalist for the 2004 and 2005 Broyles Award.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kirk Ferentz got off to a slow start here as he was 2-18 in his first 20 games but won 2 of his last 3 in 2000. He is now 47-18 after that rough start. The 2002 team went undefeated vs the Big 10 and played in the Orange Bowl finishing #8 despite being outFD'd 102-66 in their first four Big 10 games. In 2003 they slipped to 5-3 in Big 10 play and in the final 2 games were outFD'd 46-24. They managed to pull both out and got their first January win since 1959 when they upset Florida in the Outback Bowl. In 2004 they had just 9 starters back and the O-line looked to be a weak spot. They also had a tough Big 10 schedule (no Indiana or NWestrn) and suffered massive injuries at RB. They were destroyed by Ariz St on the road being outgained 511-100 and lost to Michigan to start 2-2. The Hawks beat Ohio St in Kinnick for the first time since 1983 with a 448-177 yard edge and rallied for a 10-2 year including a bowl win over LSU. That marked their 3rd straight double-digit win season and Top 10 (finished #8 all 3 years). Iowa did not trail at home the entire 2004 season. The 2004 Hawks benefitted from +13 in turnovers. Last year the Hawks had 12 returning starters including QB Tate, a much improved RB corps plus one of the top LB corps in the country. They were picked #10 in the Preseason Coaches poll (#11 AP) and were a hot pick by some to play in the National Title game. They got the biggest win in the Ferentz era, 56-0, vs a suspension-ravaged Ball St team but the next week after rising to #8, lost at Iowa St. Ohio St got their revenge 31-6 with a 331-13 yard edge in the 1H dropping the Hawks to 2-2 for the 2nd year in a row. After an OT loss to Michigan, which snapped their 22 game home win streak, Iowa led NWestrn 24-7 at the half and missed a FG with 5:35 left, up by 13 and somehow lost by one. They spoiled Barry Alvarez's final home game with a 20-10 win and then led Minnesota 35-0 in the 2Q. Some questionable officiating, including an apparent onside kick recovery, hurt them in the Outback Bowl (did trail 31-7). Iowa outgained Big 10 foes by just 23.1 ypg but did suffer 3 close losses and could have been a 10-2 team as they had their worst turnover ratio (-1) in five years. Iowa is one of only 4 teams to have 4 straight Jan bowl appearances and their 25 Big 10 wins are the best in that stretch. The Hawkeyes have had 17 straight sellouts at home. They return 14 starters which is the most since 2001. Iowa averaged 30 ppg in 2005, their best since 2002. With 7 starters back, including a top-notch O-line, QB Tate and RB Young, the offense should be even more potent. The Hawkeyes' D has been outstanding the last 5 years and with a vastly improved D-line, should improve upon last year's 20.0 ppg allowed, even with the loss of 2 super LB's and two CB's. I will call for the Hawks to get their 5th straight Jan bowl appearance. They should be at least a TD favorite in 10 of 12 games with the only question marks being Ohio St and Michigan and wins in those would have the Hawks as a National Title contender.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 5 **DREW TATE SR.** 6-0 192 PS#18. **1st Tm B10 '04.** 24 st 3Y, 5669 pass yd (62%), 43-21 ratio, 421 rush. 6 Jake Christensen (6-1 205 rFr) **PS#6.** 16 Jason Manson (6-1 195 Sr) PS#50.

RB 21 **ALBERT YOUNG JR.** 5-10 209 **PS#14.** ACL rFr. 11 st, 1334 (5.4), 24 rec in '05. 28 Damian Sims (5-9 185 Jr) PS#114DB. 341 rush (7.3), 2Y. 45 Shonn Greene (5-11 225 So) PS#75.

FB 35 **TOM BUSCH JR.** 5-11 231 **PS#46LB.** 3 st rFr, 82 yds. 12 st LY, 60 yds. 36 **Kalvin Bailey** (6-0 240 rFr) **PS#19.** 46 Champ Davis (6-2 238 Sr) PS#79WR. 193 yds 3Y.

WR 88 **Trey Stross rFr.** 6-3 190 **PS#24.** 22 **Calvin Davis** (6-1 197 Sr) PS#70. 4 st '03. 36 rec (13.3) 3Y. 7 Eric McCollom (6-0 190 Jr) PS#80QB. 7 rec, 2Y. Inj'd '05.

WR 4 **Herb Grigsby Jr.** 6-0 175 PS#119. 4.4 spd. 3 st 25 (13.4) LY. 80 Andy Brodell (6-3 193 So) PS#79. 1 st, 6 rec. 82 Kennon Christian (6-2 209 Jr) 1 rec, 12 gms LY.

TE 87 **SCOTT CHANDLER SR.** 6-7 257 PS#152WR. 24 rec (13.5) '04. 10 st, 47 (11.7) LY. 81 Tony Moeaki (6-4 250 So) **PS#2.** 8 rec. 38 Ryan Majerus (6-3 245 Sr) PS#109LB. 2 st, 10 rec LY.

C 54 **MIKE ELGIN SR.** 6-4 288 PS#224LB. LB move OL rFr, 6 gm. 11 st C '04. 12 st RG LY. 58 Rob Bruggeman (6-3 280 So) PS#200DL. 52 **Rafael Eubanks** (6-3 288 rFr) **PS#16.**

RG 71 **Seth Olsen So.** 6-5 301 **PS#47.** 1 st rFr, 10 games. 390 bench. 69 Kyle Calloway (6-7 295 rFr) PS#70. 72 Andrew Payton (6-5 290 So). No game action. '04 walk-on.

LG 76 **MIKE JONES SR.** 6-5 302 **PS#2.** Last 7 st LG as true. 12 st '04. 12 st LY (8@ G, 4@ T). 56 Rashad Dunn (6-3 290 So). 42 Anton Narinskiy (6-4 260 So) **PS#54LB.**

RT 73 **MARSHAL YANDA SR.** 6-4 305 PS#65JC. First 4 starts LG, last 8 st RT LY. 78 Dan Doering (6-7 290 rFr) **PS#3.** 72 Wesley Aeschliman (6-8 315 So). '04 walk-on. +15 lbs.

LT 78 **Dace Richardson So.** 6-6 306 **PS#5.** 10 gm as true. 70 **Lee Gray** (6-6 320 Sr) PS#69TE. **11 st at LT '04.** Inj'd '05. 86 Andy Kuempel (6-7 295 rFr) PS#124. +25 lbs.

K 1 **KYLE SCHLICHER SR.** 5-9 184 **PS#7.** 21 of 26 FG '04, long 49. **2nd Tm B10** LY, 17 of 21 FG, long 52. 27 TB's, 69 KO's. 4 Jonathan Chupka (6-1 226 Jr) PS#111.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 89 **BRYAN MATTISON JR.** 6-3 272 PS#109. 5 tkl rFr. 12 st LY, 46 tkl, 4 sk, 5.5 tfl. 94 Justin Collins (6-2 250 rFr) PS#189. 50 Grant McCracken (6-3 245 So) PS#84LB. 1 tkl LY.

DT 47 **MITCH KING SO.** 6-3 264 PS#56LB. 9 st rFr, 60 tkl, 10.5 tfl. 85 Alex Willcox (6-2 280 Jr) 3 st (inj) LY, 13 tkl. 93 Ettore Ewen (6-0 275 So). 69 Travis Meade (6-0 280 rFr) PS#187OL.

DT 53 **MATT KROUL SO.** 6-3 271 PS#64LB. 12 st rFr, 48 tkl, 2 sk, 2.5 tfl. 66 **Ryan Bain** (6-2 282 So) **PS#14LB.** 21 tkl, **4 sk true.** 91 Vernon Jackson (6-1 265 rFr) PS#411.

DE 92 **KENNY IWEBEMA JR.** 6-4 270 PS#220. **1st Tm Big 10 last year**, 48 tkl, 7 sk. 96 **Alex Kanellis** (6-4 281 So) **PS#13LB.** 9 tkl, 2 tfl true. 77 Jerry Leonard (6-6 250 So).

OLB 44 **Mike Humpal Jr.** 6-2 232 PS#149. 25 tkl, 2 pbu, 12 games last year. Jeremiha Hunter is **PS#13.** 57 BJ Travers (6-1 235 rFr) **PS#49.** AJ Edds is **PS#26.**

MLB 40 **Mike Klinkenborg Jr.** 6-2 240 **PS#44.** 16 tkl, 17 gm 2Y. 51 Zach Gabelmann (6-1 233 Sr) ST MVP, 17 tkl LY. 17 Chris Kuehl (6-2 230 Jr) 5 gm LY. Tyler Bergan (5-11 215 Jr).

WLB 27 **EDMOND MILES SR.** 6-1 228 **PS#60.** 2 st, 24 tkl, 3 tfl '04. 12 st LY, 68 tkl, 9 tfl. 43 **Pat Angerer** (6-1 222 rFr) **PS#28. Bryon Gattas** PS#168JC. **In for spg.**

CB 18 **Adam Shada Jr.** 6-1 185 PS#144. 13 tkls as true. 3 sts LY, 3 int, 5 pbu. 3 Ma'Quan Dawkins (5-9 166 Sr) 13 tkl, 3Y. 10 Justin Edwards (6-1 165 rFr) PS#195WR.

CB 13 **Charles Godfrey Jr.** 6-1 208 PS#151. 10 tkl as true. 3 st at S in '05, 35 tkls. 29 Bradley Fletcher (6-2 195 So) PS#89RB. 10 gm, 1 tkl. 9 Khaliq Price (6-2 198 Sr). No gm action.

SS 12 **MIGUEL MERRICK SR.** 6-0 203 PS#115. 2 st '04, 33 tkl. 10 st LY, 59 tkl, 4 pbu. 31 Corey Robertson (6-1 222 rFr) PS#30RB. 14 Devan Moylan (5-10 201 Sr) 13 tkl last year.

FS 25 **MARCUS PASCHAL SR.** 6-0 207 PS#215QB. 12 st '04, 2 int, 6 pbu. 11 st LY, 62 tkl, 6 pbu. 11 Marcus Wilson (6-3 198 rFr) **PS#41WR.** 34 Chris Rowell (6-1 187 rFr) PS#159.

P 6 **ANDY FENSTERMAKER SR.** 6-3 225 PS#74. 38.5 avg at Missouri Western. 49 punts LY, 38.5 avg, team net 34.5. 31 Griffin Karr (5-10 185 So) PS#37. 43.2 in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

LB	Jeremiha Hunter 6-2 217 PS#13
DL	Adrian Clayborn 6-3 250 PS#17
K	Ryan Donahue 6-3 180 PS#3
LB	AJ Edds 6-4 224 PS#26
QB	Arvell Nelson 6-4 175 PS#32
WR	James Cleveland 6-1 185 PS#50
QB	Jeff Tarpinian 6-3 205 PS#52
DB	Paul Chaney 5-9 160 PS#89
WR	Anthony Bowman 5-11 165 PS#77
LB	Bryon Gattas 6-1 232 PS#168JC
QB	Ricky Stanzi 6-4 200 PS#76
WR	Dominique Douglas 6-1 186 PS#111
QB	Brett Morse 6-3 220 PS#92
DB	Derrick Smith 6-0 195 PS#172
RB	Karl Klug 6-4 220 PS#232
DB	Amari Spievey 6-0 175 PS#265
LB	Troy Johnson 6-2 215 PS#307
DB	Lance Tillison 6-2 205 PS#473

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KIRK FERENTZ (Career 49-36) (Div IAA 12-21)
8th Year at Iowa
Ferentz's SU Bowl Record: 3-2

Ferentz's records AT IOWA

49-36	Straight Up	23-6	Home Favorite
49-28-2	Vs The Spread	8-5-1	Home Underdog
19-10-1	Off A SU Loss	4-7	Away Favorite
36-18-2	Vs Conference	14-10-1	Away Underdog
13-10	Vs Non-Conf	1-5	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (23,19,3)
Lost: 25 (9,14,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 70,585

BIG 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#40

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Montana	G					
Sep. 9	at Syracuse	A					
Sep. 16	Iowa St	G					
Sep. 23	at Illinois	A					
Sep. 30	Ohio St	G					
Oct. 7	Purdue (HC)	G					
Oct. 14	at Indiana	A					
Oct. 21	at Michigan	A					
Oct. 28	Northern Illinois	G					
Nov. 4	Northwestern	G					
Nov. 11	Wisconsin	G					
Nov. 18	at Minnesota	A					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Under Ferentz, UI is 30-4 SU & 27-5-1 ATS the last 34 games at home.
Iowa is 16-5-1 ATS their last 22 games off a SU loss.
Hawkeyes are 17-2 ATS as a double digit favorite under Ferentz.

The Grizzlies finished 8-4 LY (#11 IAA) making it to the playoffs.
Montana had just 7 FD's & 144 offensive yds LY vs Oregon in their 47-14 loss.

Iowa is 20-12 ATS the last 4 years after a SU win.
The Hawkeyes are 7-3-1 ATS on artificial turf the last 6 years.

Iowa is just 2-6 SU & 1-7 ATS since 1998 vs their in-state rival Iowa State.
The visitor is 14-5 ATS the last 19 games in this rival series.

Iowa is 6-9 SU & 4-9-2 ATS S/'91 in their 1st conf game of the season.
The home team is 5-9-1 ATS in this series since 1989.

The home team is 7-2 ATS since 1995 in this series.
Iowa is 5-3 SU & 6-1-1 ATS in their last 8 games as a home dog.

The home team is 8-4 ATS since 1990 in this series.
UI is 11-4 SU but 5-10 ATS since 1991 in Homecoming games.

In their last 5 games these 2 schools have averaged 62 ppg.
The favorite is 7-1 ATS in their last 8 series meetings.

UI is 8-2-1 ATS S/'95 in their 2nd consecutive RG (6-0-1 ATS as a AD).
Iowa is 11-5-1 ATS the last 6 years as a Big 10 road dog.

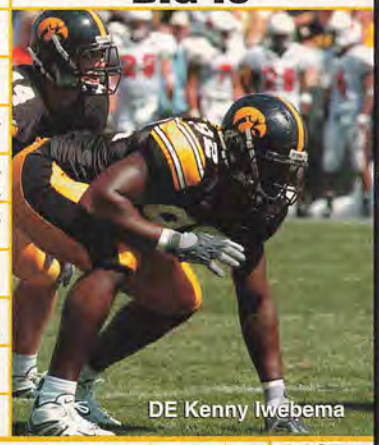
UI's avg score all-time vs NIU is 48-10 & avg cover is by 12.5 ppg (5 gms).
The Hawkeyes are 10-1 SU & 9-2 ATS vs current MAC teams since 1998.

Iowa has dominated Northwestern going 23-5 SU & 18-10 ATS since '76.
Hawkeyes have covered 17 of their last 21 November games.

Iowa is 21-6-1 SU & 17-11 ATS vs Wisconsin since 1976.
Hawkeyes are 13-1 ATS the last 14 home finales.

The last 5 games have avg 66 ppg & 882 total offensive ypg.
Hawkeyes are 10-3 SU & 12-1 ATS vs Minnesota the last 13 meetings.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Chuck Long 10,461 1981-'85
Rushing: Sedrick Shaw 4,156 1993-'96 Receiving: Tim Dwight 2,271 1994-'97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STADIUM: KINNICK STADIUM (70,585)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	3-9	6-5	11-1	9-3	9-2	7-4	46-34
Home	1-5	2-4	5-1	6-1	7-0	6-0	5-1	32-12
Away	0-5	1-5	1-4	5-0	2-3	3-2	2-3	14-22
ATS	4-7	8-4	6-4-1	9-3	9-3	7-3-1	6-4	49-28-2
Home Fav	1-0	0-1	4-1	5-2	6-0	3-1	4-1	23-6
Home Dog	2-3	3-2	0-0-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	8-5-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-2	2-1	1-1	0-1	0-2	4-7
Away Dog	1-4	5-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1-1	2-1	14-10-1
Favorite	1-0	0-1	5-3	7-3	7-1	3-2	4-3	27-13
Dog	3-7	8-3	1-1-1	2-0	2-2	4-1-1	2-1	22-15-2
Grass	4-5	6-3	5-3-1	8-3	8-3	6-2	5-4	42-23-1
Artificial	0-2	2-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-1-1	1-0	7-5-1
vs Conf	3-5	6-2	4-3-1	7-1	5-3	6-1-1	5-3	36-18-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	4-0	1-2	1-1	13-10
Off SU Win	0-1	2-1	2-3-1	7-3	5-3	5-3	3-3	24-17-1
Off SU Loss	4-5	5-3	3-1	1-0	3-0	1-0-1	2-1	19-10-1

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Alamo	+1	Texas Tech	19-16	W
02	Orange	+4'	USC - #5	17-38	L
03	Outback	+3'	Florida - #17	37-17	W
04	Capital One	+6'	LSU - #12	30-25	W
05	Outback	E	Florida - #16	24-31	L

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2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Albert Young	249	1376	42	1334	8	5.4
Damian Sims	30	300	4	296	4	9.9
Shonn Greene	37	182	9	173	1	4.7
Marcus Schnoor	22	73	4	69	2	3.1
Jason Manson	11	68	14	54	0	4.9
Sam Brownlee	9	44	2	42	2	4.7
Drew Tate	44	155	114	41	1	0.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Drew Tate	352	219	62.2	2828	22	7
Jason Manson	48	24	50.0	230	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Clinton Solomon	46	800	17.4	7	78
Scott Chandler	47	552	11.7	2	37
Ed Hinkel	40	518	12.9	7	46
Herb Grigsby	25	335	13.4	3	33
Albert Young	24	244	10.2	0	51
Tony Moeaki	8	112	14.0	0	36
Matt Melloy	8	103	12.9	1	22
Ryan Majerus	10	95	9.5	2	27
Calvin Davis	8	79	9.9	0	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Andy Fenstermaker	49	1885	38.5	18	34.5(T)	1	21
John Gallery	8	340	42.5	2	–	0	2

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kyle Schlicher	43-44	5-5	9-10	2-5	1-1	17-21	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Abdul Hodge	158	1	10	0	0
Chad Greenway	156	2	8	8	1
Edmond Miles	68	1	8	2	1
Jovon Johnson	67	0	1	11	3
Marcus Paschal	62	0	0.5	6	0
Mitch King	60	2	8.5	3	0
Antwan Allen	60	0	1	4	0
Miguel Merrick	59	0	2	4	1
Matt Kroul	48	2	2.5	1	1
Kenny Iwebema	48	7	3	0	0
Bryan Mattison	46	4	5.5	1	0
Charles Godfrey	35	0	0.5	0	0
Mike Follett	32	3	1	0	0
Mike Humpal	25	0	1	2	0
Adam Shada	22	0	0	5	3
Ryan Bain	21	4	0	0	0
Zach Gabelmann	17	0	1	1	0
Alex Willcox	13	0	0	0	0
Devan Moylan	13	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jovon Johnson	13	226	17.4	1
Ed Hinkel	10	91	9.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damian Sims	12	241	20.1	0
Albert Young	12	182	15.2	0

IOWA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	30.0	23	175	4.8	258	60.6	14.4	-1	2005	5	20.0	21	126	3.2	257	62.0	19.1
2	24.3	17	73	2.0	240	62.1	12.8	+13	2004	7	17.6	17	93	2.8	201	55.2	16.7
4	28.7	17	173	4.2	161	53.4	11.6	+4	2003	7	16.2	17	93	2.5	222	55.6	19.5
6	37.2	21	214	5.0	210	58.0	11.4	+15	2002	5	19.7	22	82	2.6	273	56.1	18.0
8*	32.6	20	175	4.3	218	65.0	12.1	0	2001	8	21.5	18	117	3.2	208	55.2	15.1
6*	16.9	17	91	2.7	215	56.9	18.1	-3	2000	6	27.5	22	194	4.5	247	56.7	16.0

2005 STATS BY GAME

UI 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE SKS YDS	OFFENSE VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE SKS YDS	DEFENSE BY	DEFENSE TURN
#11	Ball St	22	47 - 241	5.1	19 - 20	200	2	7	34 - 51	1.5	11 - 23	93	3	-1
#8	at Iowa St	20	32 - 173	5.4	15 - 42	174	3	22	55 - 169	3.1	14 - 24	154	3	-4
#22	Northern Iowa	24	39 - 231	5.9	18 - 23	265	2	20	41 - 105	2.6	19 - 29	263	2	+2
#21	at Ohio St	12	18 - (-9)	-0.5	22 - 39	146	5	26	60 - 314	5.2	14 - 21	216	1	+1
–	Illinois	25	39 - 301	7.7	17 - 23	175	0	21	33 - 141	4.3	32 - 44	233	4	-1
–	at Purdue	28	50 - 178	3.6	19 - 33	357	1	25	24 - 92	3.8	31 - 50	353	1	+1
–	Indiana	19	33 - 160	4.8	12 - 24	265	1	25	44 - 86	2.0	37 - 57	360	2	-1
–	Michigan	23	38 - 139	3.7	27 - 39	288	2	19	41 - 122	3.0	15 - 22	220	0	+1
–	at Northwestern	27	43 - 216	5.0	23 - 38	276	1	25	31 - 115	3.7	31 - 51	338	1	+2
–	at Wisconsin	21	37 - 166	4.5	21 - 34	224	1	16	31 - 19	0.6	21 - 38	257	6	-2
–	Minnesota	28	40 - 236	5.9	20 - 34	377	0	24	34 - 129	3.8	26 - 46	315	0	+1
#25	† Florida	23	20 - 64	3.2	32 - 55	346	1	26	42 - 169	4.0	25 - 40	278	2	0
TOTALS		272	436 - 2096	4.8	245 - 404	3093	19	256	470 - 1512	3.2	276 - 445	3080	25	-1
AVERAGES		22.7	36 - 175	4.8	20 - 34	258	1.6	21.3	39 - 126	3.2	23 - 37	257	2.1	-0.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-27	51-0	W
Miami, Oh	-15	44-19	W
Penn St	-9'	24-18	L
at Purdue - #21	+3'	14-23	L
at Michigan St	+5	28-31	W
Indiana	-9'	42-28	W
Michigan - #8	+6	26-32	T
at Wisconsin	-1'	28-34	L
at Northwestern	-1	59-16	W
Minnesota	-12'	42-24	W
at Iowa St	-4	14-17	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-19	57-21	W
at Miami, Oh	-5'	29-24	L
Iowa St	-3'	31-36	L
Utah St	-22	48-7	W
at Penn St - #12	+8	42-35 OT	W
Purdue	-9	31-28	L
Michigan St	-5	44-16	W
at Indiana	-13	24-8	W
at Michigan - #8	+3'	34-9	W
Wisconsin	-9'	20-3	W
Northwestern	-29'	62-10	W
at Minnesota	-11'	45-21	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	-10	21-3	W
Buffalo	-35'	56-7	W
at Iowa St	-4	40-21	W
Arizona St - #16	-7'	21-2	W
at Michigan St	-7	10-20	L
Michigan - #9	+3	30-27	W
at Ohio St - #8	+3'	10-19	L
Penn St	-10'	26-14	W
Illinois	-26	41-10	W
at Purdue - #16	+3	14-27	L
Minnesota - #19	-5'	40-22	W
at Wisconsin	+3	27-21	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-30'	39-7	W
Iowa St	-22	17-10	L
at Arizona St	+1'	7-44	L
at Michigan - #19	+13	17-30	T
Michigan St	-7	38-16	W
Ohio St - #25	+1	33-7	W
at Penn St	+3	6-4	W
at Illinois	-12'	23-13	L
Purdue	+1	23-21	W
at Minnesota	+4	29-27	W
Wisconsin - #9	-3	30-7	W

2005 RESULTS

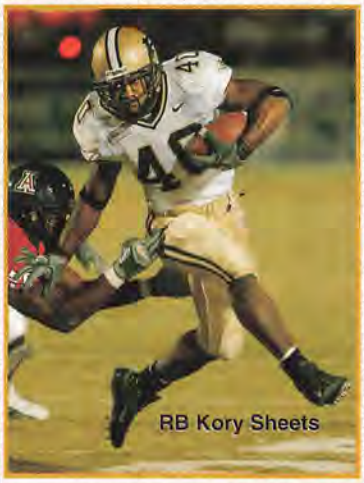
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ball St	-42	56-0	W
at Iowa St	-9	3-23	L
Northern Iowa	NL	45-21	–
at Ohio St - #8	+7'	6-31	L
Illinois	-19'	35-7	W
at Purdue	+4'	34-17	W
Indiana	-16	38-21	W
Michigan	-3	20-23 OT	L
at Northwestern	-3	27-28	L
at Wisconsin - #19	+2'	20-10	W
Minnesota	-6	52-28	W

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 soph Kyle Orton suffered a concussion and split time with true frosh Brandon Kirsch (PS#27) who threw for 1,067 (59%) with an 8-5 ratio (468 rushing). Kirsch redshirted in 2003 while Orton took over the starting job. In 2004 Tiller signed Curtis Painter (PS#29) calling him the best looking prospect since Orton. He redshirted and Orton threw for 3,090 (60.7%) with a 31-5 ratio. With Orton's production slowing down in the 2H of the season due to a hip injury, Kirsch started two and threw for 711 (61.7%) with a 7-3 ratio (153 rush). To take advantage of Kirsch's mobility and to open up the running game, they added more option to the offense in 2005. Kirsch threw for 1,727 (59.1%) but with just a 7-8 ratio and surprisingly despite being an excellent runner, was never able to master the art of running the option. He almost always pitched the ball to a RB, leaving the defense having to cover just 10 players. Against Northwestern, Kirsch hit 37 of 58 for 360 but also threw 2 int and was subsequently benched. Painter started the final 5. Painter was more adept at running the option and threw for 932 (52.4%) but with only a 3-5 ratio (289 rush). Painter is expected to start with the backup being rFr Joey Elliott (PS#27). Tiller called Elliott a gym rat as he spends a lot of time working on his game and in the film room. Kirsch, when told he would likely be 3rd string, opted to leave early for the NFL so adding depth are Thomas Haan (6-0 195 rFr, PS#250), Chris Bennett (6-3 186 rFr), Henry Lau (6-5 253 rFr) and this year's true frosh. I look for improved numbers in the second year of their spread option offense.

RUNNING BACKS - The Boilermakers have had just one 1,000-yard rusher since 1995 (2002). Jerod Void led the team with 625 (3.9) and Brandon Jones added 477 (4.2). Both returned last year along with rFr Kory Sheets (PS#173), who had the best speed of the RB's. He had a big 88 yard run vs Minnesota. Jones was the Men Of Iron skill player but surprisingly only got 43 carries (230 yd). Void, who at 212 lbs returned to the track team to make himself faster, led with 696 (5.4) but was slowed by injuries. Sheets added 571 (5.5). This unit must replace Void (10 st) and Jones (2 st). JUCO Jaycen Taylor (4.5 spd) had 1,034 all-purpose yards at JC last year and was enrolled in the spring. Added to the mix are rFr Dray Mason (PS#37), soph Anthony Heygood (PS#57), Joe Williams (5-8 204 So), Frank Halliburton (6-3 245 rFr, PS#136DL), Chris Ayers (5-8 188 Jr) and Ted Miller (6-1 205 rFr). Despite the loss of their top rusher, the group could put up better numbers.


RB Kory Sheets

RECEIVERS - In 2004 the Boilermakers had to replace the Big 10's all-time leading receiver in John Standeford, who led the team with 1,150 yards in 2003. Taylor Stubblefield was not the biggest or fastest receiver but he simply set the NCAA record for career rec's. Last year they had to replace Stubblefield (89 rec, 12.3) but had a solid unit returning. Kyle Ingraham (6'9") had 51(12.2) in '04 but was bothered by an ankle injury all year and his numbers dropped. VHT Dorian Bryant (PS#11) had a rough game vs Minnesota with 3 key drops but with his 4.24 speed, led with 80 (12.0). TE Charles Davis also had a key drop vs UM but was #3 with 26 (12.0). Backup TE Dustin Keller, who is one of the team's top lifters with 4.5 speed, was also bothered by an ankle injury. This season they must replace TE Davis (#5DC PIT, 7 st), WR Ray Williams (2 st then moved to DB), WR Kevin Noel (7 st, 14 rec) and WR Brian Hare (1 st, 12 rec). WR Ingraham (25 st 3Y) was not on the roster in the spring but is expected back in the fall. Despite the losses, this unit could be stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Purdue only averaged 3.5 ypc rushing in 2004 while allowing 31 sacks. They had to replace two starters and a backup and then lost starting LG Uche Nwaneri for the season so it was a lightly experienced group. Running more option, their production increased to 4.9 ypc rush and just 9 sacks allowed (2.1%!). The only loss is C Matt Turner (11 st, 4 yr st'r, HM B10). Not only do 9 of the top 10 return but they get Nwaneri back to fill the open LG slot. This should be one of the best O-lines in the Big 10.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Boilers had 7 of their top 8 DL's returning. They had the best run D in the Tiller era (2.7 ypc) while the D recorded 41 sacks. In 2004 they had to replace 3 starters but the young unit outperformed expectations allowing just 3.1 ypc rushing with 35 sacks. Last year the unit returned intact. Seven DE's under Tiller have played in the NFL and last year looked like one of the best units yet. After 5 games, however, the DE's combined for just 4.5 sacks. Rob Ninkovich, who has a non-stop motor, beat out returning starting DE Ray Edwards for one spot and true frosh DT Alex Magee started two. Ninkovich was to be the team's MVP despite starting just the last 5. The team allowed 3.5 ypc rush and saw the sack total drop by 7. This year they lose DE Ninkovich (#5DC NO, 2nd Tm B10, 8 sk, 9 tfl), DE Ray Edwards (#4DC MIN, 6 st, 28 tkl, 5.5 sk), DT Brandon Villarreal (11 st, 53 tkl, 3.5 sk) and DT Brent Grover (7 st, 18 tkl, 3.5 tfl). Tiller brings in two JUCO's and a true frosh who were in for the spring. Despite being far less experienced than 2005, that unit clearly underperformed.

LINEBACKERS - Purdue had outstanding, speedy LB corps in both 2002 and 2003 and all 3 starters were NFL DC's in 2004. The new starters were bigger but not as fast. Much was expected of true frosh Kyle Williams (PS#5) and Tiller called him the most talented LB but the least experienced. He, along with the entire LB unit, underperformed in 2005 with the 2nd string outplaying the starters on a regular basis. Only George Hall started all 11 and he was suspended for the entire spring of 2006. This year they lose Bobby Iwuchukwu (7 st, 27 tkl, 4.5 tfl) and Kyle Williams (1 st, 28 tkl). Four players return with starting experience (they were the top 4 LB tacklers LY) and VHT SS Jason Werner moves in as well.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Purdue ranked #18 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and #23 in 2003. In 2004 they had to replace a pair of DC's and dropped to #56. Last year was a veteran secondary. They did suffer a blow over the summer losing SS Torri Williams for the year. The unit struggled early and moved WR Ray Williams to one CB spot and he started the last 7. CB Brian Hickman dislocated his elbow and missed 4. PU's pass D finished #59. This year they lose Williams (22 tkl, 4 pbu), Hickman (7 st, 28 tkl), SS Bernard Pollard (#2DC KC, 11 st, #1 tkl'r, 3 int), FS Kyle Smith (5 st, 24 tkl) and CB Sean Petty (3 tkl). Three players return with starting experience. Despite being less experienced, this unit could move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Special teams were a disaster in 2002 with a #106 rating and cost Purdue at least 3 games. DT coach Mark Hagen took over as the primary coordinator in 2003 and with Butler transfer Ben Jones hitting 25 of 30 FG's, the unit improved to #16. They were #52 in 2004 and had to replace the returnmen last year. P Dave Brytus (PS#3) did not have the prettiest punts, as many were short that rolled but only had an excellent net of 36.7. Unfortunately he opted to transfer to Pitt. Jones struggled on the turf at Ross-Ade Stadium. He hit 4 of 9 FG's at home but on the road hit 4 of 5 and with improved turf, so you can expect better FG production. They add super JUCO P Jared Armstrong. Overall Purdue finished an excellent #30 in my ST rankings but with the losses (PR Melvin, K & P), figure to drop a few notches.

COACHES - Joe Tiller enters his 10th year here and had a streak of 8 straight bowl appearances snapped last season. OC Jim Chaney was the OC the last 9 years but left for the NFL St Louis Rams. The new OC is OL coach Bill Legg who was the OC/OL coach at W Virginia in 2000. DC Brock Spack enters his 10th year. Including Chaney, 5 assistants from last year departed in the offseason.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Purdue's last outright Big 10 Title was in 1929 but have shared it 6 times since. In 2002 they were much better than their final 7-6 record. They were #1 in the Big 10 in both total offense and defense and their 6 losses came by a combined 26 points. Four of their losses came vs Top 10 teams and they outgained league foes by 144.5 ypg, but were -10 in turnovers and 4-4 in the Big 10. They had 2 OT losses in 2003 and could have easily finished higher than their final #19 ranking. In 2004 they had QB Orton back but also a very young D that had 8 new starters. They still managed to jump out to 5-0 and were ranked #5 when a fumble was returned 40 yards for a TD by Wisconsin with 2:36 left. They also blew late leads vs Michigan, N'wstrn, Iowa and once again in their bowl. Their 5 losses were by 2.8 ppg! Despite a 7-5 record, they outscored foes by a 14.6 ppg margin. Last year all the pieces were in place for a huge year as they had all 11 starters back from a defense that allowed just 17.2 ppg. They also did not have to play Ohio St or Michigan and had most of their toughest games at home. The team sold a school record 45,581 season tickets. They were #13 in the preseason AP poll, their highest since 1980 (#9). They got their first win on a Pac 10 home field since 1970 (they beat #3 Stanford) when they got past Arizona 31-24. They led Minnesota 28-20 after staging a terrific 2H comeback before giving up a TD and 2 pt conversion with 1:34 left. A lot of dropped passes cost them and still led by 7 in OT when Minny converted on a 4th & 8 for a TD and won in two OT's. Heading to the lockerroom, Kirsch commented that their season was basically over as they expected an undefeated campaign. That turned out to be the case as Purdue did not recover from that double OT loss (see Hardcore). Despite having all 11 starters back, Purdue allowed 10.9 more ppg than in 2005. At the end of the season some disgruntled players left the program and Tiller took verbal swipes at the players performances. After 8 straight bowl games, the longest streak in school history, they stayed home for the holidays. This year's squad does have THIRTY seniors including 15 5th -year seniors. The Boiler offense averaged 429 ypg and 30 ppg. Despite the loss of their QB and top RB, with 7 starters back and some solid additions, they should be more potent. Purdue's defense overachieved in 2004 allowing just 17.2 ppg despite only 3 returning starters. Last year the unit greatly underachieved with all 11 starters back yielding 28.1 ppg, their most since 1996. Despite only having five returning starters, the defense should be stronger in 2006. This is a less experienced team with only 12 starters back but once again they avoid Ohio St and Michigan and hope to be like the 2004 Auburn team and 2005 W Virginia team, which were off extremely disappointing years but rebounded. Now with lower expectations, I give Purdue an excellent chance of matching their high win total of the Tiller era (9).

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 12 Curtis Painter So. 6-4 228 **PS#29**. Last 5 starts as rFr. 932 (52%) 3-5 ratio, 289 rush. **14** Joey Elliott (6-3 210 rFr) **PS#27**. Jeff Lindsay PS#18. Keith Smith PS#136.

RB 24 Kory Sheets So. 6-0 199 1 st rFr, 571 (5.5). **33** Jaycen Taylor PS#188JC. In for spg. Dario Camacho (5-10 200 Jr) PS#38JC. **42** Anthony Heygood (6-2 221 So) PS#57.

WR NA SELWYN LYMON FR. 6-4 210 **PS#11 LY. 20** Andre Chattams (6-0 198 Sr) PS#74. 8 st, 3Y, 23 rec. **84** Byron Williams (6-3 191 Jr) PS#82. Joe Whitest (6-2 205 Jr) JC.

WR 3 DORIEN BRYANT JR. 5-10 175 **PS#11**. 2 st, 38 (15.4) rFr. 10 st, **80 rec** (12.0) LY. **6** Desmond Tardy (6-1 192 So) PS#92DB. **88** Jake Standeford (6-2 189 Jr) PS#270.

WR 21 GREG ORTON SO. 6-4 191 **PS#32**. 9 rec true. **89 Kyle Ingraham** (6-9 228 Sr) 12 st, 51 rec '04. 11 st, 41 rec LY. **82** Derek Benson (6-1 191 rFr). Roberto McBean JUCO.

TE 28 Dustin Keller Jr. 6-4 244 1 st, 18 (12.8) 2Y. **3** Garret Bushong (6-5 247 Jr) **PS#10**. **80** Jerry Wasikowski (6-4 253 So) PS#55. **86** Alec Huber (6-5 240 rFr) PS#86.

C 68 ROBBIE POWELL JR. 6-5 297 PS#399. 3 gm rFr. 11 st LG LY. **76** Cory Benton (6-3 276 So) 2nd string rFr. Added 31 lbs. **63** Eric Pickell (6-2 297 rFr). Added 36 lbs.

RG 65 JORDAN GRIMES JR. 6-3 334 **PS#89**. 1st true OL to play under Tiller, 1 st, 10 gm. 11 st RG LY, **2nd Tm B10**. **53** Nick Fincher (6-4 292 So) **PS#77**. **69** Neal Tull (6-3 294 So).

LG 67 Uche Nwaneri Sr. 6-3 300 PS#178DL. 12 st LG '04. Susp'd LY. **60** Zach Smith (6-4 286 So) PS#138. 1 gm LY. **57** Dan McGowen (6-0 279 Sr) PS#334LB. Scholarship.

RT 74 SEAN SESTER SO. 6-8 309 **PS#91**. 11 st rFr at RT, HM B10. Added 27 lbs. **50** Eric Hedstrom (6-7 295 rFr) **PS#60**. Added 25 lbs. **76** Jason Kacinko (6-6 303 rFr) **PS#28**.

LT 65 MIKE OTTO SR. 6-5 304 PS#273. 13 st LT '03. HM Big 10 2Y. 12 st LT '04. 11 st LT LY. **51** Garrett Miller (6-8 279 So) PS#443. **64** Nick Raben (6-3 275 Sr).

K 8 Casey Welch Sr. 5-9 167 West Virg trans. **43** Kyle Mossbrucker (5-8 194 rFr) PS#87. **44** Tom Hansen (5-9 184 rFr). Tim Dougherty PS#79. 9-11 FG's in HS.

DE 49 ANTHONY SPENCER SR. 6-3 261 12 st '04, 33 tkl, 7.5 sk. 11 st LY, 23 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **87** Michael McDonald PS#159JC in for spg. **95** Keyon Brown (6-3 230 rFr) PS#100LB.

DT 90 Ryan Baker So. 6-6 282 **PS#17**. 2 st rFr, 10 tkl. **54** Jared Zwilling (6-4 281 rFr) **PS#40**. **31** Nick Cavallo (6-3 259 Sr) PS#60TE. **43** Kyle Sheehan PS#107. In for spring.

DT 71 Alex Magee So. 6-5 275 PS#70. 2 st true, 18 tkl, 1 tfl. **92** Mike Neal (6-4 270 rFr) PS#83. **79** Jermaine Guynn (6-1 277 So) PS#212LB. Scout MVP '04. 5 tkl LY.

DE 93 Jeff Benjamin Jr. 6-2 250 **PS#41JC** in for spg. 9.5 sk at JC LY. **45** Eugene Bright (6-4 254 Jr) PS#176LB. 23 tkl 2Y. **52** Adam Huebner (6-3 271 Sr) 3 st Ind St '03.

SLB 85 CLIFF AVRIL JR. 6-3 240 PS#183. Last 4 st as true, 36 tkl. 4 st LY, 33 tkl. **29** Jason Werner (6-4 208 So) **PS#37DB**. 6 gm as true at SS. **41** John Lampert (6-3 219 Sr).

MLB 30 GEORGE HALL SR. 6-2 243 **PS#86**. 1 st, 13 tkl rFr. 12 st '04, 92 tkl, 6 tfl. 11 st LY, 77 tkl. **17** Josh Ferguson (6-3 234 Jr) PS#184. 14 tkl 2Y. **81** Al Royal (6-0 228 Sr) PS#159WR.

WLB 36 DAN BICK JR. 6-1 218 PS#147. 4 st LY, 40 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **59 Stanford Keglar** (6-2 240 Jr) PS#115. **12 st** '04, 61 tkl. 6 st LY, 50 tkl. **55** Andy Deeds (6-3 221 Jr).

CB 7 Brandon King So. 5-11 184 PS#99. 4 tkl true. **4.34 spd**. **25** Paul Long (6-2 194 Jr) PS#220. 7 st '04. 2 st LY. 31 tkl 2Y. **33** Aaron Lane (5-8 172 Jr) 10 (18.4) at St Francis.

CB 5 ZACH LOGAN SO. 5-11 186 PS#90. 9 st rFr, 43 tkl, 5 pbu. **4** Fabian Martin (5-11 188 So) PS#52WR. 10 gm rFr. David Pender PS#97. Jonte Lindsey (5-10 170 Jr) PS#477JC.

SS 2 Torri Williams So. 6-2 204 14 tkl, 1 int true. RS LY. Compared to Rod Woodson. Justin Scott PS#254JC. 11 pbu at JC LY. **48** Pat Kohtz (6-1 211 Sr). Brandon Erwin PS#444.

FS 19 Brandon Whittington So. 6-2 206 PS#155WR. 3 st FS rFr, 15 tkl, 2 pbu. **15** Brandon Blackmon (6-0 194 Jr) PS#446JC in spg. Todshon Jones (6-2 165 Fr) Milford. **27** Adam Wolf (5-11 201 rFr).

P 11 Jared Armstrong Jr. 6-3 231 PS#108JC. #1 NJCAA punter 43.7 avg, 7-12 FG's, 31-33 xp, 23 TB's on KO's LY. **8** Casey Welch (5-9 167 Sr) West Virg transfer. 7-11 FG HS, 42 yd punt.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	Selwyn Lymon 6-4 210 PS#11 '05
RB	Dario Camacho 5-10 200 PS#38JC
OL	Jeff Benjamin 5-2 260 PS#41JC
QB	Jeff Lindsay 6-4 210 PS#18
LB	Kevin Green 6-2 215 PS#52
P	Jared Armstrong 6-3 235 PS#108JC
LB	John Humphrey 6-1 205 PS#78
DL	Kyle Sheehan 6-3 245 PS#107
RB	Deon Williams 6-0 200 PS#92
DL	Michael McDonald 6-2 250 PS#159JC
DB	David Pender 6-1 175 PS# 97
RB	Jaycen Taylor 5-10 175 PS#188JC
RB	Royce Adams 6-0 180 PS#122
DB	Justin Scott 6-0 215 PS#254JC
QB	Keith Smith 6-2 195 PS#136
RB	Mario Swope 5-10 185 PS#246
TE	Kyle Adams 6-5 235 PS#89
DB	Brandon Blackmon 6-0 194 PS#446JC
QB	Jeff Panfil 6-5 185 PS#242
DB	Brandon Erwin 6-2 185 PS#444
OL	Justin Pierce 6-4 300 PS#452
OL	Ryan Prater 6-5 260 PS#455
K	Tim Dougherty 5-10 165 PS#79
DB	Jonte Lindsey 5-10 170 PS#477JC
WR	Roberto McBean 6-0 190 PS#477JC
WR	Joe Whitest 6-2 205 PS#477JC

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

West Lafayette, Indiana
Weather (765) 447-1352

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#58

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score PU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Indiana St	G					
Sep. 9	Miami, Oh	G					
Sep. 16	Ball St	G					
Sep. 23	Minnesota (HC)	G					
Sep. 30	at Notre Dame	G					
Oct. 7	at Iowa	G					
Oct. 14	at Northwestern	G					
Oct. 21	Wisconsin	G					
Oct. 28	Penn St	G					
Nov. 4	at Michigan St	G					
Nov. 11	at Illinois	A					
Nov. 18	Indiana	G					
Nov. 25	at Hawaii	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Last year PU finished below .500 for the 1st time in the Joe Tiller era.
Boilermakers are 11-6 ATS the last 17 September home games.
Purdue is 5-30-1 ATS since 1994 when scoring 20 pts or less.

The Sycamores finished 0-11 LY & are IAA Gateway Conf members.
Boilermakers are 12-4 SU & 10-5 ATS their last 16 home openers.

Purdue is 14-5-2 ATS their last 21 games after a SU win.
Boilermakers are 8-1 SU & 6-2-1 ATS the last 9 games vs non-conf tms.

PU is 6-0 SU & 3-1 ATS vs BSU with the avg score 38-13 & avg cover by 13 ppg.
In their last gm in 2004, PU scored a TD on 8 of 11 drives & never punted.

Boilermakers are 8-3 SU & 7-3-1 ATS the last 11 Homecoming games.
PU has covered the last 13 of 17 & are 24-10-2 ATS in Big 10 HG's under Tiller.

Purdue is 8-5 ATS the L/13 gms vs Notre Dame & the HT is 7-4 ATS the L/11.
Could apply: Purdue is only 3-14-1 ATS under Joe Tiller as an away dog.

Purdue is 9-21-2 ATS in Big 10 away games the last 8 years.
The favorite is 11-7 ATS the last 18 games in this series.

This will be just the 3rd time PU will play 3 consecutive AG's in 1 season S/'76 (0-2 ATS).
The home team is 3-10-1 ATS since 1990 in this series.

Five of the last 6 games in this series have been decided by 7 pts or less.
Purdue is 5-7-1 SU but 8-5 ATS the last 13 meetings with Wisconsin.

The favorite has covered 5 of the last 7 games in this series (since 1997).
The home team is 6-3 ATS all-time in this series.

Purdue is 10-3 SU & 9-2-2 ATS the last 4 years in November games.
The home team is 10-1-2 ATS since 1991 in this series.

Purdue is 6-12-2 ATS the game before in-state rival Indiana since '86.
Boilermakers are 5-10 ATS on artificial turf since 1998.

Purdue is 6-2 ATS the last 8 years in their home finales.
Boilermakers have won the Old Oaken Bucket SU 8 of the L9Y (6-3 ATS).

First time PU will play Hawaii & longest trip they will take in school history.
Tiller made his coaching debut as Wyoming's HC vs Hawaii on 8/31/91 (4-2 SU & ATS vs UH).

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Drew Brees 11,792 1997-'00
Rushing: Mike Alstott 3,635 1992-'95 Receiving: John Standeford 3,788 2000-'03

JOE TILLER (Career 106-73-1)

10th Year at Purdue — Tiller's SU Bowl Record: 3-6

Tiller's records AT PURDUE

67-43	Straight Up	29-17-2	Home Favorite
50-46-5	Vs The Spread	5-2	Home Underdog
16-18-3	Off A SU Loss	13-13-2	Away Favorite
36-32-4	Vs Conference	3-14-1	Away Underdog
14-14-1	Vs Non-Conf	2-4-1	Off A Bye

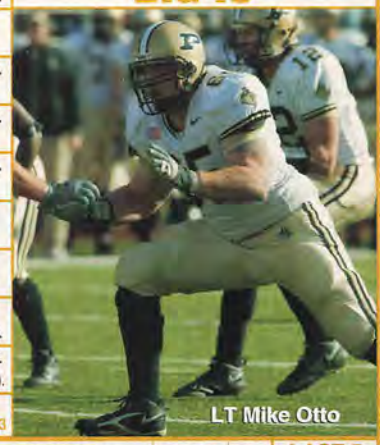
2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (21,20,0)
Lost: 20 (7,11,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 62,996

BIG 10


LT Mike Otto

STADIUM: ROSS-ADE STADIUM (62,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-3	6-5	6-6	9-3	7-4	5-6	48-31
Home	4-2	6-0	4-2	4-3	6-1	4-2	3-3	31-13
Away	3-2	2-3	2-3	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	17-18
ATS	5-6	6-5	4-6-1	6-4-1	8-3-1	5-6	3-7-1	37-37-4
Home Fav	2-2	4-2	3-2-1	2-2	6-1	4-2	1-4	22-15-1
Home Dog	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	4-1
Away Fav	2-1	2-3	1-1	1-1-1	1-1	1-4	1-0-1	9-11-2
Away Dog	0-2	0-0	0-3	1-1	1-1-1	0-0	0-3	2-10-1
Favorite	4-3	6-5	4-3-1	3-3-1	7-2	5-6	2-4-1	31-26-3
Dog	1-3	0-0	0-3	3-1	1-1-1	0-0	1-3	6-11-1
Grass	4-6	5-4	3-5-1	6-3-1	7-1-1	5-5	2-5-1	32-29-4
Artificial	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	1-2	0-1	1-2	5-8
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	3-4-1	6-1-1	5-2-1	2-6	3-5	26-27-3
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-3	3-1	3-0	0-2-1	11-10-1
Off SU Win	2-4	3-4	3-3	3-2	6-1-1	3-3	2-1-1	22-18-2
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-1	1-2-1	3-2-1	2-1	1-3	1-5	12-16-2

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jerod Void	130	708	12	696	10	5.4
Kory Sheets	**104**	**601**	**30**	**571**	**10**	**5.5**
Curtis Painter	**52**	**289**	**38**	**251**	**4**	**4.8**
Brandon Jones	43	232	2	230	2	5.3
Brandon Kirsch	48	246	48	198	1	4.1
Dorien Bryant	**21**	**121**	**20**	**101**	**3**	**4.8**
Anthony Heygood	**9**	**36**	**0**	**36**	**0**	**4.0**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brandon Kirsch	257	152	59.1	1727	7	8
Curtis Painter	**170**	**89**	**52.4**	**932**	**3**	**5**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dorien Bryant	**80**	**960**	**12.0**	**4**	**44**
Kyle Ingraham	**41**	**500**	**12.2**	**0**	**46**
Charles Davis	26	311	12.0	1	49
Andre Chattams	**17**	**178**	**10.5**	**1**	**22**
Kevin Noel	14	135	9.6	0	28
Kory Sheets	**13**	**132**	**10.2**	**0**	**23**
Dustin Keller	**13**	**128**	**9.8**	**3**	**34**
Brian Hare	12	98	8.2	0	22
Greg Orton	**9**	**94**	**10.4**	**0**	**22**
Brandon Jones	7	66	9.4	0	33

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Dave Brytus	62	2446	39.5	17	36.7	0	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ben Jones	40-42	2-2	2-4	3-7	1-1	8-14	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bernard Pollard	92	0	1.5	3	3
George Hall	**77**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**0**
Brandon Villarreal	53	3.5	5	1	0
Stanford Keglar	**50**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**1**
Rob Ninkovich	48	8	9	2	2
Zach Logan	**43**	**1**	**1.5**	**5**	**0**
Dan Bick	**40**	**1**	**2.5**	**0**	**1**
Cliff Avril	**33**	**0**	**2.5**	**0**	**0**
Ray Edwards	28	5.5	5.5	1	1
Brian Hickman	28	0	0	3	2
Kyle Williams	28	0	0	0	0
Bobby Iwuchukwu	27	1	3.5	0	0
Kyle Smith	24	0	0	3	2
Anthony Spencer	**23**	**3**	**4.5**	**1**	**0**
Ray Williams	22	0	0	4	0
Brent Grover	18	1	2.5	2	1
Alex Magee	**18**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Brandon Whittington	**15**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Eugene Bright	**10**	**1.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lance Melvin	23	194	8.4	0
Brian Hare	6	19	3.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dorien Bryant	**21**	**500**	**23.8**	**1**
Kory Sheets	**4**	**73**	**18.2**	**0**

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Rose	-1'	Washington	24-34	L
01	Sun	+6'	Washington St - #13	27-33	W
02	Sun	+3	Washington	34-24	W
03	Capital One	+3'	Georgia - #11 (OT)	27-34	L
04	Sun	-8	Arizona St - #21	23-27	L

Purdue's All-Time SU Bowl Record 7-6

PURDUE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	30.0	22	187	4.9	242	56.3	14.3	+3	2005	11	28.1	23	143	3.5	287	58.8	15.3
8*	31.8	23	125	3.5	321	61.1	14.1	-3	2004	3	17.2	18	105	3.1	240	55.5	20.1
7*	26.8	20	149	3.5	224	60.6	13.9	+12	2003	9	17.4	16	97	2.7	206	52.9	17.4
8	29.7	23	197	4.4	256	60.0	15.2	-10	2002	8	22.2	16	116	3.3	201	48.2	14.3
5	20.8	18	98	2.7	222	51.2	15.4	+11	2001	10	23.2	17	123	3.1	205	53.5	14.2
8*	31.8	25	152	4.1	309	59.7	14.5	0	2000	6	22.2	18	150	4.0	197	61.0	15.6

2005 STATS BY GAME

PU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
#13	Akron	25	50 - 211	4.2	23 - 36	267	0	17	21 - 23	1.1	26 - 46	362	3	+1
#12	at Arizona	16	45 - 239	5.3	7 - 18	140	1	17	24 - 13	0.5	23 - 40	283	5	+1
#11	at Minnesota	15	29 - 180	6.2	15 - 34	246	1	29	68 - 301	4.4	22 - 36	271	1	+1
#22	Notre Dame	29	24 - 164	6.8	33 - 58	350	0	32	50 - 153	3.1	30 - 39	468	0	0
–	Iowa	25	24 - 92	3.8	31 - 50	353	1	28	50 - 178	3.6	19 - 33	357	1	-1
–	Northwestern	30	36 - 127	3.5	40 - 65	378	0	32	27 - 128	4.7	38 - 57	475	1	-3
–	at Wisconsin	20	40 - 216	5.4	23 - 44	212	0	15	36 - 63	1.8	15 - 27	217	3	-3
–	at Penn St	14	26 - 115	4.4	17 - 38	162	0	29	55 - 303	5.5	13 - 29	213	1	0
–	Michigan St	23	44 - 221	5.0	20 - 32	226	2	20	33 - 103	3.1	22 - 31	248	3	0
–	Illinois	26	47 - 190	4.0	18 - 26	201	3	15	42 - 168	4.0	11 - 28	97	3	+3
–	at Indiana	22	51 - 299	5.9	14 - 27	124	1	20	39 - 145	3.7	12 - 27	169	7	+4
TOTALS		245	416 - 2054	4.9	241 - 428	2659	9	254	445 - 1578	3.5	231 - 393	3160	28	+3
AVERAGES		22.3	38 - 187	4.9	22 - 39	242	0.8	23.1	40 - 143	3.5	21 - 36	287	2.5	0.3

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	-8	19-14	L
Akron	-18	33-14	W
at Minnesota	-4	35-28 OT	W
Iowa	-3'	23-14	W
at Michigan - #12	+11	10-24	L
Northwestern	-5	32-27	T
Illinois - #21	-2	13-38	L
at Ohio St	+6	9-35	L
Michigan St	-3	24-14	W
at Indiana	+2'	7-13	L
Notre Dame	-2'	18-24	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois St	NL	51-10	–
at Notre Dame - #23	+5'	17-24	L
W Michigan	-17	28-24	L
Wake Forest	-9'	21-24	L
Minnesota	-3	28-15	W
at Iowa - #24	+9	28-31	W
at Illinois	-3'	31-38 OT	L
Michigan - #11	+3'	21-23	W
at Northwestern	-13'	42-13	W
Ohio St - #3	+5'	6-10	W
at Michigan St	-3	45-42	T
Indiana	-22	34-10	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-11	26-27	L
at Wake Forest - #20	E	16-10	W
Arizona	-27'	59-7	W
Notre Dame	-10'	23-10	W
Illinois	-14	43-10	W
Penn St	-12	28-14	W
at Wisconsin - #14	-2	26-23	W
at Michigan - #13	+4'	3-31	L
Northwestern	-18	34-14	W
Iowa - #10	-3	27-14	W
at Ohio St - #4	+3	13-16 OT	T
at Indiana	-24'	24-16	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Syracuse	-12'	51-0	W
Ball St	-30'	59-7	W
at Illinois	-21'	38-30	L
at Notre Dame	-2'	41-16	W
at Penn St	-10'	20-13	L
Wisconsin - #10	-7	17-20	L
Michigan - #13	-4	14-16	L
at Northwestern	-10	10-13	L
at Iowa - #20	-1	21-23	L
Ohio St	-6	24-17	W
Indiana	-20'	63-24	W

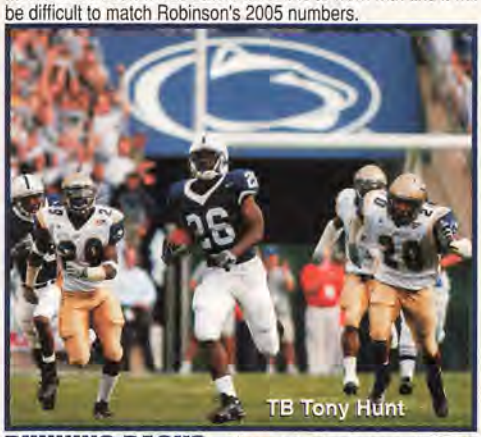
2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-34'	49-24	L
at Arizona	-7	31-24	T
at Minnesota	+3	35-42 2OT	L
Notre Dame - #13	-3	28-49	L
Iowa	-4'	17-34	L
Northwestern	-7'	29-34	L
at Wisconsin - #19	+7'	20-31	L
at Penn St - #11	+15	15-33	L
Michigan St	+4'	28-21	W
Illinois	-23	37-3	W
at Indiana	-11	41-14	W

PENN ST NITTANY LIONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Coming into 2005 Michael Robinson (#4DC SF) was a 5th year senior who had 7 starts at RB, 6 at QB and 5 at WR in his career. He had thrown for 1,181 yards in 3 years and was used in the slash role. Many fans had anticipated that Anthony Morelli (PS#6) would start and Robinson would stay at WR but Paterno sent the staff to Texas in the offseason to study how the Horns built their offense around Vince Young. He felt the Lions had to take advantage of Robinson's tremendous athletic ability. Robinson got off to a slow start as in the opener vs USF had just 90 yards passing (36 rush), lost 2 fumbles and threw an int. In the first 3.5 games Penn St turned the ball over 13 times and most of the miscues could be attributed to Robinson. However, over the last 8.5 games, the Lions had just 9 turnovers. Robinson had 3 TD passes in 3 consecutive games (first time at PSU since Todd Blackledge,1982) and had 112 (6.2) yards rushing vs Minnesota. He threw for 2,350 (52.1%) with a 17-10 ratio while rushing for 932 and was simply the 3rd PSU player to be named Big 10 Off POY (Kerry Collins '94 and Curtis Enis '97). Morelli did well when called upon throwing for 155 (65%) and Paterno sent the staff to visit the Indianapolis Colts this offseason. Adding depth are pocket passer Paul Cianciolo (PS#67), dual-threat Daryll Clark (PS#63) and Kevin Suhey (6-1 200 rFr, PS#168DB). Morelli does not have as stable an O-line to work with and it will be difficult to match Robinson's 2005 numbers.


TB Tony Hunt

RUNNING BACKS - After a couple of years of RB by committee, Paterno installed Larry Johnson as the feature back in 2002 and he simply rushed for 2,087 yards (7.7) and is now one of the NFL's top RB's. In 2003 it looked like the job would go to true frosh Austin Scott (PS#16) or Rodney Kinlaw (5-9 203 Jr, PS#41). Unfortunately Kinlaw tore his ACL and Scott led but with just 436 (4.4) including just 21 carries over the last 6 games. Kinlaw was not 100% heading into 2004 and Scott's poor practice habits put him in the doghouse. Tony Hunt (PS#80WR) led with 777 (4.6) and also was #1 rec with 39 (8.6). Hunt became just the 10th Lion to rush for 1,000 yards last year finishing with 1,047 (6.0) but was injured at the start of the bowl. Scott stepped in and rushed for 110 but finished with just 273 (4.1). Kinlaw was dangerous on KR's but had just 34 yards rushing. All of 2005's RB's return. Not listed in the 3 deep below are FB Dan Lawlor (6-2 241 So, PS#45), Charles Ramsey (6-0 246 rFr) and Nick Pinchek (6-0 197 Jr). The Lions went from averaging 3.9 ypc to 5.1 last year and the RB's should continue to improve.

RECEIVERS - In 4 of the 5 years prior to 2005, dropped passes, lack of speed and poor play had been the focal point of the Lions' receiving corps. In 2004 their top receiver was Michael Robinson, #2 was Tony Hunt with the top true WR having just 20 rec. The leading returning WR, Mark Rubin (16 rec in '04, 6 st), missed the year. They received a significant upgrade last year with some super frosh and turned the unit from a liability to a strength. Derrick Williams (PS#1) had 7 starts, 22 rec (13.1) with 105 rushing but broke his arm. Walk-on Deon Butler had 8 starts as a rFr and led with 37 (18.7). Jordan Norwood was #2 with 32 (13.2). TE Isaac Smolko had arguably the best hands of the receiving corps and hauled in the 4th & 15th pass vs NW to keep their game winning drive alive. Another VHT true frosh Justin King (PS#4DB) played WR and DB and had 5 starts (10 rec, 227 yd rush). This year they must replace Smolko (12 st, UFA DET) and WR Ethan Kilmer (#7DC CIN, 4 st, 15 rec). Those not listed in the 3 deep below include Lydell Sargeant (CB in spring), Brendan Perretta (5-7 180 Jr, 5 rec) and TE Kevin Darling (6-3 242 Sr). With Williams' healthy return, I look for continued improvement from the Lions' receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Lions' O-line allowed just 19 sacks but only paved the way for 3.7 ypc rushing. They had 3 starters back in 2004 and the numbers looked stronger as they opened holes for 3.9 ypc again while allowing just 19 sacks again. However vs three weak teams the Lions avg'd 7.3 ypc and vs the Big 10 they only avg'd 2.9. Having a mobile QB always helps your OL stats as does having a veteran unit. Last year the Lions had 9 of their top 10 return. Unfortunately C EZ Smith got into some off-field problems and did not see the field until Wk 4 while not starting until the last 3. RT John Wilson was lost to a torn ACL after 5 starts. The Lions avg'd 5.1 ypc rushing, their best total since 2002 and allowed just 14 sacks (4.2%). This year the losses are heavy. Gone are RG Tyler Reed (#6DC CHI, 11 st, 3 yr st'r), C Lance Antolick (9 st), LG Charles Rush (12 st, 3 yr st'r), RT Andrew Richardson (7 st, 2 yr st'r), Wilson (5 st) and Smith (3 st). The lone returning starter, Levi Brown, turned down the NFL and would have been a late 1st or 2nd round pick. Naturally Paterno has plenty of talent to work with but with less experience and a less mobile QB, the ypc will drop and the sacks will rise.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Lions' 2002 D-line avg'd 310 lbs and allowed 3.1 ypc. In 2003 they had to replace three 1st or 2nd round NFL DC's and a much smaller and inexperienced group allowed 4.3 ypc rush. A more veteran unit in 2004 allowed just 3.2 ypc but the D only had 19 sacks. Last year almost everyone returned with only DT Ed Johnson (7 career st) missing the year (susp). As expected, the star-studded group allowed just 2.5 ypc while the D recorded 41 sacks. This year they must replace DE Tamba Hali (#1DC KC, 12 st, 1st Tm AA, 65 tkl, 11 sk, 6 tfl), DT Scott Paxson (11 st, 1st Tm B10, 44 tkl, 10.5 tfl, UFA PIT) and DE Matthew Rice (2nd Tm B10, 12 st, 55 tkl, 5 sk, UFA BUF). While this group loses 3 players to the NFL, it has more experience than you would expect as five of the top 8 are back and Johnson returns. Paterno also brought in a great class of true frosh VHT's who could play immediately including Tom McEowen (PS#20) and Maurice Evans (PS#18). This is a solid line but clearly not up to 2005's standards.

LINEBACKERS - Penn St is known as "Linebacker U" but surprisingly after having 2 LB's selected in the 2000 draft including 1st round pick LaVar Arrington, they have had zero LB's drafted since. That will change next year as this is the best LB corps in the NCAA. Last year they had to replace one starter but Paul Posluszny won the Butkus and Bednarik Awards and was 1st Tm AA with 116 tackles and 11 tfl. He surprisingly turned down a shot at the NFL after a knee injury in the bowl. Dan Connor (PS#3) missed the first 3 (susp) but started the last 7 (76 tkl). The most impressive thing I have to say about the PSU LB corps is that their 2nd string unit of Jerome Hayes (PS#18), Tyrell Sales (PS#17OL) and Sean Lee (PS#49DB) would easily make my list of Top 25 LB units if they were the starters.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Penn St has five Top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings in the last 9 years! They had to replace 3 starters in 2004 but still finished #6 with a super 5-16 ratio. Last year they had to replace one starter but got back two-year starter Chris Harrell who missed '04 so basically there were 4 starters returning. They finished #8 allowing an 11-16 ratio. This year all 4 starters depart. Gone are CB's Alan Zemaitis (#4DC TB, 12 st, 2nd Tm AA, 51 tkl, 6 int, 10 pbu), Anwar Phillips (12 st, 30 tkl, 10 pbu, UFA NO), HERO Calvin Lowry (#4DC TEN, 12 st, 79 tkl, 4 int, 1st Tm B10), Harrell (12 st, 88 tkl, 4 pbu, HM B10, UFA ARZ) and FS Paul Cronin (2 st, 17 tkl). I feel Justin King will be one of the top CB's in the country and this will once again be a solid secondary as they also bring over two players from the offense in RB Lydell Sargeant (5-10 176 So, PS#58RB) and WR Mark Rubin (PS#67WR) plus two VHT true frosh.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit was #11 in my ST rankings in 2002. Surprisingly in 2003 they were only #110 and in 2004 #82. Last year they had to replace their K but moved up to #40. P Jeremy Kapinos gets better every year and had a 34.9 net last year. True frosh Derrick Williams (PS#1) took over the KR duties (21.1) but when he was injured Rodney Kinlaw stepped in (29.6). Calvin Lowry, despite a tough 2 game stretch where he fielded a punt inside the 5 and fumbled one, still avg 10.6 on PR's. True frosh Kevin Kelly (PS#6) set a PSU frosh scoring record (old record Craig Fayak 70 pts in '90) with 99 points hitting 16 of 23 FG's and a long of 47. This year the only loss is Ethan Kilmer who was an excellent gunner and accounted for 25 ST tackles. This has the makings of a Top 10 ST unit.

COACHES - Joe Paterno entered 2003 as the IA all-time career win leader but was passed by FSU's Bobby Bowden (359) and is currently #2 with 354 wins. Ironically Paterno defeated Bowden in last year's bowl game. He has two National Titles but 4 times has finished undefeated yet not won the National Title. He's won more bowl games than any other coach (21). The OC since 2004 is Galen Hall who was the HC at Florida (1984-'89). The DC is Tom Bradley who is in his 28th year, 7th as DC. Since 1966 when Paterno took over, there have been 775 IA HC coaching changes.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Joe Paterno had his squad #2 in the country with a 9-0 record in 1999 but from that point to the end of 2004 was just 27-36 and achieved his 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th losing seasons of his 40 year career. In that span 13 of 22 losses in conf play were by 8 pts or less as they were a snakebitten team. Last year I called Penn St the 3rd most improved team in the country and despite their 4-7 season of 2004 they were the only team in the NCAA that did not allow 21 points in a game all season and had one of the best D's in the country. They had 13 senior starters back, making it the most experienced team in the Big 10 with 16 starters back overall including 9 on defense. I called for the Lions to open up 5-0 before their showdown with Ohio St and they did just that. Their offense, which averaged just 17.7 ppg in 2004, had vastly improved. They began the year with 13 turnovers in 3.5 games but had just 9 in their final 8.5. The Lions broke a school record (55, 1947) for points in a half with 56 in the 1H vs Illinois and nearly doubled their scoring average to 34.4 ppg (highest since 1994) with a balanced offense (213 ypg rush, 209 pass). I rated their defense second best in the country and they held Minnesota's RB Maroney to just 48 yards and UW's Calhoun to 38. They trailed Northwestern 29-27 with 1:39 left but got a 4th & 15 conv from their own 15 and then a 36 yard TD pass with :51 left to pull out the win. They blasted an undefeated Minnesota team 44-14 and then upset #6 Ohio St in a night home game where its crowd was at its best in years. Unfortunately Lloyd Carr convinced the refs to put a few seconds back on the clock and UM got a TD pass with :01 left which cost PSU an unbeaten year. The Lions beat their next 3 B10 foes by 30.7 ppg and wrapped up the Big 10 Title by beating MSU 31-22 despite being outgained 401-293 in the season finale. They earned their first ever BCS bowl berth (started 1998) but needed 3 OT's to get past Fla St in the Orange Bowl. Paterno won the AP Coach of the Year and revealed prior to the game 4 PSU administrators had asked him to quit after the '04 season. This is a much less experienced squad with just 9 starters back. Having a mobile QB like Michael Robinson was a perfect fit for the offense. This year with an inexperienced O-line and a less mobile QB, the offensive numbers will drop. The D is more inexperienced with just 4 starters back but has the best set of LB's in the country and will be stronger than expected. While they will not match 2005's 11 win total, it will be another successful year for Paterno.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 14 Anthony Morelli Jr. 6-4 220 **PS#6**. 11 gm 2Y, 200 yd pass (55%), 1-1 ratio. **15** Paul Cianciolo (6-4 222 So) PS#67. Pat Devlin is **PS#5. 17** Daryll Clark (6-2 224 rFr) PS#63.

RB 26 TONY HUNT SR. 6-2 230 PS#80WR. 22 st 3Y, 1934 rush (5.1), 61 rec. **33 Austin Scott** (6-0 209 Sr) **PS#16**. 4 st, 3Y 1021 (4.6). **8** Rodney Kinlaw (5-9 203 Jr) PS#41.

WR 24 JORDAN NORWOOD SO. 5-10 168 4 st rFr, 32 (13.2). **FB 30 BranDon Snow** (6-1 242 Sr) **PS#11RB**. 5 st, 56 ttl yd LY. 4.4 spd. **34** Matt Hahn (6-0 230 Jr) **PS#26**. 104 ttl yds, 2Y.

WR 2 DERRICK WILLIAMS SO. 6-0 201 **PS#1DB. 4.24 spd**. 7 st true til broke arm, 22 (13.1), 13 KR (21.1). **84** James McDonald (6-2 189 rFr) **PS#30. 83** Kevin Cousins (6-3 205 rFr) PS#88.

WR 3 DEON BUTLER SO. 5-10 166 8 st rFr, 37 (**18.7**), **HM B10. 4** Terrell Golden (6-3 215 Jr) PS#51. 3 st, 12 (22.5), 2Y. **Chris Bell is PS#5. 80** Mark Rubin (6-2 213 So). S in spg.

TE 44 Patrick Hall Sr. 6-2 251 PS#116QB. 2 st, 3 rec, 2Y. **89** Jordan Lyons (6-5 249 So) PS#109QB. **82** Mickey Shuler (6-4 234 rFr) PS#76. **81** Brennan Coakley (6-4 244 rFr).

C 57 AQ Shipley So. 6-1 297 **PS#18DL**. 7 gm C, Last 5 at DT rFr, 5 tkl, 2 sk. **60** Patrick Weber (6-1 271 Jr) LS. 4 gm C rFr. **64** Rich Ohrnberger (6-2 296 So) **PS#82**. DE as true.

RG 65 Robert Price Sr. 6-0 299 PS#74DL. 2nd string '04. 1 st RG '05 (opener) then bkup. **71** Mark Farris (6-5 282 Sr) **PS#9**. 9 gm, 3Y. **56** Austin Hinton (6-2 289 So) PS#92.

LG 76 Gerald Cadogan So. 6-5 311 **PS#51**. 2nd string rFr, 2 gm. **73** Dennis Landolt (6-4 291 rFr) **PS#31**. Impressed on Scout Tm LY. **63** Joe Toriello (6-4 309 So). Antonio Logan-El is **PS#13**.

RT 78 John Shaw Jr. 6-4 299 **PS#30DL**. 3 tkl '03 & '04. RS LY. Move OL. 425 bench. **79** Chris Auletta (6-4 300 Jr) **PS#31**. 2nd string LY. **61** Matt Lowry (6-4 296 Fr) **PS#88**. GS.

LT 67 LEVI BROWN SR. 6-5 328 PS#47DL. 12 st LT rFr. 10 st '04. 12 st LY, **1st Tm B10. 58** Greg Harrison (6-3 290 So) **PS#18**. Inj'd rFr. **70** Wyatt Bowman (6-5 329 So) **PS#44**.

K 23 KEVIN KELLY SO. 5-7 173 **PS#6**. 6 FG's 50+ in HS. 16 of 23 FG's as true, long 47, frosh school rec 99 pts season. 450 squat. **96** Matt Waldron (5-11 178 rFr) PS#17.

DE 99 Jim Shaw Sr. 6-3 264 **12 st Rice**, 45 tkl, 5 tfl '03. 1 st LY, 6 tkl, 2 tfl here LY. **87** Chris Rogers (6-2 257 So) **PS#24LB**. Mich trans. **16** Francis Claude (6-5 252 rFr) PS#69TE.

DT 92 Ed Johnson Sr. 6-1 290 PS#154LB. 7 st, 2Y, 47 tkl, 7 tfl. Susp LY. **95** Elijah Robinson (6-2 287 So) PS#82. Tulane. **93** Chris Baker (6-2 290 rFr). Jared Odrick is **PS#8OL**.

DT 13 JAY ALFORD SR. 6-3 288 **PS#42**. 8 st rFr, 7 st '04. 49 tkl, 6.5 tfl 2Y. 12 st LY, 37 tkl, **8.5 sk, 2nd Tm B10. 53** Steve Roach (6-1 308 Sr) PS#143OL. 1 tkl LY. **Phillip Taylor PS#15**.

DE 47 Josh Gaines So. 6-1 263 PS#83. 9 tkl rFr. **86** Mike Lucian (6-2 276 So) **PS#11TE**. 5 tkl, 6 gms as rFr. **54** Jed Hill (6-2 251 So) PS#31TE. **94** Tom Golarz (6-1 232 rFr).

OLB **40 DAN CONNOR JR.** 6-3 225 **PS#3**. 4 st, 85 tkl true. Susp 3 LY, 7 st, 76 tkl. **4.55 spd. 5 Jerome Hayes** (6-2 236 rFr) **PS#18. 35** JR Zwierzynski (6-2 239 Sr) **PS#16RB**. 15 tkl, 2Y.

MLB **20 TIM SHAW SR.** 6-1 237 PS#60RB. 7 st in '04, 50 tkl. 12 st LY, 76 tkl, 4.5 sk. **46** Tyrell Sales (6-2 234 So) **PS#17OL**. 3 st, 19 tkl rFr. **52** Dontey Brown (6-2 236 So) **PS#21**. 7 tkl LY.

OLB **31 PAUL POSLUSZNY SR.** 6-2 238 **1st Tm AA, Butkus & Bednarik Winner!** 220 tkl, 23 tfl, 2Y. **45** Sean Lee (6-2 222 So) PS#49DB. 11 tkl rFr. **51** Joe Cianciolo (6-0 224 Sr) 12 tkl. AForce trans.

CB 1 Justin King So. 6-0 179 **PS#4. 4.34 spd**. 5 st WR true. 10 rec (12.6), 11 tkl, 2 pbu. **15** Brent Wise (5-11 187 Jr). **28** Willie Harriott (5-8 176 rFr) PS#49WR. **10** Lydell Sargeant PS#58RB.

CB 11 Tony Davis So. 5-10 193 PS#56. 4 tkl rFr. **21** Knowledge Timmons (5-10 181 rFr) PS#110. **AJ Wallace PS#4**. Devin Fentress (5-10 175 So) PS#169. 3 tkl true. Travis McBride PS#68RB.

HERO **37 Spencer Ridenhour So.** 6-0 199 **PS#16**. 14 tkl rFr at LB. **7** Anthony Scirrotto (6-0 192 So) PS#84. 4.46 spd. 9 gms LY. Bani Gbadyu is **PS#25. 22** Darien Hardy (5-10 202 Sr).

FS 6 Donnie Johnson Sr. 6-0 209 **PS#45**. 52 yds as rFr at TB/WR. 14 tkl, 2 pbu L2Y. **24** Nolan McCready (6-0 202 Sr) 14 tkl. **80** Mark Rubin (6-2 213 So) PS#67WR. 6 st, 16 (11.7) '04.

P 36 JEREMY KAPINOS SR. 6-1 235 PS#39. 68 (41.9) rFr. 59 (41.8) '04, net 36.6. 61 (41.3) LY, **HM Big 10. 49** Brandon Ream (6-2 201 Sr). **44** Jeremy Boone (5-9 171 rFr) PS#100.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Pat Devlin 6-4 205 PS#5
DL	Jared Odrick 6-5 285 PS#8OL
DB	AJ Wallace 6-1 195 PS#4
WR	Chris Bell 6-3 205 PS#5
OL	Antonio Logan-El 6-4 307 PS#13
RB	Evan Royster 6-0 200 PS#18
LB	Navorro Bowman 6-0 220 PS#16
DL	Phillip Taylor 6-3 335 PS#15
DL	Maurice Evans 6-3 260 PS#18
DL	Tom McEowen 6-3 279 PS#20
DB	Bani Gbadyu 6-1 205 PS#25
OL	JB Walton 6-3 285 PS#43DL
DL	JohnTroutman 6-4 289 PS#50
TE	Andrew Quarless 6-4 228 PS#20
DL	Aaron Maybin 6-3 236 PS#56
OL	Lou Eliades 6-4 292 PS#59
QB	Brett Brackett 6-5 232 PS#37
DB	Travis McBride 6-0 190 PS#68RB
OL	Matt Lowry 6-4 296 PS#88 '05
DB	Cedric Jeffries 6-3 225 PS#101
RB	Brent Carter 6-3 205 PS#95WR
OL	Doug Klopacz 6-3 265 PS#149
OL	Eric Latimore 6-6 250 PS#163
DL	Ollie Ogbu 6-2 305 PS#198
DL	Alim Koroma 6-3 285 PS#495

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JOE PATERNO (Career 354-117-3)
41st Year at Penn St
Paterno's SU Bowl Record: 21-10-1

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#27

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score PSU	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss
Sep. 2	Akron	G						
Sep. 9	at Notre Dame	G						
Sep. 16	Youngstown St	G						
Sep. 23	at Ohio St	G						
Sep. 30	Northwestern	G						
Oct. 7	at Minnesota	A						
Oct. 14	Michigan	G						
Oct. 21	Illinois (HC)	G						
Oct. 28	at Purdue	G						
Nov. 4	at Wisconsin	A						
Nov. 11	Temple	G						
Nov. 18	Michigan St	G						
Nov. 25								

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Penn St is 106-12-1 SU all-time in home openers!
Nittany Lions are 14-1 SU & 13-2 ATS since 1991 in home finales.
There have been 775 Div IA HC changes since 1966 (Paterno's 1st yr).

Penn St is just 3-8 ATS since 1995 in Beaver Stadium openers.
Nittany Lions are 14-2 SU & 6-2 ATS vs current MAC members.

Penn St is 18-9-1 ATS since 2001 after a SU win.
PSU is 7-4 SU & 8-3 ATS their last 11 games vs ND (1982-1992).

The Penguins finished 8-3 LY (#14 IAA) as Gateway Conf members.
YSU is 19-19-1 SU vs IA opponents since moving up to the IAA ranks.

The visitor is 0-8 ATS since 1998 in this series.
Penn St is 2-11 ATS in their 1st conference game of the season.

Nittany Lions have covered 8 of their last 10 conference home games.
The home team is 7-2 ATS in this series since 1995.

Including the '99 Alamo Bowl, PSU is 11-5 ATS the last 7 yrs on art turf.
Nittany Lions are 3-6 ATS vs Minnesota all-time.

Penn St is 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS the last 7 games vs Michigan.
PSU has been a conf HD just 10 times S/'96 going 7-3 ATS w/4 outright upsets.

The home team is just 1-6 ATS since 1997 in this series.
Penn St's defense has held Illinois to just 15 ppg in their 9 conf meetings.

Nittany Lions held the Boilermakers to 15 pts & 277 off yds LY (both season lows).
PSU is 5-2 SU & 6-1 ATS the last 7 meetings vs Purdue.

Nittany Lions are 13-5 SU & 14-4 ATS in their last 18 November games.
Penn St is 3-6 ATS vs Wisconsin since joining the Big 10.

Nittany Lions are 31-3-1 SU all-time vs the Owls w/their avg win by 23 ppg.
The last time Temple beat PSU was a 14-0 shutout in 1941 (31 gms since).

These teams combined to score 841 pts in their 13 conf meetings (65 ppg).
The home team is 10-3 ATS since these 2 began play in the Big 10.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Tony Sacca 5,869 1988-'91
Rushing: Curt Warner 3,398 1979-'82 Receiving: Bobby Engram 3,026 1991-'95

Paterno's records AT PENN ST

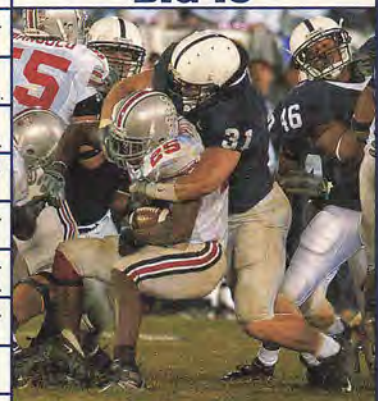
354-117-3	Straight Up	67-67-4	Home Favorite
202-175-5	Vs The Spread	14-11	Home Underdog
37-37-1	Off A SU Loss	44-40	Away Favorite
51-53	Vs Conference*	23-21	Away Underdog
24-19-1	Vs Non-Conf*	9-8	Off A Bye*

2005 RECORD: (11-1)
*Records reflect when PSU joined the Big 10 in 1993

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 4
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 35 (13,20,2)
Lost: 25 (13,12,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 104,859

BIG 10



LB Paul Posluszny

STADIUM: BEAVER STADIUM (107,282)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	5-7	5-6	9-3	3-9	4-7	10-1	45-36
Home	5-2	4-2	3-3	7-1	3-4	3-3	7-0	32-15
Away	4-1	1-5	2-3	2-2	0-5	1-4	3-1	13-21
ATS	6-6	5-7	7-4	8-4	3-9	6-5	8-2-1	43-37-1
Home Fav	3-4	3-2	2-1	4-3	1-3	2-2	3-1-1	18-16-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	1-2	2-0	2-0	8-4
Away Fav	3-1	1-2	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-1	8-7
Away Dog	0-1	0-3	4-0	2-1	1-3	1-2	1-0	9-10
Favorite	6-5	4-4	2-2	5-3	1-4	3-3	5-2-1	26-23-1
Dog	0-1	1-3	5-2	3-1	2-5	3-2	3-0	17-14
Grass	5-5	4-5	5-4	7-4	2-9	4-3	6-2-1	33-32-1
Artificial	1-1	1-2	2-0	1-0	1-0	2-2	2-0	10-5
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	6-2	5-3	2-6	4-4	7-1	31-25
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-3	1-2	3-1	1-3	2-1	1-1-1	12-12-1
Off SU Win	5-4	1-3	4-1	6-2	0-3	1-2	7-1-1	24-16-1
Off SU Loss	0-2	4-3	3-2	2-1	3-5	4-3	1-0	17-16

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tony Hunt	174	1080	33	1047	6	6.0
Michael Robinson	163	932	126	806	11	4.9
Austin Scott	66	300	27	273	3	4.1
Justin King	18	241	14	227	0	12.6
Derrick Williams	22	116	11	105	3	4.8
Rodney Kinlaw	18	49	15	34	2	1.9
BranDon Snow	10	25	1	24	3	2.4
Anthony Morelli	4	3	11	-8	1	-2.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Michael Robinson	311	162	52.1	2350	17	10
Anthony Morelli	20	13	65.0	155	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Deon Butler	37	691	18.7	9	54
Jordan Norwood	32	422	13.2	0	38
Derrick Williams	22	289	13.1	1	41
Ethan Kilmer	15	236	15.7	3	55
Terrell Golden	9	210	23.3	1	56
Tony Hunt	20	206	10.3	0	33
Isaac Smolko	13	192	14.8	0	25
Justin King	10	126	12.6	2	59
Brendan Perretta	5	39	7.8	0	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Kapinos	61	2522	41.3	13	34.9	0	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kevin Kelly	49-50	10-12	4-7	2-3	0-1	16-23	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Paul Posluszny	116	3	8	3	0
Chris Harrell	88	0	3	4	1
Calvin Lowry	79	1	0.5	2	4
Tim Shaw	76	4.5	2	2	0
Dan Connor	76	1.5	4	8	0
Tamba Hali	65	11	6	4	0
Matthew Rice	55	5	4	5	0
Alan Zemaitis	51	0	2.5	10	6
Scott Paxson	44	3	7.5	1	0
Jay Alford	37	8.5	3	2	0
Anwar Phillips	30	0	2	10	1
Ethan Kilmer	25	0	0	0	0
Tyrell Sales	19	0	2	1	0
Paul Cronin	17	0.5	0	2	0
Spencer Ridenhour	14	0	0	0	0
Joe Cianciolo	12	0	0.5	0	0
Justin King	11	0	0	2	0
Sean Lee	11	0	0	0	0
Josh Gaines	9	0	0.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Calvin Lowry	32	340	10.6	0
Anthony Scirrotto	5	42	8.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derrick Williams	13	274	21.1	0
Rodney Kinlaw	8	237	29.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Florida Citrus	+13'	Florida	6-21	L
98	Outback	-7	Kentucky	26-14	W
99	Alamo	-7	Texas A&M	24-0	W
02	Capital One	-7	Auburn - #19	9-13	L
05	Orange	-10	Florida St - #22 (3OT)	26-23	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Penn St's All-Time SU Bowl Record 24-12-2

PENN ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	34.4	22	213	5.1	209	52.9	12.2	+3	2005	9	17.0	17	93	2.5	212	56.6	17.9
6*	17.7	17	130	3.9	181	51.6	17.5	-3	2004	6	15.3	17	129	3.2	162	56.5	19.1
5*	19.4	18	122	3.7	191	50.0	16.1	-6	2003	5	21.3	20	209	4.3	153	51.4	17.1
8*	34.3	21	229	5.7	195	56.4	12.3	+14	2002	6	17.4	19	115	3.1	215	63.4	18.9
4	22.5	19	120	3.4	226	50.4	15.3	-11	2001	6	25.5	23	206	4.4	237	56.7	17.4
7	22.0	18	142	3.8	183	51.5	14.8	+4	2000	2	24.4	19	156	3.6	208	55.4	14.9

2005 STATS BY GAME

PSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	South Florida	18	39-264	6.8	9-15	90	3	17	36-97	2.7	21-39	200	0	-1
–	Cincinnati	19	37-148	4.0	15-22	245	1	23	34-31	0.9	29-49	329	4	+1
–	C Michigan	26	31-138	4.5	22-36	381	3	13	39-14	0.4	25-38	158	8	-3
–	at Northwestern	21	27-209	7.7	17-36	271	1	24	57-198	3.5	20-38	229	2	-2
–	Minnesota	35	59-364	6.2	13-32	175	0	13	32-113	3.5	16-28	174	1	+2
#16	Ohio St	11	37-117	3.2	11-20	78	0	16	40-91	2.3	13-25	139	5	+2
#8	at Michigan	20	38-181	4.8	19-34	239	1	21	39-163	4.2	21-36	212	3	-1
#12	at Illinois	19	46-221	4.8	12-20	217	0	15	37-111	3.0	18-31	133	4	+3
#11	Purdue	29	55-303	5.5	13-29	213	1	14	26-115	4.4	17-38	162	0	0
#10	Wisconsin	24	47-282	6.0	13-28	238	1	18	34-(-11)	-0.3	19-34	313	9	0
#5	at Michigan St	16	39-188	4.8	10-20	105	0	23	42-168	4.0	23-36	233	2	+3
#3	† Florida St	23	48-138	2.9	21-39	253	3	12	26-26	1.0	24-43	258	3	-1
TOTALS		261	503-2553	5.1	175-331	2505	14	209	442-1116	2.5	246-435	2540	41	+3
AVERAGES		21.8	42-213	5.1	15-28	209	1.2	17.4	37-93	2.5	21-36	212	3.4	0.3

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Fl - #2	+13'	7-33	L
Wisconsin	-1'	6-18	L
at Iowa	+9'	18-24	W
Michigan - #15	+11	0-20	L
at Northwestern - #22	+10	38-35	W
Ohio St	+6'	29-27	W
S Mississippi	-1'	38-20	W
at Illinois - #15	+9	28-33	W
Indiana	-2'	28-14	W
at Michigan St	+2'	42-37	W
at Virginia	-5'	14-20	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-13'	27-24	L
Nebraska - #8	+5	40-7	W
Louisiana Tech	-13'	49-17	W
Iowa	-8	35-42 OT	L
at Wisconsin - #19	+2'	34-31	W
at Michigan - #13	+4'	24-27 OT	W
Northwestern	-25'	49-0	W
at Ohio St - #4	+4'	7-13	L
Illinois	-15'	18-7	L
Virginia	-16	35-14	W
at Indiana	-24	58-25	W
Michigan St	-21	61-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-25	23-10	L
Boston College	-9	14-27	L
at Nebraska - #18	+10	10-18	W
Kent St	-24'	32-10	L
Minnesota - #24	+2	14-20	L
Wisconsin	+1'	23-30	L
at Purdue - #18	+12	14-28	L
at Iowa - #16	+10'	14-26	L
Ohio St - #8	+7	20-21	W
at Northwestern	-5'	7-17	L
Indiana	-18'	52-7	W
at Michigan St	+5'	10-41	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Akron	-15'	48-10	W
at Boston College	-3	7-21	L
UCF	-23	37-13	W
at Wisconsin - #20	+3	3-16	L
at Minnesota - #18	+15	7-16	W
Purdue - #9	+10'	13-20	W
Iowa	-3	4-6	L
at Ohio St	+6'	10-21	L
Northwestern	-3'	7-14	L
at Indiana	-3'	22-18	W
Michigan St	+4	37-13	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
South Florida	-21	23-13	L
Cincinnati	-18	42-24	T
C Michigan	-22	40-3	W
at Northwestern	-8	34-29	L
Minnesota - #18	+2'	44-14	W
Ohio St - #6	+3'	17-10	W
at Michigan	+3'	25-27	W
at Illinois	-18'	63-10	W
Purdue	-15	33-15	W
Wisconsin - #14	-12	35-14	W
at Michigan St	-8'	31-22	W

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 the Spartans had to replace Jeff Smoker (#6DC) who left with the most career wins of any MSU QB and was MSU's leader in passing yards and total offense. The Spartans tried numerous QB's but finally Drew Stanton took over and became the first Spartan QB since Charlie Baggett in 1975 to top 100 yards rushing in a game. He set a school record with 410 yards of total offense vs Minnesota but had just 7 starts due to injury and the team performed much better when he was on the field. He threw for 1,601 (64%) with an 8-6 ratio and 718 yards rushing. Stanton managed to stay healthy last year and was #1 in the NCAA in pass efficiency after 6 games and had an outstanding 15-3 ratio. Unfortunately, over the last 5, Stanton had just a 7-9 ratio as he battled a hand injury. He still set a school record for total offense throwing for 3,077 (66.7%) with a 22-12 ratio while rushing for 520 gross yards. He also set the school record with 12 straight 200+ yard passing games and that streak is still current. Even after finding out he would be a 1st or 2nd round pick in the NFL draft, he opted to return for his senior season. Brian Hoyer (PS#23) saw action in 5 games throwing for 167 (65.2%) yards. Adding depth are Domenic Natale (PS#29), who played in two games, Clay Charles (6-1 198 rFr) and John Van Dam (6-3 221 Jr).

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 the Spartans had their weakest rush attack in at least 50 years when they averaged just 97 ypg (3.2). The next season Smith moved the top 2 rushers to defense. Jason Teague, a player lacking exceptional size and speed, was then the top returning RB (244, 5.2) and DeAndra Cobb, a dangerous returnman, was #2 with 172 (4.5). It was thought that either the speedy Cobb or the good-sized Jehuu Caulcrick (245 lb) would start but surprisingly Teague had 8 starts. Cobb became the first RB topping 100 in a game in '04 with 205 vs Michigan. Caulcrick rushed for 146 vs Wisconsin but Cobb led the team with 728 and an outstanding 7.6 ypc. Teague was #2 with 688 (4.6) while Caulcrick added 619 (5.5). Cobb was drafted but Smith said two true frosh were equally good in AJ Jimmerson (PS#59), who redshirted, and Javon Ringer (PS#27). Ringer simply led MSU with 817 yds last year and an impressive 6.7 ypc. Ringer's 194 vs Illinois was a school frosh rushing record. Caulcrick had 478 (5.4). This year the only loss is Teague (8 st, 540 ttl yds). Also in the mix is Brett Kahn (5-9 175 Jr), a transfer from Northwood University who had 93 (4.9) here in '05. This looks like the best RB unit here in over 4 years.

RECEIVERS - Dropped passes plagued the Spartans' receiving corps in both 2003 and 2004. Last year it appeared they only had to replace TE Eric Knott but then WR Aaron Alexander, who had a fantastic August, broke his foot. Agim Shabaj (PS#33), a sprinter on the MSU track team, was ruled ineligible. Despite the losses, the unit performed much better overall despite suffering 8 drops vs Minnesota. Kyle Brown (9 st) hauled in a 53 yard reception vs NW but was injured and missed 3 games. He still finished with 36 (15.2). This year they must replace Brown, Alexander, TE Ryan Woods (6 st, 3 rec) and TE Craig McGovern (PS#26, 2 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Blair White (6-2 195 rFr), Irving Campbell (5-11 180 Jr, 3 tkl DB), Jeremy McGinnis (5-11 180 So) and TE Jason Bunce (6-0 224 Jr). Matt Trannon (PS#16TE), who is on the basketball team, was #2 last year with 40 (14.3). Their leading receiver was Jerramy Scott (11 st, 49 rec, 14.7) and both top guys return. They also add Devin Thomas (PS#87JC) to one of the Big 10's top receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Spartans only avg 97 ypg (3.2) rushing in 2003 and despite losing 3 starters, were aided by a mobile QB and improved to 239 ypg rush (5.7) with just 8 sacks allowed in '04. Last year they had to replace two starters but had 8 of the top 10 back and added some JUCO's. The unit allowed just 5 sacks in the first 5 but when they lost LT Stefon Wheeler to a rib injury in the 2Q vs Ohio St, they allowed 12 sacks in that game. Wheeler missed the entire Purdue game and most of Penn St. Smith did play rFr Roland Martin (PS#2) every 2 to 4 series as he alternated with Gordon Niebylski to gain experience. The Spartans O-line paved the way for 4.9 ypc while allowing 24 sacks. This year they lose C Chris Morris (#7DC OAK, 11 st, 3 yr st'r), RG Niebylski (11 st) and Wheeler (10 st, HM B10) but have 7 of the top 10 back. It is a solid 3 deep that I list below but the unit might be down a notch.

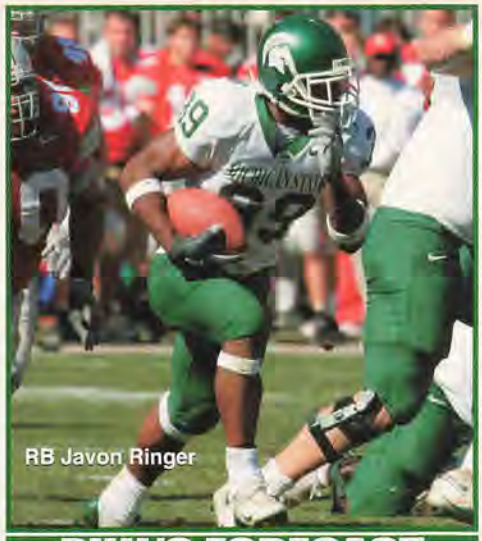
DEFENSIVE LINE - With an inexperienced defensive front in 2002, the Spartans allowed 4.7 ypc rushing but with almost everyone back in Smith's first year here (2003), improved to 3.2 with 45 sacks. They had to replace 3 starters in 2004 and dropped to 4.4 ypc with 20 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters. Star DT Brandon McKinney injured his ankle and only started the last 7. The most memorable play by the D-line was 320 lb DT Domata Peko's 74 yd fumble return for a TD vs Michigan. This year they must replace Peko (#4DC CIN, 11 st, 53 tkl, 3 tfl, HM B10), DE Michael Bazemore (11 st, 48 tkl, 2.5 tfl) and DT McKinney (7 st, 25 tkl). Last year's unit allowed a surprising 4.6 ypc with the team having just 16 sacks. They add two VHT JUCO's so despite losing 3 starters, they could be tougher up front.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 the Spartans lost their top LB, Seth Mitchell (PS#21) to injury. Smith called the lone returning starter to this unit, Ronald Stanley, their best football player and he led with 125 tackles and 9 tfl. Last year they had to replace Stanley and another starter. I list the BAN position in the LB writeup and SirDarean Adams (PS#60QB) had 60 tackles and 5 tfl in that spot last year. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Rob Tabatchnick (5-11 192 Jr, 20 tkl, 3 tfl L2Y), Devin Pritchett (6-2 258 Jr) and Andrew Pendy (6-1 228 rFr). Mitchell quit the team in spring but this year the top 6 return, making this a much improved unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Spartans were #49 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and last year had to replace two starters but had outstanding SS Eric Smith back. Chuck Driesbach, who was the Ole Miss' DC the previous 3 years, became the 3rd DB coach here in as many years. JUCO Demond Williams took the open CB spot and 5'9" Jaren Hayes (12 st '04) lost his job to Ashton Watson. Williams, who played mostly zone D at JUCO, had to learn man-to-man and the Spartans dropped to #84 allowing 245 ypg (60.6%) with a 25-8 ratio. This year they lose their #1 tackler, SS Eric Smith, (#3DC NYJ, 2nd Tm B10) as well as CB Hayes (30 tkl) and CB Ashton Watson (11 st, 29 tkl). Despite the loss of their top guy, I look for the Spartans to improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Smith always has exceptional ST's playing mostly starters and spending a lot of practice time on them. His Louisville team had a #8 finish in 2002 blocking 9 punts. In 2003, Smith inherited a unit that was just #99. K Dave Rayner and P Brandon Fields had excellent seasons and the Spartans actually finished #1 in my ST rankings in Smith's 1st year. In 2004 Fields was one of the 3 finalists for the Ray Guy Award although Rayner handled the pooch punting. Rayner hit 22 of 31 FG's with a long of 53. Last year they had to replace Rayner (#6DC) and super KR Cobb but brought in JUCO John Goss who had a 58 yard FG in the '04 spring scrimmage. He was also the #2 JUCO P in 2003 with a 44.2 avg and 95% TB's on KO's. Unfortunately the Spartans' ST's were a nightmare (see Hardcore). Overall the Spartans finished #94. KR Demond Williams (4.35 spd) became the first Spartan to return an opening KO for a TD (vs Indiana) since 1947 and also blocked an xp in that game. Smith signed true frosh kicker Swenson and this unit should make dramatic strides.

COACHES - John L Smith is in his 17th year (4th here). 2004 and '05 were just his 2nd and 3rd losing seasons in that time and his streak of 7 straight bowls was snapped in '04. Smith signed a guaranteed contract and has 3 years left on it at $1.6 million per year. His OC is Dave Baldwin who was the OC at Baylor in '02, Cincinnati in 2001 and San Jose St's HC from 1997-2000. Last year the Spartans set the school record for offense in a game with 705 vs Illinois. They also broke the school record with 497.3 ypg (481.2 in 1978) but finished #2 in ppg (33.8) as 1978's team avg 37.4 ppg. DC Chris Smeland followed Smith from L'ville and is now in his 4th year.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PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2003 I commented that John L Smith was stepping into a great situation as he inherited 14 starters from the most underachieving team in the NCAA. I also said teams tend to buy into a new coach's program quicker when they have early season success and they opened 7-1 vs a soft early slate. The 2003 squad was +11 in turnovers and finished 8-5 despite being outgained by 14.1 ypg in Big 10 play. Had Drew Stanton been healthy all of 2004 it may have been a different season. They had 3 tough losses as they led Michigan 27-10 with 8:43 left (Stanton left 3Q), led OSU 19-17 with 3:06 left (Stanton DNP) and vs Hawaii were hurt by some questionable officiating. Despite the 4-4 conf record, the Spartans actually outgained conf foes by a Big Ten BEST 113.4 ypg. They were -10 in turnovers in 2004. However John L. Smith commented that it was the best offseason they've had heading into 2005 despite having just 80 scholarship players at the start (73 at the end). The Spartans rolled up 594.3 ypg and a 4-0 start including an upset of #10 ND, which was their 5th straight win in South Bend. They were favored over Michigan for the first time since 1967 and climbed to #11 but lost in OT and then at Ohio St had a 17-7 lead until a blocked FG was ret'd for a TD turning the game around. The Spartans lost despite a 27-13 FD edge. Against Northwestern, MSU had 2 int's inside the Cats' 2, 2 missed FG's and had an 86 yd fumble returned for a TD against them. They were int'd at the Purdue 10 with :05 left. Needing to beat Big 10 champ Penn St to get to a bowl game, they had 23-16 FD and 401-293 yard edges but gave up a blk'd punt for a TD, missed a 38 yard FG, were int'd in the EZ as well as int'd at the PSU 31 & 8 yd lines in the 9 point loss. The Spartans went just 2-6 in Big 10 play despite outgaining conf foes by 70.2 ypg (3rd BEST). The Spartans have been a great starting team getting off to 3-0, 5-2, 3-2, 7-1, 4-3 and 4-0 starts the last 6 years but with a 5-15 record in November, are just 2-6, 2-3, 1-6, 1-4, 1-4 and 1-6 in the 2H. Smith, who is 18-18 here at MSU, is under heavy pressure. The Spartans return 7 offensive starters including QB Stanton, their top 2 rushers and top 2 receivers from a unit that averaged 33.8 ppg, the second best in school history, and will have a high octane unit once again. Despite the loss of 5 defensive starters, including their top tackler and top DL, this is the most experienced D since 2003 when they allowed just 22.5 ppg and will be stronger than the 2005 version (28.7 ppg). MSU is an outstanding 9-2 vs teams ranked in the Top 10 going back to 1997! Provided the defense holds up and Stanton stays healthy, this team is a Big 10 Title contender and capable of some big wins this season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 5 DREW STANTON SR. 6-3 230 **PS#16**. 18 st, 3Y, 4717 pass (66%), 30-18 ratio, 1290 gross rush. **7** Brian Hoyer (6-2 210 So) **PS#23**. **14** Domenic Natale (6-1 196 rFr) **PS#29**.

RB 23 JAVON RINGER SO. 5-9 202 **PS#27**. 4.35 speed. 817 rush (6.7) true, 19 rec. **30** Jehuu Caulcrick (6-0 245 Jr) PS#55. 2 st, 1097 (5.4) 2Y. **20** AJ Jimmerson (5-10 210 rFr) PS#59.

WR 6 MATT TRANNON SR. 6-6 227 **PS#16**. Basketball tm. 11 st '04, 36 (11.2). 9 st LY, 40 (14.3). **15** Kerry Reed (6-2 196 Sr) **PS#43JC**. 3 st, 31 (14.1). **84** Deon Curry (6-1 210 So) PS#45.

WR 18 Terry Love Jr. 5-11 172 PS#45. 3 st rFr, 21 (12.3). 4 st LY, 28 (15.4). **8** Devin Thomas **PS#87JC in spring**. **82** Ryan Allison (6-3 215 So) **PS#34**. 4 rec as true.

WR 32 JERRAMY SCOTT SR. 5-10 186 PS#71. 2 st, 19 (11.2) rFr. 9 st '04, 39 (11.4). 11 st LY, 49 (14.7). **4** Carl Grimes (5-9 177 So) **PS#25**. **2** Diego Oquendo (5-9 180 So).

TE 80 KELLEN DAVIS JR. 6-6 247 **PS#6**. 1 rec as true. 3 st LY, 15 (8.1). **81** Dwayne Holmes (6-0 275 So) **PS#33LB**. **91** Travis Willard (6-2 236 rFr). **87** Kyle Sackrider (6-2 245 Jr).

C 54 John Masters Jr. 6-4 299 PS#212. 2nd string 2Y, 7 gm. **65** Joel Nitchman (6-3 303 rFr) **PS#68**. Added 26 lbs. In for spring. **70** Joe Toth (6-2 302 Jr) 1 st at DT 2Y, 9 tkl.

RG 73 Roland Martin So. 6-5 324 **PS#2**. 2nd string rFr. **77** Daniel Zynn (6-2 330 Sr) PS#144JC. 2nd string LY. **60** Mike Bacon (6-4 290 So). **72** Jason Diehl PS#389 in spring.

LG 74 KYLE COOK SR. 6-3 295 **PS#53**. 3 gms at C '03. 12 st LG '04. 11 st LG LY. **71** Kenny Shane (6-5 325 Jr) **PS#54JC**. RS '05. Added 42 lbs. **75** Pete Clifford (6-7 320 Jr).

RT 79 Jesse Miller So. 6-6 306 PS#157. 2nd string rFr. **57** Rocco Cironi (6-6 295 rFr) **PS#93**. **76** Mike Schmeding (6-8 308 rFr) PS#142. **67** John Mulroy (6-5 265 So).

LT 66 MIKE GYETVAI JR. 6-7 304 Canadian. 2nd string as rFr. 11 st RT in '05. **68** Tom Kaczmarek (6-5 310 So) 1 st LT rFr. **64** Brendon Moss (6-6 281 rFr) PS#451. In for spg.

K 3 MATT HAUGHEY SO. 5-9 178 1-5 FG true. Brett Swenson PS#32. 16-22 FG HS. **5** Todd Boleski had 55 yd'r in spg. **11** John Goss (6-3 217 Sr) PS#171JC. 4-11, long 32.

DE NA Ervin Baldwin Jr. 6-2 252 **PS#26JUCO**. 14.5 sk at JC LY! **47** Brandon Long (6-4 237 So) PS#97LB. 3 tkl as true. **94** Jonal Saint-Dic PS#119JC. **58** Reggie Graham (6-4 215 rFr). 11 st LY, 34 tkl, 3 sk. **98** Bobby Jones (6-4 304 Jr) **PS#31JC**. **70** Joe Toth (6-2 302 Jr) 1 st, 9 tkl 2Y.

DT 92 CLIFTON RYAN SR. 6-2 304 **PS#33LB**. 2 st, 16 tkl rFr. 11 st, 41 tkl, 6.5 tfl '04. **DT 17 David Stanton Sr.** 6-3 291 PS#186JC. 3 st last year, 10 games, 13 tkl, 2 tfl. **99** Ogemdi Nwagbuo (6-4 304 Jr) PS#362JC. 10 sk JC LY. **61** Tramonte Pointer (5-10 314 Jr).

DE 93 Nick Smith Jr. 6-6 272 PS#139. 4 tkl, 7 gm '04. 1 st LY, 7 tkl. No spring (knee inj). **95** Justin Kershaw (6-4 252 So) PS#158DL. 1 sk. **62** Derrick Outlaw (6-3 259 Jr) PS#123.

WLB 41 DAVID HERRON SR. 6-1 252 PS#175RB. 11 st, 95 tkl, 8 tfl '04. 11 st LY, 65 tkl, 4 tfl. **52** Eric Andino (6-4 238 Jr) **PS#39**. 14 tkl 2Y. **55** Adam Decker (6-2 240 rFr) PS#142.

MLB 43 KALEB THORNHILL JR. 6-1 235 PS#171. 4 sts, 32 tkl as rFr. 11 sts in '05, 63 tkl, 4 tfl. **45** Andrew Hawken (6-2 234 rFr) **PS#50**. **59 Eric Gordon PS#44.** **49** Steve Juarez (6-1 233 Sr) 13 tkl LY.

BAN 27 SirDAREAN ADAMS JR. 6-0 230 PS#60QB. 11 st LY, 60 tkl, 3 int, 2 pbu. **26** Tom Dance (6-1 212 So) PS#174. 8 gm rFr. **38** Cole Corey (5-10 203 Jr) 6 tkl. 11 gms, mostly ST LY.

CB 9 DEMOND WILLIAMS SR. 5-9 175 PS#146JC. **4.35 speed.** 11 st in '05, 29 tkl, 1 int. **33** Dan Fortener (6-1 195 rFr) PS#470WR. In for spg. **20** Ashley Beaudouin (6-0 219 Jr). 1 gm LY.

CB 29 GREG COOPER SR. 5-11 192 **PS#11**. 6 st, 51 tkl, 9 pbu 1st 2Y. 11 st FS LY, 48 tkl. **37** Ross Weaver (6-1 201 So) PS#201. 8 tkl true. **34** Jelani Nantambo (5-9 186 So) 3 tkl LY.

SS 3 Nehemiah Warrick Jr. 6-1 204 PS#117JC. 29.7 KR at JC. In for spg. **28** Michael Bell (5-11 186 Jr) **PS#30WR**. 6 tkls, 17 games 2 years. **14** Cole Malatinsky (6-0 198 Jr).

FS 21 Otis Wiley So. 6-2 208 PS#92. 18 tkl, 1 sk, 10 games. **22** Kyle Rowley (5-10 207 So) PS#294DL. 2 gm ST. Roderick Jenrette PS#372DB. Ken Tinney PS#444. Milford.

P 8 BRANDON FIELDS SR. 6-6 232 **1st Tm Big 10** as rFr, 46.4 avg, **40.7 Tm net! 1st tm AA '04**. 47.9 avg, 37.1 net. 41.6 avg LY, net 33.1. **24** Kevin Hall (6-4 229 Jr) 42.6 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Ervin Baldwin 6-2 252 PS#26JC
LB	Eric Gordon 6-0 217 PS#44
WR	Devin Thomas 6-2 216 PS#87JC
DB	Nehemiah Warrick 6-1 204 PS#117JC
TE	Sam Gardner 6-6 253 PS#31
TE	Charlie Gantt 6-4 241 PS#32
DL	Patrick Rigan 6-5 230 PS#96
LB	Colin Neely 6-1 234 PS#76
QB	Conner Dixon 6-4 182 PS#62
DB	Enrique Shaw 6-1 188 PS#200
DL	Ogemdi Nwagbuo 6-4 304 PS#361JC
DL	John Stipek 6-5 250 PS#79TE
K	Brett Swenson 5-8 151 PS#32
DB	Ashton Henderson 5-11 186 PS#270
DL	Abre Leggins 6-3 310 PS#270
WR	David Williams 5-9 165 PS#277
DB	Roderick Jenrette 6-1 191 PS#372
OL	Jason Diehl 6-3 299 PS#389
LB	Jonathan Misch 6-2 210 PS#390
DB	Ken Tinney 6-1 185 PS#444
DB	Marcus Hyde 6-0 184 PS#345QB
WR	TJ Williams 6-3 182 PS#485
DL	J'Michael Deane 6-5 295 PS#495
DL	Vaughn Martin 6-3 323 PS#495
LB	Josh Rouse 6-3 202 PS#485

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JOHN L. SMITH (Career 128-78)
4th Yr at Michigan St
Smith's SU Bowl Record: 1-6

Smith's records AT MICHIGAN ST

18-18	Straight Up	5-7	Home Favorite
15-20	Vs The Spread	3-4	Home Underdog
6-9	Off A SU Loss	3-4	Away Favorite
12-12	Vs Conference	4-5	Away Underdog
3-8	Vs Non-Conf	1-3	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (24,23,4)
Lost: 13 (7,6,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 75,183

BIG 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#15

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MSU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Sep. 2	Idaho	G					
Sep. 9	E Michigan	G					
Sep. 16	at Pittsburgh	G					
Sep. 23	Notre Dame	G					
Sep. 30	Illinois (HC)	G					
Oct. 7	at Michigan	A					
Oct. 14	Ohio St	G					
Oct. 21	at Northwestern	G					
Oct. 28	at Indiana	A					
Nov. 4	Purdue	G					
Nov. 11	Minnesota	G					
Nov. 18	at Penn St	G					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Including bowls, Michigan St is 5-44-1 ATS when they score 10 or less pts S/'80.
The Spartans are 9-18 ATS since 2001 after a SU loss.
MSU is 4-11 ATS the last 6 years as a double digit home favorite.

Smith is the winningest HC in Idaho history with a 53-21 record from '89-'94.
Michigan St is only 4-11 ATS the last 4 years in non-conference play.

Spartans are 8-13-1 ATS their last 22 games after a SU win.
MSU is 6-0 SU & 3-0 ATS outscoring EMU on average 35-4 all-time.

MSU is 4-0-1 SU all-time vs Pittsburgh but their last game was in 1960.
Spartans are 21-9-2 SU & 3-7 ATS all-time vs current Big East members.

The SU winner has covered 12 of the last 13 games in this series.
MSU is 7-2 SU & ATS their last 9 games vs the Fighting Irish.

Spartans are 10-3-1 SU & 10-4 ATS since 1992 in their Big 10 opener.
Michigan St is 6-3 SU but 3-6 ATS in their last 9 Homecoming games.

MSU has dropped the L2Y to UM in OT & last gm in Ann Arbor UM erased a 17 pt 4Q deficit.
The Spartans are 10-25 SU & 13-21-1 ATS their L/35 Big 10 away games.

Since 1988 (12 gms) the SU winner has won by double digits 10 times.
Michigan St is 16-9-1 ATS since 1991 as a conference home dog.

Could apply: MSU is 5-12 ATS their last 17 games as an away favorite.
LY's gm saw 59 FD's & 1,013 yds of offense but 4 MSU TO's resulted in a NU blowout.

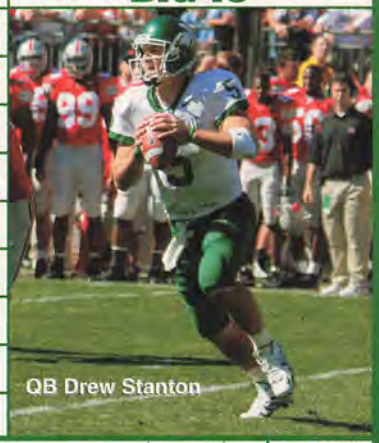
The average cover the last 4 years by Michigan St over IU is 17 pts.
The last time MSU lost SU in Bloomington they were shutout 10-0 in 1993.

Purdue was the only defense LY to hold MSU below 400 off yds (351).
Michigan St is 17-8-1 ATS their last 26 November home games.

The dog is 7-2 ATS since 1995 in this series.
MSU is an outstanding 11-4 SU & 13-1-1 ATS in their home finales S/'91.

Michigan St is 4-11-1 ATS their last 16 November road games.
Winner of this game receives the Land Grant Trophy as each school was founded in 1855.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Jeff Smoker 8,932 2000-'03
Rushing: Lorenzo White 4,887 1984-'87 Receiving: Andre Rison 2,992 1985-'88


QB Drew Stanton

STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (75,005)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	5-6	6-5	4-8	8-4	5-7	5-6	42-38
Home	6-0	4-2	4-2	3-5	5-2	4-2	3-3	29-16
Away	3-2	1-4	2-3	1-3	3-2	1-5	2-3	13-22
ATS	8-3	6-5	5-6	2-9-1	6-6	5-7	4-7	36-43-1
Home Fav	4-1	3-1	1-4	1-5	2-3	1-1	2-3	14-18
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-1-1	1-1	2-2	0-1	6-6-1
Away Fav	2-1	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-3	1-1	5-8
Away Dog	1-1	2-1	3-1	1-3	2-2	1-1	1-2	11-11
Favorite	6-2	3-3	1-5	1-5	3-3	2-4	3-4	19-26
Dog	2-1	3-2	4-1	1-4-1	3-3	3-3	1-3	17-17-1
Grass	2-1	2-3	2-1	2-9-1	4-5	3-5	3-6	18-30-1
Artificial	6-2	4-2	3-5	0-0	2-1	2-2	1-1	18-13
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	3-5	1-6-1	5-3	5-3	2-6	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-3	1-3	0-4	2-1	10-14
Off SU Win	7-1	2-3	3-2	0-3-1	4-3	2-3	2-3	20-18-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	3-2	2-3	1-6	2-2	3-3	1-4	13-21

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Javon Ringer	122	873	56	817	5	6.7
Jehuu Caulcrick	89	486	8	478	7	5.4
Jason Teague	78	444	24	420	4	5.4
Drew Stanton	121	520	182	338	4	2.8
Brett Kahn	19	101	8	93	0	4.9
Jerramy Scott	12	74	7	67	2	5.6
Brian Hoyer	2	7	1	6	0	3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Drew Stanton	354	236	66.7	3077	22	12
Brian Hoyer	23	15	65.2	167	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jerramy Scott	49	722	14.7	4	48
Matt Trannon	40	573	14.3	4	65
Kyle Brown	36	546	15.2	2	75
Kerry Reed	31	438	14.1	5	61
Terry Love	28	430	15.4	3	45
Javon Ringer	19	138	7.3	0	25
Kellen Davis	15	122	8.1	2	20
Jason Teague	14	120	8.6	1	34
Jehuu Caulcrick	5	53	10.6	0	14

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brandon Fields	40	1664	41.6	2	33.1	2	11

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
John Goss	26-28	3-4	1-5	0-1	0-1	4-11	32
Matt Haughey	11-11	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-1	1-5	31

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Eric Smith	101	0	1.5	4	2
David Herron Jr.	65	2	2	2	0
Kaleb Thornhill	63	1	3	2	0
SirDarean Adams	60	2	3	2	3
Domata Peko	53	1	2	1	0
Greg Cooper	48	1	2	1	0
Michael Bazemore	48	1	1.5	1	0
Clifton Ryan	34	3	1	0	0
Jaren Hayes	30	0	0	3	0
Demond Williams	29	0	1	2	1
Ashton Watson	29	0	1	2	1
Brandon McKinney	25	0	0	1	0
Otis Wiley	18	1	0	0	1
Steven Juarez	13	0	2	0	0
David Stanton	13	0	2	2	0
Rob Tabatchnick	12	0	3	0	0
Jason Teague	9	0	0	0	0
Eric Andino	8	1	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terry Love	10	87	8.7	0
Kyle Brown	8	88	11.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Demond Williams	17	431	25.4	1
Jerramy Scott	6	117	19.5	0
Kyle Brown	5	107	21.4	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Sun	-7'	Stanford	0-38	L
97	Aloha	+5	Washington	23-51	L
99	Citrus	+2'	Florida	37-34	W
01	Silicon Valley	+4'	Fresno St - #20	44-35	W
03	Alamo	+3	Nebraska - #22	3-17	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
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MICHIGAN ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	33.8	26	202	4.9	295	66.1	14.7	-1	2005	5	28.7	22	165	4.6	245	60.6	14.3
7	29.4	22	239	5.7	222	58.6	15.6	-10	2004	5	27.2	19	172	4.4	209	54.9	14.0
6*	27.9	19	97	3.2	270	61.7	13.2	+11	2003	8	22.5	21	125	3.2	255	54.2	16.9
8*	26.3	21	142	4.0	229	55.2	14.1	-7	2002	7	33.2	21	214	4.7	189	49.4	12.1
6*	31.2	23	155	3.7	293	59.4	14.3	-1	2001	5	25.9	20	181	4.4	206	52.1	14.9
4	17.9	21	170	3.9	196	54.1	20.5	-8	2000	6	21.2	16	154	4.0	164	51.6	15.0

2005 STATS BY GAME

MSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Kent St	35	55 - 354	6.4	27 - 35	331	1	15	15 - 14	0.9	32 - 55	301	1	-2
–	Hawaii	25	41 - 198	4.8	21 - 26	301	1	22	28 - 123	4.4	25 - 43	236	4	+1
–	at Notre Dame	18	36 - 161	4.5	16 - 27	327	1	31	38 - 107	2.8	33 - 60	487	3	-1
#17	at Illinois	34	48 - 376	7.8	26 - 34	329	0	17	33 - 123	3.7	16 - 30	148	2	+2
#11	Michigan	21	37 - 173	4.7	20 - 31	282	2	21	43 - 232	5.4	26 - 36	256	2	-1
#16	at Ohio St	27	51 - 116	2.3	26 - 36	340	12	13	26 - 137	5.3	10 - 15	249	0	+4
#22	Northwestern	28	43 - 189	4.4	24 - 46	291	0	31	37 - 202	5.5	24 - 30	331	0	-3
–	Indiana	29	46 - 237	5.2	18 - 33	256	2	24	31 - 137	4.4	25 - 44	232	2	+2
–	at Purdue	20	33 - 103	3.1	22 - 31	248	3	23	44 - 221	5.0	20 - 32	226	2	0
–	at Minnesota	24	21 - 145	6.9	29 - 46	312	0	25	63 - 327	5.2	8 - 13	123	0	0
–	Penn St	23	42 - 168	4.0	23 - 36	233	2	16	39 - 188	4.8	10 - 20	105	0	-3
TOTALS		284	453 - 2220	4.9	252 - 381	3250	24	238	397 - 1811	4.6	229 - 378	2694	16	-1
AVERAGES		25.8	41 - 202	4.9	23 - 35	295	2.2	21.6	36 - 165	4.6	21 - 34	245	1.5	-0.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	-27	35-21	L
at Notre Dame - #23	+9	17-10	W
at Northwestern - #16	+7'	26-27	W
Iowa	-5	31-28	L
at Minnesota	-2'	19-28	L
at Wisconsin	+4	42-28	W
Michigan - #6	+6	26-24	W
Indiana	-7	28-37	L
at Purdue	+3	14-24	L
Penn St	-2'	37-42	L
Missouri	-7'	55-7	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Michigan	-37	56-7	W
Rice	-30	27-10	L
California	-13'	22-46	L
Notre Dame - #12	-2'	17-21	L
Northwestern	-24'	39-24	L
at Iowa - #17	+5	16-44	L
Minnesota	-4'	7-28	L
Wisconsin	+4	24-42	L
at Michigan - #15	+14'	3-49	L
at Indiana	+1'	56-21	W
Purdue	+3	42-45	T
at Penn St - #15	+21	7-61	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-13'	26-21	L
Rutgers	-19	44-28	L
Louisiana Tech	-11'	19-20	L
at Notre Dame	+11'	22-16	W
Iowa - #13	+7	20-10	W
Indiana	-16	31-3	W
at Illinois	-3'	49-14	W
at Minnesota - #25	+5'	44-38	W
Michigan - #11	+3'	20-27	L
at Ohio St - #7	+6'	23-33	L
at Wisconsin	+1'	21-56	L
Penn St	-5'	41-10	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rutgers	-4'	14-19	L
C Michigan	-25	24-7	L
Notre Dame	+3	24-31	L
at Indiana	-3	30-20	W
at Iowa	+7	16-38	L
Illinois	-7'	38-25	W
Minnesota - #19	+9	51-17	W
at Michigan - #12	+11	37-45 3OT	W
Ohio St	+2	19-32	L
Wisconsin - #4	+8	49-14	W
at Penn St	-4	13-37	L
at Hawaii	-6	38-41	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-21	49-14	W
Hawaii	-31'	42-14	L
at Notre Dame - #10	+6	44-41 OT	W
at Illinois	-10	61-14	W
Michigan	-6	31-34 OT	L
at Ohio St - #15	+6'	24-35	L
Northwestern	-13'	14-49	L
Indiana	-17'	46-15	W
at Purdue	-4'	21-28	L
at Minnesota	+6	18-41	L
Penn St - #5	+8'	22-31	L

WISCONSIN BADGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - John Stocco (PS#37) has a powerful arm (94 mph fastball) and was the clear cut starter out of spring in 2004. His backup was Tyler Donovan (PS#29) whose mobility has evoked comparisons to Brooks Bollinger. Donovan played in just 5 games (3 passes) rushing 11 times for 117 yards. Stocco started all 12 and threw for 1,999 (52.6%) with a 9-7 ratio. In the regular season he had a 7-2 ratio when RB Anthony Davis was healthy, and in the 4 games without him, just a 2-5 ratio. Stocco, who was challenged by Donovan in August, showed a lot of improvement. He set a school record with 2,920 yards passing (60.1%) with 21 TD's and just 9 int. He is now 19-6 as the starter. Donovan played in just 3 hitting 3 of 6 (32 yd rush). The third stringer will be Dustin Sherer (6-4 209 rFr, PS#47). Stocco should continue to improve as senior.

RUNNING BACKS - The Badgers had an outstanding streak of ten straight 1,000 yard rushers end in 2003 mostly due to injuries to their top back, Anthony Davis. In 2004 Davis just missed the mark with 973 (4.8) and finished as the #2 rusher in school history and #5 all-time in the Big 10. True frosh Jamil Walker (PS#25) rushed for 88 vs UNLV but at Arizona, fumbled once and was benched. He suffered a shoulder injury and missed 4 full games. Booker Stanley rushed for 350 (3.0). True frosh Chris Pressley (PS#48), who has Ron Dayne's size, moved to FB for the bowl. Last year they had to replace Davis but added transfer Brian Calhoun (PS#20). He was a sprinter on the track team (4.29 spd) and had rushed for 810 (4.2) with 32 rec (HM B12) at Colorado in '03. Calhoun flourished becoming the 2nd player in NCAA history to top 1,500 yards rushing and have 50 rec. He also set the school record for TD's in a season (24) and tied the school record for TD's in a game (5) twice (BG/Indiana). FB Matt Bernstein was a powerful blocker but was injured after 5 games. Calhoun opted to leave early for the NFL (#3DC DET) and Stanley, who rushed for 340 (4.9), was kicked off the team in February. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Dywon Rowan (5-9 243 Sr), FB's Josh Balts (6-1 247 Jr) and Ted Hanrahan (6-3 244 rFr). No matter who wins the job, the production should pale in comparison to Calhoun.

DT Nick Hayden

RECEIVERS - As a true frosh Brandon Williams (PS#113) was the #2 receiver with 52 (12.8). He was #2 again with 49 (13.2) in 2003 and led the team in 2004 with 42 (12.3). TE Owen Daniels (PS#18) added 25 (15.6). They both returned last year and Williams had 1,095 yards (18.6). While he did not top Lee Evans career yardage record (3,466), he did break his record for career rec as well as the UW record for KR yards. He departs this year (#3DC SF, 13 sts) as does #2 receiver Jonathan Orr (#6DC TEN, PS#41, 12 st, 40 rec) and Daniels (#4DC HOU) who only had 22 rec (#3) in an injury-plagued year. The #5 and #6 receivers also depart so this group has little experience but add in LB's Travis Beckum (PS#4LB) and Andy Crooks (PS#74LB) while former QB Sean Lewis (PS#27) moved to TE last year. Not listed in the lightly seasoned 2 deep below is TE Dave Peck (6-5 246 So, PS#133DL), WR Richard Kirtley (6-2 182 rFr) and TE Matt Brown (6-5 224 Jr, PS#71). Three other receivers have a combined 3 career rec's among them.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Badgers almost always field a strong O-line but surprisingly in 2004 with all 5 starters back, only averaged 3.6 ypc rush which was their lowest since 1995 (3.9). Last year they had to replace five of their top 10 including 3 full-time starters but returned NFL caliber C Donovan Raiola and LT Joe Thomas. Andy Kemp (PS#13) came in with designs on being the first ever true frosh OL to start under Alvarez but lettered as a backup. Despite being less experienced, they improved to 3.8 ypc but allowed 37 sacks. This year the losses are heavy again. Gone are Raiola (13 st, 3 yr st'r, HM B10 3Y), RG Jason Palermo (13 st), LG Matt Lawrence (12 st). Despite the losses, when LT Thomas (he was evaluated as #1DC prior to ACL in bowl) announced his return for his senior season, he made this group even more experienced than the 2005 version and there are plenty of VHT's in the 2 deep below.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Badgers had one of the best D-lines in the NCAA in 2004 until the last six games as the unit suffered massive injuries vs Purdue. Last year they had to replace all 4 starters (#1, #5, and two #6 DC's) along with 2 backups. The inexperienced line was also hit by injuries with their top two DL's, Jamal Cooper (3 st) and Justin Ostrowski (1 st), missing most of the year. As you would expect, the Badgers allowed 4.6 ypc (worst since 1990). Almost the entire unit is returning with the exception of Gino Cruse (8 tkl) and eight have starting experience. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Derek Yentz (6-3 265 Jr) and Adam Purcell (6-1 235 Jr). This unit goes from a weakness to a strength.

LINEBACKERS - Barry Alvarez commented that the Badgers' LB play was not very good in 2004 with the exception of Mark Zalewski. Last year it looked like they returned all 3 starters but Reginald Cribbs left the team over the summer and Andy Crooks lost his starting MLB spot to Zalewski. This year they lose WLB Dontez Sanders (13 st, #1 tkl'r w/95, 9 tfl) and SLB LaMarr Watkins (12 st, 52 tkl, 3 tfl). This year's projecting starting LB's were basically on the field for the majority of the 2H of the bowl. Despite losing two starters, this group looks similar to 2005.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Under Alvarez UW usually finished high in my pass D rankings and in 2004 they were an outstanding #7 but had to replace an All-Big 10 FS, a #3DC CB and another starter. The one returning starter, CB Brett Bell, tore his ACL in the spring. While he returned, he was not 100% and was benched at times. Jack Ikegwuonu started the last four games at CB as a rFr. Surprisingly UW only dropped to #19 allowing just 51.7%. This year the only losses are Bell (11 st, 35 tkl, 8 pbu, 1 int), CB Levonne Rowan (4 st, 2 int, 27 tkl, 7 pbu) and Antonio Freeman (4 tkl). Six players return with starting experience and not even listed in the 3 deep below are Prince Moody (5-11 190 rFr, PS#212), Tony Morrissey (6-0 174 rFr) and Nate Egholm (5-10 218 Jr, PS#185). This unit is not loaded with NFL caliber DB's, but it is more experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Badgers finished #1 in my ST rankings in 1999 and #5 in 2000 but surprisingly dropped to #102 in 2001. Brian Murphy was hired as the ST Coach in 2002 and they moved up to #46, #34 and #51 the next 3 years. Last year they had to replace their K and the school's all-time leading PR (Jim Leonhard). Taylor Mehlhaff hit 14 of 20 FG's with a long of 46 and 3 of his 6 misses were from 50+. He also had 36 TB's on 81 KO's. Ken DeBauche was simply the 1st Tm Big 10 punter with a 44.8. UW has avg under 11.3 on PR's just once in the last 8 years and Brandon Williams avg 14.6 with 2 TD's. Jonathan Casillas (PS#187LB) had 2 blocked punts including the big one for the win vs Minnesota. Overall the Badgers finished an outstanding #11 in my ST rankings and despite the loss of Williams (top KR and PR), have a shot at a Top 10 finish this year.

COACHES - UW used to be a perennial Big 10 doormat. From 1985-'90 they averaged just one Big 10 win per season. HC Barry Alvarez changed the Badgers' fortunes drastically guiding the team to 11 bowls. His teams were 8-3 in those bowls, only Woody Hayes has more Rose Bowl wins (4) than Alvarez (3). After 17 years, he steps aside this year as UW's all-time leader in wins (118) but remains the AD. He handpicked his successor, Bret Bielema who was brought in as the DC in '04 (from K-St). He is the NCAA's youngest HC (36). Paul Chryst, who was the OC at Oregon St in 2003-2004, came in as the "co" OC last year and takes over as the main OC this year. Bielema has yielded his DC duties to Mike Hankwitz, a Michigan grad who was Colorado's DC in '04 and '05 and a member of Bill McCartney's staff from 1985-'94 including 7 years as DC. He was CU's interim HC for the bowl 2005 bowl and at Arizona when John Mackovic stepped down. Bielema played at Iowa from 1989-'92 and was an asst with the Hawks from '1993-'01 and with K-St from '02-'03. He has a Tiger Hawk (Iowa logo) tattooed on his calf.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Barry Alvarez guided Wisconsin to Rose Bowl wins in both 1998 and 1999 with their pinnacle, being ranked #4 in 1999. After losing between 4 to 7 games per year for the next 4 years, the 2003 team got as high as 6-1 (#14) after upsetting Ohio St. They then suffered 3 tough losses in games they could easily have won and had 5 first stringers miss a combined 30 starts. In 2004 I called them one of the premier teams in the Big 10 and they went 9-2 during the regular season including their 3rd straight win in Columbus. They got as high as #4 (9-0) in the coaches poll going undefeated at home for the second time since 1962. Their D allowed just 9.1 ppg in the first 9 but after injuries hurt the D-line, they allowed 34.3 ppg their last 3 (all losses). They only had 9 starters back last year which was the lowest in the Big 10 and Alvarez, in his final season, probably had his finest coaching performance yet. He took a team that was outmanned along the line of scrimmage, and in fact outgained by an average of 120.4 ypg in Big 10 play, and guided them to a Jan 1 bowl game and an upset of a stronger Auburn team. All of this from a team that was unranked in the preseason for the first time since 1996. In '89 the teams average attendance was just 41,734 but in their last 81 games under Alvarez they topped 70,000+ (82,551 avg in '05). The Badgers knocked off Michigan 23-20 on Stocco's 4 yd QB draw with :24 left in a night home game. They moved up to 5-0 and #14 before losing at Northwestern. UW trailed Minnesota 34-24 with 3:27 left and got a blocked punt for a TD to pull out the win. Against Purdue, UW was outgained 428-280 but had 89 and 62 yard IR's for TD's. The Illini had a 538-464 yd edge vs them but UW won by 17 points. In the battle for the Big 10 Title, Penn St led 21-0 at the half with a 305-109 yd edge. Alvarez's FHG was vs Iowa and they led 10-0 but lost 20-10 being outgained 390-276. That snapped a streak of 11 straight home wins, which was the longest since 1903 (25). The upset of Auburn made them the 4th team in school history to record 10 wins (1st since 1999). The Badgers did benefit from +13 in turnovers, had 3 close wins and had great offensive and defensive ypp's (see pg 299). Wisconsin has the best travelling fans in the NCAA and I extend an excited "welcome" to each of them to Cleveland on Sept 2nd (see Hardcore). Wisconsin's offense set a school record with 34.3 ppg last year and with just 3 offensive starters back, will likely come nowhere near that total. Defensively the Badgers were fortunate to allow 23.8 ppg as the team allowed 418 ypg, their most in the Alvarez era. This year they have 8 starters back on D and that side of the ball should be a strength under former DC Bielema. Despite the fact that UW had a lot of things go in their favor last year, all 7 sets of my power ratings call for them to have a winning season in Bielema's first year.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 7 JOHN STOCCO SR. 6-2 206 PS#37. 12 st, 1999 (53%), 9-7 ratio '04. 13 st 2920 pass (60%) 21-9 ratio, 250 rush. **12** Tyler Donovan (6-1 190 Jr) 8 games, 2 years.

TB 42 Jamil Walker Jr. 6-2 221 **PS#25**. 198 yd (4.5) 2Y. **39 PJ Hill** (5-11 235 rFr) PS#142. Powerful. **38 Dion Foster** (5-8 216 rFr) **PS#32**. **22** Jerry Butler (5-9 186 rFr) PS#117.

FB 44 Chris Pressley Jr. 6-1 268 PS#48. 3 st, 41 yd 2Y. **34** Bill Rentmeester (6-0 254 So). TE **48** Garrett Graham (6-4 236 rFr) **PS#18**. **87** Jaevery McFadden (6-3 224 rFr) PS#52.

WR 19 Paul Hubbard Jr. 6-4 218 2nd Tm B10 Track, 1 rec LY. **13** Marcus Randle El (5-10 191 Jr) **PS#45QB**. 122 yds 2Y. Lance Kendricks **PS#17**. **15** Luke Swan (6-0 200 Jr) PS#123.

WR 15 Jarmal Ruffin rFr. 6-4 205 PS#67. **88** Jarvis Minton (6-1 202 Jr) PS#190. 15 gm, 1 rec. **Daven Jones PS#33**. **88** TJ Theus (6-2 186 rFr) PS#161. **85** Jeff Holzbauer (5-11 194 Sr).

TE 36 Travis Beckum So. 6-4 215 **PS#4LB**. 2 tkl, 10 games ST. **43** Andy Crooks (6-3 264 Jr). PS#74LB. 6 st, 56 tkl, 2Y. **82** Sean Lewis (6-7 245 So) PS#27QB. In for spg.

C 65 Marcus Coleman Jr. 6-6 314 PS#76DL. 5 gm rFr. 1 st LG in '05, 12 games. **60** Luke Knauf (6-4 314 Jr) **PS#68**. LS **57** Steve Johnson (6-3 246 Jr) PS#366LB. 13 gm LY.

RG 63 KRAIG URBIK SO. 6-6 321 **PS#64**. 13 st RT as rFr. **70** Andrew Weininger (6-6 314 Jr) **PS#46**. 1 gm as rFr. 11 gms LY. **58** Mike Lenzendorf (6-1 297 rFr). Added 37 lbs.

LG 75 Andy Kemp SO. 6-6 321 **PS#13**. Lettered true, 475 bench. **Jake Bscherer PS#7**. **93** Mark Gorman (6-4 271 Sr) PS#238DL. 3 tkl '04. Inj'd LY. Bill Nagy PS#92DL.

RT 71 Eric VandenHeuvel So. 6-7 326 PS#57. 2nd string true. #1 in spg. **62** Mike Van Someren (6-7 320 Jr) PS#178. 2nd string LY. **79** Jeffrey Stehle (6-6 299 rFr) PS#50TE. +24 lbs.

LT 72 JOE THOMAS SR. 6-8 306 **PS#12**. 1 st DE true. 12 st LT '04. 13 st LT LY, **1st Tm B10**, torn ACL bowl. **64** Danny Kaye (6-8 317 Jr) **PS#33**. 2 gm rFr. 13 games LY.

K 10 TAYLOR MEHLHAFF JR. 5-11 185 **PS#9**. 18 TB's, 48 KO's true. 14 of 20 LY, long of 46, 3 miss 50+. **98** Adam Schober (5-11 203 So). **96** Matt Fischer (5-11 182 rFr) PS#90.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 95 JOE MONTY SR. 6-2 258 PS#94LB. 2 st, 18 tkl '04. 12 st LY, 30 tkl, 3.5 sk. **5** Jamal Cooper (6-4 206 Jr) PS#67LB. 4 st, 25 tkl, 3 sk, 2Y. **56** Brandon Kelly (6-4 251 Jr) PS#104LB.

DT 96 NICK HAYDEN JR. 6-5 310 **PS#14**. 13 st, 56 tkl, 5.5 sk, **HM B10**. **54** Mike Newkirk (6-3 251 So) PS#151. 4 st, 23 tkl, 3 sk. **90** Terrance Jamison (6-4 259 rFr) PS#84. John Moffitt PS#99.

DT 99 JUSTIN OSTROWSKI JR. 6-5 308 **PS#5**. 1 st, 3 tkl, LY (inj'd). 11 gms '04. **93** Mark Gorman (6-4 271 Sr). **77** Dan Cascone (6-3 307 rFr) PS#200. **71** Brian Behnke (6-7 235 rFr).

DE 91 JASON CHAPMAN SO. 6-4 283 PS#37TE. **92** Matthew Shaughnessy (6-6 227 So) PS#71. 7 st LY until ACL, 39 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **34** Kurt Ware (6-4 279 Jr) PS#90LB. 3 st, 25 tkl, 3.5 sk.

WLB 46 Jonathan Casillas So. 6-2 208 PS#187. 10 tkl true. **50** O'Brien Schofield (6-3 234 rFr) PS#81DL. **18** Jammar Crane (6-1 199 So) PS#215. **38** Ben Landgraf (6-3 217 So) PS#299.

MLB 41 MARK ZALEWSKI SR. 6-2 236 PS#52. 12 st, 55 tkl, 11.5 tfl '04. 12 st, 83 tkl, 12.5 tfl LY. **52 Elijah Hodge** (6-1 220 rFr) **PS#40**. **49** Ryan Flasch (6-1 221 Jr) PS#171. UNLV trans.

SLB 7 DeAndre Levy So. 6-3 220 PS#118. 18 tkl, 1 sk true. **23** Paul Joran (6-3 228 Sr) PS#74. 2 tkl LY. **12** Casey Hogan (6-5 206 Jr). **51** Joshua Neal (5-10 242 So). 16 tkl last year.

CB 27 Jack Ikegwuonu So. 6-1 199 PS#143WR. Last 4 sts rFr, 3 int, 3 pbu. **26** Zach Hampton (5-10 171 Sr) 1 st, 23 tkl at SS. Jamathan Lyle **PS#58**. **20** James Kamoku (6-2 218 Jr).

CB 17 ALLEN LANGFORD SO. 5-11 188 PS#119. 9 st, 39 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **3** Ben Strickland (5-9 176 Jr) 20 tkl, 2Y. **30** Jameson Davis (6-0 190 So) PS#118. Kim Royston is PS#67.

SS 16 JOE STELLMACHER SR. 6-1 222 1 st, 26 tkl first 2Y. 10 st SS LY, 90 tkl, 3 pbu, **HM B10**. **4** Johnny White (6-2 223 Sr) PS#132WR. 4 st, 46 tkl, 3Y. **28** Aubrey Pleasant (6-0 205 So).

FS 22 RODERICK ROGERS SR. 6-2 186 PS#139. 3 st FS LY, 56 tkl, 3 int, **11 pbu**. **25** Shane Carter (6-2 199 So) PS#157WR. 2 tkl. **19** William Hartmann (5-11 194 rFr). **39** Brian Herman (6-2 191 rFr).

P 94 KEN DeBAUCHE JR. 6-2 221 PS#75. 57 punts rFr, 41.8 avg, net 37.1. 57 punts LY, 44.8, **net 37.6, 1st Tm Big 10**. **97** Paul Standring (6-1 215 Jr). 40.2 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Jake Bscherer 6-7 285 PS#7
WR	Lance Kendricks 6-4 210 PS#17
WR	Daven Jones 6-1 190 PS#33
OL	Gabe Carimi 6-8 280 PS#57
DB	Jamathan Lyle 5-11 165 PS#58
RB	Lance Smith 5-10 197 PS#64
DB	Kim Royston 5-11 185 PS#67
DL	Bill Nagy 6-4 305 PS#92
OL	Brandon Hoey 6-5 290 PS#93
OL	John Moffitt 6-4 295 PS#99
WR	Niles Brinkley 5-10 175 PS#79
TE	Mickey Turner 6-4 240 PS#46
TE	Kirk DeCremer 6-5 235 PS#47
WR	Xavier Harris 5-11 175 PS#135
QB	Scott Tolzien 6-3 190 PS#109
WR	Isaac Anderson 5-11 170 PS#144
RB	Josh Nettles 5-10 170 PS#199
DB	Jay Valai 5-9 195 PS#239
DB	Culmer St Jean 6-1 215 PS#301
WR	Diondrae Jenkins 6-2 192 PS#285
OL	Brad Thorson 6-4 285 PS#509
QB	Maurice Moore 5-11 165 PS#395
DL	Richard Garner 6-5 220 PS#495

WISCONSIN BADGERS

Madison, Wisconsin
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BRET BIELEMA (Career 0-0)
1st Year at Wisconsin
Bielema's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Bielema's records AT WISCONSIN

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-0	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (18,29,3)
Lost: 18 (12,6,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 82,551

BIG 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#71

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	† Bowling Green (Cleveland)	G					
Sep. 9	Western Illinois	A					
Sep. 16	San Diego St	A					
Sep. 23	at Michigan	A					
Sep. 30	at Indiana	A					
Oct. 7	Northwestern	A					
Oct. 14	Minnesota (HC)	A					
Oct. 21	at Purdue	G					
Oct. 28	Illinois	A					
Nov. 4	Penn St	A					
Nov. 11	at Iowa	G					
Nov. 18	Buffalo	A					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Bret Bielema is the youngest HC in Div IA at 36 yrs of age.
Barry Alvarez finished as the winningest HC in Wisconsin history (118-73-4).
Wisconsin is 10-1 SU but 3-8 ATS the last 11 Camp Randall openers.

The 98 pts UW & BG combined to score LY is the 2nd most in UW history S/1890.
Could apply: The Badgers are 4-17-1 ATS as a DD favorite the last 6 yrs.

The Leathernecks finished 5-6 LY as IAA Gateway Conference members.
WIU HC Don Patterson coached Bielema both when he was a player & with him at Iowa.

Wisconsin is 8-3-1 ATS at home the last 2 seasons.
Badgers are 3-1 SU & ATS all-time vs the Aztecs from 1979 through 1998.

Wisconsin is 11-4 ATS in their last 15 Big 10 openers.
Badgers are 11-4 ATS the last 7 years as an away dog.

Wisconsin is 3-6 ATS since 2001 as a Big 10 away favorite.
UW is 2-5 ATS vs the Hoosiers since 1997 including IU's '01 & '02 outright upsets.

Including the 99 pts combined in LY's gm, UW had 7 of their 12 reg season gms top 65 pts or more.
The home team is 12-3-1 ATS in their last 16 series meetings.

Their last 6 games have averaged 68 ppg between them.
Badgers are 8-2 SU & 7-3 ATS the last 10 years vs the Golden Gophers.

Favorite has covered 5 of the last 7 matchups in this series since 1997.
The home team is 4-8 ATS since 1992 in this series.

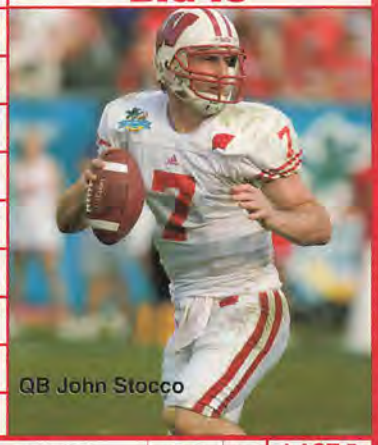
The home team is 5-8 ATS the last 13 meetings.
The favorite is 8-3 ATS the last 11 games in this series.

Wisconsin is 10-5 SU & 11-4 ATS in their last 15 November home games.
Could apply: UW is 13-6 ATS since 1991 as a Big 10 home dog.

The home team is 7-3 ATS the last 10 years in this series.
HC Bielema earned 4L (1989-'92) after joining the Iowa football program as a walk-on.

First meeting between these schools as Wisky needed a 12th game in 2006.
The Badgers are 12-3 ATS in their last 15 Camp Randall finales.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Darrell Bevell 7,686 1992-'95
Rushing: Ron Dayne 7,125 1996-'99 Receiving: Lee Evans 3,468 1999-'03


QB John Stocco

STADIUM: CAMP RANDALL STADIUM (80,321)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	8-4	5-7	7-6	7-5	9-2	9-3	54-29
Home	5-1	4-3	3-4	5-3	4-3	6-0	5-1	32-15
Away	4-1	4-1	2-3	2-3	3-2	3-2	4-2	22-14
ATS	7-4	4-8	5-6	6-6	6-6	6-4-1	7-5	41-39-1
Home Fav	4-1	1-4	0-4	3-4	1-4	4-1-1	3-2	16-20-1
Home Dog	0-1	0-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	5-4
Away Fav	1-2	2-2	0-1	1-1	3-1	0-2	2-2	9-11
Away Dog	2-0	1-0	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	1-1	11-4
Favorite	5-3	3-6	0-5	4-5	4-5	4-3-1	5-4	25-31-1
Dog	2-1	1-2	5-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	16-8
Grass	2-1	2-1	2-0	1-2	1-1	2-3	1-2	11-10
Artificial	5-3	2-7	3-6	5-4	5-5	4-1-1	6-3	30-29-1
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	5-2-1	3-5	31-24-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-4	1-2	2-2	1-3	1-2	4-0	10-15
Off SU Win	6-2	2-5	2-2	2-3	3-4	5-3-1	4-4	24-23-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	2-2	3-3	4-2	2-2	0-1	2-1	14-12

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brian Calhoun	348	1728	92	1636	22	4.7
Booker Stanley	69	359	19	340	3	4.9
Jamil Walker	18	101	5	96	1	5.3
Brandon Williams	7	47	0	47	0	6.7
Dywon Rowan	13	46	12	34	1	2.6
Tyler Donovan	5	32	2	30	1	6.0
Bill Rentmeester	6	31	4	27	0	4.5
Matt Bernstein	6	22	0	22	1	3.7
John Stocco	86	218	250	-32	2	-0.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
John Stocco	328	197	60.1	2920	21	9
Tyler Donovan	6	3	50.0	49	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brandon Williams	59	1095	18.6	6	62
Jonathan Orr	40	688	17.2	8	65
Brian Calhoun	53	571	10.8	2	40
Owen Daniels	22	268	12.2	4	29
Brandon White	8	155	19.4	1	26
Jason Pociask	7	79	11.3	0	27
Booker Stanley	7	64	9.1	0	25
Marcus Randle El	1	29	29.0	1	29

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ken DeBauche	57	2555	44.8	6	37.6	0	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Taylor Mehlhaff	56-58	7-7	3-4	4-6	0-3	14-20	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dontez Sanders	95	3.5	5.5	3	1
Joe Stellmacher	90	0	0.5	3	2
Mark Zalewski	83	2.5	10	2	0
Nick Hayden	56	5.5	3.5	4	0
Roderick Rogers	56	0	0	11	3
LaMarr Watkins	52	0.5	2.5	2	0
Matt Shaughnessy	39	2.5	5	2	0
Allen Langford	39	0	2	4	2
Brett Bell	35	0	2	8	1
Joe Monty	30	3.5	1	0	0
Johnny White	28	0	0	0	1
Jason Chapman	27	0.5	0.5	2	0
Levonne Rowan	27	0	0	7	2
Jack Ikegwuonu	26	0	2	3	3
Kurt Ware	25	3.5	2	3	0
Mike Newkirk	23	3	2	0	0
Zach Hampton	23	0	0	1	1
Andy Crooks	18	1	0	1	0
DeAndre Levy	18	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Williams	26	380	14.6	2
Marcus Randle El	3	47	15.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Williams	22	616	28.0	0
Zach Hampton	10	170	17.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Sun	-5'	UCLA	21-20	L
02	Alamo	+7	Colorado - #14 (OT)	31-28	W
03	Music City	+3'	Auburn	14-28	L
04	Outback	+8	Georgia - #8	21-24	W
05	Capital One	+10	Auburn - #7	24-10	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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WISCONSIN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	34.3	21	168	3.8	228	59.3	11.6	+13	2005	3	23.8	21	168	4.6	250	51.7	17.6
9	20.8	19	161	3.6	167	52.6	15.8	+2	2004	6	15.4	16	124	3.8	167	48.8	18.9
7	27.3	21	177	4.0	218	55.4	14.5	-3	2003	8	23.5	18	142	3.9	213	53.9	15.1
7*	26.6	20	190	4.1	165	53.1	13.4	+18	2002	2	23.0	18	149	4.0	224	54.9	16.2
5*	26.1	20	177	4.1	213	50.5	14.9	+2	2001	5	28.8	19	170	4.2	201	50.2	12.9
8*	25.2	19	196	4.1	163	55.7	14.2	+7	2000	8	20.4	20	151	4.3	241	50.0	19.2

2005 STATS BY GAME

UW 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Bowling Green	27	63 - 388	6.2	8 - 10	116	0	28	29 - 73	2.5	30 - 52	458	4	0
–	Temple	26	53 - 263	5.0	15 - 25	229	0	5	26 - (-11)	-0.4	6 - 26	56	4	0
–	at North Carolina	18	52 - 166	3.2	14 - 23	138	4	14	25 - 57	2.3	16 - 37	281	4	0
–	Michigan	21	43 - 140	3.3	15 - 32	147	3	17	36 - 143	4.0	16 - 34	258	2	+1
#17	Indiana	20	38 - 103	2.7	13 - 24	274	3	18	33 - 125	3.8	20 - 41	244	2	+2
#14	at Northwestern	27	41 - 189	4.6	24 - 32	326	2	28	45 - 313	7.0	26 - 36	361	0	0
#23	at Minnesota	18	36 - 131	3.6	15 - 26	235	3	24	63 - 411	6.5	7 - 17	99	0	+1
#19	Purdue	15	36 - 63	1.8	15 - 27	217	3	20	40 - 216	5.4	23 - 44	212	0	+3
#15	at Illinois	23	50 - 239	4.8	14 - 23	225	1	28	38 - 261	6.9	20 - 40	277	4	+1
#14	at Penn St	18	34 - (-11)	-0.3	19 - 34	313	9	24	47 - 282	6.0	13 - 28	238	1	0
#19	Iowa	16	31 - 19	0.6	21 - 38	257	6	21	37 - 166	4.5	21 - 34	224	1	+2
#24	at Hawaii	24	53 - 249	4.7	12 - 16	191	0	23	17 - 43	2.5	33 - 54	403	5	+2
#21	† Auburn	24	42 - 247	5.9	15 - 27	301	3	19	35 - 99	2.8	15 - 33	137	4	+1
TOTALS		277	572 - 2186	3.8	200 - 337	2969	37	269	471 - 2178	4.6	246 - 476	3248	31	+13
AVERAGES		21.3	44 - 168	3.8	15 - 26	228	2.8	20.7	36 - 168	4.6	19 - 37	250	2.4	1.0

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Virginia	-10'	26-17	L
at Oregon - #7	+11'	28-31	W
Fresno St - #19	-4'	20-32	L
at Penn St	+1'	18-6	W
W Kentucky	NL	24-6	–
Indiana	-14'	32-63	L
at Ohio St - #21	+11	20-17	W
at Illinois	+5'	35-42	L
Michigan St	-4	28-42	L
Iowa	+1'	34-28	W
Michigan - #11	+5	17-20	W
at Minnesota	-3	31-42	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-9'	23-21	L
at UNLV	-5'	27-7	N/A
West Virginia	-10'	34-17	W
N Illinois	-22	24-21	L
Arizona	-4'	31-10	W
Penn St - #20	-2'	31-34	L
at Indiana	-11	29-32	L
Ohio St - #4	+7	14-19	W
at Michigan St	-4	42-24	W
at Iowa - #9	+9'	3-20	L
Illinois	-6	20-37	L
at Michigan - #12	+10'	14-21	W
Minnesota	-7'	49-31	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at West Virginia	-3	24-17	W
Akron	-24'	48-31	L
UNLV	-20	5-23	L
North Carolina	-14'	38-27	L
at Illinois	-2'	38-20	W
at Penn St	-1'	30-23	W
Ohio St - #3	+2'	17-10	W
Purdue - #13	+2	23-26	L
at Northwestern	-10	7-16	L
at Minnesota - #24	+8	34-37	W
Michigan St - #21	-1'	56-21	W
Iowa - #17	-3	21-27	L

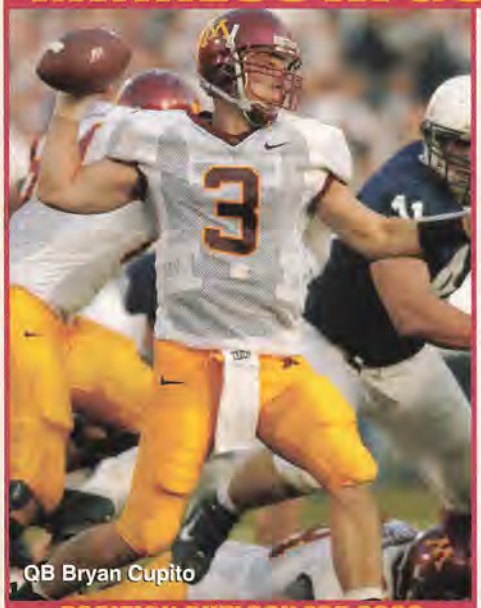
2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-23	34-6	W
UNLV	-15'	18-3	L
at Arizona	-11	9-7	L
Penn St	-3	16-3	W
Illinois	-14'	24-7	W
at Ohio St - #18	+4	24-13	W
at Purdue - #5	+7	20-17	W
Northwestern	-12	24-12	T
Minnesota	-6'	38-14	W
at Michigan St	-8	14-49	L
at Iowa - #17	+3	7-30	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-1'	56-42	W
Temple	-32'	65-0	W
at North Carolina	-3'	14-5	W
Michigan - #14	+2'	23-20	W
Indiana	-17'	41-24	L
at Northwestern	-6	48-51	L
at Minnesota - #22	+3	38-34	W
Purdue	-7'	31-20	W
at Illinois	-21	41-24	L
at Penn St - #10	+12	14-35	L
Iowa	-2'	10-20	L
at Hawaii	-7	41-24	W

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS


QB Bryan Cupito

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In '03 Asad Abdul-Khaliq had a fine senior season finishing #5 in the NCAA in pass efficiency throwing for 2,401 (63.2%) with a super 17-5 ratio (447 rush). In '04 Bryan Cupito (PS#76), who is a strong armed pocket passer, did well in non-conf play but completed just 44% in B10 play despite teams stacking 8 men in the box to stuff the run. Cupito was the only full-time B10 starter to complete less than 50% as he threw for 2,097 (47.1%) with a 14-7 ratio (110 rush). Last year Cupito suffered a shoulder injury vs Mich and missed 1 game wearing a shoulder brace down the stretch. He did have a much stronger season throwing for 2,530 (59.3%) with a 19-9 ratio. Tony Mortensen (PS#79) beat out Mike Maciejowski (6-3 215 So, PS#69) for the backup job. Mortensen played in the 4Q vs Mich, and while he did not attempt a pass, he pitched to Russell on his big run for the win. The next week Mortensen started vs Wisconsin and led late 4Q but he hit just 7 of 17 for 99. Adding depth is Marcel Jones (6-3 205 rFr, PS#36), Andre Sloan El (6-2 185, So, PS#181DB), Mike Frankberg (6-0 180 Sr) and true frosh Adam Weber (PS#47). Cupito should continue to improve as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - UM was loaded with veteran RB's heading into '03, but true frosh Laurence Maroney beat out Terry Jackson (1,317 yds '02) for a starting spot. In '04 Maroney and Marion Barber III became the first duo in NCAA history to each top 1,000 in consecutive seasons (Maroney 1,348,6.2 and Barber 1,269, 5.5). Barber left early for the NFL draft (11 st, #4DC). Last year UM became the 1st team in NCAA history to have 2 backs each exceed 1,000 yards in the same season for 3 consecutive years. Maroney set a preseason goal of 2,000 yards and was well on his way including 217 vs Purdue (46 att's) and 258 vs Wisc. He was injured vs Indiana and had just 15 carries, then missed the Mich St game and only had 7 att's vs Iowa. Gary Russell is a powerful back who rushed for 188 vs Indiana but was injured in the 2Q vs Mich St after rushing for 85. Amir Pinnix (PS#66DB) rushed for 206 vs MSt but only had 4 more att. Maroney opted to leave early for the NFL (#1DC NE) and Russell is not eligible as of this writing (acad). Pinnix will likely be teamed with JUCO Brylee Callender (647, 6.6 JC '05). Adding depth is Jay Thomas (6-0 185 rFr, PS#167) and this year's true frosh. Maroney leaves as the school's #2 all-time leading rusher and with the likely loss of their top 2 guys, it will be tough for UM to extend their streak.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 Jared Ellerson avg'd 20.7 on 44 rec to lead the team. In 2004 he led in rec (37) but saw his ypc drop to 14.1. Good sized Ernie Wheelwright (6'5") led in receiving yards with 654 (21.8). Speedster Jakari Wallace avg'd 17.0 on 20 rec and TE Matt Spaeth added 24. All 4 returned last year and one of the reasons Cupito completed less than 50% in '04 was dropped passes. The unit was much improved in that area in '05. Wheelwright led again (37, 15.4) along with Logan Payne (37, 14.3). Ellerson missed 3 full games and parts of others (21 rec) but avg'd a team high 24.3 ypc. This year they must replace Ellerson (3 st), Wallace (17 rec), Micah Rucker (1 st, 4 rec) and TE's Jarod Posthumus (8 st, 6 rec) and Jason Lamers (2 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below is TE Chris Mensen (6-6 240 rFr). With 3 of the top 4 back this group should be even stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Mason always gets excellent production from his O-line. In 2004 he called the veteran unit "the best O-line I have been involved with in all of my years of coaching." The Gophers, much like the NFL Broncos, use cut blocking which weighs heavily on the minds of opposing DL's. In '04 the OL paved the way for 5.4 ypc rushing allowing a minuscule 9 sacks and 3 OL's earned 1st Tm B10 honors. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including one 1st Tm B10 player. Returning starting RT Joe Ainslie injured his hand in the opener (6 gm) so basically they had 2 starters returning. C Greg Eslinger and LG Mark Setterstrom each started as true frosh and were 4 year starters. They burned Ohio St's top ranked defense for 578 yds, the second highest total ever for a Bucks opponent. OL Coach Gordie Shaw molded another fine unit that paved the way for 5.4 ypc and amazingly allowed just 3 sacks, the fewest in the NCAA last season (less than 1%!). This year they lose C Eslinger (#6DC DEN, 12 st, 1st Tm AA) who was 1st Tm B10 for three straight years and won the Rimington and Outland Awards. Also departing are RG Mike Nicholson (12 st, 1017 plays) and LG Setterstrom (#7DC STL, 12 st, 1st Tm B10 2Y). Seven of the top 10 are back and while this will once again be one of the premier OL's in the B10, it will be tough to match 2005's phenomenal production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UM's rush D was woeful prior to Mason's arrival, but has made great strides. In '03 all 4 starters returned and allowed just 3.5 ypc rush. In '04, they had 3 starters back (3.7 ypc). Last year they had to replace 1.5 starters and slipped allowing 4.4 ypc while the D recorded just 15 sacks. That was despite having good size inside with DT Mark Losli (295 lbs) and NT Anthony Montgomery (310 lbs). True frosh Steve Davis (230 lbs) started at DE. This year they lose DE Keith Lipka (12 st, 46 tkl, HM B10), Losli (10 st, 30 tkl) and Montgomery (#5DC WAS, 12 st, 45 tkl, 3 sk, 2nd Tm B10). Five of the top 8 are back including 4 with starting experience. With just one starter back and the unit avg just 253 lbs per man (275 LY), it will be tough to improve upon 2005's already weak rush D numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year UM blew apart their '04 LB corps by moving starting LB Terrance Campbell to SS and '04's top tackler, Kyle McKenzie to DLB. New starting MLB Mike Sherels was injured after 7 so McKenzie started the last 5 at MLB but was only the #5 tackler. This year they must replace McKenzie (11 st, 56 tkl, 4 tfl) and backup Mark Mullaney (17 tkl) but have 4 of the top 6 back including 3 with starting experience. VHT Alex Daniels should beat out Sherels in the middle. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Anthony Cullen (6-0 205 So), Patrick Cheney (6-1 225 Sr, 107 plays) and this year's true frosh. They add in a VHT this year in Tommy Becker and UMass transfer James Tindall (PS#49TE) so this unit looks stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Minny had to replace 2 starters including their #1 tackler from this unit in '04 and slipped to #78 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 2. They added in two VHT rFr in Dominic Jones (PS#44) and John Carlson (PS#48QB). One of their best defensive players, SS Brandon Owens (6-2 210 Sr, PS#77), was injured vs Penn St and missed the rest of the year (doubtful this fall). Dominic Jones moved to SS and started the last 7. UM moved up to #65 in my pass D rankings. This year they lose FS John Pawielski (12 st, 86 tkl, 4 tfl), SS Campbell (5 tkl) and probably Owens. Not listed below are Seth Thompson (6-0 190 Jr, 2 tkl) and John Morgan (6-2 200 So). Surprisingly they moved 3 year starting CB Trumaine Banks to FS and he will battle Dominique Barber. With basically 3 starters back, this unit should improve again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Glen Mason usually has a strong unit including finishes in my ST rankings of #5 in '99 and #17 in 2000. After a finish of #69 in '03, they slipped to just #76 in '04. Last year they had 2 rFr taking over at P and K and new returnmen yet still improved to #50. Dominic Jones was the top PR (10.0) and speedy Jakari Wallace avg'd a super 27.0 on KR. Jason Giannini hit 13 of 19 FG's including the game winner vs Mich but also missed EIGHT xp's. P Justin Kucek had a net of 34.2 but will be best remembered for dropping a snap vs Wisc and having the punt blocked for the game deciding TD. UM blocked 6 punts in '02 but just 1 in the last 3 years. After the Ohio St game, Mason talked about how effective OSU K Huston was at getting TB's saying he needed to get a kicker that could do that as UM had just 10 TB on 72 KO. He signed true frosh Eric Ellestad (57 TB on 123 KO in HS). With everyone back (except Wallace) this unit should improve.

COACHES - UM had been in 3 bowls in the 21 years prior to Mason's arrival but have now been in 6 over the last 7 years. He is the longest tenured HC in the B10 that has not gotten his team to a NY's Day Bowl. Mason's alma mater is Ohio St and he recruits Ohio heavily. Mitch Browning enters his 2nd year as the OC. David Lockwood (was DB coach) enters his 2nd full season as DC. Mason brings in Mark Criner as LB coach and he was the MTSt DC last year with his D ranking #28 in the NCAA.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Gophers went to bowl games in 1999 and 2000 but I called for them to finish last in the Big 10 in 2001 and they did. That was an inexperienced team with just 3 returning starters on D. In '02 they were more experienced and I said they could get off to a 5-2 or 6-1 start due to a soft non-conf schedule but struggle in the 2H of the season. UM started the year at 7-1 (best start since '67) and were ranked #19. They lost their final 4 conf games by a combined 169-79 but upset Arkansas in the Music City Bowl (1st bowl win 17 yrs). Mason called '03's squad the strongest and fastest edition he had ever coached. Eight wins had been the high mark in the Mason tenure but I called for them to top that total as they avoided Ohio St and Purdue. UM responded by winning 10 games for the first time since 1905 and their offense set records for points (503), total offense (6,430), rushing yards (3,759), completion % (61.3) and FD's (326). It helped that they had 12 games (more than they used to play). They were #4 in the NCAA in total offense (494 ypg). The Gophers outgained Big 10 foes by 138 ypg just 1.1 ypg less than league champ Mich. In '03 they opened 6-0 for the first time since 1941, but suffered a tough loss at home vs Mich blowing a big lead and the chance for a rare Big 10 Title (last in 1967). In '04 they opened 5-0 but after another tough loss to Mich suffered a Maize and Blue hangover and were trounced by Mich St. UM dropped 5 of their last 6, before rebounding with a bowl win over Alabama. Last year, despite being a stronger team, they had a tougher schedule, dropping Illinois and NW and adding Purdue and Ohio St. The Gophers got their first win at Mich since '86 (16 straight losses) and moved to #22. They gave up a blk'd punt for a TD with :30 left and lost to Wisconsin despite a 411-131 rushing edge. Against the top defense in the country (Ohio St), UM piled up 578 yards but lost at home. With a shot at a NY's Day bowl, they were thrashed by Iowa in the finale and blew a big lead in the bowl vs Virginia. Despite their 4-4 conf record, UM outgained Big 10 foes by 44.0 ypg (4th best). They have averaged 38.7, 30.1 and 35.8 ppg the last 3 years but have had a minimum of 7 returning starters on offense. This year they have just 6 back and possibly lose their top 2 rushers and 2 super OL's, so it will be tough to match 2005's production. UM allowed 29 ppg (highest in Mason's 9 yrs) and with 6 starters back on the stop unit, should improve upon that number. UM has a tough schedule again this year and it may be tough to top last year's 7-win total.

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN MAROON) 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP (JERSEY # IN MAROON) DEFENSE

QB 3 BRYAN CUPITO SR. 6-3 205 PS#76. 12 st '04 (47%). 11 st LY (59%). 4627 pass (54%) 33-16 ratio 2Y. **17** Tony Mortensen (6-3 220 So) PS#79. 1 st, 130 yd pass as true.

RB 29 Amir Pinnix Jr. 6-0 195 PS#66DB. 604 (5.8) 2Y. Brylee Callender (6-0 200 Jr) PS#89JC. In for spg. **24 Gary Russell** (5-11 215 Jr) 1 st LY, **1130 (6.1)**, 18 TD! Ineligible in spg.

FB 18 Justin Valentine Jr. 6-2 230 PS#75. 5 st FB 2Y, 232 yd. **49** Jeremy Faue (5-11 225 Jr). **44** Tom Hennessey (5-11 215 rFr). **28** Reid Haviland (5-10 190 rFr). **35** Judd Smith (6-0 200 rFr).

WR 82 ERNIE WHEELWRIGHT JR. 6-5 215 PS#175. 10 sts '04, 30 (**21.8**). 11 st LY, 37 (15.4). **12** Mike Chambers (6-1 195 rFr) PS#102DB. **32** Ben Kuznia (6-0 185 rFr). **37** Michael Kasten (6-2 200 So).

WR 84 LOGAN PAYNE SR. 6-2 200 10 st LY, 37 (14.3), 686 plays. **14** Eric Decker (6-2 205 rFr) PS#119. **38** Andy Metz (6-2 190 rFr). Jamar Howard PS#137. Ben Fischer is PS#162.

TE 89 MATT SPAETH SR. 6-6 270 PS#48. 10 st rFr, 12 (8.2). 12 st '04, 24 (12.4). **1st Tm B10**, 12 st LY, 26 (12.8). **80 Jack Simmons** (6-4 235 So) **PS#17. 86** Troy Reilly (6-6 240 rFr) PS#74.

C 77 TONY BRINKHAUS JR. 6-4 300 PS#110DL. 1 st RT rFr, 194 play. 12 st Rt LY, 1015 play, **HM B10**. Andy Brinkhaus PS#135. In for spg. **LS 43** Robert McGarry (6-3 215 Jr) 117 plays.

RG 66 Nedward Tavale rFr. 6-2 305 **PS#73. 75** Otis Hudson (6-4 290 rFr) PS#139. 2nd string as true but RS. **63** Matt Krueger (6-5 250 rFr). DJ Burris (6-2 278 Fr) PS#110.

LG 56 Tyson Swaggert Sr. 6-4 285 PS#100DL. 63 plays rFr. 88 plays '04. 212 plays LY. Can also play C. **74** Ryan Ruckdashel (6-6 255 rFr) **PS#83. 69** John Jakel (6-5 280 Jr).

RT 78 Joe Ainslie Sr. 6-7 310 PS#117. 6 st RT rFr, 597 plays. **11 st RT '04,** 806 plays. 1 st, 51 plays LY (inj). **79** Matt DeGeest (6-5 270 So) 11 plays, 2nd string rFr.

LT 64 STEVE SHIDELL JR. 6-5 285 PS#125DL. Last 11 sts at LT '05. 1013 plays. **73** Jason Meinke (6-5 235 rFr). **55** Brad Bultman (6-2 280 Jr). Dominic Alford (6-3 305 Fr) PS#162.

K 31 JASON GIANNINI SO. 5-10 180 PS#47. 13 of 19 FG's as rFr, long of 49, 1 miss 50+. **36** Joel Monroe (6-0 180 So) 1-1 FG, 9-9 xp's. Eric Ellestad **PS#16**. 18 of 26 FG, L/47 HS.

DE 91 Willie VanDeSteeg So. 6-4 250 PS#377. 1 st, 25 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. Sean McWhirter is **PS#53. 65** William Brody (6-5 245 So) PS#352. **74** Nick Tow-Arnet (6-4 245 rFr) PS#480.

DT 90 Eric Clark Sr. 6-4 265 3 st, 13 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. 5 st '04, 15 tkl, 2 sk, 442 plays. 1 st LY, 114 plays, 7 gms. 4.8 speed. **98** Neel Allen (6-3 295 Jr) PS#156OL. 12 tkl, 174 plays in 2Y.

DT 70 Todd Meisel Jr. 6-4 265 2 st, 14 tkl, 197 plays LY. **93** Nhemie Theodore (6-3 290 So) PS#141OL. **77** Jeff Tow-Arnett (6-2 270 rFr). Garrett Brown (6-2 285 Fr) is PS#91.

DE 92 STEVE DAVIS SO. 6-2 230 PS#117. 10 sts as true. 37 tkl, 6 sk, 555 plays. **96** Matt Stommes (6-7 245 rFr) PS#494. **79** Barrett Moen (6-2 260 rFr). Willie Dyson is PS#125.

WLB 46 JOHN SHEVLIN JR. 6-1 225 PS#130DB. 1 st, 14 tkl rFr. 12 st LY, 74 tkl, 9 tfl. 788 plays. **55** James Tindall (6-2 215 So) PS#49TE. **44** Deon Hightower (6-3 200 So) 4 tkl LY.

SLB 6 Alex Daniels So. 6-3 230 **PS#34LB.** 14 tkl true. 4.5 spd. **58** Mike Sherels (6-0 235 Jr) 10 tkl rFr. 7 st until inj LY, 50 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **59** Steve Moore (6-2 235 So) PS#162.

DLB 48 MARIO REESE SR. 6-3 230 1 st, 16 tkl rFr. 6 st DE '04, 26 tkl, 4 tfl. 6 st LY, 48 tkl, 2 sk, 559 plays. **Tommy Becker** (6-2 230 Fr) **PS#36. 51** Nate Triplett (6-3 230 rFr) PS#105.

CB 15 JAMAL HARRIS JR. 6-0 185 4 st, 20 tkl 331 plays rFr. 12 st LY, 63 tkl, 8 pbu, 939 plays. **13** Michael McKelton (5-10 170 rFr). **14** Brody Grandas (5-11 185 So) PS#169.

CB 9 Keith Massey rFr. 6-1 200 PS#74WR. Josh Robertson (5-11 175 Jr) PS#446JC. **11** Desi Steib (6-1 185 Jr) PS#365. 6 tkl, 9 gms LY. **19** Tim Soliday (6-2 180 rFr).

SS 23 DOMINIC JONES SO. 5-9 180 **PS#44. 4.28 spd.** 39" VL. Last 7 st true, 55 tkl, 778 plays. **16** John Carlson (6-2 220 So) PS#48QB. **28** Kevin Mannion (6-2 200 So).

FS 4 TRUMAINE BANKS SR. 5-11 185 PS#125. 12 st CB rFr, 56 tkl, 7 pbu. 9 st, 9 pbu '04. 12 st LY, 57 tkl, 4 tfl, **13 pbu. HM B10. 23** Dominique Barber (6-0 200 Jr) PS#84RB.

P 41 JUSTIN KUCEK SO. 6-0 200 PS#53. 37 (39.4) net 34.2 rFr. **16** Blake Haudan (6-1 190 rFr) PS#76. **15** Drew Lechner (6-2 205 So). Eric Ellestad (6-2 170 Fr) PS#16. 42.9 HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

LB	Tommy Becker 6-2 230 PS#36
DL	Sean McWhirter 6-3 245 PS#53
RB	Brylee Callender 6-0 200 PS#89JC
QB	Adam Weber 6-3 210 PS#47
DL	Garrett Brown 6-2 285 PS#91
OL	DJ Burris 6-2 278 PS# 110
DL	Willie Dyson 6-3 228 PS#125
OL	Andy Brinkhaus 6-3 275 PS#135
LB	Mike Wey 6-3 235 PS#108
RB	Terrence Sherrer 5-11 195 PS#150
OL	Dominic Alford 6-3 305 PS#162
RB	EJ Jones 5-9 185 PS#158
WR	Jamar Howard 6-4 200 PS#137
K	Eric Ellestad 6-2 170 PS#16
WR	Ben Fischer 6-1 180 PS#162
LB	Lee Campbell 6-3 220 PS#211
DB	RJ Buckner 5-11 190 PS#268RB
DB	Josh Robertson 5-11 175 PS#446JC
DL	Robert McField 6-6 235 PS#445
DB	Daron Love 6-1 185 PS#560

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

Minneapolis, Minnesota
HHH Metrodome

GLEN MASON (Career 117-114-1)
10th Year at Minnesota
Mason's SU Bowl Record: 5-3

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#22

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	at Kent St (Thur)	A					
Sep. 9	at California	A					
Sep. 16	Temple	A					
Sep. 23	at Purdue	G					
Sep. 30	Michigan	A					
Oct. 7	Penn St	A					
Oct. 14	at Wisconsin	A					
Oct. 21	North Dakota St	A					
Oct. 28	at Ohio St	G					
Nov. 4	Indiana	A					
Nov. 11	at Michigan St	G					
Nov. 18	Iowa	A					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Mason is one of only 3 coaches in NCAA history to be named Conference COY in 3 different conferences (Big 10 '99, Big 8 '91 & '95, MAC '86). The Gophers are 5-10 SU & 4-11 ATS the last 15 Homecoming games.

Glen Mason was Kent St's HC in 1986 & '87 guiding the Flashes to 12-10. Under Mason, Minnesota is 33-20 ATS (62%) as a favorite.

UM's last trip to Berkeley was in '64 (W 26-20) & last gm vs Cal was in '87 (W 32-23). Could apply: Gophers are 3-14 SU & 5-12 ATS as an AD since 2000.

Golden Gophers are 8-2 ATS (10-0 SU) the last 3 years as a DD home fav. Minnesota is 11-0 SU & 8-2 ATS the L11Y in their 1st HG of the season.

The Gophers have only covered 9 of their last 25 conference road games. Minnesota is 3-9-1 ATS their last 13 games vs Purdue.

Gophers are 1-12 SU & 5-8 ATS vs the Wolverines since 1991. Minnesota is 11-17 ATS since 1999 when hosting Big 10 opponents.

The home team is 3-6 ATS all-time in this series (1st game 1993). UM is 10-4 SU but 4-8 ATS S/'99 in their 2nd consecutive home game.

Minnesota hasn't won in Madison S/'94, avg loss by 20 ppg (5 straight). The home team is 9-5 ATS in their last 14 series meetings.

Bisons finished 7-4 last year as IAA Great West Conference members. Gophers lead this series 5-0 & the last meeting was in 1937.

Golden Gophers are 4-12 ATS the last 16 games vs Ohio St. Mason served as OSU's OC from 1980-'85 & received his BA here in '72.

In their L/5 games, these teams have avg'd 67 ppg (63, 51, 62, 94 & 64 pts). Minnesota is 5-2 ATS the last 7 meetings with Indiana.

Gophers are 7-19 ATS since 1980 prior to their Battle for "Floyd" with Iowa. Minnesota is 3-16 SU & 5-14 ATS in November away games since 1995.

The 52 pts Minny yielded LY was the most they have given up S/'98 (PU 56 pts). These two teams have played every yr S/'31, UM leads all-time 58-39-2.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Cory Sauter 6,834 1994-'97
Rushing: Darrell Thompson 4,654 1986-'89 Receiving: Ron Johnson 2,989 1998-'01

Mason's records AT MINNESOTA

58-50	Straight Up	22-14	Home Favorite
54-44	Vs The Spread	7-10	Home Underdog
25-17	Off A SU Loss	11-6	Away Favorite
35-37	Vs Conference	14-14	Away Underdog
19-7	Vs Non-Conf	2-5	Off A Bye

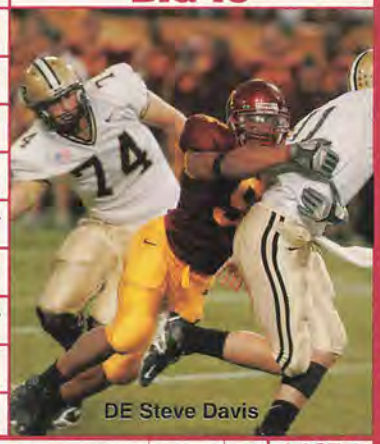
2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 31 (12,15,4)
Lost: 20 (10,10,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 49,024

BIG 10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STADIUM: HHH METRODOME (64,172)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	6-5	4-7	7-5	9-3	6-5	7-4	47-32
Home	4-3	4-2	4-2	5-2	5-2	5-1	4-2	31-14
Away	4-0	2-3	0-5	2-3	4-1	1-4	3-2	16-18
ATS	6-4	5-6	4-6	4-7	7-5	5-5	7-4	38-37
Home Fav	3-1	2-3	1-0	2-2	3-3	3-2	4-1	18-12
Home Dog	0-2	1-0	2-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	3-8
Away Fav	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	4-0	1-2	2-1	11-5
Away Dog	1-0	1-2	1-4	1-3	0-1	1-1	1-1	6-12
Favorite	5-2	3-4	1-0	3-2	7-3	4-4	6-2	29-17
Dog	1-2	2-2	3-6	1-5	0-2	1-1	1-2	9-20
Grass	2-1	2-2	1-2	2-2	2-1	1-1	0-2	10-11
Artificial	4-3	3-4	3-4	2-5	5-4	4-4	7-2	28-26
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	3-5	2-6	4-4	3-5	4-4	23-33
vs Non-Conf	2-0	2-1	1-1	2-1	3-1	2-0	3-0	15-4
Off SU Win	3-3	2-3	0-2	3-4	5-4	3-2	4-3	20-21
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-3	4-3	1-3	1-1	1-3	2-1	13-15

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Laurence Maroney	281	1524	60	1464	10	5.2
Gary Russell	186	1135	5	1130	18	6.1
Amir Pinnix	**78**	**476**	**9**	**467**	**1**	**6.0**
Justin Valentine	**23**	**84**	**0**	**84**	**2**	**3.7**
Jakari Wallace	7	69	12	57	1	8.1
Bryan Cupito	**24**	**61**	**31**	**30**	**0**	**1.2**
Tony Mortensen	**3**	**15**	**2**	**13**	**0**	**4.3**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bryan Cupito	**297**	**176**	**59.3**	**2530**	**19**	**9**
Tony Mortensen	**24**	**9**	**37.5**	**130**	**1**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ernie Wheelwright	**37**	**568**	**15.4**	**5**	**48**
Logan Payne	**37**	**529**	**14.3**	**2**	**53**
Jared Ellerson	21	511	24.3	5	57
Matt Spaeth	**26**	**333**	**12.8**	**4**	**36**
Jakari Wallace	17	218	12.8	0	32
Laurence Maroney	17	170	10.0	1	37
Gary Russell	16	168	10.5	1	56
Micah Rucker	4	76	19.0	0	36
Jarod Posthumus	6	60	10.0	0	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Justin Kucek	**37**	**1456**	**39.4**	**7**	**34.2**	**1**	**8**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Giannini	**36-44**	**7-7**	**4-8**	**2-3**	**0-1**	**13-19**	**49**
Joel Monroe	**9-9**	**0-0**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**1-1**	**39**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
John Pawielski	86	0	4	5	1
John Shevlin	**74**	**1**	**8**	**2**	**1**
Jamal Harris	**63**	**0**	**0.5**	**8**	**0**
Trumaine Banks	**57**	**0**	**4**	**13**	**1**
Kyle McKenzie	56	1	3	2	1
Dominic Jones	**55**	**0**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Mike Sherels	**50**	**1**	**5.5**	**1**	**1**
Mario Reese	**48**	**2**	**1.5**	**4**	**0**
Keith Lipka	46	0	1.5	1	0
Anthony Montgomery	45	3	3	2	1
Steve Davis	**37**	**6**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Mark Losli	30	0	0	3	0
Brandon Owens	**27**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Willie VanDeSteeg	**25**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Mark Mullaney	17	0	1	1	0
Todd Meisel	**14**	**1**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Alex Daniels	**14**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Dominique Barber	**13**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Neel Allen	**10**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dominic Jones	**12**	**120**	**10.0**	**0**
Logan Payne	**11**	**106**	**9.6**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jakari Wallace	20	540	27.0	0
Laurence Maroney	4	96	24.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	MicronPC	-3'	NC State	30-38	L
02	Music City	+7'	Arkansas - #25	29-14	W
03	Sun	-4'	Oregon	31-30	L
04	Music City	+1	Alabama	20-16	W
05	Music City	-6'	Virginia	31-34	L

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MINNESOTA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	35.8	24	273	5.4	222	57.3	13.8	-1	2005	7	29.0	21	156	4.4	257	56.8	14.2
7	30.1	20	257	5.4	182	47.6	14.6	+7	2004	7	22.8	21	131	3.7	266	60.1	17.4
7*	38.7	25	289	5.5	205	61.3	12.8	-1	2003	9	21.9	20	123	3.5	218	59.0	15.5
5*	28.9	21	210	4.7	183	52.3	13.6	0	2002	8	24.5	19	177	4.3	179	55.3	14.5
7*	28.0	21	217	5.1	205	54.7	15.1	+2	2001	3	27.2	23	202	4.6	223	59.1	15.6
5	31.3	21	197	4.4	232	57.4	13.7	+2	2000	8	26.5	20	166	4.1	203	52.3	13.9

UM 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Tulsa	24	44-301	6.8	14-25	235	1	19	35-135	3.9	27-41	218	1	+2
–	Colorado St	27	59-355	6.0	11-24	190	0	18	25-59	2.4	21-42	362	2	+2
–	Florida Atlantic	26	48-349	7.3	10-21	230	0	13	39-92	2.4	13-30	154	2	0
–	Purdue	29	68-301	4.4	22-36	271	1	15	29-180	6.2	15-34	246	1	-1
#18	at Penn St	13	32-113	3.5	16-28	174	1	35	59-364	6.2	13-32	175	0	-2
–	at Michigan	23	57-264	4.6	11-23	139	0	19	34-94	2.8	14-29	155	3	-1
#22	Wisconsin	24	63-411	6.5	7-17	99	0	18	36-131	3.6	15-26	235	3	-1
–	Ohio St	23	42-182	4.3	26-36	396	0	22	43-216	5.0	14-20	233	1	-1
–	at Indiana	27	49-347	7.1	16-26	225	0	20	37-112	3.0	26-43	253	1	+1
–	Michigan St	25	63-327	5.2	8-13	123	0	24	21-145	6.9	29-46	312	0	0
–	at Iowa	24	34-129	3.8	26-46	315	0	28	40-236	5.9	20-34	377	0	-1
–	† Virginia	24	51-198	3.9	18-28	263	0	20	30-103	3.4	26-33	365	1	+1
TOTALS		289	610-3277	5.4	185-323	2660	3	251	428-1867	4.4	233-410	3085	15	-1
AVERAGES		24.1	51-273	5.4	15-27	222	0.3	20.9	36-156	4.4	19-34	257	1.3	-0.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Toledo	+5	7-38	L
Louisiana-Lft	-24'	44-14	W
Purdue - #24	+4	28-35 OT	L
at Illinois	+10	14-25	L
at Northwestern	+12'	17-23	W
Michigan St	+2'	28-19	W
Murray St	NL	66-10	–
Ohio St	+2	28-31	L
at Michigan - #12	+15'	10-31	L
at Iowa	+12'	24-42	L
Wisconsin	+3	42-31	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas St	NL	42-0	–
at Louisiana-Lft	-13	35-11	W
Toledo	-7	31-21	W
Buffalo	-31	41-17	L
at Purdue	+3	15-28	L
Illinois	-3'	31-10	W
Northwestern	-16'	45-42	L
at Michigan St	+4'	28-7	W
at Ohio St - #6	+13'	3-34	L
Michigan - #13	+6'	24-41	L
Iowa - #6	+11'	21-45	L
at Wisconsin	+7'	31-49	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulsa	-30'	49-10	W
Troy	-24'	48-7	W
at Ohio	-19'	42-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-35	48-14	L
at Penn St	-2	20-14	W
at Northwestern	-11'	42-17	W
Michigan - #20	+2	35-38	L
Michigan St - #15	-5'	38-44	L
at Illinois	-15'	36-10	W
Indiana	-28	55-7	W
Wisconsin	-8	37-34	L
at Iowa - #20	+5'	22-40	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Toledo	-11'	63-21	W
Illinois St	NL	37-21	–
at Colorado St	-3'	34-16	W
Northwestern	-14'	43-17	W
Penn St	-15	16-7	L
at Michigan - #14	+3'	24-27	W
at Michigan St	-9	17-51	L
Illinois	-17'	45-0	W
at Indiana	-17'	21-30	L
at Wisconsin - #5	+6'	14-38	L
Iowa - #19	-4	27-29	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tulsa	-17	41-10	W
Colorado St	-13	56-24	W
Florida Atlantic	-30'	46-7	W
Purdue - #11	-3	42-35 2OT	W
at Penn St	-2'	14-44	L
at Michigan - #21	+7'	23-20	W
Wisconsin - #23	-3	34-38	L
Ohio St - #12	+3'	31-45	L
at Indiana	-13	42-21	W
Michigan St	-6	41-18	W
at Iowa	+6	28-52	L

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 the Cats had to replace Zak Kustok who was brilliant at running their spread offense and completed 57.2% in 2001 with a 20-10 ratio. Brett Basanez (PS#24) simply led all frosh in the NCAA with 2,204 (58.5%) and a 7-7 ratio but did miss 2 games with injury. Basanez got off to a good start in 2003 but imploded in the 4Q vs Air Force. He hit just 1 of his final 15 with 3 int in the last 5:49 which cost them the game. An inexperienced receiving corps did not help matters and he suffered a sophomore slump throwing for 1,916 (53.6%) with just a 4-12 ratio. Basanez rebounded to throw for a school record 2,838 (53.7%) with a much improved 12-9 ratio in 2004. Last year Basanez, in his 4th year as a starter, was in full control of the offense and finished #3 in the NCAA in total offense (1st in the Big 10), was the co-Big 10 Off POY and became the school's all-time career leader in total offense (11,576) surpassing Kustok. He also topped Steve Schnur's 1995 record for wins as a starter (19). He topped his own record with 3,622 (63.2%) and a 21-8 ratio (550 rush). Not only must the team break in a new QB, but also a new OC. Battling for the spot is last year's backup CJ Bachér (PS#35, 5 gm, 15 att), rFr Mike Kafka (PS#41) and Andrew Brewer (PS#44) who also worked at WR in the spring. Naturally going from a polished 4 year veteran to an inexperienced group, this unit will show a significant drop in the passing stats.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 the Cats had to replace the school's all-time leading rusher, Damien Anderson. Jason Wright stepped in to rush for 1,234 (5.6) and despite missing 4 games in 2003, rushed for 1,388 (5.2) and 20 TD's. Noah Herron was the backup and in 2004 rushed for 1,381 (5.0) and 14 TD's (#7DC). The leading returnee in 2005 was Terrell Jordan (315, 4.8) but he redshirted (hamstring). Brandon Roberson (PS#85) hurt his ankle in the 1Q vs Ohio and became NU's version of Wally Pipp. True frosh Tyrell Sutton (2004 HS Mr. Football in Ohio) rushed for 104 in his debut and 214 vs N Illinois. He had 244 vs Wisconsin and 212 vs Illinois. He was the Big 10 Frosh of the Year and led all frosh in rushing. He broke Greg Boykin's 1972 frosh mark of 625 and also Darnell Autry's mark of 171 in a game (214). He suffered some fumble problems, losing five but after 7 games had 970. Sutton was just 30 yards short of becoming the 4th frosh to top 1,000 yards in the first 7 games with the others being Marshall Faulk, Emmitt Smith and Adrian Peterson. RFr Gerard Hamlett (PS#203) was #2 with 174 (5.4) but was tried at CB in the spring. Not listed below are Nathan Shanks (5-11 220 Jr), Omar Conteh (6-0 205 So, PS#184, 99 ttl yds), Akeem Hunter (5-11 210 So, PS#177) and true frosh Stephen Simmons (PS#147). As long as Sutton stays healthy, this unit could be even stronger.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 NU had to replace two of their top three receivers. Mark Philmore (HM B10) took command and after 8 games was #2 in the Big 10 in rec with 54 (11.7) but was injured and missed the rest of the year. He still finished #1 with #2 being Jonathan Fields (48, 11.7). They had to replace one starter last year and backup Brandon Horn (24 rec '04) was suspended. Philmore suffered an ankle injury vs Ohio forcing him to miss N Illinois and was suspended vs Ariz St. He came on down the stretch and had 55 (12.0). Shaun Herbert stepped to the forefront and in 9 starts had 79 (10.9) while Fields added 60 (9.2) in 11 st. This year they must replace Fields, Philmore (9 st), Horn and TE Sean Mansfield (1 st). Kim Thompson had 5 rec in the opener but broke a finger and only got in 8 starts. This unit is as experienced as 2005 but probably will not have the same type of numbers with a less experienced QB.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 NU had to replace three starters and the unit was hit hard by injuries but still paved the way for 4.7 ypc rushing while allowing 23 sacks. Basically everyone returned including 4 VHT starters in 2004 and I called them the #7 OL in the country. They opened holes for 4.6 ypc and allowed just 12 sacks (2.6%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and then lost starting C Trevor Rees for the season. Surprisingly the ypc increased to 5.0 and the sacks dropped to 11 (2.1%!) and became just the second offense in Big 10 history to top 500 ttl ypg. This year they lose their star in 1st Tm AA RT Zach Strief (#7DC NO, 12 st, 3 yr st'r) and backup LT Vince Clarke (1 st). Not only do 8 of the top 10 return, but with Rees returning to his C spot, it's like having five full-time starters back making this one of the best O-lines in the country.

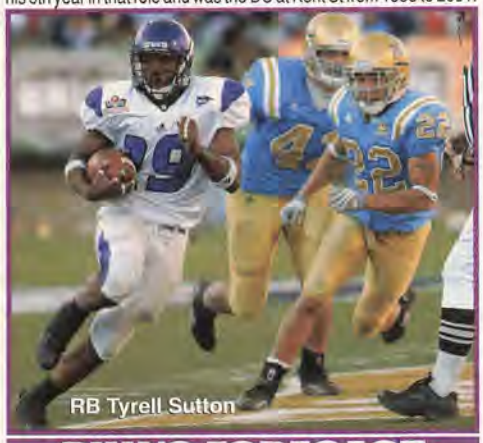
DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Northwestern had a small, young, inexperienced D-line that allowed an amazing 314 ypg rush (5.4) and the defense only had six sacks on the year. A much more veteran unit in 2003 allowed 4.1 ypc. With all 4 starters back in 2004, they improved to 3.6 ypc. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup who combined for 30 starts including a #1 DC. They then lost star DE Loren Howard (transfer). Star DT Barry Cofield did return but the lightly experienced group allowed 79 ypg rushing more than 2004 and 5.2 ypc with just 12 sacks. This year they lose Cofield (12 st, 63 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 2nd Tm B10, #4DC NYG), DT Trevor Schultz (6 st, 45 tkl, 3 tfl) and rFr Desmond Taylor who moves to OL. This is far from an overwhelming unit and loses its top guy but is still more experienced.

LINEBACKERS - Chuck Kern had 503 tackles from 1977-80 and was the Cats all-time leading tackler. Last year Tim McGarigle not only surpassed that mark but simply became #1 in the NCAA in career tackles with 549 and had more than double the tackles of the #2 man last year. He was 70% for most of the 2H of the season. For a second straight year the Cats return 5 of their top 6 LB's but this season must replace McGarigle (#7DC STL, 12 st, 2nd Tm B10). Nick Roach played with a broken hip and didn't even know it. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Todd Dockery (5-11 200 rFr) and Rejaie Johnson (6-1 230 So, PS#195) and this unit will get the help of Chris Malleo (6-3 225 Jr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cats finished #60 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and only had to replace 2 starters last year. Unfortunately CB Jeff Backes was forced to retire and SS Bryan Heinz missed the regular season with injury so they actually had zero returning starters. Marquice Cole, who has 4.3 speed, was 2nd in the Big 10 with 5 int and was a big reason the Cats were able to climb to #37 in my pass D rankings snagging 20 int. This year they lose FS Herschel Henderson (10 st, 3 int, 7 pbu) and SS Frederic Tarver (8 st, 40 tkl, 1 int). Heinz is back so it's like having 3 full-time starters returning and six players in the 3 deep have starting experience. Not listed below is Gerard Hamlett (5-10 190 So, PS#203RB), who had 661 all-purp yards as a rFr, Chaz Richart (5-10 180 So) and Tim Downing (5-8 175 So). Battle missed the spring due to academics but should return in the fall.

SPECIAL TEAMS - You would figure that for a team like Northwestern, playing in the Big 10, to have 3 consecutive 6+ win seasons, that the ST's would have to be outstanding. Surprisingly that is not the case as in the last four years, NU has finished #90, #92, #95 and #110 in my ST rankings. Last year they had to replace their P/K Brian Huffman and then the top 3 returnmen, Jeff Backes (retire) Terrell Jordan (RS) and Mark Philmore (banged up) so it was a very inexperienced group. Marquice Cole did avg 27.0 on 8 PR's. Joel Howells set a school record with 5 FG's vs Penn St but hit just 11 of 21 and in the bowl had 1 FG blocked and missed 2 xp's. Gerard Hamlett avg'd 22.3 on KR's despite spraining an ankle after an 81 yard return vs Wisky. Ryan Pederson lost his punting job vs Michigan but after backup Slade Larscheid had a punt blocked vs Ohio St, Pederson won the job back. This year they must replace Pederson (39.6 avg) and Philmore. They add a top-notch frosh K in Stefan Demos (PS#9). The Wildcats should have their best ST finish in five years.

COACHES - 2000's Big 10 Coach of the Year, Randy Walker, is back for his 8th year as the head man. He has led NU to 3 bowls which is quite an accomplishment as the Wildcats have played just 6 in their history. He has signed a contract extension through 2011. At Miami (OH) he was 59-35-5 as the head coach. The OC over the last 4 years, Mike Dunbar, left for California after guiding the #4 ranked offense in the NCAA. The new OC is Garrick McGee who has been the WR coach here the last two seasons. DC Greg Colby is in his 5th year in that role and was the DC at Kent St from 1998 to 2001.


RB Tyrell Sutton

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the last 11 years NU has an amazing three Big 10 Titles, one less than Ohio St and 2 less than Michigan. In 2000 the Big 10 media selected NU last in the league and I went out on a limb and called them the 4th most improved team in the country and they were an amazing 8-3. In 2001 the media overacted picking them first. I didn't make too many Wildcat fans happy when I pegged them 9th and they fell to 4-7. In 2002, with just 9 starters back, were 3-9. In 2003 they once again made my most improved list with 15 starters back and they went to their first bowl in 3 years. In 2003, despite being 4-4 in league play, they were actually outgained by 75.7 ypg but in 2004 they had 17 starters back. The Cats O-line and D-line was also among the best in the Big 10 and they finished 5-3 in conf play including a solid win over Ohio St in which they had a 444-308 yard edge. Their 2004 record could have been better as they had a OT loss to TCU, a game in which they missed 5 FG's and also could have easily beaten both Ariz St and Hawaii. The Cats instead finished 6-6 and did not get to a bowl. Last year the Cats lost 4 projected starters (C, DE, CB, SS) over the summer so they had just 8 returning starters. They still became the first NU team since 1931 to win 6 or more games for 3 consecutive seasons. The Cats did so despite being outscored by a 32.3-33.9 avg. Against N Illinois, the Huskies failed on a 2 pt conv and the Cats escaped by 1. They led eventual Big 10 champ Penn St most of the game but allowed a 36 yard TD pass with :51 left. The Cats put up a school record 674 yards vs Wisconsin and then got a TD with 1:50 left to beat Purdue. The Cats beat Mich St 49-14, their largest Big 10 road win since 1943. They had a sellout crowd and national attention when they hosted Michigan in a night game but lost 33-17. They trailed Iowa 24-7 at the half but got 2 TD's in the final 2:00 to pull out the miracle win. Ohio St got revenge for the previous year's upset with a 48-7 rout where both were ranked in the meeting for the first time since 1970. Northwestern, which is 0-5 in bowls since 1948, led UCLA 22-0 in the 1Q but blew the big lead. After going 1-7 in the Big 10 in 2002 including 49 and 52 point losses, they are 14-10 in Big 10 play the last 3 years. This is a more veteran team with 13 starters back but they lose QB Basanez. The Cats offense avg 32.3 ppg, their highest in five years, and was just the 2nd B10 offense to avg 500+ ypg. Despite a veteran O-line and having their top RB and WR back, with the loss of Basanez, they will probably be a little less potent. With just three starters back on D the Cats' allowed 33.9 ppg last year, their worst since 2002 and with six starters back this year will have an improved stop unit. They did have 34 net close wins (pg 299). The Cats took on the 3rd toughest schedule in the country (pg 317) last year but are capable of opening the season 4-0. If their QB play is solid in B10 play, the Cats have a good shot at getting back to a bowl.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 18 CJ Bachér So. 6-2 200 **PS#35.** 5 gm rFr, 53 snap, 98 ttl yd. **13 Mike Kafka** (6-3 205 rFr) **PS#41.** Strongest arm. **12** Andrew Brewer (6-3 215 rFr) PS#44. Athletic

RB 19 TYRELL SUTTON SO. 5-9 190 **PS#24.** 11 st as a true, 1474 (5.9), 44 rec (9.0). **26** Terrell Jordan (5-10 200 Sr) 2 st, 568 (5.1), 2Y. RS LY. **11** Brandon Roberson (5-9 200 Jr). PS#85.

WR 3 SHAUN HERBERT SR. 6-1 200 PS#115. 10 st, 42 (13.6) first 2Y. 9 st LY, 79 (10.9). **HM B10.** 32 Sam Cheatham (5-10 200 Jr) PS#47. 3 rec LY. **81** Kevin Frymire (6-1 175 rFr).

WR 84 KIM THOMPSON JR. 6-4 195 4 st rFr, 11 (11.1), 8 st LY, 19 (17.2). **87** Tonjua Jones (6-2 185 Jr) PS#347. 1 start, 1 rec (inj). **24** Kevin Mitchell (6-2 220 rFr) PS#294QB.

WR 9 Ross Lane So. 6-3 190 PS#134. 3 st as rFr, 24 (15.8), 17 in L/4 gms. 8 Rasheed Ward (5-10 175 So) PS#130. 3 st, 7 (14.1) true. **7** Jeff Yarbrough (5-11 180 So) PS#164.

TE 44 Erryn Cobb Sr. 6-1 255 PS#152DL. 2 st, 3 rec 2Y. **49** Frayne Abernathy (6-3 245 Jr) 1 st, 4 rec. **35** Mark Woodsum (6-0 235 rFr). **82** Chris Malleo (6-3 225 Jr) Also LB.

C 50 TREVOR RESS JR. 6-2 285 PS#157. 9 st at C as true. 12 st C '04. RS LY. **52** Joel Belding (6-3 300 So) PS#130. 3 st rFr. **LS 86** Phil Brunner (6-1 225 So) PS#245QB.

RG 56 RYAN KEENAN SR. 6-4 290 PS#113DL. 2 st, 36 tkl DL, 1st 2Y. 12 st RG LY. **58** Alex Rucks (6-4 300 So) PS#117. 3 gm rFr. **76** Desmond Taylor (6-3 275 rFr). **60** Ramon Diaz (6-4 280 rFr) PS#117DL.

LG 51 JOE TRIPODI SR. 6-3 310 PS#104. 2nd string '04. 12 st LG LY. **77** Adam Crum (6-1 295 Jr) 2nd string C '04. 2nd string OG LY. **73** Fred McConnell (6-3 310 Jr) PS#117DL.

RT 62 Austin Matthews Jr. 6-5 305 PS#181. 2nd string OG '04. First 5 st at C LY then (inj) last 4. **78 Kurt Mattes** (6-6 285 rFr) **PS#23. 68** Tyler Compton (6-5 305 rFr) PS#296.

LT 74 DYLAN THIRY JR. 6-8 315 PS#304. 2nd string as rFr in '04. 11 sts at LT LY. **65** Thomas Bemenderfer (6-5 280 rFr) PS#216. Mike Boyle (6-7 270 Fr) PS#139TE '05. Prep school LY.

K 93 JOEL HOWELLS SR. 6-4 225 15 of 27 FG's 3Y, long 46. Stefan Demos is **PS#9.** 13 of 16 FG's in HS LY. 51 yd FG w/o tee. **85** Michael Awadalla (6-1 195 rFr) PS#73.

DE 72 DAVID NGENE JR. 6-3 260 PS#151OL. 2 tkl '04. 4 st, 12 tkl, 1 tfl LY. **91** Mark Koehn (6-3 270 Jr) PS#147RB. 5 st DE LY, 25 tkl, 2 sk. Marshall Thomas (6-3 270 Fr) PS#490OL.

DT 57 Matt Clark So. 6-3 290 PS#157. Inj rFr. **79** Adam Hahn (6-4 290 rFr) PS#153OL. **92** Keegan Kennedy (6-3 280 So) PS#383. **71** Tanner Highlen (6-2 280 rFr) PS#306.

DT 70 John Gill So. 6-3 290 PS#362OL. 7 sts as true, 26 tkl, 1 tfl. 400 bench. **58** Warren Anderson (6-3 270 Jr) PS#129. 3 gm rFr. Kendal Mason is (6-1 270 Fr) PS#327. 370 bench.

DE 95 KEVIN MIMS SO. 6-3 280 PS#86. 11 st rFr, 41 tkl, 2 sk, 2.5 tfl. Top lineman in Sun Bowl award. **99 Corey Wootton** (6-6 255 So) PS#238. 2 st true until inj. Corbin Bryant PS#157TE.

SLB 42 Demetrius Eaton Sr. 6-2 250 PS#150RB. 2 st MLB, 33 tkl '04. 1 st DE, 14 tkl, LY. **37** Campbell Black (6-3 225 Sr) PS#229DB. 8 tkl, 2Y. **82** Chris Malleo (6-3 225 Jr) PS#148QB.

MLB 43 ADAM KADELA SR. 6-2 245 PS#81. 2 st, 20 tkl first 2Y. 12 st LY, 71 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **50 Chris Jeske** (6-0 230 rFr) **PS#28. 31** Mike Dinard (6-2 230 So) PS#94RB. 5 tkl true.

WLB 38 NICK ROACH SR. 6-2 245 PS#116WR. 12 st '04, 83 tkl, 5 sk. 12 st LY, 77 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **40** Eddie Simpson (6-0 230 Jr) PS#243. 32 tkl LY. **46** Malcolm Arrington (6-2 230 So) PS#91.

CB 20 MARQUICE COLE SR. 5-10 185 **4.3 spd.** 4 st, 21 tkl '03. RS '04. 12 st, **2nd Tm Big 10** LY, 5 int. **34** André Butler (5-11 180 So) PS#196. **35** Ryan Black (5-10 180 Jr) 6 tkl LY.

CB 22 DEANTE BATTLE JR. 5-10 180 PS#98. 7 st LY, 46 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. **10 Eric Peterman** (6-1 200 So) PS#46QB. 12 rec LY. **6** Cory Dious (5-9 170 Sr) 2 st, 18 tkl LY.

SS 21 Bryan Heinz Sr. 6-2 215 6 st, 62 tkl, 5 int rFr. **10 st**, 67 tkl '04. 1 st, 5 tkl, ACL '05. **16** David Oredugba (6-2 190 So). 3 gm LY. **45** Ben Rothrauff (5-10 195 Jr) 7 tkl LY.

FS 39 Brendan Smith So. 6-1 215 PS#99. **4.38 spd.** 4 st, 29 tkl as true. **27** Reggie McPherson (6-1 190 Jr) PS#161WR. 13 tkl '04. 4 st FS LY, 57 tkl, 1 int. Brad Phillips is PS#168.

P 15 Slade Larscheid Sr. 6-1 210 2 of 6 FG's '03. 10 punts LY, 38.8. Stefan Demos **PS#9.** 45.0 avg in HS. **97** Kyle Daley (6-0 190 So) PS#29. **96** Amado Villarreal (5-10 175 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	Carl Fisher 6-1 200 PS#42
LB	Quentin Davie 6-4 200 PS#73
K	Stefan Demos 5-10 175 PS#9
WR	Sidney Stewart 6-1 170 PS#100
LB	Nate Williams 6-2 220 PS#104
RB	Stephen Simmons 5-9 180 PS#147
QB	Joe Mauro 6-4 210 PS#106
DB	Brad Phillips 6-2 200 PS#168
TE	Brendan Mitchell 6-3 240 PS#62
DB	Justan Vaughn 6-0 175 PS#192DL
OL	Connor Smith 6-2 275 PS#313
DL	Kendal Mason 6-1 270 PS#327
OL	Mike Boyle 6-7 270 PS#139TE '05
OL	Corbin Bryant 6-4 240 PS#157TE
DL	Marshall Thomas 6-3 270 PS#490OL
QB	Lee Coleman 6-0 170 PS#357
DB	Sherrick McManis 6-1 175 PS#560

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Walker's records AT NORTHWESTERN

37-46	Straight Up	6-10	Home Favorite
41-37-2	Vs The Spread	14-11	Home Underdog
20-18-1	Off A SU Loss	6-3	Away Favorite
28-26-2	Vs Conference	15-13-2	Away Underdog
13-11	Vs Non-Conf	5-0-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (24,21,4)
Lost: 16 (7,8,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 32,527

BIG 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#18

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Aug. 31	at Miami, Oh (Thur)	A					
Sep. 9	New Hampshire	G					
Sep. 16	Eastern Michigan	G					
Sep. 22	at Nevada (Fri)	A					
Sep. 30	at Penn St	G					
Oct. 7	at Wisconsin	A					
Oct. 14	Purdue	G					
Oct. 21	Michigan St (HC)	G					
Oct. 28	at Michigan	A					
Nov. 4	at Iowa	G					
Nov. 11	Ohio St	G					
Nov. 18	Illinois	G					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

NU is 22-10-1 ATS the last 33 games on artificial turf.
Northwestern is 24-12 ATS as a home dog since 1995.
Wildcats are 4-7 ATS in their last 11 home openers.

Walker graduated from MU in '76 & was the RedHawks HC from 1990-'98 (59-35-5).
Wildcats are 9-4 ATS since 1998 in non-conference away games.

UNH finished 11-2 LY (#5 IAA) making it to the quarterfinals of IAA playoffs.
New Hampshire will play its 4th IA team in 5 yrs as they beat Rutgers 35-24 in 2004.

Northwestern is 9-15-1 ATS their last 25 games after a SU win.
Wildcats are just 2-9 ATS as a home favorite since 2001.

Other than Hawaii in '98 & '04, NU has never faced any other current WAC tms.
Coming into 2006: Wildcats are 4-0 ATS on weekday gms under HC Randy Walker.

Northwestern is 10-6-1 ATS their last 17 Big 10 away games.
The Wildcats offense has been held to just 18 ppg in their 11 meetings.

Wildcats piled up a school record 674 yds of total offense LY vs Wisconsin.
Northwestern is 7-1-1 ATS the last 9 games vs Wisconsin.

The 34 pts NU scored vs PU LY was the most since posting 38 in '70 on them.
The Wildcats are 3-7 SU & 3-6-1 ATS vs the Boilermakers since 1996.

Northwestern is 2-5 ATS the last 7 years in Homecoming games.
The visitor is 7-2 ATS since 1993 in this series.

NU has won just 1 time S/'60 in Ann Arbor, ('95's 10 win season & Rose Bowl berth).
Wildcats are 1-4 SU & ATS the last 5 meetings with the Wolverines.

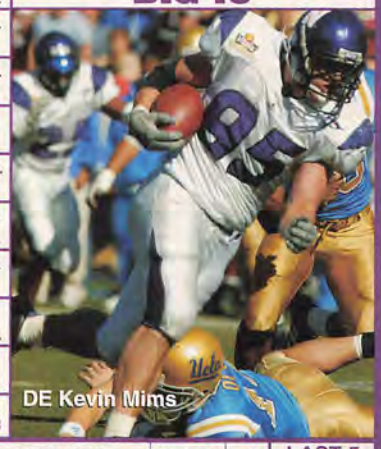
LY NU overcame a 24-7 HT deficit w/2 TD's in the final 2:10 (recovered on-side kick).
Northwestern is 3-10 SU & 4-9 ATS since 1999 in November road games.

NU is 0-29 SU when allowing 30 or more pts vs OSU (8-11-1 ATS S/'80).
Northwestern has covered 3 of the last 4 years vs Ohio St.

The dog is 10-6 ATS the last 16 games in this series.
HC's Zook & Walker were teammates at Miami, Oh (their tms went 32-1-1 w/3 MAC Titles).

Bonus: Northwestern is 14-6 ATS since 1986 vs Illinois.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Brett Basanez 10,580 2002-'05
Rushing: Damien Anderson 4,485 1998-'01 Receiving: D'Wayne Bates 3,370 1995-'98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STADIUM: RYAN FIELD (47,130)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	8-3	4-7	3-9	6-6	6-6	7-4	37-43
Home	2-4	5-1	2-3	2-4	2-4	5-1	4-2	22-19
Away	1-4	3-2	2-4	1-5	4-2	1-5	3-2	15-24
ATS	4-7	8-3	3-7-1	6-6	8-4	5-6-1	7-4	41-37-2
Home Fav	0-1	4-0	0-4	0-1	0-0	1-3	1-1	6-10
Home Dog	2-3	1-1	0-1	3-2	3-3	2-0	3-1	14-11
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	2-1	0-0	3-0	0-1	1-0	6-3
Away Dog	2-3	3-1	1-1-1	3-3	2-1	2-2-1	2-2	15-13-2
Favorite	0-1	4-1	2-5	0-1	3-0	1-4	2-1	12-13
Dog	4-6	4-2	1-2-1	6-5	5-4	4-2-1	5-3	29-24-2
Grass	4-6	5-3	2-7-1	5-6	5-4	5-3	6-4	32-33-1
Artificial	0-1	3-0	1-0	1-0	3-0	0-3-1	1-0	9-4-1
vs Conf	2-6	6-2	1-6-1	5-3	5-3	3-4-1	6-2	28-26-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-3	3-1	2-2	1-2	13-11
Off SU Win	3-0	4-3	1-3	2-1	3-2	1-4-1	2-4	16-17-1
Off SU Loss	1-6	3-0	1-4-1	4-4	4-2	3-2	4-0	20-18-1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Rose	+3	USC	32-41	L
96	Citrus	+8'	Tennessee	28-48	L
00	Alamo	+14'	Nebraska	17-66	L
03	Motor City	+7	Bowling Green	24-28	W
05	Sun	+2'	UCLA - #17	38-50	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Northwestern's All-Time SU Bowl Record 1-5

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tyrell Sutton	250	1515	41	1474	16	5.9
Brett Basanez	113	550	127	423	7	3.7
Gerard Hamlett	32	180	6	174	1	5.4
Brandon Roberson	37	180	9	171	0	4.6
CJ Bacher	6	39	14	25	0	4.2
Omar Conteh	6	23	2	21	0	3.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brett Basanez	497	314	63.2	3622	21	8
CJ Bacher	15	6	40.0	59	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Shaun Herbert	79	862	10.9	6	34
Mark Philmore	55	662	12.0	6	62
Jonathan Fields	60	555	9.2	0	38
Tyrell Sutton	44	396	9.0	2	41
Ross Lane	24	378	15.8	1	45
Kim Thompson	19	326	17.2	1	52
Eric Peterman	12	181	15.1	2	67
Rasheed Ward	7	99	14.1	1	25
Brandon Roberson	8	65	8.1	1	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Pederson	45	1783	39.6	1	31.1(T)	0	6
Slade Larscheid	10	388	38.8	0	–	1	2

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joel Howells	45-48	7-7	2-4	2-8	0-2	11-21	46
Amado Villarreal	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	31

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tim McGarigle	156	2	5	4	1
Nick Roach	77	1	2.5	2	1
Adam Kadela	71	1	2.5	1	1
Barry Cofield	63	2	4.5	5	1
Herschel Henderson	62	0	2.5	7	3
Reggie McPherson	57	0	0.5	1	1
Deante Battle	46	0	0	3	1
Marquice Cole	46	0	0	5	5
Trevor Schultz	45	0.5	2.5	1	0
Kevin Mims	41	2	2.5	2	1
Frederic Tarver	40	0	0	2	1
Eddie Simpson	32	0	0	0	1
Brendan Smith	29	0	0	1	2
John Gill	26	0	1	0	0
Mark Koehn	25	2	0	0	0
Cory Dious	18	0	1	1	0
Demetrius Eaton	14	0	0	1	0
David Ngene	12	0.5	0.5	0	0
Eric Peterman	10	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marquice Cole	8	216	27.0	1
Mark Philmore	9	41	4.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Gerard Hamlett	21	468	22.3	0
Brandon Roberson	8	144	18.0	0

NORTHWESTERN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	32.3	27	194	5.0	307	62.5	15.5	+9	2005	3	33.9	25	218	5.2	262	58.1	14.2
8*	24.6	22	172	4.6	237	53.8	16.7	+4	2004	9	28.5	21	139	3.6	252	56.2	13.7
7*	20.2	19	212	4.7	163	53.1	18.6	-2	2003	8	25.1	21	164	4.1	253	61.1	16.6
4	22.7	21	157	4.3	232	57.9	17.2	-6	2002	5	41.1	25	314	5.4	189	60.3	12.2
10*	29.1	25	186	4.1	257	57.3	15.2	-1	2001	6	34.4	25	205	4.4	263	55.4	13.6
7*	36.8	23	255	5.1	213	56.3	12.7	+13	2000	9	33.3	22	205	4.6	222	52.5	12.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

NU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	Ohio	28	47 - 194	4.1	28 - 40	356	2	13	23 - 62	2.7	12 - 28	177	2	0
–	N Illinois	33	47 - 282	6.0	21 - 32	220	0	28	41 - 256	6.2	24 - 37	283	0	+1
–	at Arizona St	24	32 - 180	5.6	25 - 38	236	0	30	45 - 290	6.4	27 - 39	483	0	0
–	Penn St	24	57 - 198	3.5	20 - 38	229	2	21	27 - 209	7.7	17 - 36	271	1	+2
–	Wisconsin	28	45 - 313	7.0	26 - 36	361	0	27	41 - 189	4.6	24 - 32	326	2	0
–	at Purdue	32	27 - 128	4.7	38 - 57	475	1	30	36 - 127	3.5	40 - 65	378	0	+3
–	at Michigan St	31	37 - 202	5.5	24 - 30	331	0	28	43 - 189	4.4	24 - 46	291	0	+3
#21	Michigan	18	17 - 89	5.2	26 - 49	326	1	22	58 - 253	4.4	17 - 30	174	2	+1
–	Iowa	25	31 - 115	3.7	31 - 51	338	1	27	43 - 216	5.0	23 - 38	276	1	-2
#25	at Ohio St	16	29 - 98	3.4	18 - 40	153	2	23	54 - 317	5.9	9 - 15	105	1	-1
–	at Illinois	36	61 - 356	5.8	25 - 31	240	2	24	43 - 199	4.6	20 - 35	241	2	+1
–	† UCLA	33	32 - 168	5.3	38 - 70	416	0	24	50 - 310	6.2	10 - 24	143	1	+1
TOTALS		328	462 - 2323	5.0	320 - 512	3681	11	297	504 - 2617	5.2	247 - 425	3148	12	+9
AVERAGES		27.3	39 - 194	5.0	27 - 43	307	0.9	24.8	42 - 218	5.2	21 - 35	262	1.0	0.8

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UNLV	-3'	37-28	W
at Duke	-16	44-7	W
Michigan St - #23	-7'	27-26	L
at Ohio St	+3	20-38	L
Minnesota	-12'	23-17	L
Penn St	-10	35-38	L
at Purdue - #24	+5	27-32	T
at Indiana	-3	21-56	L
Iowa	+1	16-59	L
Bowling Green	-6	42-43	L
at Illinois - #10	+18'	28-34	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Air Force	+1	3-52	L
TCU	+6	24-48	L
Duke	-6	26-21	L
at Navy	+3	49-40	W
at Michigan St	+24'	24-39	W
Ohio St - #5	+25	16-27	W
at Minnesota	+16'	42-45	W
at Penn St - #20	+25'	0-49	L
Purdue	+13'	13-42	L
Indiana	+2'	41-37	W
at Iowa - #6	+29'	10-62	L
Illinois	+14	24-31	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kansas	-6	28-20	W
Air Force	+7'	21-22	W
Miami, Oh	+3	14-44	L
at Duke	+3	28-10	W
at Ohio St - #4	+20'	0-20	W
Minnesota - #21	+11'	17-42	L
at Indiana	-3'	37-31 OT	W
Wisconsin - #20	+10	16-7	W
at Purdue - #18	+18	14-34	L
Penn St	+5'	17-7	W
Michigan - #5	+17'	10-41	L
at Illinois	-3'	37-20	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at TCU	+6	45-48 2OT	W
Arizona St	-2	21-30	L
Kansas	-2'	20-17	W
at Minnesota - #19	+14'	17-43	L
Ohio St - #7	+11	33-27 OT	W
Indiana	-11	31-24 2OT	L
at Wisconsin - #6	+12	12-24	T
Purdue - #17	+10	13-10	W
at Penn St	+3'	14-7	W
at Michigan - #9	+14	20-42	L
Illinois	-12'	28-21 OT	L
at Hawaii	-6	41-49	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio	-14'	38-14	W
N Illinois	-2'	38-37	L
at Arizona St - #18	+14'	21-52	L
Penn St	+8	29-34	W
Wisconsin - #14	+6	51-48	W
at Purdue	+7'	34-29	W
at Michigan St - #22	+13'	49-14	W
Michigan - #25	+2	17-33	L
Iowa	+3	28-27	W
at Ohio St - #10	+19'	7-48	L
at Illinois	-15	38-21	W

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Under Ron Turner, the Illini played musical QB's almost every year except for 2001 when Kurt Kittner led them to the Big 10 Title. Last year Ron Zook brought in a new offense where mobility of the QB was important. Tim Brasic (PS#48) had slid to 4th string under the previous regime but started all 11 games. He was beaten up at the end of most of them but had a decent season throwing for 1,979 yards (61.1%) with an 11-11 ratio. Brasic broke Rick Weiss' 1978 school records for QB yards rushing in a game (116 vs Wisc) and yards rushing in a season (297) with 420 net yards. Chris Pazan (PS#28) had 3 starts the previous two years and the stronger arm but threw for just 182 (47.1%) and will forego his fifth year to become a grad student. Kisan Flakes (5-11 195 So, PS#126) was the backup QB and a WR last year. Paul Blalock (6-0 200 rFr, PS#70), Billy Garza (6-1 225 So, PS#166) and Mark Venegoni (6-1 210 So, PS#84) add depth. VHT Isiah Williams (PS#11) has the physical tools Zook's offense demands and is expected to play right away. Look for Brasic to put up improved numbers in 2006.

RUNNING BACKS - The Illini returned their top 3 rushers from 2004 but with the shift in offense, FB Jason Davis who had 7 starts and 230 yards (4.7) in 2004, had just 2 starts and 31 yards. Pierre Thomas (PS#32) led with 893 (5.9) and EB Halsey (PS#38) added 461 (4.2) in 2004. Thomas, a power runner that lacks break away speed, still led the team in ypc (5.2), rushing for 664. The #2 rusher was actually QB Brasic. Halsey started 10 but had just 349 (4.2) but led the team in rec's with 38. VHT true frosh Rashard Mendenhall (PS#8) struggled early with pass protection but gained some playing time later and had 300 total yards. This year the only loss is Davis as the top 3 TB's return and when the team uses a FB, they'll go with Walter Mendenhall (6-0 225 So, PS#72), Russ Weil (6-0 240 Jr, PS#111DL), Nick Levanti (6-0 230 So) and Justin Ijei (5-8 215 Jr). It would not surprise me to see Rashard Mendenhall take over as the feature back and I look for improved rushing numbers.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 Lonnie Hurst (PS#40) became the first true frosh position player under Turner to start the opener and in 9 starts had 27 rec's before injury. In 2004 he got in the coach's doghouse and then suffered a torn ACL and had just 2 rec's. Kendrick Jones led with 47 (14.6) and #2 was FB Jason Davis. All of the top players returned last year and in the Zook offense, the TE is a featured player so much was expected out of Melvin Bryant (PS#22). Bryant had just 17 rec's at the FLEX (WR/TE) and won't return despite having one year of eligibility left. Much was also expected of true frosh Derrick McPhearson (PS#23) who originally signed at Florida but he was coming off a broken leg in August and not 100%. He didn't really regain his 4.38 speed until later in the year. He had 13 rec's while starting the last 5. Jody Ellis moved from DB to WR in August and was #2 in rec (15) after 4 games but broke his collarbone. True frosh Kyle Hudson, who had just 4 rec's in the first 4, emerged down the stretch including 83 yards vs Iowa and 114 vs Wisconsin and led with 469 yards receiving (15.1). This year they lose WR's Jones (7 sts, 20 rec), Bryant (9 st) and Hurst (0 rec) but have everyone else back. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Jack Eastman (6-1 185 rFr), Frank Lenti (6-2 185 Jr), Kieron Frazier (6-3 190 Jr) and FLEX Tom Sullivan (6-4 225 rFr, PS#93). I look for vastly improved numbers from the receivers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Illini basically had 3 starters returning to the O-line and paved the way for 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 24 sacks (6.8%). Last year they returned 3 starters. JJ Simmons was bothered by a knee injury and was not 100% all year. Ryan McDonald moved from C to RT where he started all 11 but struggled at times. The Illini still averaged a solid 4.0 ypc rushing but allowed 32 sacks (8.6%). This year the only losses are T Andrew Burk (2nd string) and C Kyle Schnettgoecke (2nd string). All 5 starters return and 8 of the top 10 but there will be some shuffling of the line. McDonald moved to the position (C) he's better suited for in the spring. The new starting tackles give them an upgrade in size and athleticism in Oklahoma transfer Akim Millington (PS#19) and Charles Myles who moved over from the DL last year and was impressive in his start against Northwestern.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Despite having 3 starters back in 2004, the Illini allowed 4.6 ypc rush while the defense had just 12 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups. They expected PS#5 JUCO Ismail Abdunafi to make an impact but he DNQ. DE Xavier Fulton was lost after 7 starts to a torn ACL. Surprisingly the experienced line allowed 40 ypg more rushing than '04 and an extremely poor 5.5 ypc rushing (worst in at least the last 55 yrs), almost a full yard more than the worst ypc in the last 15 years. This year they must replace DT Ryan Matha (11 st, 19 tkl, 2.5 sk, 3 yr st'r) and DE Scott Moss (10 tkl) but do have six of the top 8 returning. Not listed in the 3 deep below are David Lindquist (6-3 280 So) and Bryson Whalen (6-5 245 rFr). This is far from an overwhelming unit but can only improve.

LINEBACKERS - Illinois had Butkus Award winners in 1994 and 1995 but have struggled recently at this position. Last year they had to replace two starters and 5 different players earned starts at LB. The good news is that all 5 return. The only loss to this unit is Brian Grzelakowski (4 tkl, 1 tfl). This is a more experienced group with good competition for starting spots and should help the Illini improve on their poor rush D with the addition of a solid JUCO in Antonio Steele.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Illini were #92 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and had to replace their star CB (#2DC IND) and a backup last year. FS Justin Harrison missed the first 3 games but avg'd 7.9 tackles per game over the last 8. Alan Ball started the last 7 at CB. The Illini struggled mightily finishing #118 in my pass D rankings allowing a 27-4 ratio. This year they must replace FS Morris Virgil (5 st, 33 tkl), FS Travis Williams (3 tkl), CB James Cooper (4 st, 40 tkl), FS Brian Brosnan (3 tkl) and FS Kyle Kleckner (1 st, 21 tkl). Basically all 4 starters return and they add in JUCO Justin Sanders, who was in for the spring, and some solid true frosh. The Illini secondary can only be stronger.

SPECIAL TEAMS - One of former Coach Turner's strengths was his ST units with the lowest finish in his 8 years here being #68 and his 2004 unit was #30. Everyone returned last year so much was expected but ST problems hurt them all year. P Steve Weatherford took home 2nd Tm Big 10 honors despite hurting his ankle on a blocked punt vs San Jose St. The Illini, with a young team overall, allowed 475 PR yards (15.3) so his net went from 39.0 to just 31.9. He had 24 TB's on 35 KO's. The top KR, Pierre Thomas, avg'd a super 27.1 per KR in '04 but fell to 23 last year. EB Halsey avg'd 8.4 on PR's in '04 but only 4.6 in 2005. They get help from Florida A&M transfer Will Judson who avg'd 19.3 on KR's and 5.9 on PR's at A&M in '04. They lose Weatherford this year, but with everyone else back can only improve upon the #111 ranking of 2005.

COACHES - Ron Zook had to replace the ever popular Steve Spurrier at Florida and was under fire from day one. He finished 23-14 in his three seasons there. He's an excellent recruiter and enters his 2nd season as HC in Champaign. The OC is Mike Locksley who was the RB coach and recruiting coordinator at Florida for the past two years. Zook kept '04 DC Mike Mallory but after the team allowed a school and conference record 435 points last year he was let go. The new DC is former ULM LB coach Vince Okruch. He is a 29 year coaching veteran that spent 5 seasons as DC at Colorado and two years at Northwestern as DC under Gary Barnett.

RB Pierre Thomas

PHIL'S FORECAST

Illinois has won fifteen Big 10 Titles including 2001 when they went a stunning 10-1 and were ranked #7 defeating 3 ranked teams before losing in the Sugar Bowl. It was their first outright B10 Title since 1983. Since then the Illini are just 11-35. They have finished above .500 in Big 10 play just once since 1994. They went a respectable 4-4 in conf play in 2002 but since then are 1-23 in Big 10 play and have been outgained in conference play in those seasons by 161.3 ypg, 132.9 ypg and a league worst 170.5 ypg in 2005. Last year they had just 4 senior starters (2nd lowest in the NCAA) and of Zook's 51 players that played vs Iowa last year, 32 were underclassmen as he went with a younger team. His 12 frosh and soph starters were the most in the Big 10. Zook's squad opened up 2-0 and led Cal 17-7 at the half and 17-14 after 3Q's but after blowing that lead, they were noncompetitive in Big 10 play finishing dead last at 0-8. Penn St led them 56-3 at the half. Their best league effort was vs Wisconsin when they outgained the Badgers 538-464 but thanks to a blocked punt and 2 missed FG's, lost by 17. The Illini were -11 in TO's (See Turnovers=Turnaround) and also had some poor ypp's last year which usually signals a better record the next year (pg 299). They also have the most returning starters in the Big 10 (19) and are a much more veteran team and now in the second year of Zook's systems. The Illini took on the 4th toughest schedule in the country (pg 317). The Illini have 10 seniors, 32 juniors, 30 soph and 19 frosh in for the spring. The Illini only avg'd 17 ppg (11.8 in B10) and with 9 starters back on that side of the ball, should be much more potent in 2006. The defense allowed a Big 10 record 435 points and an NCAA worst 5.5 ypc rushing while also ranking #118 in my pass D rankings. There really is just one way to go with those numbers and with 10 returning starters they will have a much improved defense. Last year was the first time the Illini did not have a player drafted since 1972 (only B10 team to get shutout)! This should be one of the most improved teams in the country and I look for the Illini to at least double last year's win total and escape the basement of the Big 10. One of my 7 sets of power ratings calls for them to win 7 games (most sets call for 4).

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

QB 15 TIM BRASIC SR. 6-2 200 PS#48. 11 st in '05, 1979 (61%) 11-11 ratio, 691 rush. **Isiah Williams is PS#11. 11** Kisan Flakes (5-11 195 So) PS#126. WR as a rFr.

RB 30 PIERRE THOMAS SR. 5-11 210 **PS#32**. Tm MVP. 4 st, 3Y, 1790 rush (5.6) 45 rec. **5** Rashard Mendenhall (5-11 210 So) **PS#8**, 300 yd true. **26 EB Halsey** (5-10 200 Sr) 27 st, 3Y, 1932 ttl yd.

WR 8 DAJUAN WARREN JR. 6-2 205 PS#45QB. 7 st, 21 (9.8) in '05. **29** Jody Ellis (6-0 195 So) 5 st rFr, 15 (10.4) until injury. **2** Bryant Creamer (6-2 200 So) is PS#51.

WR 4 Derrick McPhearson So. 6-0 195 **4.38 spd, PS#23 Florida.** Broke leg LY. 5 st true, 13 rec. Chris James **PS#23. 86** Greg McClendon (6-2 220 So) PS#148. 1 rec true.

WR 21 KYLE HUDSON SO. 5-11 165 Last 5 st true, #2 w/31 (15.1). **3** Marques Wilkins (6-0 185 Fr) PS#43 in spg. **13** Will Judson (5-8 155 So) 4.4 spd. Fla A&M trans.

FLEX 81 Will Davis So. 6-3 235 4.6 spd. 8 gm true. Jeff Cumberland (6-4 230 Fr) **PS#13. 87** JR Kraemer (6-5 235 So) **PS#21. 85** Jay Ramshaw (6-4 245 Jr) PS#92DL.

C 60 RYAN McDONALD SO. 6-5 300 PS#149. 11 st RT rFr. **62** Eric Block (6-3 290 So) PS#132. Played as true. **71** Jack Wall (6-1 270 rFr) **LS 49** Kyle Knezetic (6-0 195 Jr). NFL caliber.

RG 67 MATT MADDOX SR. 6-3 310 **PS#73**. 12 st RG rFr. 11 st RG '04. 11 st C in '05. Top OL Award. **79** James Ryan (6-5 315 Jr) **PS#49**. 2nd string rFr. 11 st RG in '05.

LG 64 MARTIN O'DONNELL JR. 6-5 300 **PS#7**. 2nd string rFr. 10 st LG '04, 70 pancake. 10 st LG LY. **69** Ben Amundsen (6-5 310 Jr) PS#154. 1 st LG. **58** Dan Motuliak (6-3 300 So) PS#216.

RT 76 CHARLES MYLES SR. 6-6 320 PS#167DL. 1 tkl DT rFr. 1 st LT LY. **57 JJ Simmons** (6-5 290 Sr) PS#291. **11 st LT** '04. 11 st LT LY. **63** Will Bergen (6-4 275 rFr) PS#239.

LT 69 AKIM MILLINGTON JR. 6-6 310 **PS#19**. 4 gm rFr. **Oklahoma. 68** Jim LaBonte (6-7 305 Jr) PS#209. **73** Mike Nabolotny (6-5 250 So) PS#112TE. **70** Trevor Scott (6-3 280 rFr).

K 13 JASON REDA JR. 6-1 200 **PS#10**. 7 of 12 FG's as true, long 40. 26-27 xp. 13 of 20 FG's LY, **long 52**. 20-20 xp. 1 miss 50+. **38** Doug Wright (5-7 180 rFr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

DE 91 DEREK WALKER SO. 6-4 270 PS#140. 11 st rFr, 26 tkl, 6 tfl. **92** Arthur Boyd (6-2 275 Sr) 1 st, 26 tkl 3Y. **95** Doug Pilcher (6-5 260 rFr) PS#96. **83** Jeff Sobol (6-3 260 So) PS#188.

DT 96 CHRIS NORWELL JR. 6-6 290 PS#162OL. 11 st rFr, 40 tkl. 11 st LY, 46 tkl, 3 sk, 380 bench. **65** Josh Norris (5-11 270 Sr) 21 tkl 2Y. **75** Immanuel Chu (6-2 280 rFr) PS#214.

DT 76 Mike Ware Jr. 6-3 275 JC. Scout Tm POY. **56** Sirod Williams (6-0 270 So) PS#201LB. 4 st DE true. 15 tkl. Burned RS mid year. **93 Tremayne Walker** (6-3 290 So).

DE 98 XAVIER FULTON JR. 6-5 265 PS#90. 10 st 2Y, 19 tkl, 3.5 tfl. Jerry Brown PS#78. **52** Sam Porter (6-1 240 rFr) PS#93LB. **61** Adam Wilk (6-5 275 Jr) PS#222. No spg (knee).

SLB 43 SAM CARSON SO. 6-1 245 **PS#23**. Scout Def POY as true. 2 st rFr, 20 tkl, 2 tfl. **40 Antonio Steele** (6-2 210 Jr) PS#173JC in spg. **45** Rodney Pittman (6-2 235 So) PS#155, 8 tkl true.

MLB 44 BRIT MILLER SO. 6-1 245 PS#124. 5 st true, 46 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **46 Remond Willis** (6-1 240 So) PS#100. 5 st rFr, 54 tkl, 7 tfl. HM Fr AA. Rahkeem Smith (6-1 220 Fr) PS#104 LY.

WLB 47 J LEMAN JR. 6-2 240 PS#246. 5 st, 56 tkl rFr. 11 st in '05, 67 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **51** Anthony Thornhill (6-1 220 Jr) PS#93. 7 st, 54 tkl rFr. 6 st, 30 tkl LY. **39** Conor Gillen (6-2 220 rFr) PS#129.

CB 24 CHARLES BAILEY JR. 6-1 195 PS#220. 17 tkl true. 4 st LY, 38 tkl. **4.37 spd.** Dere Hicks (5-10 175 Fr) Valley Forge LY. In for spg. **Vontae Davis PS#50**. Drew McMahon (5-10 175 Jr).

CB 18 ALAN BALL SR. 6-1 175 PS#153. 4 st true. 44 tkl. 11 st '04, 37 tkl. Last 7 st LY, 55 tkl, 5 pbu. **22** Sharriff Abdullah (5-8 170 Sr) 5 st, 31 tkl '03. 1 st, 27 tkl, 2 pbu LY.

SS 25 JUSTIN SANDERS JR. 6-1 205 PS#110JC in spg. **42** Kevin Mitchell (6-0 200 Jr) PS#95. 16 tkl rFr. 11 st LY, **#1 tkl'r w/78**, 4.5 tfl. **41** Mike Mucha (5-11 220 rFr) PS#192QB.

FS 32 JUSTIN HARRISON JR. 5-11 220 PS#135. 7 st true, 79 tkl, 1 int. Last 5 st LY. 63 tkl. Garrett Edwards PS#93. **46** Tyler Rouse (5-10 195 Jr). **19** Quintin Scott (5-10 195 rFr).

P 37 Kyle Yelton Fr. 6-0 180 PS#54K in for spring. Avg 42.0 in HS, 28 TB's on KO's. 3-5 FG as senior. **38** Doug Wright was a member of team Illinois in wrestling.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Isiah Williams 6-2 207 PS#11
WR	Chris James 6-0 177 PS#23
TE	Jeff Cumberland 6-4 230 PS#13
WR	Marques Wilkins 6-0 185 PS#43
DB	Vontae Davis 6-0 184 PS#50
OL	Brandon Jordan 6-5 290 PS#61
DB	Justin Sanders 6-4 205 PS#110JC
DL	Jerry Brown 6-4 262 PS#78
OL	Craig Wilson 6-5 290 PS#82
LB	Dustin Jefferson 6-0 203 PS#67
DB	Antonio Gully 6-0 175 PS#77
DB	Garrett Edwards 6-2 192 PS#93
LB	Antonio Steele 6-2 210 PS#173JC
OL	Ryan Palmer 6-7 298 PS#121
QB	Eddie McGee 6-4 189 PS#72
DL	Antonio James 6-5 252 PS#136
LB	Rahkeem Smith 6-1 220 PS#104 '05
LB	Anterio Jackson 6-2 240 PS#111
DB	Travon Bellamy 6-0 178 PS#146
DB	Chris Duvalt 5-10 159 PS#162
WR	Joe Morgan 6-2 175 PS#142
TE	Michael Hoomanawanui 6-5 230 PS#70
DL	Clay Nurse 6-3 235 PS#254
K	Kyle Yelton 6-0 180 PS#54
OL	Jon Asamoah 6-5 265 PS#373
OL	Randall Hunt 6-6 286 PS#391
DB	Dere Hicks 5-10 175 PS#476

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#45

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Fighting Illini are 4-20 ATS the last 3 years after a SU loss. Illini are 4-10 ATS the last 14 Homecoming games. Illinois has lost 15 straight road games (3-13 ATS L/16).
Sep. 2	Eastern Illinois	A						The Panthers finished LY 9-3 ranked #15 (IAA) & qualified for the playoffs. EIU HC Bob Spoo won the '05 OVC COY Award & is the winningest coach in school history.
Sep. 9	at Rutgers	A						Illinois is 20-10 ATS their last 7 years after a SU win. All-time Illinois is 20-6 SU (6-6 ATS) vs current Big East opponents.
Sep. 16	Syracuse	A						Illinois has covered 7 of their last 10 lined games in Champaign-Urbana. Illini are 9-1 SU (2-2 ATS) vs the Orange as they last met in 1982.
Sep. 23	Iowa	A						Since 1995, Illinois is just 12-25 ATS as a home dog. Fighting Illini are 1-23 SU & 6-18 ATS their L3Y in Big 10 matchups.
Sep. 30	at Michigan St	G						Illinois is 1-8 SU & 2-7 ATS their last 9 games playing on natural grass. Fighting Illini are 2-10 SU & ATS the last 12 meetings with the Spartans.
Oct. 7	Indiana (HC)	A						Illinois is 13-7-2 ATS vs Indiana since 1980. The dog is 4-9 ATS since 1989 in this series.
Oct. 14	Ohio	A						Illinois is 10-2 SU but just 1-4 ATS all-time vs current MAC opponents. First meeting between these schools as Zook is a MAC alumni at Miami, Oh ('76).
Oct. 21	at Penn St	G						LY's 63 pts allowed were the most the Illini have given up since 1986 (UM 69 pts). Illinois is 2-11 SU all-time vs PSU with the average loss by 19 ppg.
Oct. 28	at Wisconsin	A						Sr RB EB Halsey has 443 all-purpose yds vs Wisky including his 1st career rushing TD. Illinois is 5-9 ATS vs Wisconsin their last 14 games.
Nov. 4	Ohio St	A						Fighting Illini are 2-8 SU & 3-7 ATS their last 10 November games. Illinois is 14-5 ATS vs Ohio St since 1985.
Nov. 11	Purdue	A						Illini are 5-7 SU & 8-4 ATS since 1994 in their home finale. The SU winner is 12-2-1 ATS the last 15 games in this series.
Nov. 18	at Northwestern	G						These in-state schools have played every yr since 1927 (1892 1st game). The home team has covered just 4 of 18 in this series since 1988.
Nov. 25								

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Jack Trudeau 8,725 1981-'85
Rushing: Robert Holcombe 4,105 1994-'97 Receiving: David Williams 3,392 1983-'85

RON ZOOK (Career 25-23)

2nd Year at Illinois

Zook's SU Bowl Record: 0-2

Zook's records AT ILLINOIS

2-9	Straight Up	1-0	Home Favorite
4-7	Vs The Spread	2-3	Home Underdog
1-7	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
1-7	Vs Conference	1-4	Away Underdog
3-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-1	Off A Bye

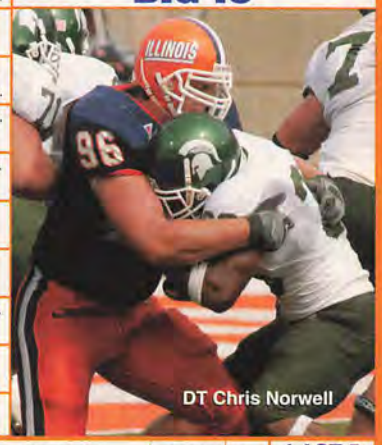
2005 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (23,19,2)
Lost: 18 (7,9,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 47,852

BIG 10



DT Chris Norwell

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (69,249)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	5-6	10-1	5-7	1-11	3-8	2-9	33-46
Home	3-3	4-2	6-0	3-3	1-5	3-4	2-4	22-21
Away	4-1	1-4	4-1	2-4	0-6	0-4	0-5	11-25
ATS	7-4	4-7	7-4	7-5	1-10	5-5	4-7	35-42
Home Fav	2-0	1-3	3-3	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	10-9
Home Dog	1-3	2-0	0-0	2-1	0-4	3-1	2-3	10-12
Away Fav	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	4-4
Away Dog	3-1	0-3	2-1	3-1	1-4	1-3	1-4	11-17
Favorite	3-0	2-4	5-3	2-3	0-2	1-1	1-0	14-13
Dog	4-4	2-3	2-1	5-2	1-8	4-4	3-7	21-29
Grass	4-1	1-2	4-1	2-1	1-2	1-1	0-3	13-11
Artificial	3-3	3-5	3-3	5-4	0-8	4-4	4-4	22-31
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	5-3	5-3	0-8	5-3	1-7	23-33
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-2	2-1	2-2	1-2	0-2	3-0	12-9
Off SU Win	4-2	3-2	5-4	3-1	1-0	2-1	2-0	20-10
Off SU Loss	2-2	1-4	1-0	4-3	0-9	3-4	1-7	12-29

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Pierre Thomas	127	689	25	664	5	5.2
Tim Brasic	151	691	271	420	3	2.8
EB Halsey	84	370	21	349	1	4.2
Rashard Mendenhall	48	226	8	218	0	4.5
Jason Davis	15	34	3	31	0	2.1
Derrick McPhearson	5	15	1	14	0	2.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tim Brasic	337	206	61.1	1979	11	11
Chris Pazan	34	16	47.1	182	1	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kyle Hudson	31	469	15.1	1	43
Kendrick Jones	20	275	13.8	1	41
Pierre Thomas	28	225	8.0	1	52
DaJuan Warren	21	205	9.8	0	35
EB Halsey	38	185	4.9	2	22
Melvin Bryant	17	176	10.4	2	28
Jason Davis	11	162	14.7	1	61
Jody Ellis	15	156	10.4	1	18
Derrick McPhearson	13	89	6.8	1	27
Rashard Mendenhall	13	82	6.3	2	16
Franklin Payne	7	77	11.0	0	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Steve Weatherford	67	2856	42.6	8	31.9	0	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Reda	20-20	5-6	5-8	2-4	1-2	13-20	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevin Mitchell	78	0	4.5	3	0
J Leman	67	0	5.5	1	0
Justin Harrison	63	0	1.5	1	1
Alan Ball	55	0	4	5	1
Remond Willis	54	1	5.5	1	1
Chris Norwell	46	3	4.5	2	0
Brit Miller	46	1	3.5	1	0
James Cooper	40	0.5	1	2	1
Charles Bailey	38	0	0	1	0
Morris Virgil	33	0	1	3	0
Anthony Thornhill	30	0.5	2.5	0	0
Sharriff Abdullah	27	1	1	2	0
Derek Walker	26	1	5	1	0
Kyle Kleckner	21	1	0	2	0
Sam Carson	20	0	2	0	0
Ryan Matha	19	2.5	1.5	0	0
Sirod Williams	15	0	1	0	0
Xavier Fulton	13	0.5	1.5	1	0
Scott Moss	10	0	0.5	2	0
David Lindquist	9	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
EB Halsey	16	73	4.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Pierre Thomas	20	461	23.0	0
EB Halsey	7	144	20.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
91	John Hancock	+6'	UCLA	3-6	W
92	Holiday	E	Hawaii	17-27	L
94	Liberty	-7	East Carolina	30-0	W
99	Micronpc.com	+2'	Virginia	63-21	W
01	Sugar	+2	LSU - #12	34-47	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Illinois' All-Time SU Bowl Record 6-8

ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	17.0	20	158	4.0	196	59.8	20.9	-11	2005	7	39.5	23	234	5.5	235	67.0	11.9
8*	21.8	20	153	4.2	185	56.8	15.5	-6	2004	5	29.4	22	194	4.6	230	64.1	14.4
6*	16.9	19	111	3.5	230	60.8	20.1	-18	2003	7	33.2	24	224	4.7	202	60.4	12.9
7	28.8	23	164	4.3	282	56.8	15.5	-8	2002	7	25.6	22	190	4.3	230	56.2	16.4
7*	32.5	21	143	3.5	277	54.1	12.9	+4	2001	6	23.8	21	147	3.9	234	50.0	16.0
8*	26.7	21	163	4.1	217	57.3	14.2	-2	2000	4	26.0	23	233	4.8	180	54.8	15.9

2005 STATS BY GAME

UI 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Rutgers	26	48-204	4.3	24-34	233	3	21	27-175	6.5	27-44	342	1	-3
–	San Jose St	26	53-243	4.6	20-29	249	2	8	25-15	0.6	19-30	216	2	0
–	at California	20	43-109	2.5	21-37	228	3	18	35-294	8.4	8-18	121	0	0
–	Michigan St	17	33-123	3.7	16-30	148	2	34	48-376	7.8	26-34	329	0	-2
–	at Iowa	21	33-141	4.3	32-44	233	4	25	39-301	7.7	17-23	175	0	+1
–	at Indiana	19	35-113	3.2	22-39	230	1	23	47-205	4.4	25-35	198	2	0
–	Penn St	15	37-111	3.0	18-31	133	4	19	46-221	4.8	12-20	217	0	-3
–	Wisconsin	28	38-261	6.9	20-40	277	4	23	50-239	4.8	14-23	225	1	-1
–	at Ohio St	9	33-68	2.1	18-24	92	5	24	46-202	4.4	16-25	324	0	+1
–	at Purdue	15	42-168	4.0	11-28	97	2	26	47-190	4.0	18-26	201	2	-3
–	Northwestern	24	43-199	4.6	20-35	241	2	36	61-356	5.8	25-31	240	2	-1
TOTALS		220	438-1740	4.0	222-371	2161	32	257	471-2574	5.5	207-309	2588	11	-11
AVERAGES		20.0	40-158	4.0	20-34	196	2.9	23.4	43-234	5.5	19-28	235	1.0	-1.0

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+2'	44-17	W
N Illinois	-20	17-12	L
Louisville - #25	-3'	34-10	W
at Michigan - #17	+6'	20-45	L
Minnesota	-10	25-14	W
at Indiana	-3'	35-14	W
Wisconsin	-5'	42-35	W
at Purdue - #20	+2	38-13	W
Penn St	-9	33-28	L
at Ohio St - #25	-1'	34-22	W
Northwestern	-18'	34-28	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Missouri	-7'	20-33	L
at S Mississippi	+6	20-23	W
Arkansas St	-31'	59-7	W
San Jose St	-23'	35-38	L
Michigan - #14	+7'	28-45	L
at Minnesota	+3'	10-31	L
Purdue	+3'	38-31 OT	W
Indiana	-9	45-14	W
at Penn St - #20	+15'	7-18	W
at Wisconsin	+6	37-20	W
Ohio St - #2	+8'	16-23 OT	W
at Northwestern	-14	31-24	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Missouri	+3'	15-22	L
Illinois St	NL	49-22	–
at UCLA	+10	3-6	W
California	-3	24-31	L
Wisconsin	+2'	20-38	L
at Purdue - #22	+14	10-43	L
Michigan St - #21	+3'	14-49	L
at Michigan - #17	+27'	14-56	L
Minnesota	+15'	10-36	L
at Iowa - #13	+26	10-41	L
at Indiana	-1	14-17	L
Northwestern	+3'	20-37	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida A&M	NL	52-13	–
UCLA	+1'	17-35	L
W Michigan	-8'	30-27	L
Purdue - #16	+21'	30-38	W
at Wisconsin - #20	+14'	7-24	L
at Michigan St	+7'	25-38	L
Michigan - #14	+19	19-30	W
at Minnesota	+17'	0-45	L
Iowa - #23	+12'	13-23	W
Indiana	-2	26-22	W
at Northwestern	+12'	21-28 OT	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rutgers	+2'	33-30 OT	W
San Jose St	-14	40-19	W
at California - #15	+21'	20-35	W
Michigan St - #17	+10	14-61	L
at Iowa	+19'	7-35	L
at Indiana	+7	13-36	L
Penn St - #12	+18'	10-63	L
Wisconsin - #15	+21	24-41	W
at Ohio St - #12	+34'	2-40	L
at Purdue	+23	3-37	L
Northwestern	+15	21-38	L

INDIANA HOOSIERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 the Hoosiers had to replace their outstanding QB, Antwaan Randle-El who became the first ever QB to throw for 7,000 yards and rush for 3,500 in his career. ND transfer Matt LoVecchio (PS#13) threw 1,778 (53.3%) with a 3-9 ratio in 2003. Graeme McFarland (PS#112) was notified the night prior to Minnesota that he would start and he threw for 152 yards. McFarland had major kidney surgery in 2004 and decided to play just baseball. LoVecchio started all 11 and threw for 1,951 (56.5%) with a 13-7 ratio. Blake Powers was thrown in for the 2H vs Illinois (LoVecchio concussion) and hit just 3 of 11 for 41 with 2 int. He had 22 career att heading into 2005. Hoeppner, who helped develop both Ben Roethlisberger and Josh Betts at Miami (OH), did a fine job with Powers who is 6'4" 224 with a strong arm. After Powers secured the job last spring, two backups quit over the summer. Hoeppner talked highly of true frosh Kellen Lewis and was able to redshirt the athletic QB. McFarland returned and was the backup. Powers got off to a great start and in fact topped Antwaan Randle-El's record of 17 TD passes by just the fifth game. In the Iowa game, Powers set the school record for completions (37) and attempts (57) as well as the Kinnick Stadium record for completions. After six games, Powers had 1,520 pass yards (253.3 ypg) with 20 TD's. A banged up WR James Hardy and much tougher competition down the stretch limited him to just 785 (157 ypg) with 2 TD's in the last five. Twice he was replaced by McFarland who hit just 10 of 25 for 91 yards overall. All 3 QB's return and added to the mix are Dustin Hass (6-1 210 rFr) and true frosh Ben Chappell (PS#44). In the second year of the offense, Powers should be one of the Big 10's top QB's.

QB Blake Powers

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Yamar Washington became the first Indy frosh RB to top 100 yards in two straight games since Alex Smith in 1994. Washington finished with 688 yards and added 22 rec (2.6). They had to take the redshirt off true frosh Chris Taylor due to injuries and he had 229 (4.8) in the final six. Taylor was #2 on team in 2003 with 464 (4.0) as Washington had an ACL injury. True frosh BenJarvus Green-Ellis burst onto the scene with 938 (4.2). In 2004 Green-Ellis led with 794 (3.4), Taylor added 329 (4.0) and Washington 122 (5.3). Surprisingly Green-Ellis transferred to Ole Miss and top FB John Pannozzo moved to LB. Taylor, who has NFL size (220 lbs) and speed (4.38), rushed for 740 (4.7). Washington had 108 vs CM off the bench and finished with 443 (3.5). FB Josiah Sears (238 lbs) got in one start at RB and finished with 103 (4.3). This year they must replace Taylor (11 st, 15 rec). Kenni Burns (PS#45) has game breaking speed but had just 2 rush att. Demetrius McCray was the scout team Off MVP and the staff even coined the phrase "You Got McCrayed" meaning a defender tried to tackle him and didn't come close. Also in the mix is Sears, Justin Carrington and Bryan Payton (5-9 208 rFr). The unit gets a key addition in starting WR Marcus Thigpen who has 4.22 speed. This group could top last year's 3.4 ypc even though it is less experienced.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 Courtney Roby (#3DC TEN) became the school's all-time career leader in receiving yards and had 55 rec (14.7). Last year they also had to replace Roby and then two other starters. The leading returnee was Jahkeen Gilmore (23, 13.4). Gilmore had a great August but injured his hamstring vs Kentucky and had 0 rec in a 3 game stretch. Former Indy basketball player James Hardy (6-7 216) emerged as the star. He had an amazing 46 rec for 744 yards in the first six and was #2 in the NCAA at 124 ypg. Unfortunately he suffered ankle and knee injuries and had just 15 rec in the final five. He did break Ernie Jones' 1987 mark of 5 straight games with a TD reception (6). James Bailey (27 rec, 12.4, rFr) was suspended the last 2 and finished #4 (was #2). Marcus Thigpen, who is just 5'9", is called the "Pocket Rocket" due to his blazing speed and was #2 with 32 (13.5). TE Chris Rudanovic (PS#60DL) is the best blocking TE and had 6 starts. This year the only losses are WR Rhett Kleinschmidt (4 rec) and Thigpen who moves to RB. This is a vastly more experienced group and keep in mind Hardy was on pace for a 1,364 yard season before injury.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Hoosiers had the Big 10's youngest O-line in '03 and the 40 sacks allowed were the most in the conference (3.4 ypc rush). All 5 starters returned in 2004 but two missed the year and four of the 5 OL's were playing new positions by midyear. The ypc dropped to 3.2 but the sack total decreased to 27. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 18 starts. They improved to 3.4 ypc while allowing 28 sacks. This year they lose LT Isaac Sowells (#4DC CLE, 11 st, 3 yr st'r), LG Adam Hines, whose 45 straight starts tied Enoch DeMar for the most in Indiana history, and RG Brandon Hatcher (first 7 st). They get a huge addition this year in Notre Dame transfer Chauncey Incarnato who was impressive with the scout team last year. Hoeppner says he recruited the "seven blocks of limestone" with 7 OL's in this year's recruiting class. While not quite as experienced as last year, it is the second year of Hoeppner's system and 3 players who started the last four return, so I'll call it an improved group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Despite fielding a veteran D-line in 2004, Indy allowed 5.0 ypc rushing while recording just 22 sacks. They only had to replace two players who combined for 17 starts last year but two year starter Kenny Kendal lost his starting DE spot to Ben Ishola. While the front played well at times, like holding Wisconsin to 103 yd rush (2.7), they actually allowed 18 ypg more (5.0) and only recorded 19 sacks. This year they must replace DE Victor Adeyanju (#4DC STL, 11 st, 47 tkl, 6.5 sk, 2nd Tm B10), DT Russ Richardson (8 st, 19 tkl, 3 tfl) and Ishola (11 st, 27 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 4 yr st'r). Kendal will fill one of the open DE spots and four players return with starting experience. Despite the loss of their top guy, this group could show improvement statistically.

LINEBACKERS - The Hoosiers had to replace two players who combined for 10 starts and 85 tackles last year. They not only had 2 starters returning, but moved in John Pannozzo who Purdue DC Spack called "the best FB in the Big 10". Pannozzo had 28 career starts at FB. He had a solid year (8 st, 52 tkl, 7.5 tfl) but was injured vs Mich St missing the final 3.5 games. This year they lose Pannozzo as well as top tackler, Kyle Killion (11 st, 91 tkl, 8 tfl, Tm MVP), WLB Josh Moore (6 st, 15 tkl, 3 tfl, 3 yr st'r) and Mark Naaman (2 tkl). Three players do return with starting experience along with JUCO Vernon Smith PS#91 (87 tkl LY at JC). I expect some true frosh to play immediately in this less experienced group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After a #116 finish in my pass D rankings in 2003, Indy had to replace two starters in '04 but still moved up to #84. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 17 starts including their #1 tackler and then lost CB Buster Larkins (11 st '04) in game three (3 tkl). They managed to move up to #61 allowing just 55.1%. CB Leslie Majors has 4.25 speed and is on the track team. He and Tracy Porter return for their 3rd year as ex-kicker Troy Grossfield stepped in at FS and was the #3 tackler. K Joe Kleinsmith spent this spring as a CB and is actually one of the team's fastest players. This year the only losses are CB Damien Jones (31 tkl), FS Will Lumpkin (3 st, 31 tkl) and CB Courtney Clency (2 tkl). I look for continued improvement with all four starters back.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Hoeppner's Miami ST's finished #16 and #12 in his final two seasons with the RedHawks. He inherited a Hoosiers ST that finished #16 and only had to replace their punter. Diminutive Lance Bennett (5-6 162) was a HS AA in track and avg'd 22.5 on KR's as a true frosh and 9.4 on PR's. He improved that to 30.0 on KR's in 2004 but slipped back to 22.7 in 2005. His PR average was 10.9 in 2004 and just 6.6 in 2005. The #2 PR was former K Troy Grosfield (6.9). Tyson Beattie who had an outstanding 38.1 net in 2004 was hurt by some long returns in 2005. Despite increasing his avg to 41.7, the team's net dropped to 32.9. Hoeppner seemed to have little faith in true frosh K Joe Kleinsmith (PS#9) allowing him just six FG att. Austin Starr had 10 TB's on 40 KO's. Overall, Indy, with the poor coverage, plummeted to #115 in my ST rankings but with basically everyone back, should have THE most improved ST unit in the NCAA.

COACHES - In six years at Miami (OH) Terry Hoeppner had six winning seasons and an outstanding 48-25 record. In his final two years he guided the team to two MAC Title games winning it in 2003. He spent 19 years at Miami. His OC is Bill Lynch. Lynch was the Hoosiers QB coach from '93-'94 and was the HC at Ball St from 1995-'02. He led them to a MAC Title in 1996 and they were MAC West co-Champs in 2001. He was the HC at DePauw guiding the team to an 8-2 mark as the SCAC co-Coach of the Year in '04. Hoeppner has co-DC's Brian George and Joe Palcic. Those two shared the same position at Miami in 2004 and here last year. Hoeppner did become the first Indy coach to debut at 3-0 since James Sheldon in 1905. He had a tumor removed from the right side of his brain during the offseason but has fully recovered.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1986-1993 under the tutelage of Bill Mallory, the Hoosiers participated in six bowl games but they have now gone through 11 straight losing seasons and are on their 3rd HC in that span. When Gerry DiNardo took over in 2002, the team suffered heavy attrition due to the coaching change and had just 65 scholarship players and a 3-9 season. In 2003 they upped that to 69 scholarship players and were 2-10. In 2004 they lost 3 close games in what could have been a winning season but turned out to be just 3-8 despite 17 returning starters. They did get their first win vs a ranked non-conf team on the road since 1973 when they knocked off Oregon and also beat #24 Minnesota but it came in front of the smallest home crowd in 40 years (22,282). The Hoosiers were outgained in conf play by 119.8 ypg. Terry Hoeppner inherited 13 returning starters from a team that could have been 7-4 and got the team off to its first 3-0 start since 1994. He renamed Memorial Stadium "The Rock" adding emphasis on their home games. They were fortunate to get past Nicholls St needing a TD pass with :47 left for the win. In the Big 10 opener, they were done in by 4 turnovers and a PR TD as they were only outgained vs Wisconsin by 8 yards. When they beat Illinois 36-13, they moved to 4-1 needing just two wins to get to their first bowl since 1993. Trailing Iowa 24-14 they were int'd in the EZ but finished with a 446-425 yard edge. Indy did lead Minnesota 14-7 at the half and surprisingly that game was played in front of just 30,656. They lost their last six games and allowed 40+ points in each of their last five for the first time in school history. The defense had allowed just 355.8 ypg in the first five but 469 over the last six. The Hoosiers were outgained in B10 play by 115.4 ypg which was actually a better mark than Wisconsin (3rd worst). Indy was -8 in turnovers last year almost qualifying for my Turnovers=Turnaround article (pg 312) and with a soft non-conf schedule, has an excellent shot at a 4-0 start. They also have 14 returning starters including QB Blake Powers, star WR James Hardy and are in the second year of Hoeppner's systems. Despite losing their top two rushers, with 8 starters back on offense, the Hoosiers should easily top last year's 22.5 ppg. The Hoosiers D allowed just 22.4 ppg in the first 5 but when the schedule got tougher, allowed 41.5. Despite losing their top 3 players from the defensive front 7, the Hoosiers' D should improve upon the 32.8 ppg allowed. I'll call for Indy to top 2005's 4-win total and despite the fact that they will likely be a dog in each of the last 7, give them a shot at bowl eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 14 BLAKE POWERS JR. 6-4 224 PS#103. 11 st LY, 2305 pass (56%) schl rec w/ 22 TD's, 16 int, 335 rush. **12** Graeme McFarland (6-1 215 Sr) PS#112. 1 st, 297 pass (46%) 3Y.

RB 2 MARCUS THIGPEN SO. 5-9 182 **4.22 spd.** 11 st WR rFr, 32 rec (13.5). **22** Demetrius McCray (5-11 189 rFr) PS#222. Scout Tm Off MVP LY. **38** Justin Carrington (6-0 204 rFr) PS#152.

WR 1 JAHKEEN GILMORE SR. 6-0 211 PS#90. 10 st, 2Y, 53 rec (13.0). **19** Brandon Walker-Roby (5-11 177 So) 2 st true, 10 (7.8). **3** Lance Bennett (5-6 162 Sr) 1926 ret yd 3Y.

WR 82 JAMES HARDY SO. 6-7 216 **2nd Tm B10**, 5 st, 61 (14.6), 10 TD, inj LY. **28** Ryan Skelton (6-2 205 Sr). **80** Chris Banks (6-2 174 rFr) PS#127TE. **13** Andrew Means (6-0 209 rFr) PS#363DB.

WR 82 James Bailey So. 6-2 199 PS#183. 2 st rFr, 27 (12.4). **84** Nick Polk (6-0 191 rFr). **TE 85 Brian Faires** (6-3 257 Jr) **PS#19TE. FB 48** Ty Harangody (6-1 239 rFr).

TE 89 CHRIS RUDANOVIC SR. 6-4 262 **PS#60DL.** 11 st, 3Y, 17 rec. **83 Matt O'Neal** (6-1 229 Sr) 9 st, 2Y, 11 rec. **88** Nick Sexton (6-5 250 Jr) PS#120WR. **87** Troy Wagner (6-5 238 rFr).

C 74 CHRIS MANGIERO SR. 6-1 305 PS#241. L/ 8 st, 693 snap true. 4 st '04 until inj. 11 st C LY, 833 snaps. **61** Ben Wyss (6-1 280 Jr) PS#270. 3 gm LY. **71** Patrick Oldham (6-1 297 Jr).

RG 60 JUSTIN FRYE SR. 6-5 296 PS#202DL. 12 st RT rFr, 821 snaps. 11 st RT, 734 snaps '04. 11 st LY (7 RT, 4 RG) 788 snaps. **69** Sean Edmundson (6-4 287 So) PS#127.

LG 50 Jonathan Sandberg Jr. 6-2 290 PS#210DL. 116 snaps rFr. 2 gm LY. **68** Brandon Joyce (6-4 300 Jr) PS#284. **70** Paul Hearn (6-4 308 Jr) PS#114TE. **58** Matt Moses (6-3 290 So) PS#194.

RT 79 SCOTT ANDERSON SR. 6-6 308 PS#151. 2nd string rFr. 44 snaps '04. Last 4 st RT LY, 281 snaps. **67** Kyle Thomas (6-4 290 So) PS#537DL. **57** Aaron Bern (6-4 305 So) PS#429.

LT 75 Chauncey Incarnato So. 6-5 283 **PS#56. Notre Dame trans.** Scout Tm in '05. **65** Jeremiah Kellam (6-3 313 Jr) 1 gm LY. Alex Perry PS#164. James Brewer (6-8 295 Fr).

K 10 JOE KLEINSMITH SO. 5-11 167 **PS#9K**. 52 yd FG HS. 3 of 6 FG's true, 31-34 xp's. CB in spg. **18** Austin Starr (6-2 199 So) 10 TB's on 40 KO's. **96** Kevin Trulock (6-0 180 So).

DE 57 Jammie Kirlew rFr. 6-4 238 PS#44TE. **52** Tyler Altman (6-0 255 Jr) PS#146LB. 31 KR yds 2Y. **97** Neal Jones (6-4 253 rFr) is PS#301. **72** Nick Luce (6-2 272 Jr).

DT 62 Greg Brown So. 6-2 303 4 st at DT as rFr, 17 tkl, 2 sk, 2 tfl. **53** Emile Bass (6-3 288 rFr) PS#480. **77** Kenny Love (6-2 290 So) PS#113. Cody Faulkner is **PS#54OL.**

DT 93 CHARLIE EMERSON JR. 6-5 266 PS#255. 7 st LY, 23 tkl, 1 sk, 2 tfl. **95** Joe Kremer (6-2 295 Jr) PS#242. 3 st LY, 15 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **90** Todd Newman (6-4 274 rFr) PS#117TE.

DE 92 Kenny Kendal Sr. 6-3 248 PS#145. **12 st rFr**, 30 tkl, 2 sk, 3 tfl. **11 st '04**, 26 tkl, tm high **5.5 sk**. 18 tkl LY, 3.5 tfl. **63** Fabiene Boone (6-4 240 rFr). **96** Arik Wolf (6-3 238 So).

WLB 46 JAKE POWERS SR. 6-1 230 PS#132. Last 5 st as true, 44 tkl, 2 tfl. 8 st, 22 tkl '04. 4 st, 17 tkl LY. **35** Ryan Marando (6-2 240 So) PS#137. **40** Josh Bailey (6-1 208 rFr).

MLB NA Vernon Smith Jr. 5-11 230 PS#91JUCO. 4.5 spd. 9.5 tfl at JC LY. **51** Adam McClurg (6-0 230 Jr) 1 st, 2Y, 21 tkl, 4 tfl. **36** Dan Kinsey (6-3 198 rFr) Decathlete, 4.45 spd.

SLB 56 Geno Johnson So. 6-2 204 PS#274. 2 st true, 22 tkl, 0.5 tfl. **49** Isaac Price (6-1 235 So) PS#129WR. 1 tkl, 2 gms as rFr. **37** Greg Weeks (5-11 222 So) is PS#282RB.

CB 28 LESLIE MAJORS JR. 5-9 159 PS#191. **4.25 spd.** 4 st, 8 pbu as true. 10 st, 50 tkl, 2 pbu LY. **31** Bruce Hampton (5-10 184 rFr) PS#152. **26** Brandon Mosley (5-8 194 So) PS#129.

CB 9 TRACY PORTER JR. 5-10 181 7 st as true, 3 int, 6 pbu. 11 st LY, 48 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu. **16** Chris Phillips (5-11 176 So) PS#132. 6 tkl LY. **21** Rayshun Calhoun (5-10 197 So) PS#169.

SS 39 WILL MEYERS SR. 5-11 201 PS#89. 4 st true, 83 tkl. 4 st '04 (inj), 33 tkl. 11 st LY, 84 tkl, 7 tfl. **25** Eric McClurg (5-11 213 Sr) 20 tkl, 2Y. Ball St trans. **20** Austin Thomas (6-2 192 rFr).

FS 5 TROY GROSFIELD SR. 6-0 182 PS#45K. 13 TB on 39 KO '03. 13 tkl '04. 9 st LY, 57 tkl, 5 pbu. **24** Aaron Mitchell (5-11 190 Jr) PS#272. 7 st, 55 tkl 2Y. **41** Tim Sergi (6-2 208 rFr) PS#102RB.

P 44 TYSON BEATTIE SR. 6-1 204 68 punts rFr, 40.8, 34.7 net. 65 (41.3) '04, **net 38.1.** 75 (41.7) LY, net 32.9. **93** Michael Hines (5-11 199 Jr) 1 punt LY. **31** Drew Robbins (6-0 192 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Cody Faulkner 6-5 306 PS#54
LB	Vernon Smith 5-11 230 PS#91JC
QB	Ben Chappell 6-3 215 PS#44
RB	Matt Mayberry 6-2 205 PS#108
OL	Mike Stark 6-7 285 PS#152
WR	Ray Fisher 5-9 167 PS#119
OL	Alex Perry 6-7 251 PS#164
OL	Jarrod Smith 6-4 278 PS#197
TE	Jeff Sanders 6-4 235 PS#74
DB	William Patterson 6-1 210 PS#218
DL	Greg Middleton 6-3 260 PS#217
OL	Pete Saxon 6-6 310 PS#226
DL	Deonte Mack 6-3 275 PS#249
TE	Brad Martin 6-4 230 PS#92
LB	Mandela Roberts 6-0 220 PS#310
OL	Rodger Saffold 6-5 275 PS#396
OL	James Brewer 6-8 295 PS#397
DB	Aaron Burks 5-11 190 PS#444
WR	Adrian Burks 6-0 186 PS#373
DB	Richard Council 6-1 170 PS#476

INDIANA HOOSIERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#24

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score IU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Western Michigan	A					
Sep. 9	at Ball St	G					
Sep. 16	Southern Illinois	A					
Sep. 23	Connecticut	A					
Sep. 30	Wisconsin	A					
Oct. 7	at Illinois	A					
Oct. 14	Iowa	A					
Oct. 21	at Ohio St	G					
Oct. 28	Michigan St (HC)	A					
Nov. 4	at Minnesota	A					
Nov. 11	Michigan	A					
Nov. 18	at Purdue	G					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

This marks just the 4th time in the 46 year history of Memorial Stadium that Indiana will play 7 home games.
Indiana is just 6-15 ATS (5-16 SU) since 2000 as a home dog.

Indiana is 19-2 SU & 12-5-1 ATS in home openers since 1985.
Since 1996 IU is 8-0 SU & 5-1-2 ATS vs current MAC members.

Indiana is 10-25-1 ATS the last 36 away games.
Hoosiers are 10-26 ATS on grass the last 6 years.

Salukis finished 9-4 LY (#7 IAA) & made it to the quarterfinals in the playoffs.
SIU has lost by a combined 10 pts vs their L/3 IA opponents ('05, '04 & '02).

Indiana is 6-12 ATS after a SU win the last 6 years heading into 2006.
IU is 25-12-2 SU & 6-2 ATS vs current Big East members.

Hoosiers have covered just 15 of their last 48 Big 10 games.
In their last 5 meetings, these teams have combined to score 69 ppg.

Coming into the '06 season, IU & Ill have a combined 9 wins in B10 play S/'02.
The home team has covered 7 of the last 9 years.

Indiana is 2-6 ATS since 1996 vs Iowa.
IU WR Hardy had 203 yd (16.9) LY, making him just the 4th WR in school history to top 200 yds.

Indiana has rushed for just 139 yds on 122 attempts (1.1) the L4Y vs OSU.
The visitor is 10-3-1 ATS since 1990 in this series.

The visitor is 7-3 ATS the last 10 meetings in this series.
IU is 1-8 SU & 2-7 ATS vs Michigan St since 1995.

Indiana is just 1-13 SU & 2-12 ATS the last 4 years in November.
The home team is 9-3 ATS since 1990.

The visitor is 9-3 ATS the last 12 games in this series.
Indiana is 1-24 SU & 2-20-3 ATS in games before instate rival PU S/'81.

IU was actually outgained 418-236 & outFD'd 22-10 in their last win in West Lafayette ('96).
The home team is 7-1 ATS the last 8 years in the battle for the Old Oaken Bucket!

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Antwaan Randle El 7,469 1998-'01
Rushing: Anthony Thompson 5,299 1986-'89 Receiving: Courtney Roby 2,521 2001-'04

TERRY HOEPPNER (Career 52-32)

2nd Year at Indiana — Hoeppner's SU Bowl Record: 1-1

Hoeppner's records AT INDIANA

4-7	Straight Up	2-0	Home Favorite
3-6-1	Vs The Spread	0-3	Home Underdog
1-5	Off A SU Loss	0-0-1	Away Favorite
2-6	Vs Conference	1-3	Away Underdog
1-0-1	Vs Non-Conf	1-0	Off A Bye

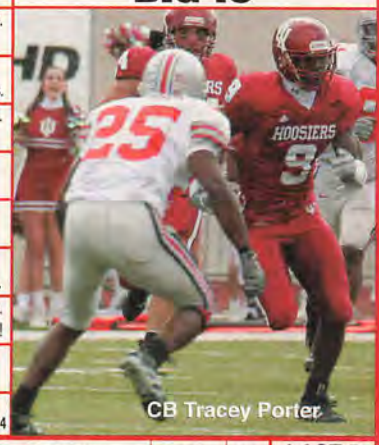
2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (17,15,4)
Lost: 17 (6,11,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,569

BIG 10



CB Tracey Porter

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (52,180)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-8	5-6	3-9	2-10	3-8	4-7	24-55
Home	3-4	3-3	3-3	3-3	2-4	2-3	3-3	19-23
Away	1-3	0-5	2-3	0-6	0-6	1-5	1-4	5-32
ATS	6-5	3-8	5-6	4-7	3-8	4-7	3-6-1	28-47-1
Home Fav	2-3	1-2	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	9-7
Home Dog	2-0	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	8-15
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	1-1-1
Away Dog	1-2	1-4	2-3	2-3	1-5	2-4	1-3	10-24
Favorite	3-3	1-2	2-1	1-2	0-0	1-0	2-0-1	10-8-1
Dog	3-2	2-6	3-5	3-5	3-8	3-7	1-6	18-39
Grass	6-3	2-7	3-6	4-5	0-3	1-3	0-2	16-29
Artificial	0-2	1-1	2-0	0-2	3-5	3-4	3-4-1	12-18-1
vs Conf	6-2	2-6	4-4	2-6	3-5	2-6	2-6	21-35
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	1-2	2-1	0-3	2-1	1-0-1	7-12-1
Off SU Win	2-2	0-3	2-2	1-2	0-2	1-2	2-1	8-14
Off SU Loss	4-2	3-4	3-3	3-5	3-5	2-5	1-5	19-29

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Taylor	156	795	55	740	4	4.7
Yamar Washington	127	476	33	443	1	3.5
Blake Powers	**100**	**335**	**214**	**121**	**4**	**1.2**
Josiah Sears	**24**	**107**	**4**	**103**	**0**	**4.3**
Marcus Thigpen	**7**	**39**	**4**	**35**	**0**	**5.0**
Graeme McFarland	**4**	**15**	**10**	**5**	**0**	**1.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Blake Powers	**376**	**212**	**56.4**	**2305**	**22**	**16**
Graeme McFarland	**25**	**10**	**40.0**	**91**	**2**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
James Hardy	**61**	**893**	**14.6**	**10**	**83**
Marcus Thigpen	**32**	**432**	**13.5**	**2**	**74**
Jahkeen Gilmore	**30**	**383**	**12.8**	**3**	**43**
James Bailey	**27**	**335**	**12.4**	**3**	**46**
Matt O'Neal	**11**	**84**	**7.6**	**2**	**14**
Brandon Walker-Roby	**10**	**78**	**7.8**	**2**	**13**
Yamar Washington	22	57	2.6	0	9
Chris Taylor	15	49	3.3	0	12
Rhett Kleinschmidt	4	37	9.2	0	23
Ryan Skelton	**5**	**26**	**5.2**	**0**	**15**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tyson Beattie	**75**	**3124**	**41.7**	**10**	**32.9(T)**	**1**	**11**
Michael Hines	**1**	**28**	**28.0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**0**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joe Kleinsmith	**31-34**	**1-1**	**2-5**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**3-6**	**39**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kyle Killion	91	1	7	2	0
Will Meyers	**84**	**1**	**6**	**3**	**1**
Troy Grosfield	**57**	**0**	**2.5**	**5**	**0**
John Pannozzo	52	3	4.5	2	0
Leslie Majors	**50**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**0**
Tracy Porter	**48**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**3**
Victor Adeyanju	47	6.5	5.5	3	0
Will Lumpkin	31	0	0	0	1
Damien Jones	31	0	0	0	0
Aaron Mitchell	**30**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Ben Ishola	27	2	4.5	2	0
Charlie Emerson	**23**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Geno Johnson	**22**	**0**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Russ Richardson	19	0	3	1	0
Kenny Kendal	**18**	**1.5**	**2**	**0**	**1**
Greg Brown	**17**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Jake Powers	**17**	**0**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Joe Kremer	**15**	**1**	**2.5**	**0**	**0**
Josh Moore	15	0	3	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lance Bennett	**10**	**66**	**6.6**	**0**
Troy Grosfield	**9**	**62**	**6.9**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lance Bennett	**24**	**544**	**22.7**	**0**
Jahkeen Gilmore	**2**	**94**	**47.0**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	Peach	+6'	Tennessee	22-27	W
88	Liberty	-3	South Carolina	34-10	W
90	Peach	+9'	Auburn	23-27	W
91	Copper	+3'	Baylor	24-0	W
93	Independence	+3	Virginia Tech	20-45	L

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	22.5	20	131	3.4	220	55.3	15.6	-8	2005	9	32.8	21	215	5.0	203	55.1	12.7
10*	23.8	17	136	3.2	186	55.3	13.5	+4	2004	7	31.2	23	197	5.0	256	56.4	14.5
6	14.8	20	155	3.4	167	52.7	21.8	+3	2003	6	32.3	22	193	4.5	237	67.1	13.3
7	21.5	19	117	3.2	252	51.1	17.1	-12	2002	5	37.1	22	235	5.4	194	60.3	11.6
7*	27.7	23	269	5.5	166	51.9	15.7	+7	2001	8	27.1	22	144	3.9	250	62.7	14.5
8*	30.6	23	266	5.8	173	47.3	14.3	-16	2000	6	38.8	25	186	4.7	271	64.7	11.8

IU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at C Michigan	20	45 - 109	2.4	17 - 35	276	3	15	32 - 167	5.2	18 - 36	216	2	-1
–	Nicholls St	27	35 - 114	3.3	19 - 36	307	2	20	65 - 408	6.3	4 - 11	51	0	0
–	Kentucky	22	60 - 305	5.1	17 - 22	135	2	9	25 - 77	3.1	11 - 20	140	2	+1
–	at Wisconsin	18	33 - 125	3.8	20 - 41	244	2	20	38 - 103	2.7	13 - 24	274	3	-2
–	Illinois	23	47 - 205	4.4	22 - 35	198	2	19	35 - 113	3.2	22 - 39	230	1	0
–	at Iowa	25	44 - 86	2.0	37 - 57	360	2	19	33 - 160	4.8	12 - 24	265	1	+1
–	Ohio St	8	26 - 42	1.6	15 - 33	95	3	22	48 - 240	5.0	15 - 24	238	4	0
–	at Michigan St	24	31 - 137	4.4	25 - 44	232	2	29	46 - 237	5.2	18 - 33	256	2	-2
–	Minnesota	20	37 - 112	3.0	26 - 43	253	1	27	49 - 347	7.1	16 - 26	225	0	-1
–	at Michigan	9	28 - 63	2.3	13 - 30	147	2	26	49 - 216	4.4	23 - 37	209	3	0
–	Purdue	20	39 - 145	3.7	12 - 27	169	7	22	51 - 299	5.9	14 - 27	124	1	-4
TOTALS		216	425 - 1443	3.4	223 - 403	2416	28	228	471 - 2367	5.0	166 - 301	2228	19	-8
AVERAGES		19.6	39 - 131	3.4	20 - 37	220	2.5	20.7	43 - 215	5.0	15 - 27	203	1.7	-0.7

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State	+7	14-35	L
Utah	-3	26-28	L
Ohio St	+9'	14-27	L
at Wisconsin	+14'	63-32	W
Illinois	+3'	14-35	L
at Iowa	+9'	28-42	L
Northwestern	+3	56-21	W
at Michigan St - #22	+7	37-28	W
at Penn St	+2'	14-28	L
Purdue	-2'	13-7	W
Kentucky	-6	26-15	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
William & Mary	NL	25-17	–
at Utah	+14	13-40	L
at Kentucky	+17'	17-27	W
C Michigan	-5'	39-29	W
at Ohio St - #6	+29'	17-45	W
Wisconsin - #23	+11	32-29	W
Iowa - #15	+13	8-24	L
at Illinois	+9	14-45	L
at Northwestern	-2'	37-41	L
Michigan St	-1'	21-56	L
Penn St - #16	+24	25-58	L
at Purdue	+22	10-34	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Connecticut	+6	10-34	L
at Washington - #22	+24'	13-38	L
Indiana St	NL	33-3	–
Kentucky	+8'	17-34	L
at Michigan - #11	+33'	17-31	W
at Michigan St - #25	+16	3-31	L
Northwestern	+3'	31-37 OT	L
Ohio St - #8	+20'	6-35	L
at Minnesota - #24	+28	7-55	L
Illinois	+1	17-14	W
at Penn St	+18'	7-52	L
Purdue - #16	+24'	16-24	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
C Michigan	-10'	41-10	W
at Oregon - #24	+20'	30-24	W
at Kentucky	+2	32-51	L
Michigan St	+3	20-30	L
Michigan - #19	+18	14-35	L
at Northwestern	+11	24-31 2OT	W
at Ohio St	+13'	7-30	L
Minnesota - #24	+17'	30-21	W
at Illinois	+2	22-26	L
Penn St	+3'	18-22	L
at Purdue	+20'	24-63	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at C Michigan	-7	20-13	T
Nicholls St	NL	35-31	–
Kentucky	-1'	38-14	W
at Wisconsin - #17	+17'	24-41	W
Illinois	-7	36-13	W
at Iowa	+16	21-38	L
Ohio St - #14	+15'	10-41	L
at Michigan St	+17'	15-46	L
Minnesota	+13	21-42	L
at Michigan - #21	+25'	14-41	L
Purdue	+11	14-41	L

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

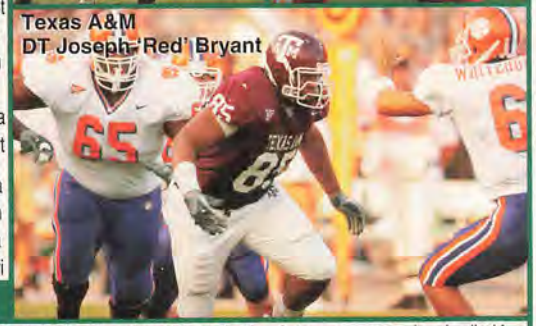
PHIL STEELE'S 2006 BIG 12 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Graham Harrell, Texas Tech	Bret Meyer, Iowa St	Rhett Bomar, Oklahoma	Zac Taylor, Nebraska
RB	Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma	Thomas Clayton, Kansas St	Mike Hamilton, Oklahoma St	Marlon Lucky, Nebraska
RB	Jamaal Charles, Texas	Stevie Hicks, Iowa St	Courtney Lewis, Texas A&M	Hugh Charles, Colorado
WR	D'Juan Woods, Oklahoma St	Malcolm Kelly, Oklahoma	Robert Johnson, Texas Tech	Jordy Nelson, Kansas St
WR	Todd Blythe, Iowa State	Adarius Bowman, Okla St	Dominique Zeigler, Baylor	Nate Swift, Nebraska
WR	Jarrett Hicks, Texas Tech	Limas Sweed, Texas	Joel Filani, Texas Tech	Austin Flynn, Iowa St
TE	Martin Rucker, Missouri	Chase Coffman, Missouri	Matt Herian, Nebraska	Martellus Bennett, TX A&M
C	Mark Fenton, Colorado	Adam Spieker, Missouri	Lyle Sendlein, Texas	Kurt Mann, Nebraska
OG	Manuel Ramirez, Texas Tech	Kasey Studdard, Texas	Adam"Yancy"Boatner, Baylor	John Hafferty, Kansas St
OG	Brian Daniels, Colorado	Kirk Elder, Texas A&M	Bob Whitaker, Kansas	Seth Zehr, Iowa St
OT	Justin Blalock, Texas	Aaron Brant, Iowa St	Tyler Luellen, Missouri	Edwin Harrison, Colorado
OT	Corey Hilliard, Oklahoma St	Yemi Babalola, Texas A&M	Branndon Braxton, Oklahoma	Lydon Murtha, Nebraska
DE	Adam Carriker, Nebraska	Jay Moore, Nebraska	Brian Robison, Texas	Jason Jack, Texas A&M
DT	Red Bryant, Texas A&M	DeMarcus Granger, Oklahoma	Ryan McBean, Oklahoma St	Quintin Echols, Kansas St
DT	Frank Okam, Texas	Brent Curvey, Iowa St	Xavier Lawson-Kennedy, OSU	Ken Scott, Texas Tech
DE	Tim Crowder, Texas	CJ Ah You, Oklahoma	Larry Birdine, Oklahoma	Nathan Peterson, Okla St
LB	Justin Warren, Texas A&M	Bo Ruud, Nebraska	Rashad Bobino, Texas	Demarrio Pleasant, Oklahoma
LB	Corey McKeon, Nebraska	Thaddaeus Washington, CU	Jordon Dizon, Colorado	Brandon Archer, Kansas St
LB	Rufus Alexander, Oklahoma	Dedrick Harrington, Missouri	Zach Latimer, Oklahoma	Robert Killebrew, Texas
CB	Tarell Brown, Texas	DJ Wolfe, Oklahoma	Aqib Talib, Kansas	Antonio Huffman, Texas Tech
CB	DeAndre Jackson, Iowa St	David Overstreet, Missouri	Lorenzo Sims, Colorado	CJ Wilson, Baylor
S	Reggie Smith, Oklahoma	Melvin Bullitt, Texas A&M	Maurice Linguist, Baylor	Titus Brothers, Nebraska
S	Michael Griffin, Texas	Japhus Brown, Texas A&M	Nic Harris, Oklahoma	Marcus Watts, Kansas St
K	Mason Crosby, Colorado	Bruce Redden, Oklahoma St	Jordan Congdon, Nebraska	Garrett Hartley, Oklahoma
P	Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor	Kyle Tucker, Kansas	Greg Johnson, Texas	Alex Reyes, Texas Tech
KR	Terrence Wheatley, Colorado	DeAndre Jackson, Iowa St	Yamon Figurs, Kansas St	Reggie Smith, Oklahoma
PR	Terrence Nunn, Nebraska	Aaron Ross, Texas	Danny Amendola, Texas Tech	Marcus Woods, Missouri

Big 12 Notes: The Big 12 has had 5 berths in the National Championship game since the BCS started in 1998, the most of any league. Oklahoma is 1-2 in BCS Title games, Nebraska 0-1 and Texas 1-0. The ACC and Big East are second with 3 appearances each. Once again I am calling for a Big 12 team to appear in the National Title game. A quick check of how the Big 12 stacked up vs other conferences last year shows a 31-5 non-conf record and their 4-3 mark vs BCS conf schools tied them with the Pac 10 for the 2nd best win % in that area. The Big 12 was a solid 5-3 in bowl games and had 4 teams in the Top 25. Surprisingly they only had 29 players picked in the NFL draft which was only the 5th best of the conferences including just 7 in the first 2 rounds. A Texas/Oklahoma showdown may not only determine the Big 12 Title, but could determine the National Title as well.

Oklahoma St
RB Mike Hamilton

Iowa St
WR Todd Blythe


Texas A&M
DT Joseph 'Red' Bryant

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 BIG 12 FORECAST

BIG 12 SOUTH 1. OKLAHOMA - The Sooners and Bob Stoops had owned the Big 12 South but after appearing in 2 straight National Title games (3 in 5 years), stunningly plummeted to 8-4 last year. Ironically, the last time they lost 4 or more games was 1999 and they rebounded in 2000 to win the National Title. Last year Adrian Peterson missed a good portion of the year with injury and should be 100% healthy. They now have an experienced QB (something Texas lacks), outstanding receivers and the big key is the best D in the NCAA. The only tough road games are Oregon, Texas and A&M and they are capable of winning all 3. The Sooners are my pick for the Big 12 crown.

2. TEXAS - I watched Tom Osborne do a great job with Nebraska and Bobby Bowden do a great job at Fla St but both were maligned for years for not being able to win the big one. I mentioned that in each of last 3 years in the magazine and was very happy to see Mack Brown finally win a big one and bag his first National Title and Brown now actually won 4 consecutive games vs Top 10 teams, including back-to-back Rose Bowl wins. Four of my 7 sets of power ratings call for Texas to go unbeaten this year, as they have my #1 offense, #2 defense and #2 ST in the Big 12. My biggest concern is the loss of Vince Young, who made key plays at big times in most of their big wins. Naturally, the key to the Big 12 South Title is their game vs Okla but I pick them #2 here. However, it would not at all surprise me to see Texas in Tempe playing for the National Title.

3. TEXAS TECH - Last year Tech outgained league foes by 115 ypg, the 2nd best mark in the Big 12 and even outgained Texas in their showdown at midseason. Tech did benefit from +9 in turnovers last year and loses 5 of their top 8 tacklers plus star RB Henderson but they have the most talented QB yet to run the Leach offense. He's had great success with 1st year starting QB's and not one has been a VHT like this season. Tech does face five bowl teams on the road but has a good shot at topping last year's 9-win total.

4. TEXAS A&M - After having a streak of 20 consecutive non-losing years, the Aggies have amazingly had 2 in the last 3. I forecasted a down year for them in Franchione's first season and they finished 4-8. The next year I called them the most improved team in the country and they had a shot at an exceptional season but still improved to 7-5. Last season the Aggies opened up 5-2 but then the bottom fell out and they collapsed to 5-6. This year they make my list of most improved teams again. It will be very peculiar seeing the Aggies lining up in a 4-2-5 defense but, after allowing 31.2 ppg last year, they can only be stronger and the offense has plenty of weapons. If the Aggies beat TTech on Sept 30th, they will finish in the upper half of the B12 South standings and they have the schedule to possibly open the season 9-0 when they host Okla. Aggie fans will be a lot happier with the 2006 season.

5. OKLAHOMA ST - Last year Okla St switched from a running team to a pass offense and naturally struggled. I went against the Cowboys early and often last season in Power Sweep and, as I expected, they went from 3 straight winning seasons to a losing year. They were outgained by 148.7 ypg in Big 12 play and for the first time in their history finished in last place in the Big 12 South. This year's team is in much better shape. QB Reid had a great spring and figures to be one of the most improved QB's in the NCAA. The defense, while young, has a lot of athletic talent and the WR combo of Bowman and Woods, plus some solid RB's, will give them an explosive offense. Unfortunately, winnable games vs Kan St and Kansas are on the road and they play some of the league's top teams (OU, Neb) at home. They still have a shot at a winning season, especially after being -15 in turnovers (pg 312).

6. BAYLOR - Guy Morriss did a great job last year of getting Baylor to the point where they should have been bowl eligible. Unfortunately, benching QB Bell last year basically cost the Bears a bowl, as they finished 5-6. This year Bell should have a big season in the new spread offense but the Bears do have just 12 returning starters (2nd fewest Big 12). They were also outgained by 117 ypg, the 2nd worst mark in the league and have to replace 7 of their top 9 tacklers. They have the schedule to move up in the Big 12 standings after escaping the basement last year but the Big 12 South looks to be a much improved division and the Bears D is rebuilding.

BIG 12 NORTH 1. NEBRASKA - I didn't make a lot of friends in Lincoln two years ago when I called for an Iowa St team that finished 2-10 to finish ahead of a Nebraska team coming off a 10-3 season in the B12 North. The Huskers, however, were going through the tough change of switching from the option to a pass offense and, as expected, they did indeed struggle. Last year they very nearly had a 2nd straight losing season but rallied to win their final 3 and this year have, by far, the best team in Callahan's three years. NU's 15 returning starters are the 2nd most in the league and I rate their D-line #3, LB's #2 and DB's #3 in the B12. The Huskers actually have 4 winnable Big 12 road games and avoid Okla. Despite having both USC and Texas on their schedule, I give them a great shot at topping last year's 8 wins. To me they are clearly the most talented team in the B12 North.

2. COLORADO - CU was clearly the best team in the B12 North last year but 2 defensive TD's given up to Iowa St cost them and they collapsed down the stretch with embarrassing performances vs Neb and Texas which cost HC Barnett his job. Last year's poor finish will have them a lightly rated group this year. When most people predict a conference finish they look at the skill position players and, if that is your mythology, then you would have pegged CU for last in the North, as they have my #12 rated QB, #10 RB's and #11 WR's in the league. CU also has a solid O-line, my #4 rated D and #1 ST. That has me calling CU to finish 2nd in the North.

3. MISSOURI - Gary Pinkel will be under some pressure this season and the schedule gets tougher. Last season they had the benefit of playing both Baylor and Okla St out of the B12 South and this year the replacements are Okla and TTech. Missouri needed a miracle comeback win, in the bowl to grab a winning season last year but that was a team that had just 10 returning starters. Despite the loss of their star, QB Brad Smith, I was impressed with Chase Daniel, especially with the comeback he led vs Iowa St. He has a better surrounding cast than Smith had last year and the offense should be just as potent. With 7 starters back on defense, it will mostly likely resemble the 2004 version, which allowed 19.5 rather than the 2005 unit, which yielded 29.2. The Tigers have a good shot at topping last year's win total, despite the tougher schedule.

4. IOWA ST - Of the teams that I'm forecasting in the bottom half of the North, the Cyclones have the most talent. They arguably have the best set of skill players in the Big 12 North with QB Meyer, RB Hicks and WR's Blythe and Flynn. While ISU appears to be rebuilding on defense, they have gotten the benefit of extra bowl practices the last two years and were -3 in net close losses last year (pg 299), which should mean better things are in the offing. Unfortunately, of the 3 teams in the bottom of the B12 North, they face the toughest schedule and this year dropped Baylor, A&M and Okla St and instead face Texas, TT and Okla. If not for the tougher schedule, the Cyclones would be my pick for #4 by themselves in the North, as five of my 7 sets of power ratings call them 5th or better overall in the Big 12.

4. KANSAS ST - I could write half the magazine on the tremendous job that Bill Snyder did at K-St, taking a woebegone program and turning them into a National Title contender. I was surprised he stepped down, as this would have been his most experienced team since 1998 and the 17 returning starters are the most in the Big 12. K-St also has the schedule to return to the post season this year and could get off to a 5-1 start, giving them a lot of confidence for their Oct 14th showdown with Nebraska. K-St was outgained by 110.3 ypg in league play (3rd worst) and have a 1st year HC. Players seem to buy into a coaches program when they have early success, which this team should. Another concern is the switch from an option based attack to a more pass based offense (see Nebraska). If there was continuity in the schemes, I would call this team a Big 12 North Title contender but they do have an excellent shot at getting to their first bowl since 2003.

4. KANSAS - If I based the B12 North standings on just the talent alone, I would have KU locked in the cellar. Their strength last year was their D and that has been gutted, as they have just 3 starters back and lose 8 of their top 10 tacklers. The key for me picking KU in a tie for 4th spot is the schedule. Last season they had to face Texas, TT and Okla and this season face none of the 3. KU almost qualified for my Turnovers=Turnaround (-8). They do have just 10 returning starters (fewest in B12) hence the low talent rating but I see KU getting back to their 3rd bowl game in four years.

2005 BIG 12 vs BIG 12 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Sks Rank
2	Texas	50.6	1	519.9	1	265.8	1	5.7	1	254.1	3	61.0	2	10.3	12	12	3	10	1
9	Texas Tech	33.0	2	457.5	2	85.5	11	3.2	8	372.0	1	65.2	1	13.9	6	18	9	28	12
11	Texas A&M	27.3	6	404.3	3	223.1	2	5.4	2	181.1	11	50.2	11	14.8	5	16	5	14	4
18	Missouri	25.0	8	374.0	5	174.8	4	4.2	4	199.3	7	57.0	6	15.0	4	17	7	14	4
36	Oklahoma	30.1	3	376.0	4	189.6	3	4.2	3	186.4	10	53.2	8	12.5	11	13	4	13	3
60	Colorado	27.4	5	351.9	7	109.9	8	3.3	7	242.0	5	59.0	4	12.9	9	9	1	11	2
64	Iowa St	29.0	4	369.8	6	120.3	6	2.8	9	249.5	4	59.4	3	12.8	10	11	2	25	10
68	Kansas St	22.4	9	292.3	11	95.4	9	2.6	11	196.9	8	48.8	12	13.1	8	20	10	22	8
83	Nebraska	25.1	7	339.0	8	73.3	12	2.2	12	265.8	2	57.4	5	13.5	7	16	5	26	11
85	Kansas	15.9	12	291.0	12	120.1	7	3.4	6	170.9	12	50.6	9	18.3	1	24	11	19	6
91	Baylor	17.5	11	294.8	10	88.9	10	2.7	10	205.9	6	54.8	7	16.8	2	17	7	23	9
93	Oklahoma St	20.5	10	328.8	9	141.3	5	3.6	5	187.5	9	50.4	10	16.0	3	30	12	21	7

2005 BIG 12 vs BIG 12 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
6	Texas	17.1	1	308.9	3	139.8	5	4.0	9	169.1	1	50.2	2	18.0	12	17	6	22	3
12	Oklahoma	23.8	5	291.0	1	95.5	4	3.0	4	195.5	3	47.6	1	12.3	3	18	7	35	1
19	Colorado	20.9	3	341.5	5	82.1	1	2.3	1	259.4	11	55.6	6	16.4	10	14	4	19	6
20	Kansas	26.3	7	302.5	2	91.0	3	2.5	2	211.5	5	56.2	7	11.5	1	12	1	18	7
24	Nebraska	26.0	6	361.3	7	140.4	6	3.8	8	220.9	6	54.3	4	13.9	8	13	3	26	2
29	Iowa St	19.8	2	338.4	4	87.9	2	2.8	3	250.5	9	61.2	11	17.1	11	22	10	12	9
37	Texas Tech	22.8	4	342.5	6	172.4	10	4.3	10	170.1	2	54.7	5	15.1	9	22	10	12	9
40	Baylor	30.5	9	411.8	10	187.3	11	4.5	11	224.5	7	53.2	3	13.5	7	22	10	11	12
53	Kansas St	32.3	10	402.6	9	146.9	7	3.6	5	255.8	10	56.9	8	12.5	5	14	4	17	8
72	Texas A&M	34.9	11	455.6	11	149.3	8	3.8	7	306.4	12	60.1	10	13.1	6	19	9	20	5
73	Missouri	29.5	8	365.5	8	160.1	9	3.8	6	205.4	4	59.1	9	12.4	4	18	7	22	3
89	Oklahoma St	40.1	12	477.5	12	235.3	12	5.5	12	242.3	8	64.0	12	11.9	2	12	1	12	9

Baylor
P Daniel Sepulveda

Iowa St
C Scott Stephenson
QB Bret Meyer

2005 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games				YPG CONF PLAY		
NORTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2005	2004	2003
Colorado	5	3	219	167	7	6	305	307	+10.4	-58.3	-42.4
Iowa St	4	4	232	158	7	5	339	230	+31.4	-32.9	-261.7
Nebraska	4	4	201	208	8	4	296	252	-22.3	-87.3	-12.0
Missouri	4	4	200	236	7	5	369	350	+8.5	+42.8	-6.5
Kansas	3	5	127	210	7	5	269	264	-11.5	-77.1	-8.2
Kansas St	2	6	179	258	5	6	289	305	-110.3	+3.7	+171.6
SOUTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2005	2004	2003
Texas	8	0	405	137	13	0	652	213	+211.0	+106.2	+113.9
Texas Tech	6	2	264	182	9	3	473	226	+115.0	+103.7	+134.9
Oklahoma	6	2	241	190	8	4	323	277	+85.0	+148.4	+266.6
Texas A&M	3	5	218	279	5	6	352	343	-51.3	+31.1	-63.0
Baylor	2	6	140	244	5	6	236	291	-117.0	-142.1	-232.0
Oklahoma St	1	7	164	321	4	7	222	344	-148.7	-38.6	-61.2

Coach of the Year: Mack Brown, Texas
BIG 12 TITLE GAME: Texas 70 Colorado 3

2004 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
NORTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Colorado	4	4	169	205	8	5	304	332
Iowa St	4	4	148	188	7	5	246	259
Missouri	3	5	142	171	5	6	256	215
Nebraska	3	5	178	243	5	6	275	298
Kansas	2	6	161	198	4	7	262	235
Kansas St	2	6	238	259	4	7	326	337
SOUTH								
Oklahoma	8	0	257	117	12	1	452	219
Texas	7	1	263	145	11	1	423	215
Texas Tech	5	3	268	208	8	4	434	314
Texas A&M	5	3	255	207	7	5	341	292
Oklahoma St	4	4	252	220	7	5	387	301
Baylor	1	7	149	319	3	8	224	396

Coach of the Year: Gary Barnett, Colorado
TITLE GAME: Oklahoma 42 Colorado 3

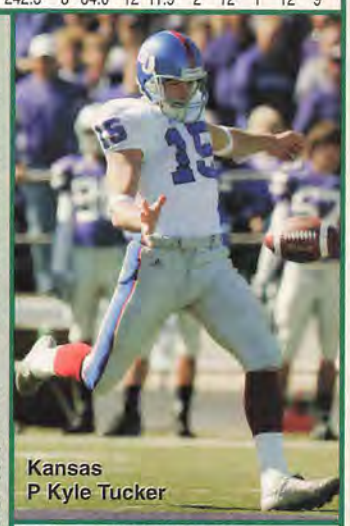
2003 BIG 12 STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
NORTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Kansas St	6	2	290	121	11	4	549	244
Nebraska	5	3	188	154	10	3	322	188
Missouri	4	4	250	198	8	5	399	287
Kansas	3	5	209	247	6	7	384	396
Colorado	3	5	228	255	5	7	319	398
Iowa St	0	8	71	343	2	10	173	437
SOUTH	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Oklahoma	8	0	412	90	12	2	601	214
Texas	7	1	308	182	10	3	533	280
Okla St	5	3	241	259	9	4	467	326
Texas Tech	4	4	344	296	8	5	552	442
Texas A&M	2	6	205	356	4	8	304	465
Baylor	1	7	121	366	3	9	191	455

Coach of the Year: Bill Snyder, Kansas St
TITLE GAME: Kansas St 35 Oklahoma 7

Colorado
C Mark Fenton

Texas Tech
RG Manuel Ramirez



Kansas
P Kyle Tucker

2005 BIG 12 CONFERENCE LEADERS

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Joel Filani, Texas Tech	**12**	**65**	**1048**	**8**	**87.3**	**5.4**	**16.1**
Todd Blythe, Iowa St	**12**	**51**	**1000**	**9**	**83.3**	**4.3**	**19.6**
D'Juan Woods, Okla St	**11**	**56**	**879**	**8**	**79.9**	**5.1**	**15.7**
Robert Johnson, TTech	**12**	**67**	**951**	**4**	**79.3**	**5.6**	**14.2**
Jarrett Hicks, Texas Tech	**11**	**65**	**850**	**10**	**77.3**	**5.9**	**13.1**
Jason Carter, Texas A&M	11	54	827	6	75.2	4.9	15.3
Jordy Nelson, Kansas St	**11**	**45**	**669**	**8**	**60.8**	**4.1**	**14.9**
Billy Pittman, Texas	**13**	**34**	**750**	**5**	**57.7**	**2.6**	**22.1**
Nate Swift, Nebraska	**12**	**45**	**641**	**7**	**53.4**	**3.8**	**14.2**
Mark Simmons, Kansas	12	44	631	4	52.6	3.7	14.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	YDSPG
Cody Hodges, TX Tech	12	109	191	531	4238	4429	369.1
Vince Young, Texas	13	155	1050	325	3036	4086	314.3
Brad Smith, Missouri	12	229	1301	399	2304	3605	300.4
Reggie McNeal, TX A&M	10	96	664	265	1963	2627	262.7
Bret Meyer, Iowa St	**12**	**133**	**123**	**368**	**2876**	**2999**	**249.9**
Joel Klatt, Colorado	12	54	3	400	2696	2699	224.9
Zac Taylor, Nebraska	**12**	**76**	**-41**	**430**	**2653**	**2612**	**217.7**
Shawn Bell, Baylor	**10**	**39**	**-58**	**320**	**1964**	**1906**	**190.6**
Rhett Bomar, Okla	**12**	**90**	**184**	**308**	**2018**	**2202**	**183.5**
Allan Evridge, Kan St	**9**	**102**	**203**	**213**	**1365**	**1568**	**174.2**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Charlton Keith, Kansas	20.5	102
Corey McKeon, Nebraska	**19**	**87**
Calvin Thibodeaux, Okla	**15.5**	**69**
Thaddaeus Washington, Colo	**15**	**73**
Adam Carriker, Nebraska	**14.5**	**96**
Rufus Alexander, Okla	**14.5**	**51**
Brian Robison, Texas	**13.5**	**79**
Brian Smith, Missouri	**13**	**72**
Dusty Dvoracek, Oklahoma	13	59
Nick Reid, Kansas	13	52

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Vince Young, Texas	325	212	65.2	10	3036	9.3	26	163.9
Cody Hodges, TX Tech	531	353	66.5	12	4238	7.9	31	148.3
Bret Meyer, Iowa St	**368**	**227**	**61.7**	**10**	**2876**	**7.8**	**19**	**138.9**
Reggie McNeal, TX A&M	265	141	53.2	9	1963	7.4	16	128.6
Joel Klatt, Colorado	400	241	60.3	8	2696	6.7	14	124.4
Shawn Bell, Baylor	**320**	**190**	**59.4**	**6**	**1964**	**6.1**	**12**	**119.6**
Zac Taylor, Nebraska	**430**	**237**	**55.1**	**12**	**2653**	**6.2**	**19**	**115.9**
Brad Smith, Missouri	399	237	59.4	9	2304	5.8	13	114.1
Rhett Bomar, Okla	**308**	**167**	**54.2**	**10**	**2018**	**6.6**	**10**	**113.5**
Allan Evridge, Kan St	**213**	**102**	**47.9**	**7**	**1365**	**6.4**	**6**	**104.4**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Jordan Congdon, Neb	**12**	**19**	**23**	**82.6**	**41**
Todd Pegram, TX A&M	11	15	19	78.9	45
David Pino, Texas	13	14	18	77.8	46
Mason Crosby, Colo	**13**	**22**	**29**	**75.9**	**58**
Bret Culbertson, Iowa St	**10**	**12**	**16**	**75.0**	**45**
Scott Webb, Kansas	**12**	**14**	**19**	**73.7**	**48**
Alex Trlica, TX Tech	**12**	**13**	**18**	**72.2**	**47**
Adam Crossett, Miss	**12**	**14**	**20**	**70.0**	**50**
Ryan Havens, Baylor	**11**	**16**	**23**	**69.6**	**49**
Garrett Hartley, Okla	**12**	**14**	**22**	**63.6**	**52**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Sam Koch, Nebraska	12	71	3302	46.5
Daniel Sepulveda, Baylor	**11**	**62**	**2863**	**46.2**
John Torp, Colorado	13	80	3613	45.2
Justin Brantly, TX A&M	**11**	**46**	**1989**	**43.2**
Kyle Tucker, Kansas	**12**	**66**	**2832**	**42.9**
Alex Reyes, Texas Tech	**12**	**49**	**2099**	**42.8**
Adam Crossett, Missouri	**12**	**57**	**2432**	**42.7**
Troy Blankenship, Iowa St	12	68	2894	42.6
Cody Freeby, Oklahoma	**12**	**71**	**3004**	**42.3**
Tim Reyer, Kansas St	**11**	**65**	**2620**	**40.3**
Matt Fodge, Okla St	**11**	**65**	**2593**	**39.9**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Terrence Nunn, Neb	**16**	**293**	**0**	**18.3**
Aaron Ross, Texas	**34**	**500**	**2**	**14.7**
Jermaine Moreira, Kan St	**19**	**202**	**1**	**10.6**
Cortney Grixby, Neb	**32**	**333**	**0**	**10.4**
Willie Andrews, Baylor	27	274	0	10.1
Stephone Robinson, Col	**27**	**268**	**1**	**9.9**
Danny Amendola, TTech	**32**	**313**	**0**	**9.8**
Charles Gordon, Kansas	41	398	0	9.7
Jejuan Rankins, Oklahoma	21	170	0	8.1
Daniel McLemore, OkSt	21	167	0	8.0
RJ Sumrall, Iowa St	**15**	**115**	**0**	**7.7**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Shaun Rochon, Baylor	20	548	1	27.4
Yamon Figurs, Kan St	**12**	**296**	**1**	**24.7**
DeAndre Jackson, ISU	**24**	**590**	**0**	**24.6**
Daniel McLemore, OkSt	27	638	0	23.6
Tony Temple, Missouri	**16**	**376**	**0**	**23.5**
Reggie Smith, Oklahoma	**18**	**377**	**0**	**20.9**
Marlon Lucky, Nebraska	**15**	**313**	**0**	**20.9**
Jason Carter, Texas A&M	18	344	0	19.1
Grant Jones, Okla St	**13**	**247**	**0**	**19.0**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Brad Smith, Missouri	12	229	1301	5.7	16	108.4
Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma	**11**	**220**	**1108**	**5.0**	**14**	**100.7**
Mike Hamilton, Okla St	**11**	**193**	**961**	**5.0**	**1**	**87.4**
Vince Young, Texas	13	155	1050	6.8	12	80.8
Courtney Lewis, Texas A&M	**9**	**109**	**723**	**6.6**	**7**	**80.3**
Cory Ross, Nebraska	12	225	882	3.9	5	73.5
Taurean Henderson, TX Tech	12	148	872	5.9	17	72.7
Thomas Clayton, Kansas St	**9**	**137**	**637**	**4.6**	**4**	**70.8**
Jamaal Charles, Texas	**13**	**119**	**878**	**7.4**	**11**	**67.5**
Reggie McNeal, Texas A&M	10	96	664	6.9	3	66.4

SACKS*

*Numbers come from Big 12 final statistics.

	NO	YDS
Brandon Perkins, Kansas	9.5	84
Adam Carriker, Nebraska	**9.5**	**84**
Calvin Thibodeaux, Oklahoma	**9.5**	**52**
Brian Smith, Missouri	**9**	**56**
Charlton Keith, Kansas	8.5	60
Jason Berryman, Iowa St	7.5	42
Corey McKeon, Nebraska	**7**	**51**
Brent Curvey, Iowa St	**6.5**	**54**
CJ Ah You, Oklahoma	**6.5**	**34**
Brian Robison, Texas	**6**	**56**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Dwayne Slay, Texas Tech	12	75	39	114	9.5
Justin Warren, Texas A&M	**10**	**34**	**61**	**95**	**9.5**
Nick Reid, Kansas	12	62	50	112	9.3
Jamar Ransom, Okla St	11	56	43	99	9.0
Thaddaeus Washington, Colo	**13**	**70**	**50**	**120**	**9.2**
Matt Robertson, Iowa St	**12**	**51**	**52**	**103**	**8.6**
Tim Dobbins, Iowa St	12	51	52	103	8.6
Rufus Alexander, Okla	**12**	**56**	**46**	**102**	**8.5**
Maurice Lane, Baylor	10	43	41	84	8.4
Corey McKeon, Nebraska	**12**	**61**	**36**	**97**	**8.1**

Oklahoma St
WR D'Juan Woods

PHIL'S BIG 12 UNIT RANKING

North Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Nebraska	3	5	2	8	3	2	3	4	6
Colorado	12	10	11	5	6	4	4	1	9
Missouri	6	8	9	3	4	6	10	10	7
Iowa St	2	7	2	6	10	10	11	12	3
Kansas St	6	4	8	8	10	7	6	5	12
Kansas	11	9	12	7	8	11	5	9	7
South Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Oklahoma	3	1	7	8	1	1	1	7	1
Texas	10	2	4	1	2	3	2	2	2
Texas Tech	1	12	1	4	9	5	12	6	4
Texas A&M	6	3	5	2	5	8	7	11	5
Oklahoma St	6	6	5	11	7	9	8	7	11
Baylor	5	10	10	11	10	11	9	3	10

OKLAHOMA SOONERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Jason White simply won the Heisman Trophy in 2003 throwing for 3,846 yards (61.6%) and had a 40-14 ratio. He had arguably a better year in 2004 throwing for 3,205 (65.4%) with a 35-9 ratio. He took home the Maxwell, Unitas and O'Brien Awards plus set many school records. Paul Thompson (PS#29) was White's backup in 2003 and threw for 224 (70.4%) with a 2-1 ratio (203 rush). They opted to RS Thompson in '04 so the backup was Tommy Grady (PS#6). Added to the mix last year was rFr Rhett Bomar (PS#3) who has 4.57 speed. Grady transferred to Utah after Thompson won a close battle for the starting job but hit just 11 of 26 for 109 with 3 TO's in the opening upset loss to TCU. Bomar wasn't much better hitting 2 of 5 for 19 with one fumble but was named the starter vs Tulsa. Oklahoma's 42 yards passing vs Tulsa (Bomar did not att a pass in the 2H) was the lowest here since 1997. Bomar also fumbled five times vs UCLA but did hit 20 of 29 for 241 and held on to his starting job. He played better each week and was the Off MVP of the Holiday Bowl. Thompson was moved to WR. This year they add JUCO Joey Halzle who threw for 2,077 yards at JC last year and was in for the spring as well as true frosh Sam Bradford (PS#20). Bomar should show significant improvement in 2006.

RUNNING BACKS - True frosh Adrian Peterson has lived up to his PS#1 billing from the moment he arrived in Norman. Peterson, starting 8 as a true, rushed for a school record 1,925 yards (5.7) and was #2 in the Heisman voting. Jones, who led the team in rushing in 2003 (925), rushed for 513 (4.0). Peterson was plagued by ankle injuries in the 1H of 2005. Despite a 220 yard effort vs Tulsa, he had a stretch of three games where he had just 8 carries for 6 yards. He returned to top 100 in each of the final 4 of the regular season including 237 vs Okla St when he set a school record for rushing yards in a half (210 in 2H). With Jones suspended and Peterson out vs Baylor, soph Jacob Gutierrez (PS#129) rushed for 173 on 30 carries but had just 4 more carries the rest of the year and tore his ACL in the bowl. Allen Patrick (6-0 200 Jr, PS#50JC) had 213 all-purp yards. This year they must replace Jones (2 st, 383 ttl yd), Donta Hickson (PS#12, 1 st, 135 yd) and FB JD Runnels (#6DC CHI, 7 st, 20 rec, 1st Tm B12). Provided Peterson can stay healthy, his numbers will more resemble the 2004 season making him one of, if not the best, RB in the country.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 Mark Clayton shattered school records with 1,425 receiving yards, 83 rec and 15 TD's. They had more of a reliance on the running game in '04 and Clayton's numbers dropped to 66 grabs (13.3). Travis Wilson (PS#41) emerged as #2 with 50 (13.2). Last year they had to replace four of their top 5 WR's including Clayton (#1DC BAL) as well as #2 and #3 DC's. Wilson started 8 and was leading in rec's when he was lost for the season vs Texas Tech. True frosh Malcom Kelly (PS#4) led with 33 (14.3) and HB JD Runnels (PS#15TE) was #3 (20). This year they must replace Wilson (#3DC CLE) as well as JeJuan Rankins (PS#7, 3 st, 8 rec), Russell Dennison (1 rec) TE James Moses (12 st, 7 rec) and TE Willie Roberts. Despite the losses, this unit has more experience than last year and with a more experienced QB, will probably see good sized improvement.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Sooners had all five starters returning on the O-line in 2004 and with Adrian Peterson having a huge year, they improved the team's ypc by 1.0 (4.8) while yielding just 9 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including an Outland Trophy Winner and then both projected starting OT's were lost in August. Nine different OL's played vs Tulsa and the staff tried several different combinations. C Chris Bush was moved to RG after the opener and replaced by converted TE Chester Bush, but moved back to C until he broke his hand. True frosh Jon Cooper started the next 2 until he was knocked out for the season with a broken leg. Despite the injury Bush started the last 2 at C. The ypc dropped to 4.0 and the sack total rose to 21. This year the losses are heavy. They must replace Bush (10 st, 3 at RG), G Davin Joseph (#1DC TB, 12 st, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm B12), G Chris Chester (#2DC BAL, 8 st), G Kelvin Chaisson (11 st, 3 yr st'r, HM B12), C Jacob Rice (8 gm) and T Brett Rayl. Four players return with starting experience and there are 10 VHT's in this group including super JUCO signee Brandon Walker. Incidentally new OL coach James Patton had just one returning starter at Northwestern last year and formed a fine unit and will probably mold a group that performs better than expected.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Sooners allowed just 3.1 ypc rushing while the defense had 39 sacks in 2004. The D-line took a hard hit last year when they had to replace both starting DE's (incl a #2 DC) and a starting DT. DE Larry Birdine was a preseason all B12 selection but missed the year with injury as did another DE, John Williams, who was injured in the opener. The lightly experienced unit still improved, allowing just 2.8 ypc, with the team having 45 sacks. This year they lose DE Dusty Dvoracek (#3DC CHI, 10 st, 1st Tm B12, 18 tfl) and DT Remi Ayodele (6 st, 11 tkl, 6 tfl). Not only do three starters return, but Birdine and Williams are back and not even listed in the 3 deep below are Auston English (6-2 248 So, PS#70DB) and Laenar Nixon (6-3 223 Sr, PS#31TE). Stoops has done a good job stockpiling this unit with talent as it contains the PS#1 DL from each of the last 2 years.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Sooners lost their top LB (#5DC) and a top backup but everyone else returned. WLB Rufus Alexander had 17 tfl and made 1st Tm B12 while MLB Zach Latimer was the #2 tackler (HM B12). This year they lose SLB Clint Ingram (#3DC JAX, 11 st, 61 tkl, 2nd Tm B12) and Russell Dennison (9 tkl). They move in VHT FS Lewis Baker (7 st) and have an amazing 7 VHT's in this experienced group. This should be one of the best LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Sooners always fare well in my pass D rankings but were only #29 with a young, injury plagued group in 2004. Last season they had to replace three NFL DC's and two top backups. Marcus Walker (PS#2) who started four games in '04, had shoulder surgery and was not 100% playing in just 8. Once again the group was injury plagued with 3 of their top 4 CB's hurt in the 2H vs Texas and the secondary had 2 true frosh start in the same game for the first time since the 1981 Sun Bowl. The Sooners still fared well finishing #16 in my pass D rankings and this year only lose CB's Chijioke Onyenegecha (9 st, 7 pbu, 2nd Tm B12), Eric Bassey (4 st, 15 tkl) and Jowahn Poteat (1 tkl). This group figures to contend for top honors in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This area has been a strength under Stoops with four Top 13 finishes in his seven years. They had their weakest finish yet in '04 at #53 in my ST rankings and last year had to replace their K, P and both top returnmen. The Sooners still managed to climb to #27. Lendy Holmes (PS#16) had a costly PR fumble vs UCLA and JeJuan Rankins who was bothered by an ankle injury took over (8.1). The top KR was true frosh Reggie Smith (PS#6, 20.9, B12 Frosh). Soph Garrett Hartley (PS#6) hit 14 of 22 FG's with a long of 52 and also had an outstanding 33 TB's on 67 KO's. Cody Freeby (PS#6) avg 42.3 on punts with an outstanding net of 37.8. This year they must replace Rankins, Freeby (kicked off team) and 4 year LS Jacob Rice. Provided they find a replacement for Freeby, they should move up in my ST rankings in 2006.

COACHES - Prior to Bob Stoops' arrival, Oklahoma had five consecutive non-winning seasons. Stoops not only won a National Championship in his second season but played in the National Title game in each of the next two years. Their streak of 5 straight double digit winning seasons and 74 consecutive weeks ranked were both snapped last year. Over the last 6 years, OU's 68 wins are 3 more than any other team in the NCAA. They lost 4 year OC Chuck Long who takes over as the HC of SDSt. The co-OC's are Kevin Sumlin, who was the asst HC and OC at Texas A&M from '01-'02 and ST coordinator and TE coach here the last 3 years and Kevin Wilson who was the OC at Northwestern from 1999-'01. He was the co-OC here the last 3 years. Co-DC Brent Venables enters his 8th year here along with co-DC Bobby Jack Wright (2nd year as co-DC).

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PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 Oklahoma did not have a single starter miss a single game due to injury and benefitted from +7 in turnovers. They stunned the nation winning the National Title despite not being ranked in the preseason Top 20. In 2001 and 2002, thanks to regular season-ending losses to Okla St, the Sooners did not get to the Big 12 Title game. In 2003 and 2004 the Sooners played not only in the Big 12 Title game but in the National Title game and unfortunately lost 3 of the 4. The Sooners probably had their most talented and experienced team yet under Stoops in 2004. They went 12-0 getting to the National Title game vs USC but Bob Stoops, who earned the nickname "Big Game Bob", not only came up short but was embarrassed 55-19 for the school's worst loss since 1997. They blew out most of their foes during the year outgaining Big 12 opponents by 148.4 ypg and outscoring them by 17.5 ppg. Last year they had just 9 returning starters and topped my NFL Draft Day Party Hangover List with 41 points (see pg 308) and also were #12 in my experience ratings in the Big 12. RB Peterson was banged up early and Stoops, having never lost a non-conf home game, amazingly had a streak of 19 straight home wins snapped in a 17-10 loss to TCU. The Sooners had just 225 total yards. They led Tulsa just 17-15 late in the game before getting a long TD run and then a defensive TD on the final play. Turnovers did them in vs UCLA and they opened at 1-2 for the first time since 1997. Stoops had owned Texas but they were plastered 45-12 with Peterson getting just 3 rushes. They only led Kansas 10-3 when they got an int at the goal line which allowed them to go on for a 19-3 win. They needed 2 OT's to get past Baylor at home, 37-30, and stunningly the players rushed the field after their home win over the Bears. Two bad calls on the final drive allowed Tech to score the winning TD on the last play, 23-21. They finished on a high note knocking off #6 Oregon in the Holiday Bowl. Their offense had amazing balance in '05 with 2,130 rush and 2,131 pass. Even with a young O-line they will easily top 2005's 26.9 ppg which was their lowest since 1998. The D allowed an un-Sooner-like 23.1 ppg but with 9 starters back (Only 4 LY) will have one of, if not the TOP D in the NCAA this year. Only 2 of my 7 sets of power ratings call for OU to go unbeaten but I see them doing just that and getting to the Big 12 Title game and beyond.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Gerald McCoy 6-4 305 PS#1
RB	DeMarco Murray 6-0 183 PS#5
WR	Adron Tennell 6-5 200 PS#3
TE	Jermaine Gresham 6-7 230 PS#3
OL	Brandon Walker 6-3 315 PS#12JC
OL	Cory Brandon 6-6 265 PS#19
DB	Dominique Franks 6-0 178 PS#21
OL	Curtis Bailey 6-7 340 PS#26
WR	Brandon Caleb 6-1 194 PS#26
LB	Chris Patterson 6-3 220 PS#6DL '04
RB	Chris Brown 5-10 192 PS#35
QB	Sam Bradford 6-4 200 PS#20
DB	Malcolm Williams 5-10 172 PS#35
DB	Jonathan Nelson 6-1 180 PS#38
OL	Chad Roark 6-2 290 PS#40DL
OL	Trent Williams 6-5 290 PS#33
OL	Sheronne Moore 6-5 300 PS#61JC
OL	Chase Beeler 6-4 275 PS# 51
DL	Pryce Macon 6-1 258 PS#63
LB	Brandon Crow 6-2 215 PS#69
DL	Tim Johnson 6-5 265 PS#152JC
QB	Joey Halzle 6-4 215 PS#158JC
DL	Adrian Taylor 6-5 280 PS#132
DL	Jeremy Beal 6-2 243 PS#112
RB	Mossis Madu 6-1 190 PS#153
TE	Eric Mensik 6-5 231 PS#75
LB	Daniel Tabon 6-3 215 PS#485

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 7 RHETT BOMAR SO. 6-2 215 **PS#3.** 11 st rFr, 2018 yd (54%), 393 rush, 1st Tm Fr B12. Joey Halzle PS#158JC. 4.58 spd. 2077 pass LY. In for spg. Sam Bradford is **PS#20.**

RB 28 ADRIAN PETERSON JR. 6-2 218 **PS#1.** 8 st true, 1925 (5.7), **#2 Heisman.** 8 st LY (inj), 1104 (5.0) rush. **23** Allen Patrick **PS#50JC. 21** Jacob Gutierrez. 2 st, 254 (5.3) rFr. ACL.

WR 12 Paul Thompson Sr. 6-4 210 PS#29QB. 660 yds at QB 3Y. 11 rec, 4 st (1QB 3WR) LY. **19** Quentin Chaney (6-6 200 So) **PS#28.** 2 rec rFr. Adron Tennell is **PS#3.**

WR 2 MALCOLM KELLY SO. 6-4 204 **PS#4.** 7 st true, #1 w/33 (14.3). **81** Fred Strong (6-3 188 So) PS#55. **FB 40 Dane Zaslaw** (6-0 242 Jr) **PS#22LB. 34** Matt Clapp (6-2 242 So) **PS#30DB.**

WR 9 JUAQUIN IGLESIAS SO. 6-2 190 PS#204. 4 st true, 19 rec (15.3). **6 Manuel Johnson** (6-0 170 So) **PS#14.** 1 st (bowl), 10 (17.0) rec true. **Eric Huggins** (6-4 190 rFr) **PS#7.**

TE 85 Joe Jon Finley Jr. 6-6 244 PS#23. 7 rec rFr. 2 st, 13 rec (11.5) LY. **83** Brody Eldridge (6-5 248 rFr) PS#166DL. **87** Aaron Cummings (6-4 236 rFr). Jermaine Gresham **PS#3.**

C 50 Jon Cooper So. 6-2 278 **PS#86DL.** 2 st at C as true, broke leg, 7 gm. **66** Jesse White (6-1 297 rFr) **PS#18.** 460 bench. **LS 67** Clint Gresham (6-3 225 rFr). Backup LY.

RG 63 JD Quinn So. 6-3 305 **PS#65.** 4 st rFr, only 2 pen, 12 gm. **74** Brian Simmons (6-5 290 rFr) PS#275DL. **65** Ben Barresi (6-5 296 So) **PS#51.** 365 bench. Trent Williams **PS#33.**

LG 72 George Robinson So. 6-5 360 PS#315. 10 gm true. Brandon Walker **PS#12JC.** In for fall. Chase Beeler (6-4 275 Fr) **PS#51. 60** Aaron Rothenberg (6-4 290 Jr).

RT 76 Branndon Braxton So. 6-6 318 **PS#11.** GS '04. 3 st RT true, +18 lbs, 1 letter. Sheronne Moore **PS#61JC** in for spg. 5.2 spd. Cory Brandon **PS#19.** 300 bench, 405 squat.

LT 79 CHRIS MESSNER SR. 6-6 280 PS#103. 1 st LT, 12 gm rFr. 6 gm '04. 10 st LY (9 at RT, 1 at LT). **71** Cameron Schacht (6-4 270 So) **PS#57.** 4.78 speed. Curtis Bailey **PS#26.**

K 10 GARRETT HARTLEY JR. 5-9 182 **PS#6.** 1 of 1 FG, 12 of 12 xp's as true, burn RS L/3 games. 14 of 22 FG's LY, long 52 and also 50 yd FG. **86** Matt Anderson (6-0 170 rFr).

DE 58 CALVIN THIBODEAUX SR. 6-1 251 **PS#62.** 12 sts LY, **10 sk, 2nd Tm B12. 92 Larry Birdine** (6-4 258 Sr) PS#80. 40 tkls, **7 sk** '04. Inj'd LY. **95** Alan Davis (6-2 242 So) **PS#47.** 2 sk.

DT 68 CARL PENDLETON JR. 6-5 277 **PS#32.** 11 st rFr, 17 tkl, 3 tfl. 7 st LY, 8 tkl, 2 sk. **Gerald McCoy** (6-4 305 Fr) **PS#1. 90** Steven Coleman (6-4 291 Jr) **PS#27.** 7 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y.

DT 96 DeMarcus Granger rFr. 6-3 305 **PS#1.** 405 bench. **97** Cory Bennett (6-2 275 So) PS#61. 1 st rFr, 16 tkl, 2 sk. **89** Cordero Moore (6-3 320 rFr) PS#62. **78** Billy Blackard (6-3 292 rFr) PS#67.

DE 99 CJ AH YOU SR. 6-4 265 **PS#11JC.** 8 tkl at BYU '04. JUCO '04. 12 sts LY, 45 tkl, 7 sk, **HM B12. 98** John Williams (6-5 252 Jr) PS#112. 4 tkl 1 gm (inj) LY. **91** Alonzo Dotson **PS#20.**

WLB 42 RUFUS ALEXANDER SR. 6-1 231 PS#133. 10 st '04, 74 tkl, 7 tfl. 12 st LY, 102 tkl, **17 tfl,** 9 pbu. **8** Ryan Reynolds (6-2 230 So) **PS#3.** 3 tkl as true. Chris Patterson **PS#6DL '04.** JC L2Y.

MLB 46 ZACH LATIMER SR. 6-2 220 **PS#13.** 12 tkl, 3 tfl '04. 12 st LY, 84 tkl, 4 sk, **HM B12. 40** Curtis Lofton (6-2 238 So) **PS#10.** 3 tkl as true. **47** Jonathan Jordan (6-0 230 Sr) PS#268QB.

SLB 51 DEMARRIO PLEASANT JR. 6-2 235 **PS#16.** 1 st LY, 10 tkl, 2 tfl. **16 Lewis Baker** (6-3 203 Jr) **PS#5TE.** 7 st at S LY, 36 tkl, 2 pbu. **30** Lamont Robinson (6-1 220 rFr) is **PS#25.**

CB 25 DJ WOLFE JR. 5-11 196 **PS#7RB.** 136 yds at RB as true. 11 sts CB LY, 65 tkl, 2 int, 10 pbu, **HM B12. 3** Brian Jackson (6-2 194 rFr) PS#78. Jonathan Nelson is **PS#38.**

CB 1 REGGIE SMITH SO. 6-1 190 **PS#6.** 10 st @ SS true. 47 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. Marcus Walker (5-10 197 Jr) **PS#2.** L/4 st true, 14 tkl. 8 gm LY (inj). Malcolm Williams **PS#35.**

SS 6 JASON CARTER SR. 5-10 192 **PS#28WR.** 29 tkl, 3Y. **9** Keenan Clayton (6-2 210 So) **PS#13. 14** Brett Bowers (5-11 194 So) **PS#31. 30** Dan Dixon (6-0 186 Sr). Cornell.

FS 41 DARIEN WILLIAMS JR. 5-10 197 **PS#44.** 5 sts LY. 43 tkl, 1 pbu. **5** Nic Harris (6-3 218 So) **PS#36.** 2 sts as true, 16 tkl. **11** Lendy Holmes (6-2 191 So) **PS#16WR.** Dominique Franks **PS#21.**

P 39 Mike Knall Jr. 5-10 175 43.0 avg at JUCO in '04. **10** Garrett Hartley (5-9 182 Jr). They must replace Freeby (PS#6) who was dismissed from the team in spring.

OKLAHOMA SOONERS

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BOB STOOPS (Career 75-16)
8th Year at Oklahoma
Stoops' SU Bowl Record: 4-3

Stoops' records AT OKLAHOMA

75-16	Straight Up	19-21	Home Favorite
42-39-2	Vs The Spread	2-0	Home Underdog
9-2	Off A SU Loss	13-14-2	Away Favorite
32-27-1	Vs Conference	8-4	Away Underdog
10-12-1	Vs Non-Conf	5-5	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 32 (14,17,1)
Lost: 20 (12,6,2)

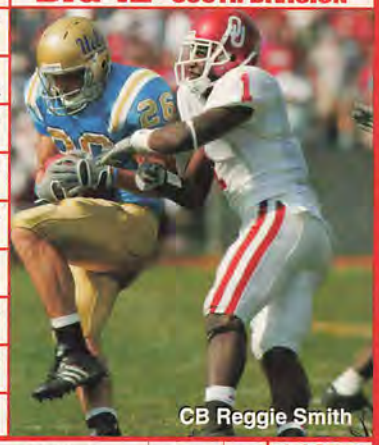
2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 84,331

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#14

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	UAB	G						OU has won 10 games in a single season 27 times (ranks #2 in IA). Sooners are 4-10 ATS prior to the Red River Shootout the last 14 years. Oklahoma is 9-2 ATS the last 7 years after a SU loss.
Sep. 9	Washington	G						Sooners are 30-8-2 SU & 11-5-1 ATS all-time vs current CUSA members. This will be these two schools first ever meeting.
Sep. 16	at Oregon	A						Oklahoma is just 7-13 ATS their last 20 games after a SU win. Sooners are 21-14-1 SU & 8-15-1 ATS all-time vs the Pac 10.
Sep. 23	Middle Tennessee	G						OU is a perfect 6-0 SU vs UO including LY's Holiday Bowl outright upset. Oklahoma is 13-4 SU & 6-10-1 ATS the L4Y on the reg ssn road (not including UT).
Sep. 30								OU is 8-0 SU & 5-1 ATS all-time vs current SBC tms ouscoring them on avg 47-7. Oklahoma is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS before a bye since 2000.
Oct. 7	† Texas (Dallas)	G						The winner of this rivalry has represented the B12 South in 8 of the L/10 Champ gms. The favorite is just 6-12 ATS the last 18 Red River Shootouts.
Oct. 14	Iowa St	G						OU is 9-1 SU & 7-3 ATS the game after the Red River Shootout S/'96. LY OU went 3-0 SU & ATS vs the B12 North marking the 1st ever ATS sweep of the div in B12 play.
Oct. 21	Colorado	G						In their last game in the '04 B12 Champ, OU held CU to just 46 total off yds. The home team is 4-0 ATS in Big 12 Conference games in this series.
Oct. 28	at Missouri	A						These schools played each other every yr from 1919-'95 but this will be just their 5th B12 meeting. The favorite is 1-4-1 ATS since 1994 in this series.
Nov. 4	at Texas A&M	G						Bomar had 211 total yds in the 1Q of LY's game including 2 TD's (1 rush). The home team has covered 10 of the last 12 in this series.
Nov. 11	Texas Tech	G						Including a bowl, OU is 10-3 SU & 9-4 ATS vs Texas Tech all-time. Sooners are 18-12 ATS in home finales since 1976.
Nov. 18	at Baylor	A						OU shutout BU last gm in Waco & entering the 2006 ssn have 8 shutouts in 7 yrs. Stoops' OU squads have outscored BU on an avg of 42-11 ppg.
Nov. 25	at Oklahoma St	A						Peterson has rushed for 486 yds in 2 gms vs OSU (#5 all-time vs a tm by 1 player). The home team is 7-1 ATS the last 8 years in this instate rivalry.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Jason White 7,893 2001-'04
Rushing: Billy Sims 4,118 1975-'79 Receiving: Mark Clayton 3,241 2001-'04


CB Reggie Smith

STADIUM: OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL STADIUM (82,112)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	12-0	10-2	11-2	12-1	12-0	7-4	71-13
Home	5-0	6-0	6-1	6-0	7-0	6-0	5-1	41-2
Away	2-4	6-0	4-1	5-2	5-1	6-0	2-3	30-11
ATS	7-3	6-5-1	6-6	7-5-1	7-6	4-8	5-6	42-39-2
Home Fav	3-0	2-3	2-5	4-2	4-3	2-4	2-4	19-21
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Away Fav	1-2	1-2-1	3-0	2-3-1	3-3	2-4	1-0	13-14-2
Away Dog	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	8-4
Favorite	4-2	3-5-1	5-5	6-5-1	7-6	4-8	3-4	32-35-2
Dog	3-1	3-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-2	10-4
Grass	7-2	5-4-1	4-5	6-4	6-6	4-5	2-6	34-32-1
Artificial	0-1	1-1	2-1	1-1-1	1-0	0-3	3-0	8-7-1
vs Conf	5-3	4-4-1	4-4	6-3	5-4	3-6	5-3	32-27-1
vs Non-Conf	2-0	2-1	2-2	1-2-1	2-2	1-2	0-3	10-12-1
Off SU Win	4-2	5-5-1	5-5	5-5	6-6	4-7	2-4	31-34-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	9-2

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Adrian Peterson	220	1207	103	1104	14	5.0
Kejuan Jones	86	313	33	280	4	3.3
Jacob Gutierrez	48	262	8	254	2	5.3
Rhett Bomar	89	393	209	184	4	2.1
Allen Patrick	25	139	3	136	2	5.4
Donta Hickson	33	143	8	135	0	4.1
Paul Thompson	5	13	18	-5	0	-1.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Rhett Bomar	308	167	54.2	2018	10	10
Paul Thompson	26	11	42.3	109	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Malcolm Kelly	33	471	14.3	2	42
Travis Wilson	25	310	12.4	1	27
Juaquin Iglesias	19	290	15.3	2	34
JD Runnels	20	205	10.2	1	35
Manuel Johnson	10	170	17.0	1	55
Joe Jon Finley	13	150	11.5	2	22
James Moses	7	110	15.7	1	26
Paul Thompson	11	106	9.6	0	18
Kejuan Jones	10	103	10.3	0	35
Jejuan Rankins	8	98	12.2	0	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Cody Freeby	71	3004	42.3	10	37.8	0	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Garrett Hartley	37-38	5-5	4-7	3-7	2-3	14-22	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rufus Alexander	102	5	12	9	1
Zach Latimer	84	4	2	5	0
DJ Wolfe	65	2	3	10	2
Clint Ingram	61	5	7	4	5
Reggie Smith	47	0	2	3	2
CJ Ah You	45	7	5	2	0
Calvin Thibodeaux	44	10	7	0	0
Dusty Dvoracek	44	4	14	0	1
Darien Williams	43	0	1	1	0
Lewis Baker	36	0	0	2	0
Chijioke Onyenegecha	31	0	3	7	1
Jason Carter	17	0	1	1	1
Cory Bennett	16	2	1	1	0
Nic Harris	16	1	0	0	0
Eric Bassey	15	0	0	1	0
Remi Ayodele	11	1	5	0	0
Demarrio Pleasant	10	1	1	0	0
Russell Dennison	9	0	0	0	0
Allen Patrick	8	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jejuan Rankins	21	170	8.1	0
Lendy Holmes	7	41	5.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Reggie Smith	18	377	20.9	0
Travis Wilson	9	168	18.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Cotton	-13	Arkansas	10-3	L
02	Rose	+6'	Washington St - #7	34-14	W
03	Sugar	-7	LSU - #2	14-21	L
04	Orange	+1	USC - #1	19-55	L
05	Holiday	+3	Oregon - #6	17-14	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Oklahoma's All-Time SU Bowl Record 24-14-1

OKLAHOMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	26.9	19	178	4.0	178	53.3	13.2	-1	2005	4	23.1	17	91	2.8	216	53.0	13.3
10*	34.8	24	208	4.8	254	66.0	13.3	+4	2004	6	16.8	16	95	3.1	204	54.4	17.7
4	42.9	23	146	3.8	293	62.3	10.2	+17	2003	9	15.3	14	113	3.4	146	52.0	17.0
8*	38.6	20	191	4.5	202	57.8	10.2	+19	2002	7	15.4	14	108	3.0	185	47.7	19.0
8	30.5	19	115	3.5	242	60.7	11.8	+9	2001	5	13.0	13	86	2.4	161	45.2	19.0
6*	37.0	21	129	3.7	288	64.2	11.3	+7	2000	7	14.9	15	102	3.1	179	49.2	18.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

OU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
#7	TCU	14	36-97	2.7	13-31	128	3	19	35-58	1.7	24-45	226	1	-2
#18	Tulsa	14	45-227	5.0	5-13	42	2	21	39-98	2.5	24-36	246	4	0
#21	at UCLA	25	45-157	3.5	20-29	241	3	22	30-83	2.8	28-38	314	2	-3
–	Kansas St	19	44-232	5.3	12-22	139	1	15	32-22	0.7	14-29	226	6	+3
–	† Texas	12	33-77	2.3	12-33	94	3	20	40-203	5.1	14-27	241	3	-1
–	† Kansas	16	49-96	2.0	17-32	210	2	6	22-11	0.5	11-30	86	3	+1
–	Baylor	28	53-205	3.9	24-42	269	4	12	21-63	3.0	20-44	228	1	-1
–	at Nebraska	19	45-180	4.0	14-28	157	1	20	34-16	0.5	26-46	267	9	+2
–	Texas A&M	27	48-211	4.4	20-29	298	2	24	44-292	6.6	12-35	158	5	-2
–	at Texas Tech	21	45-162	3.6	12-26	118	0	23	31-144	4.6	24-37	232	4	+2
–	Oklahoma St	17	43-354	8.2	13-21	206	0	7	32-13	0.4	10-27	126	4	+1
–	† Oregon	19	40-132	3.3	17-30	229	0	17	32-84	2.6	25-44	243	3	-1
TOTALS		231	526-2130	4.0	179-336	2131	21	206	392-1087	2.8	232-438	2593	45	-1
AVERAGES		19.3	44-178	4.0	15-28	178	1.8	17.2	33-91	2.8	19-37	216	3.8	-0.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
North Carolina	-20'	41-27	L
at Air Force	-17'	44-3	W
North Texas	-41	37-10	L
Kansas St - #11	-4'	38-37	L
† Texas - #5	+3	14-3	W
at Kansas	-21'	38-10	W
Baylor	-35'	33-17	L
at Nebraska - #3	+4	10-20	L
Tulsa	-41	58-0	W
Texas A&M	-17'	31-10	W
at Texas Tech	-7'	30-13	W
Oklahoma St	-27	13-16	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tulsa	-37	37-0	T
Alabama	-12	37-27	L
UTEP	-43	68-0	W
South Florida	-28'	31-14	L
at Missouri	-13	31-24	L
† Texas - #3	+3	35-24	W
Iowa St - #9	-8'	49-3	W
Colorado - #13	-13'	27-11	W
at Texas A&M	-10	26-30	L
at Baylor	-38	49-9	W
Texas Tech - #24	-13	60-15	W
at Oklahoma St	-15	28-38	L
† Colorado - #12	-7'	29-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
North Texas	-32'	37-3	W
at Alabama	-7'	20-13	L
Fresno St	-28'	52-28	L
UCLA	-19	59-24	W
at Iowa St	-21	53-7	W
† Texas - #11	-6	65-13	W
Missouri - #24	-26	34-13	L
at Colorado	-25	34-20	L
Oklahoma St - #14	-15'	52-9	W
Texas A&M	-30'	77-0	W
Baylor	-53	41-3	L
at Texas Tech	-19'	56-25	W
† Kansas St - #13	-14	7-35	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-32	40-24	L
Houston	-37	63-13	W
Oregon	-28	31-7	L
Texas Tech	-25	28-13	L
† Texas - #5	-7	12-0	W
at Kansas St	-20	31-21	L
Kansas	-27	41-10	W
at Oklahoma St - #21	-13	38-35	L
at Texas A&M - #22	-12'	42-35	L
Nebraska	-30	30-3	L
at Baylor	-36'	35-0	L
† Colorado	-22	42-3	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	-25	10-17	L
Tulsa	-30'	31-15	L
at UCLA	+6'	24-41	L
Kansas St	-6'	43-21	W
† Texas - #2	+14	12-45	L
† Kansas	-6'	19-3	W
Baylor	-14	37-30 2OT	L
at Nebraska	+1'	31-24	W
Texas A&M	-13'	36-30	L
at Texas Tech - #21	+7'	21-23	W
Oklahoma St	-18'	42-14	W

TEXAS LONGHORNS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In the first 6 games of 2003, UT avg'd 393 ypg but they improved that to 504 over the last six of the regular season when Vince Young (PS#2) won the starting job. Brown had little faith in Young's passing skills that first year and Chance Mock (first 6 st) QB'd the team in the 2H of the bowl and finished with a 16-2 ratio. Young had the job to himself in 2004 and threw for 1,849 (59.2%) with a 12-11 ratio while rushing for 1,079 net yards (6.5). Young had, by far, his best performance in the Rose Bowl when he accounted for 372 yards and 5 TD's vs Michigan. He entered 2005 with a career 18-18 ratio and was just the 8th rated passer in the Big 12. Vince was the most improved passer in the NCAA in 2005, as he threw for 3,036 (65.2%) and improved his ratio to 26-10 while also rushing for 1,050 net (6.8). He became the first player in NCAA history to have 2,500 yards passing and 1,000 rushing in one season. He did however benefit from the Big 12 Title game and the fact that bowl games are now included in the stats. Young passed Major Applewhite for UT's total offense record. He surpassed Bobby Layne (28) for the school record in career winning starts (30-2) by a QB. Had the Heisman Trophy voting been done after his electrifying 467 yd performance vs USC, Young would have won it in a landslide. Naturally, he left early and was the 3rd overall pick in the NFL draft. Also leaving this year is backup Matt Nordgren (11 pass). They opted to redshirt true frosh Colt McCoy (PS#11). Matthew McCoy (no relation) was the #3 QB and added to the mix are Jevan Snead (PS#4), who enrolled in January, and Sherrod Harris (PS#23). The Horns have zero pass att's among the returning QB's. Colt McCoy should make a fine starter but his stats will pale in comparison to Young's 2005 numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Texas has had some great RB's throughout the years like Heisman Trophy winners Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams. Cedric Benson (PS#5) became just the 5th player in NCAA history to top 1,000 yards for four straight years. In 2004 he rushed for a career high 1,834 (5.6) and left as the 6th all-time leading rusher in NCAA history. UT came into last year with a streak of 10 straight 1,000 yard rushers. Technically, they made it 11 but that 1,000 yard rusher was QB Vince Young. The top returning rushers (not QB) were Ramonce Taylor (PS#31), who is the fastest player on the team and is known around Austin as "Bush Lite". Selvin Young who had 661 career rush yards and as the elder statesman of the group, won the starting job. True frosh Jamaal Charles (PS#6) set a Texas frosh debut record with 135 vs ULL. He added 189 vs Rice, 97 vs Missouri and 116 vs OU. Unfortunately he suffered an ankle injury vs the Sooners and in the next three would have just 17 carries and finished with 878 (7.4). Taylor rushed for 102 in his first start (vs Baylor) and led the RB's in rushing in three straight games. After moving back from WR, he finished with 513 (6.8) and Selvin Young added 461 (4.8). True frosh Henry Melton (PS#13, 270 lbs) had some impressive games and finished with 432 (5.0). At the time of this writing Taylor was suspended from the program (legal & academics) but everyone else returns. Not listed below are Chris Ogbonnaya (6-1 220 So, PS#33WR, 76 yd), Antwaun Hobbs (5-7 180 Sr, 27 yd) and FB Marcus Myers (6-3 250 Sr, PS#145LB, 5 yds). This unit will be more of a focal point in the offense and should produce another 1,000 yard rusher.

RECEIVERS - In 2000 Brown brought in an amazing class of receivers including the school's eventual all-time leading receiver, Roy Williams, and 4 played as true frosh. Naturally, in 2004 all four had to be replaced and two were selected in the NFL draft so this unit was extremely young. Last year they had to replace two starters (WR & TE) who were their #1 and #3 receivers (33, 26 rec). TE David Thomas was the leading returnee with 25 (17.2). The team expected a major contribution from Jordan Shipley (PS#7) who had missed his frosh season (ACL) but he missed '05 as well (hamstring). Limas Sweed (PS#17) became the top WR and had 36 (15.1). Thomas (#3DC NE) led in rec's with 50 (12.3) and leaves as the school's career leader in TD rec's by a TE (15). Also gone is Brian Carter (8 st, 18, 14.6). Not included in the 3 deep below is Steven Hogan (6-5 255 Jr, PS#50DL). Despite breaking in a new QB and losing their top receiver, I think the unit is the deepest and most experienced they've been in their last three years.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Mobile QB's definitely help the key stats for the O-line as their escapability cuts down on sacks and adds to the ypc rushing. The Horns returned 4 starters in 2004 from a productive unit and simply totalled a school record in rushing yards (3,590) and paved the way for 5.8 ypc allowing just 11 sacks. All of the credit does not go to Vince Young, however, as every player in the 2 deep was a VHT with good size. Last year they only had to replace one starter and one backup. I rated it my #1 OL in the country and they improved the ypc to 5.9 while allowing just 14 sacks (4.2%). This year they lose RG Will Allen (13 st, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm B12), LT Jonathan Scott (#5DC DET, 13 st, 1st Tm AA, 4 yr st'r), RG Mike Garcia (12 gm), RT William Winston (10 gm) and C Nick Schroeder (13 gm). Including this year's true frosh, this unit has 15 VHT's and will solid once again even though it is a little less experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Horns allowed 153 ypg rushing, their highest total since 1997. In 2004 they had to replace two starters including a 1st round DC and then lost five players off the 3 deep including two projected starters over the summer. The sack total dropped from 42 to 22 but they allowed 46 ypg less rush (3.2). Last year all 4 starters returned and the Horns upped their sack total to 34 but allowed a surprising 3.7 ypc. This year they lose a 1st Tm AA in DT Rodrique Wright (46 tkl, 4.5 sk, #7DC MIA) and DT Larry Dibbles (35 tkl, 5 tfl, HM B12, 2 yr st'r). Despite the losses, this is another excellent Horns D-line.

LINEBACKERS - The Horns had to replace Derrick Johnson (#1DC KC, first 1st Tm AA since 1983) last year but had five of the top six back. Hall was actually a returning starter that lost his spot to rFr Rashad Bobino so the unit actually had two new starters. This year they lose MLB Aaron Harris (13 st, 91 tkl, 12 tfl, 3rd Tm AA), WLB Eric Hall (7 tkl, 4 tfl) and SLB Braden Johnson (7 tkl). Added in are three VHT true frosh including Sergio Kindle (PS#1) who was in for the spring. As you would expect, this unit is loaded with VHT's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Texas almost always finishes in the Top 15 of my pass D rankings including a #1 finish in 2002. In 2004 they slipped to #37 allowing 212.7 ypg, their highest total since 1998. Last year they only had to replace one starter and moved back up to their accustomed spot (#6). This year they lose 1st Tm AA and Thorpe Award Winner SS Michael Huff (#1DC OAK, 13 st, 109 tkl, 14 pbu), 1st Tm B12 CB Cedric Griffin (#2DC MIN, 13 st, 86 tkl, 15 pbu), SS Karim Meijer (12 tkl) and SS Bobby Tatum (4 tkl). Ten of their top 12 DB's are VHT's but the unit is a little less experienced than the 2005 version.

SPECIAL TEAMS - With all the VHT's that Mack Brown recruits, the Horns always finished high in my ST rankings. From 1999-'04, they finished #18, 10, 16, 15 and 36. Last year they only had to replace their K and simply took home my title as the best special teams unit in the country. P Richmond McGee (35.1 net) began the year as the kicker but missed 3 xp's in the opener and David Pino (PS#25) took over. Pino had a fine year hitting 14 of 18 FG's with a long of 46. The return game was dangerous with Ramonce Taylor avg 29.4 on KR's (return in question) and Aaron Ross 14.7 on PR's with two TD's. UT also blocked an amazing 6 punts giving them 20 in 5 years. This year they must replace McGee but Greg Johnson was simply #4 in the NCAA in net punting (38.4) in 2002 at Vanderbilt and also hit 8 of 13 FG's with a long of 46. He had 25 TB's on 95 KO's here in '05. Ross also returns and this is a Top 10 unit once again.

COACHES - Mack Brown took over a team that had three winning seasons the previous seven years including a 4-7 record the year before his arrival. He has now won or tied for four Big 12 South Titles and has 16 straight winning seasons overall including 14 straight bowls. He is also the only coach to have ten straight 9 win years with his 8th straight here breaking his own school record. OC Greg Davis was with him at N Carolina and has 6 of the top 7 passing yard seasons at Texas. They've recorded 27 school records and 26 fifty-point games in his tenure. In 2005 he won the Broyles Award. In 2004 they had to replace DC Greg Robinson who took over as the head man at Syracuse. They brought in an excellent hire in Gene Chizik who was the DC at Auburn the previous three years. Chizik won the Broyles Award in 2004 when his Tigers' unit allowed a paltry 11.3 ppg (#1 in the NCAA). Chizik has now been part of 28 straight wins.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to Mack Brown's arrival, UT had not finished in the Top 10 since 1983. While Longhorn fans were not thrilled with Brown, as he had the reputation for not being able to win the big one, they were #5 in the polls in 2001 and outgained Big 12 foes by 200.7 ypg. They were #6 in 2002, the first time they had back-to-back Top 10 finishes since 1978. In 2003 they had double digit wins in back-to-back weeks vs ranked teams for the first time since 1947 but yet were not invited to a BCS bowl despite their #5 ranking. In 2004 for the first time in school history, UT achieved 10+ wins for four straight years and were 11-1 finishing #5 in the polls. After their Rose Bowl win over Michigan, Vince Young said they would be back. Brown came into last season just 1-12 vs Top 5 teams and I drew comparisons last year to Tom Osborne of Nebraska who had similar numbers and yet walked away with two National Titles. I called for Brown to win his first ever Big 12 Title last year and gave the Horns an excellent shot at appearing in the Rose Bowl. UT had to defeat Ohio St on the road needing a late comeback for a 25-22 win. They also had to defeat nemesis Oklahoma but did so comfortably winning 45-12. UT not only outscored foes by an amazing 33.8 ppg, but their closest game in the regular season besides Ohio St was oddly an 11 point win over A&M. They obliterated CU in the Big 12 Title game 70-3 and then conquered two-time defending National Champ USC to deliver an undisputed National Title for Mack Brown (yes, the same coach with the "couldn't win the big game label"). Unfortunately Vince Young opted for the NFL and the Horns suffered significant losses in the NFL draft ("Earning" 26 pts in my Draft Day Party Hangover (see pg 308). They have six returning starters on offense but without Young they will come nowhere near last year's amazing 50.2 ppg. The D could be almost as strong, despite having 2 fewer returning starters than last year. Texas figures to be favored in all 12 of their games and 4 of my 7 sets of power ratings call for them to have an unbeaten season with games vs Ohio St and Okla, the key to getting to the National Title Game.

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OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 12 Colt McCoy rFr. 6-3 195 **PS#11**. 3806 pass, 47 TD as Sr in HS. 7 Jevan Snead PS#4. In for spg. Sherrod Harris PS#23. 13 Matthew McCoy (6-3 195 Sr) 39 yd LY.

RB 25 JAMAAL CHARLES SO. 6-1 190 **PS#6**. 3 st true 878 (7.4). 11 Ramonce Taylor (5-11 195 Jr) PS#31. 1876 all-purp yd 2Y. Return? 22 Selvin Young (6-0 215 Sr) PS#19. 2104 all-purp 4Y.

WR 5 BILLY PITTMAN JR. 6-0 198 PS#47. 9 st LY, 34 (22.1), **HM B12**. 84 George Walker (6-3 205 So) PS#18. 1 rec as rFr. 23 Myron Hardy (6-2 210 So) PS#50DB. 25 Mark McCoy (6-2 188 Sr).

WR 6 Quan Cosby So. 5-11 200 **PS#9DB**. Baseball '01-'04. 3 st "true", **Fr POY**, 15 rec (18.0). 9 Nate Jones (6-2 195 Jr) **PS#21**. 3 st, 16 rec 2Y. Phillip Payne is PS#24.

WR 4 LIMAS SWEED JR. 6-5 219 **PS#17**. 6 st rFr, 23 (11.4). 13 st LY, 36 (15.1), HM B12. 8 Jordan Shipley (6-0 184 So) **PS#7**. Inj 2Y. Montre Webber (6-3 190 Fr) PS#21.

TE 87 Neale Tweedie Sr. 6-5 265 **PS#16OL**. 10 tkl DE rFr. 4 st TE in '05, 2 rec. 86 Peter Ullman (6-4 252 So) **PS#14**. 1 rec as rFr. 16 Jermichael Finley (6-5 220 rFr) **PS#18WR**.

C 62 LYLE SENDLEIN SR. 6-5 305 **PS#35**. 2nd string 03 & 04, 23 gm. 13 st in '05, HM B12. 3 letters. 67 Dallas Griffin (6-4 275 Jr) **PS#38**. 9 gms LY. 54 Michael Taylor (5-11 219 So).

RG 55 Cedric Dockery So. 6-4 315 **PS#10**. 9 gm rFr, letter. 66 Brett Valdez (6-4 305 Sr) **PS#56**. 5 gm rFr. 3 gms '04. 10 gms LY. 65 Buck Burnette (6-3 295) **PS#43**. In for spg.

LG 64 KASEY STUDDARD SR. 6-3 305 **PS#29DL**. 7 gm rFr. 12 st '04, **HM B12**. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm B12**, Top OL Award. 52 Charlie Tanner (6-4 280 rFr) **PS#55**. Wrestler HS. Roy Watts **PS#35**.

RT 63 JUSTIN BLALOCK SR. 6-4 329 **PS#7**. 13 st rFr. 12 st '04, **1st Tm Big 12**. 13 st LY, **3rd Tm AA**. 70 Greg Dolan (6-7 290 So) **PS#39**. 8 gms rFr. J'Marcus Webb **PS#10**.

LT 79 Tony Hills Jr. 6-6 295 **PS#2TE**. GS '03. Letter '04. 10 gm LY. Off MIP Award. 74 Adam Ulatoski (6-8 290 rFr) **PS#28**. GS '04. 71 Chris Hall (6-4 280 rFr) **PS#35**.

K 97 Greg Johnson Sr. 6-1 195 8 of 13 FG at Vandy '02, long 46. 27-27 xp's. 25 TB's on 95 KO LY. Hunter Lawrence **PS#6**. 7 FG 40+ in HS, long 49. 39 Ryan Bailey (6-2 180 So).

DE 39 BRIAN ROBISON SR. 6-3 275 PS#84LB. 3 st LB rFr. 12 st '04, 13.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 58 tkl, 7 sk, 8 tfl. 98 Brian Orakpo (6-4 238 So) PS#45. 1 st, **B12 Def Fr Yr. Eddie Jones PS#2.**

DT 97 FRANK OKAM JR. 6-5 315 **PS#2**. 1 st true, 6 tfl. 13 sts LY, **2nd Tm B12**, 48 tkl, 5 tfl. 94 Thomas Marshall (6-6 293 Jr) 6 tkl. Ben Alexander **PS#35**. Lamarr Houston **PS#4LB**.

DT 96 Derek Lokey Jr. 6-2 275 PS#57. 27 tkl, 5.5 tfl 2Y. 99 Roy Miller (6-2 300 So) **PS#6**. 10 tkl true. 91 Tully Janszen (6-3 280 Sr) PS#43. 10 tkl 2Y. 61 Jaicus Solis (6-4 250 Sr).

DE 80 TIM CROWDER SR. 6-4 270 **PS#17**. L/9 st true, 35 tkl. 12 st, 47 tkl, 4.5 sk '04. 13 st LY, **1st Tm B12**, 9 tfl. 95 Aaron Lewis (6-4 275 So) **PS#9**. 8 tkl. 48 Chris Brown (6-3 210 So) **PS#26LB**. 8 tkl.

SLB 40 ROBERT KILLEBREW JR. 6-2 230 **PS#15**. 15 tkl rFr. 10 st LY, 67 tkl, 10 tfl. 21 Eric Foreman (6-4 230 Jr) PS#48QB. 34 tkl, 2Y. 43 Jeremy Campbell (6-2 220 So) PS#68DL. Dustin Earnest **PS#17.**

MLB 44 RASHAD BOBINO SO. 5-11 230 PS#73. 13 st rFr, 53 tkl, 7 tfl. 33 Scott Derry (6-3 230 Jr) PS#57. 21 tkl rFr. Inj LY. 38 Roddrick Muckelroy (6-2 230 rFr) **PS#30**. Chad Kugler (6-2 220 So) PS#199.

WLB 4 Drew Kelson Jr. 6-2 215 **PS#4DB**. 34 yd RB true. 3 st. 36 tkl LY. **Sergio Kindle PS#1. In for spg.** 1 Tyrell Gatewood (6-2 210 Jr) PS#14WR. 3 rec 2Y. 45 Nic Redwine (6-3 225 So) PS#32.

CB 31 Aaron Ross Sr. 6-1 192 **PS#40**. 27 tkl '03. 36 tkl, 3 pbu '04. 2 st LY, 62 tkl, 3 int, 9 pbu PR 500 yds (14.7). 29 Ryan Palmer (5-10 185 So) **PS#53.** 8 tkl rFr. Chykie Brown **PS#20.**

CB 5 TARELL BROWN SR. 6-0 200 **PS#11**. 12 sts '04, 42 tkl, 4 pbu. 12 st LY, 69 tkl, 8 pbu. 28 Brandon Foster (5-9 180 Jr) PS#145. 20 tkl 2Y. Deon Beasley (5-10 168 Fr) **PS#7.**

SS 18 Matt Melton Sr. 6-0 210 **PS#36**. 17 tkl '03-'04. 16 tkl LY. 6 Erick Jackson (6-2 185 Jr) **PS#32**. 12 tkl. 10 Ishie Oduegwu (5-10 195 rFr) PS#40. 21 Michael Flath (5-9 180 Jr).

FS 27 MICHAEL GRIFFIN SR. 6-0 205 **PS#20**. 2 st, 65 tkl true. 1 st, 49 tkl '04. 12 sts LY, 124 tkl, 8 pbu. 2nd Tm B12. 26 Marcus Griffin (6-0 195 Jr) 42 tkl 2Y. James Henry is **PS#18.**

P 97 Greg Johnson Sr. 6-1 195 66 punts at Vandy '02, **#4 NCAA net punt at 38.8!,** 39.0 avg. 6 punts in 2Y here. 17 Trevor Gerland (6-2 190 rFr) PS#33. 43 Justin Moore (6-2 185 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

LB	Sergio Kindle 6-4 225 PS#1
DL	Eddie Jones 6-3 240 PS#2
DL	Lamar Houston 6-2 257 PS#4LB
QB	Jevan Snead 6-3 215 PS#4
OL	J'Marcus Webb 6-8 280 PS#10
DB	Deon Beasley 5-10 168 PS#7
RB	Vondrell McGee 5-10 180 PS#20
LB	Dustin Earnest 6-3 217 PS#17
LB	Jared Norton 6-3 236 PS#19
DB	James Henry 6-2 205 PS#18
DB	Chykie Brown 6-1 180 PS#20
DL	Brian Ellis 6-5 250 PS#29
WR	Montre Webber 6-3 190 PS#21
WR	Phillip Payne 6-2 205 PS#24
TE	Britt Mitchell 6-5 250 PS#9
DL	Ben Alexander 6-0 298 PS#35
DB	Robert Joseph 6-2 195 PS#32
QB	Sherrod Harris 6-3 212 PS#23
OL	Roy Watts 6-6 295 PS#35
OL	Buck Burnette 6-3 295 PS#43
RB	Antwan Cobb 6-0 205 PS#59
WR	Josh Marshall 6-4 205 PS#60
OL	Steve Moore 6-5 275 PS#83
K	Hunter Lawrence 6-0 180 PS#6
TE	Greg Smith 6-4 238 PS#38

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MACK BROWN (Career 163-88-1) (Div IAA 6-5)
9th Year at Texas
Brown's SU Bowl Record: 8-6

Brown's records AT TEXAS

83-19	Straight Up	25-19	Home Favorite
52-41-1	Vs The Spread	2-0	Home Underdog
11-3	Off A SU Loss	20-17-1	Away Favorite
39-27-1	Vs Conference	5-5	Away Underdog
13-14	Vs Non-Conf	8-6-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (13-0)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (19,23,1)
Lost: 20 (9,8,3)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 83,333

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#38

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TX	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	North Texas	G					
Sep. 9	Ohio St	G					
Sep. 16	at Rice	A					
Sep. 23	Iowa St	G					
Sep. 30	Sam Houston St	G					
Oct. 7	† Oklahoma (Dallas)	G					
Oct. 14	Baylor	G					
Oct. 21	at Nebraska	A					
Oct. 28	at Texas Tech	A					
Nov. 4	Oklahoma St	G					
Nov. 11	at Kansas St	A					
Nov. 18							
Nov. 24	Texas A&M (Fri)	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Longhorns are 70-0 SU when outrushing their opponent & 63-2 SU when topping 400 or more offensive yards.
Texas is 12-3 ATS the last 15 games after a SU loss.

UT is 13-7-1 SU & 7-14 ATS S/'85 in home openers but are 3-0 SU & ATS L3Y and in those last 3 home openers they are winning by an avg of 64-3.

Texas is 13-3 ATS after their last 16 SU victories.
Horns will put their 21 gm win streak on the line as 105,565 witnessed this gm LY.

Texas is 11-9 SU & 6-14 ATS since 1986 in their 1st RG of the season.
The home team is 8-2 ATS since 1991 in this in-state series.

Brown coached at ISU from '79-'81 & was the Cyclones OC his L2Y there.
Under Brown, UT is 54-10 SU & 38-25-1 ATS in B12 regular season play.

The Bearkats were IAA Southland Conf Champs in 1991, 2001 & 2004.
First time meeting as these in-state schools are just 168 miles apart.

UT leads the Red River Shootout 56-39-5 SU but is just 1-5 SU & ATS the L6Y.
LY's 33 pt win tied UT's largest margin of victory in this series (1941 UT, 40 OU 7).

Longhorns are 7-0 SU & 6-1 ATS the L7Y after the Red River Shootout.
UT has outscored Baylor by a combined 392-58 S/'98 (avg score 49-7).

Not including the Red River Shootout, UT is 20-1 SU & 14-6-1 ATS in B12 RG's (reg ssn) S/2000.
These teams have avg'd just 43.5 ppg in their six Big 12 meetings.

The favorite is 5-8 ATS the last 13 games in this series.
In the last 4 years these schools have combined to average 76 ppg.

Texas is 22-2 SU & 17-6-1 ATS the last 24 games in November.
Longhorns are 7-0 SU & 5-2 ATS the last 7 years vs the Cowboys.

Horns have avg'd just 16 ppg in B12 play vs the Wildcats (visitor is 3-1 ATS).
Texas is 7-1 SU & 3-5 ATS the last 4 years in games before a bye.

The Longhorns are 12-1 ATS their last 13 home finales.
Texas is 9-2 SU & 8-2-1 ATS the last 11 years vs rival Texas A&M.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Major Applewhite 8,353 1998-'01
Rushing: Ricky Williams 6,279 1995-'98 Receiving: Roy Williams 3,866 2000-'03

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STADIUM: TEXAS MEMORIAL STADIUM (80,082)
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	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-4	9-2	10-2	10-2	10-2	10-1	12-0	70-13
Home	4-2	6-0	5-0	6-0	5-1	6-0	5-0	37-3
Away	5-2	3-2	5-2	4-2	5-1	4-1	7-0	33-10
ATS	6-7	7-4	6-5-1	5-7	8-4	5-6	10-2	47-35-1
Home Fav	2-3	4-2	4-1	2-4	3-3	3-3	5-0	23-16
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Away Fav	3-3	2-2	2-4-1	2-3	5-0	1-2	4-2	19-16-1
Away Dog	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	4-3
Favorite	5-6	6-4	6-5-1	4-7	8-3	4-5	9-2	42-32-1
Dog	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	5-3
Grass	5-6	5-4	5-4-1	3-5	6-4	4-5	8-1	36-29-1
Artificial	1-1	2-0	1-1	2-2	2-0	1-1	2-1	11-6
vs Conf	5-4	6-2	5-3-1	3-5	5-3	4-4	7-2	35-23-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-2	1-2	2-2	3-1	1-2	3-0	12-12
Off SU Win	4-5	5-3	5-4-1	3-6	5-4	4-5	9-2	35-29-1
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	9-2

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Vince Young	155	1186	136	1050	12	6.8
Jamaal Charles	**119**	**906**	**28**	**878**	**11**	**7.4**
Ramonce Taylor	**76**	**561**	**48**	**513**	**12**	**6.8**
Selvin Young	**96**	**487**	**26**	**461**	**8**	**4.8**
Henry Melton	**87**	**434**	**2**	**432**	**10**	**5.0**
Chris Ogbonnaya	**22**	**79**	**3**	**76**	**1**	**3.5**
Matt Nordgren	12	52	14	38	1	3.2
Matthew McCoy	**6**	**39**	**8**	**31**	**0**	**5.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Vince Young	325	212	65.2	3036	26	10
Matt Nordgren	11	6	54.5	47	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Billy Pittman	**34**	**750**	**22.1**	**5**	**75**
David Thomas	50	613	12.3	5	32
Limas Sweed	**36**	**545**	**15.1**	**5**	**45**
Quan Cosby	**15**	**270**	**18.0**	**2**	**64**
Ramonce Taylor	**27**	**265**	**9.8**	**3**	**42**
Brian Carter	18	263	14.6	0	40
Jamaal Charles	**14**	**157**	**11.2**	**2**	**36**
Nate Jones	**9**	**67**	**7.4**	**1**	**14**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Richmond McGee	35	1325	37.9	12	35.1(T)	0	11
Greg Johnson	**2**	**84**	**42.0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**1**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
David Pino	71-77	4-4	4-7	6-6	0-1	14-18	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Griffin	**124**	**0**	**4**	**8**	**3**
Michael Huff	109	2	8	14	1
Aaron Harris	91	4	8	3	1
Cedric Griffin	86	0	1	15	0
Tarell Brown	**69**	**0**	**2**	**8**	**1**
Robert Killebrew	**67**	**4**	**6**	**3**	**0**
Aaron Ross	**62**	**0**	**2**	**9**	**3**
Brian Robison	**58**	**7**	**8**	**4**	**0**
Rashad Bobino	**53**	**2**	**5**	**1**	**0**
Tim Crowder	**50**	**3**	**6**	**2**	**1**
Frank Okam	**48**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Rodrique Wright	46	4.5	8.5	3	0
Drew Kelson	**36**	**1**	**1**	**4**	**1**
Larry Dibbles	35	0	5	3	0
Marcus Griffin	**32**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Brian Orakpo	**27**	**0.5**	**3.5**	**0**	**0**
Derek Lokey	**17**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Eric Foreman	**16**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Matt Melton	**16**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Aaron Ross	**34**	**500**	**14.7**	**2**
Quan Cosby	**6**	**92**	**15.3**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ramonce Taylor	**15**	**441**	**29.4**	**0**
Tarell Brown	**5**	**108**	**21.6**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Holiday	-13	Washington - #21	47-43	L
02	Cotton	-10'	LSU	35-20	W
03	Holiday	-9'	Washington St - #15	20-28	L
04	Rose	-7'	Michigan - #13	38-37	L
05	Rose	+7	USC - #1	41-38	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	50.2	25	275	5.9	237	64.9	10.2	+7	2005	9	16.4	17	131	3.7	172	51.1	18.5
7*	35.3	24	299	5.8	165	57.8	13.2	+5	2004	7	17.9	16	107	3.2	213	55.2	17.9
8	41.0	23	233	5.1	207	56.4	10.7	+2	2003	8	21.5	18	153	3.7	177	47.2	15.3
7*	33.8	20	136	3.4	250	59.4	11.4	+17	2002	5	16.3	18	143	3.9	165	48.0	18.9
9*	39.8	23	159	4.1	267	60.4	10.7	+10	2001	8	15.9	14	94	3.0	158	50.6	15.8
7*	37.9	21	138	3.8	290	55.1	11.3	+5	2000	8	19.3	17	97	2.7	193	46.2	15.0

2005 STATS BY GAME

UT 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
#2	Louisiana-Lft	30	52-418	8.0	13-17	173	0	11	34-72	2.1	16-33	166	4	-1
#2	at Ohio St	19	38-112	2.9	18-29	270	3	13	36-111	3.1	14-26	144	4	-2
#2	Rice	24	47-361	7.7	11-18	122	1	12	46-110	2.4	4-15	99	2	+1
#2	at Missouri	23	50-349	7.0	15-22	236	1	27	47-139	3.0	21-39	191	4	+1
#2	† Oklahoma	20	40-203	5.1	14-27	241	3	12	33-77	2.3	12-33	94	3	+1
#2	Colorado	24	47-145	3.1	26-32	337	0	14	19-45	2.4	21-44	192	0	+1
#2	Texas Tech	21	40-205	5.1	12-22	239	0	29	29-99	3.4	42-64	369	6	0
#2	at Oklahoma St	22	49-367	7.5	15-31	239	2	20	46-250	5.4	12-27	152	1	-1
#2	at Baylor	35	54-347	6.4	16-27	298	0	13	30-112	3.7	10-23	89	2	+2
#2	Kansas	29	53-336	6.3	19-28	281	1	9	22-119	5.4	17-35	148	2	+1
#2	at Texas A&M	18	42-174	4.1	13-24	162	3	22	52-277	5.3	10-24	118	4	0
#2	† Colorado	26	57-268	4.7	16-19	218	0	12	26-82	3.2	15-32	109	0	+3
#2	† USC	30	36-289	8.0	30-40	267	0	30	41-209	5.1	29-41	365	3	+1
TOTALS		321	605-3574	5.9	218-336	3083	14	224	461-1702	3.7	223-436	2236	34	+7
AVERAGES		24.7	47-275	5.9	17-26	237	1.1	17.2	35-131	3.7	17-34	172	2.6	0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico St	-35	41-7	L
North Carolina	-22	44-14	W
at Houston	-31	53-26	L
Texas Tech	-18	42-7	W
† Oklahoma - #3	-3	3-14	L
at Oklahoma St	-17'	45-17	W
Colorado - #14	-11	41-7	W
at Missouri	-21'	35-16	L
at Baylor	-32	49-10	W
Kansas	-34'	59-0	W
at Texas A&M	-14	21-7	T
† Colorado - #9	-7'	37-39	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
North Texas	-35	27-0	L
at North Carolina	-13'	52-21	W
Houston	-36	41-11	L
at Tulane	-31'	49-0	W
Oklahoma St	-24'	17-15	L
† Oklahoma - #2	-3	24-35	L
at Kansas St - #17	+2'	17-14	W
Iowa St - #17	-12'	21-10	L
at Nebraska	-3'	27-24	L
Baylor	-40	41-0	W
at Texas Tech	-6'	38-42	L
Texas A&M	-12	50-20	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico St	-29	66-7	W
Arkansas	-13'	28-38	L
† Rice	-30'	48-7	W
Tulane	-29'	63-18	W
Kansas St - #16	-6'	24-20	L
† Oklahoma - #1	+6	13-65	L
at Iowa St	-17	40-19	W
at Baylor	-32'	56-0	W
Nebraska - #12	-5'	31-7	W
at Oklahoma St - #21	-3'	55-16	W
Texas Tech	-18'	43-40	L
at Texas A&M	-20	46-15	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
North Texas	-26	65-0	W
at Arkansas	-12	22-20	L
Rice	-32'	35-13	L
Baylor	-38'	44-14	L
† Oklahoma - #2	+7	0-12	L
Missouri	-13'	28-20	L
at Texas Tech	+1	51-21	W
at Colorado	-14	31-7	W
Oklahoma St - #19	-12'	56-35	W
at Kansas	-22	27-23	L
Texas A&M - #22	-10'	26-13	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana-Lft	-40'	60-3	W
at Ohio St - #4	+1'	25-22	W
Rice	-40'	51-10	W
at Missouri	-14'	51-20	W
† Oklahoma	-14	45-12	W
Colorado - #24	-17	42-17	W
Texas Tech - #10	-17	52-17	W
at Oklahoma St	-37'	47-28	L
at Baylor	-29	62-0	W
Kansas	-32'	66-14	W
at Texas A&M	-28	40-29	L
† Colorado	-26'	70-3	W

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - This will be the first time since 2001 that Tech has not had a senior starter at QB. Mike Leach's system is now firmly entrenched at Tech. Kliff Kingsbury broke the single season school record for passing in his first year (3,418) then reset it as a junior and then again as a senior throwing for 5,017. The last three years they have had a 5th year senior starting QB that had no previous starting experience and were mostly walk-ons. In 2003 BJ Symons simply set the NCAA single season record with 5,833 yards passing (65.4%) with a 52-22 ratio (340 rush). Leach had called Symons the best backup he'd ever coached. Sonny Cumbie stepped in for 2004 and threw for 4,742 (65.6%) with a 32-18 ratio. Since his arrival Hodges had played in just 7 out of 51 games and had 14 career pass attempts heading into 2005. Last year he threw for 4,238 (66.5%) and a 31-12 ratio. Kingsbury threw for 186 in his first start, Symons 297, Cumbie 470 and Hodges 454. He also had a 643 yard effort vs Kan St. VHT Graham Harrell (PS#16) played in six and threw for 422 (67.3%) with a 3-0 ratio while Ryan Rowland had one pass attempt. Chris Todd, who played at a small HS and threw for 10,768 with 120 TD's, will battle Harrell. The reduced crown on the field this year should result in an even higher % of completions. While the starter will be much younger than in the past, the top QB's (1 VHT, 1 near VHT) will thrive in this offense.

RUNNING BACKS - Taurean Henderson was the perfect fit for the TT offense. He led the team in rushing 4 consecutive seasons with 793 (5.2), 736 (5.9), 840 (5.2) and 872 (5.9). He was also one of the top receivers every year hauling in 98 (6.5), 78 (7.8), 60 (4.8) and 67 (7.9). Henderson leaves as Tech's all-time leader in receptions and also set an NCAA record for rec by a RB beating out Long Beach St's Mark Templeton (262, 1984-'87). He is just the third player in NCAA history to have 3,000 yards rushing and 2,000 yards receiving. As you can tell by the ypc on his rec, they are basically long handoffs so Henderson really topped 1,000 yards (rushing) in all four years. The top backup last year was Shannon Woods who had 168 yards rushing and 85 receiving. He will battle Taurance Rawls (PS#137, 48 ttl yd) and some talented rFr. Not listed below are Pete Richardson (5-9 184 rFr) who has 4.35 speed, Ryan Hayes (5-7 169 Fr), Justin Bradley (5-7 185 Jr), Trey Hampton (5-11 221 rFr) and this year's talented true frosh including Baron Batch (PS#40). Naturally with the loss of a player the caliber of Henderson, this unit figures to be down a few notches.

WR Joel Filani

RECEIVERS - Tech's receivers are always going to put up big numbers with Mike Leach running the offense and in 2003 three receivers topped 1,000 yards with another having 975. Three of the four had to be replaced in 2004 and big-time addition JC Marquis Johnson (PS#3) spent the year getting into shape and learning the system. Jarrett Hicks led in receiving yards with 1,177 (15.5) and set a school record with 13 rec TD's. He returned in '05 but they did have to replace their #2 and #3 receivers and then #4 Cody Fuller quit to play baseball. Explosive QB Robert Johnson (PS#12JC) moved to WR and simply led in rec with 67 (14.2), Hicks added 65 (13.1) and Joel Filani also had 65 (16.1), #1 in yds, 1048. Filani set a Big 12 record with 255 rec yards vs Kan St. This year they only lose Bristol Olomua (2 st, 28 rec), Brandon Douglas (1 st, 6 rec), Slade Hodges (4 rec) and Marquis Johnson (13). Each season this group gets a little more athletic and this is the most experienced it has been in three years. Three players return who were either 1st or 2nd Tm B12 in 2005.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Tech had 4 starters back in 2004 and opened holes for 3.8 ypc rushing, the 2nd best in the Leach era, and allowed just 27 sacks (4.1%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and of the 14 scholarship OL's, five were true frosh. Leach called it a great crop of true frosh and they trained each at all 5 positions last year. Louis Vasquez would have played more but was limited to just 5 games (ankle). At the beginning of the year OL Coach Bedenbaugh said he only had 7 OL's he felt comfortable playing. While Tech's ypc improved to 4.2, the sack total also went up to 36 (6.1%). This year they lose EJ Whitley who started at 4 different positions (#7DC DAL, 12 st, 4 yr st'r), RG Bryan Kegans (7 st) and LT Daniel Christian (2nd string). They also get the super addition of Ofa Mohetau who was simply PS#1OL (out of HS) and had 8 starts at BYU in 2003.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '03 Tech allowed 4.7 ypc rushing and with 3 starters back in '04, improved to 4.3. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm B12 DE and 3 backups but had 6 players back with starting experience. They lost starter Seth Nitschmann and backup Dek Bake prior to the season to injury. They had just 2 scholarship DT's so they moved DE Randall Cherry inside. They lose Cherry (7 st, 19 tkl, 2 tfl), DE Brett Bischofberger (5 st, 14 tkl, 3 sk), DT Fred Thrweatt (15 tkl) and DE Keyunta Dawson who moves to SLB. Not only do 2 full-time starters return, but Nitschmann is back, so it's like having 3 starters back. Tech improved to 4.0 ypc rush allowed but only accounted for 18 sacks last year. This unit looks stronger in 2006.

LINEBACKERS - Tech had all 3 starters back and 5 players with starting experience in 2004. Last year they had to replace one starter (#7DC) and a backup but then returning starter Brock Stratton was lost after three starts so they basically had one starter back. This year they lose SLB John Saldi (12 st, 36 tkl, 8.5 tfl, HM B12) and WLB Sylvester Brinkley (9 st, 48 tkl, 4.5 tfl). The unit gets two significant additions with the return of Stratton and 2nd Tm B12 DE Keyunta Dawson, so it's like having 3 full-time starters returning. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Chad Hill (5-11 219 Jr, 8 tkl, 2 yr), Calen Shearer (6-1 221 So, 9 tkl LY), Sandy Riley (6-1 257 rFr, PS#82TE), Ty Linder (6-3 206 Jr) and Jamequinlon McGill (6-0 227 Sr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - An inexperienced TT secondary in 2003 was only #80 in my pass D rankings but with 3 starters back in 2004, they improved to #24. Last year they had to replace one starter and 3 backups. Tech finished a solid #38. This year they lose CB Khalid Naziruddin (12 st, 66 tkl, 2 yr st'r), SS Vincent Meeks (10 st, 48 tkl, 3 int, 2nd Tm B12), FS Dwayne Slay (12 st, #1 tkl'r, 1st Tm AA, B12 Def POY), FS Greg Aycock (12 tkl) and CB SirDon Lewis (7 tkl). Tech figures to drop a few notches with a less experienced unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In '03 TT hired Ruffin McNeill as ST coach and had their highest finish yet in my ST rankings under Leach at #49. In '04 they had to replace Wes Welker who simply left as the NCAA's all-time PR yardage and PR TD leader. Danny Amendola (PS#53) stepped in and despite having a 74 yd PR TD called back avg'd a B12 best 12.8. After a #56 finish in '04, surprisingly TT slipped to #76. TT had a very disappointing game vs Texas with 24 of UT's points set up by ST's on drives of 26 yards or less. Leach vowed to play more starters in the 2H of the season. Amendola saw his PR numbers drop to 9.8. Shannon Woods avg 20.7 on KR's, but the team only avg'd 18.6 and hasn't avg'd over 20 ypr since '98. K Alex Trlica hit 7 of 13 FG's as a frosh but was 0 for 6 from 40+. He improved to 13 of 18 with a long of 47, connecting on 3 from 40+. In 2004 Keith Toogood (PS#49) had 23 TB's on 57 KO's and Trlica had 37 TB's on 77 KO's in 2005. Amendola is back as are both P & K and this group has Top 25 potential.

COACHES - Mike Leach enters his seventh year here and does a tremendous job (led NCAA in passing 4 yrs in a row and total offense 2 out of 3 yrs). Technically he has co-OC's in Sonny Dykes and Dana Holgorsen, but make no mistake that this is Leach's offense. In 2002 he brought in former Cal DC Lyle Setencich as the DC and he has done a fine job. He was Cal's DC from 1997 to 2001. He was also the HC at Cal Poly from 1987-1993 where he compiled a 41-29-2 record and Boise St's HC from 1983-1986 where he was 24-20. Leach had his contract extended through 2009.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tech has now had 13 straight non-losing seasons and even more impressive to me, they are the ONLY member of the Big 12 with 11 straight winning seasons. They are surprisingly 12 games over .500 in conf play since the Big 12 was formed. It took Tech a little time to warm up to the Mike Leach system but in Kliff Kingsbury's senior season they averaged 38.4 ppg. Despite breaking in inexperienced QB's the following 3 years, they've actually averaged 42.5, 36.2 and 39.4 ppg with 475, 400 and 389 passing ypg. In 2002 Tech outgained Big 12 foes by 88.8 ypg and improved that to 134.9 in 2003 (3rd best), 103.7 in '04 and last year 115 ypg (2nd best). In 2004 they came back from a 21-0 deficit to TCU and 30-5 deficit vs Kansas for victories and then knocked off a Cal team, disappointed not to be in a BCS bowl, with a 45-31 win to finish 8-4. Their #18 finish in the AP poll in 2004 had been their highest since 1976. For as fast as the offense scores, I felt the D did a great job allowing just 26.2 ppg in 2004. Last year the defense had 8 starters back and showed improvement again yielding just 18.8 ppg. Even taking out the creampuff non-conf games, they yielded just 22.8 in league play. Tech has not won 10 regular season games since 1976. TT ranked in the preseason Top 25 (#21) for the first time since 1977 when they were #8. They got off to their best start since 1998 at 6-0 including a fortuitous win over Nebraska in which an int was fumbled back to them with 1:13 left and they got a TD 1:01 later. They were all fired up for their home game vs undefeated Texas but were plastered 52-17 in a game in which TTech had a 29-21 FD edge. They got their first ever Big 12 road shutout at Baylor. Tech played in just their 3rd Cotton Bowl (1939 and 1995). They were #13 after an 8-1 start but suffered a stunning loss to Okla St. The next week they actually lost to Oklahoma but got two favorable ref calls at the end, giving them the win. Their luck expired in the bowl when Alabama got a knuckle ball game winning FG to pull out a 13-10 victory. Their +9 turnovers in 2005 nearly qualified for my Turnovers=Turnaround article (pg 312) and was the best turnover margin in the Leach era. Despite having to replace their QB, a 4 year starting RB and facing a tougher schedule than last year, they do have their top 4 receivers back meaning Tech's offense could improve on the 33 ppg in B12 play last year. Tech returns 4 defensive players who started at least 23 games and 3 others with at least 13 starts. Tech's D has improved from #106 to #46 to #30 in total defense the past 3 years. They are more experienced than it seems as 5 starters return and could be just as good as last year's top-notch D as long as their young secondary comes together quickly. They were #18 in scoring defense allowing 18.8 ppg, their best since 1980 (17.1). This is the first time Leach's offense and a high draft pick caliber QB have merged and I give Tech a shot at topping last year's 9-win total.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Ofa Mohetau 6-3 340 PS#27JC
DB	Daniel Johnson 6-3 200 PS#28
QB	Taylor Potts 6-5 220 PS#19
RB	Baron Batch 5-10 190 PS# 40
DB	Leonard Hewitt 5-10 175 PS#41
DB	LaRon Moore 5-9 179 PS#43
LB	Blake Collier 6-2 208 PS#40
DB	Jamar Wall 5-10 180 PS#52RB
LB	Brian Duncan 6-2 228 PS#46
OL	Chris Olson 6-5 280 PS#65
DL	Jonathan Hollins 6-3 228 PS#79
OL	Buddy Brumit 6-3 285 PS#80
DL	Richard Jones 6-2 265 PS#99
RB	Jocques Crawford 5-11 208 PS#89
WR	Michael Crabtree 6-2 215 PS#63QB
DB	Steven Harris 5-11 180 PS#94WR
DL	Dan'Tay Ward 6-2 291 PS#123
OL	Dimitri Lott 6-2 271 PS#129
DB	Franklin Mitchem 6-3 200 PS#114
LB	Marlon Williams 5-11 209 PS#99
TE	Adam James 6-3 222 PS#53
DL	Rajon Henley 6-3 250 PS#160
LB	Julius Howard 6-0 220 PS#138
TE	Adrian Reese 6-6 205 PS#57
OL	Tyler Duggins 6-7 275 PS#217
LB	Trevor Reilly 6-5 200 PS#199
DB	Jarell Routt 6-0 187 PS#237
OL	Adrian Archie 6-5 285 PS#236
WR	Lyle Leong 6-2 168 PS#231
DL	Sean Estelle 6-3 245 PS#264
OL	Ben Davis 6-8 292 PS#278
DL	Broderick Marshall 6-4 278 PS#276
DL	Brandon Williams 6-3 245 PS#289
DL	Dewayne Baziel 6-3233 PS#348
QB	Steven Sheffield 6-4 180 PS#270
WR	Brik Brinker 6-2 175 PS#381
RB	Ryan Hayes 5-7 169 PS#515

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE	JERSEY # IN RED
QB	**6 Graham Harrell So.** 6-3 197 **PS#16**. 6 gm rFr, 422 (67%) 3-0 ratio. **13 Chris Todd** (6-3 201 rFr) **PS#37**. **7** Ryan Rowland (6-3 202 Jr). SMU transfer. Taylor Potts **PS#19**.
RB	**21 Shannon Woods So.** 5-11 197 PS#279. 1 st rFr, 481 all-purp. **18** Taurance Rawls (5-10 200 Jr) PS#137. 405 bench. 72 yd ttl 2Y. **37** Kobey Lewis (5-6 167 rFr) PS#181.
WR	**88 JARRETT HICKS SR.** 6-3 208 **1st Tm B12 2Y**, 23 st 3Y, 173 rec (14.6). **4** Todd Walker (6-1 178 So) **PS#16DB**. 4.25 spd. 3 rec as true. Michael Crabtree (6-2 215 Fr) PS#63QB.
WR	**20 DANNY AMENDOLA JR.** 5-11 176 PS#53. 8 st, 34 (11.6), 454 ret yds. **12** Eric Morris (5-9 174 So) 10 (8.0) rFr. **29** David Schaefer (6-4 223 Jr). 2 st LY. **2** Catron Houston (5-11 183 So).
WR	**8 JOEL FILANI SR.** 6-3 214 PS#88. **1st Tm B12**, 11 st, 65 (16.1). **27 Edward Britton** (6-0 177 rFr) PS#42RB. **16** Grant Walker (6-1 187 Jr). **11 tkl at Purdue. 85** Chris Cunigan PS#56.
WR	**9 ROBERT JOHNSON SR.** 6-1 218 **PS#12JC** (QB). **2nd Tm B12**, 10 st, 67 (14.2). **86** LA Reed (6-2 203 So) 2 st, 11 (12.4) LY. **3** Thomas Bachman (5-10 182 Jr) PS#65.
C	**73 BRANDON JONES SR.** 6-3 309 3 gm rFr. 11 st LY, **HM B12**. **72** Josh Aleman (6-3 308 So) PS#387. 5 gm rFr. **84** Shawn Byrnes (6-3 318 rFr) PS#176. **LS 50** Austin Burns (5-10 238 rFr).
RG	**63 MANUEL RAMIREZ SR.** 6-4 328 PS#198. 10 st rFr, 11 st '04. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm B12**. **66** Cody Baker (6-5 287 So) lettered, 3 gms. **61** Andrew Johnson (6-4 300 rFr) PS#185.
LG	**NA Ofa Mohetau Jr.** 6-3 340 **PS#1. 8 st at BYU as true '03. 65** Louis Vasquez (6-6 335 rFr) PS#133. 5 gm true (inj). **71** Stephen Hamby (6-3 271 So). **77** David Spriggs (6-3 269 rFr).
RT	**78 GABE HALL SR.** 6-4 293 **PS#35TE**. Inj'd rFr. 11 st LY. **60 Brandon Carter** (6-6 351 rFr) **PS#66OL**. Added 23 lbs. Chris Olson is **PS#65. 79** Gary Taylor (6-6 235 rFr).
LT	**69 GLENN JANUARY SR.** 6-7 287 PS#255. 2nd string, 2x lettered '03 & '04. 7 st LY. **67** Marlon Winn (6-6 309 rFr) PS#345. **74** Rylan Reed (6-6 273 So) PS#179DL. 425 bench.
K	**30 ALEX TRLICA JR.** 6-0 172 7 of 13 FG's '04, long 34. 13 of 18 LY, long 47, 36 TB's on 74 KO's. **14** Keith Toogood (6-1 179 Sr) PS#49. 8 of 13 FG's, long 47 '03. 23 TB's on KO's '04.

DEFENSE	JERSEY # IN RED
DE	**92 Seth Nitschmann Sr.** 6-4 246 2 st, 5 tfl rFr. **12 st '04**, 44 tkl, 5 tfl, HM Big 12. Inj'd LY. **89** Tyler Yenzer (6-4 235 Jr) PS#135. 6 tkl LY. **94** Phillip Jones (6-4 239 rFr) PS#109LB.
DT	**93 CHRIS HUDLER SR.** 6-3 289 PS#98TE. 5 st, 4 tfl rFr. 9 st, 14 tkl '04. 12 st, 29 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **90** Brian Jones (6-1 288 So) PS#247. 415 bench. **98** Jake Ratliff (6-6 249 So) PS#136.
DT	**99 KEN SCOTT SR.** 6-2 327 **700 squat**. 8 st, 27 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. 9 st, 16 tkl '04. 10 st LY, 37 tkl, 3 tfl, **HM B12**. **51 Dek Bake** (6-5 268 Sr) **PS#32JC**. 2 st, 27 tkl '04. RS LY. 425 bench.
DE	**91 McKinner Dixon So.** 6-3 265 **PS#34. 4.58 spd**. 1 st true, 29 tkl, 6 tfl. **77** Jared Williams (6-5 252 So) 6 tkl LY. **95** Rashad Hunt (6-2 257 rFr). **52** Victor Hunter (5-11 251 rFr).
SLB	**96 KEYUNTA DAWSON SR.** 6-2 248 4.5 sk true. 2 st in '04, 26 tkl, 6.5 sk. 12 st at DE LY, 62 tkl, 2.5 sk, **2nd Tm Big 12. 39** Brent Slaughter (6-1 209 Sr) **4.36 spd**. 29 tkl in 3Y.
MLB	**45 Brock Stratton Sr.** 5-11 228 PS#157. **12 st**, 95 tkl, 5 tfl '03, **Co-Big 12 Def Fr Yr**. 11 st '04, 62 tkl. 3 st LY (inj). **48** Paul Williams (6-1 221 Jr) PS#74. 515 squat. 16 tkl LY.
WLB	**42 FLETCHER SESSION SR.** 6-0 232 PS#119. 4 st, 20 tkl rFr. 2 st '04, 35 tkl, 6 tfl. 12 st LY, 81 tkl, 5 tfl. **56** Kellen Tillman (6-1 237 Sr) PS#125. **50** Ryan Hale (6-0 219 rFr) PS#164.
CB	**17 Chris Parker Jr.** 5-11 177 First 2Y, 1 st, 25 tkl, 3 tfl, 5 pbu. **33** Brent Nickerson (6-0 171 rFr) PS#107. **10** Daniel Charbonet (6-0 189 So) PS#208. 2 st 14 tkl at **Duke** as a true.
CB	**36 ANTONIO HUFFMAN SR.** 5-11 179 PS#171. 20 tkl, 4 pbu rFr. 12 st '04, 59 tkl, 8 pbu. 11 st, 35 tkl, 4 pbu LY. **34** LaShawn Vation (5-9 170 rFr) PS#90. **28** Marcus Bunton (5-8 187 So) PS#280QB. 500 squat.
SS	**49 Joe Garcia Jr.** 6-2 206 PS#168. 3 st, 2Y, 26 tkl, 2 pbu. **23** Anthony Hines (6-1 236 So) 9 tkl rFr. 475 squat. Daniel Johnson is **PS#28**. Steven Harris is PS#94WR.
FS	**24 Lance Fuller So.** 6-0 217 PS#334. 6 tkl rFr. **7** Darcel McBath (6-1 193 So) PS#140. 1 tkl LY. **11** Hunter Coleman (5-11 190 Jr) 2 tkl LY. **27** Jordy Rowland (6-1 191 So).
P	**22 ALEX REYES SR.** 6-1 226 PS#44. 28 (43.0) true, **net 38.8**. 39 (42.2) '04, HM B12. 49 (42.8) LY. **20** Brandon Ritchey (5-11 209 Sr). **13** Brian Galindo (5-10 169 rFr) PS#75.

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	SMU	A					
Sep. 9	at UTEP	A					
Sep. 16	at TCU	G					
Sep. 23	SE Louisiana	A					
Sep. 30	at Texas A&M	G					
Oct. 7	Missouri (HC)	A					
Oct. 14	at Colorado	G					
Oct. 21	at Iowa St	G					
Oct. 28	Texas	A					
Nov. 4	Baylor	A					
Nov. 11	at Oklahoma	G					
Nov. 18	Oklahoma St	A					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Texas Tech is the only school in the Big 12 to be bowl eligible & post a winning record each season since the league's inception in 1996.
Red Raiders are 35-8 ATS (81%) since 1994 after a SU loss.

Red Raiders are 12-1 SU & 11-1-1 ATS in their home openers the L13Y.
Texas Tech is 25-16-1 ATS as a favorite under HC Mike Leach.

Red Raiders are just 3-9 ATS the last 2 years after a SU win.
Texas Tech is 4-6 SU & 2-7-1 ATS in their last 10 road openers.

TT is just 7-17 SU & 8-16 ATS their last 24 games on natural grass.
Texas Tech is 9-3 ATS in this instate series since 1985.

The Lions finished 4-6 as members of IAA Southland Conf last year.
SEL had no football program from 1986-2002 & since their return in '03 enter '06 16-17.

Red Raiders are 15-9 ATS the last 24 games vs the Big 12 South Div.
Texas Tech is 13-4 ATS the last 17 meetings with Texas A&M.

The home team is 4-1 ATS in this series all-time (1st gm was in 1995).
Red Raiders are 13-1 SU & 12-2 ATS in their last 14 Homecoming games.

Both teams had to replace Sr QB's from last year in Hodges & Klatt.
TT has never won in Boulder going 0-3 & being outscored by 15 ppg.

Both teams feature a trio of WR's that avg 6-3 with no receiver under 6-1.
The favorite is 4-0 ATS in Big 12 play in this series.

Could apply: TT is 2-4 ATS as a HD under Leach with 2 outright upsets.
In the last 4 yrs, these 2 schools have avg'd 76 ppg (69 pts lowest score).

Red Raiders are 13-2 SU & 12-3 ATS the last 15 years vs Baylor.
TT is 21-6 SU & 17-9 ATS in their last 27 November home games.

The visitor is 5-1 ATS the last 6 years in this series.
Leach was the OC at OU in 1999-'00, guiding them to a #1 finish in total offense.

Raiders are 8-4 SU & 10-2 ATS vs the Cowboys since 1988.
Texas Tech is 17-3 ATS in their home finales since 1985.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Kliff Kingsbury 12,429 1999-'02
Rushing: Byron Hanspard 4,219 1994-'96 Receiving: Wes Welker 3,069 2000-'03

MIKE LEACH (Career 48-28)

7th Yr at Texas Tech — Leach's SU Bowl Record: 3-3

Leach's records AT TEXAS TECH

48-28	Straight Up	19-9-1	Home Favorite
37-29-1	Vs The Spread	2-4	Home Underdog
15-5	Off A SU Loss	6-7	Away Favorite
27-21	Vs Conference	10-9	Away Underdog
10-8-1	Vs Non-Conf	1-4	Off A Bye

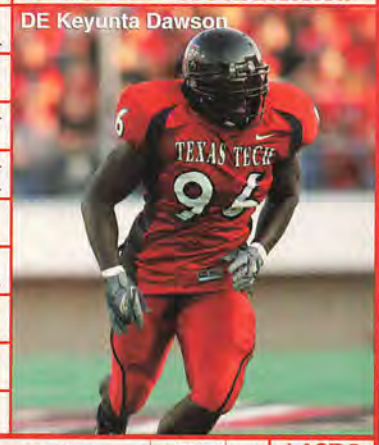
2005 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (20,26,4)
Lost: 19 (8,10,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 50,972

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION



STADIUM: JONES AT&T STADIUM (52,702)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-5	7-4	8-5	7-5	7-4	9-2	51-30
Home	4-1	6-2	4-2	5-1	5-1	4-1	7-0	35-8
Away	2-4	1-3	3-2	3-4	2-4	3-3	2-2	16-22
ATS	5-6	7-5	6-3-1	7-6	8-4	5-6	4-5	42-35-1
Home Fav	1-1	4-2	1-1-1	4-1	4-1	3-2	3-2	20-10-1
Home Dog	3-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	5-4
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	3-0	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-2	7-8
Away Dog	0-4	3-1	1-1	1-4	3-1	2-1	0-1	10-13
Favorite	2-2	4-2	4-1-1	5-2	5-2	3-5	4-4	27-18-1
Dog	3-4	3-3	2-2	2-4	3-2	2-1	0-1	15-17
Grass	1-4	1-1	1-1	2-5	2-1	1-2	0-1	8-15
Artificial	4-2	6-4	5-2-1	5-1	6-3	4-4	4-4	34-20-1
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	4-4	3-5	32-24
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-2	1-0-1	2-3	3-1	1-2	1-0	10-11-1
Off SU Win	1-4	2-5	4-2	4-4	6-2	1-5	2-4	20-26
Off SU Loss	4-1	4-0	2-1	3-1	1-2	4-0	1-1	19-6

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Alamo	-1	Iowa	16-19	L
02	Tangerine	-5	Clemson	55-15	W
03	Houston	-11'	Navy	38-14	W
04	Holiday	+11	California - #4	45-31	W
05	Cotton	-3'	Alabama - #13	10-13	L

Texas Tech's All-Time SU Bowl Record 8-20-1

TEXAS TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	39.4	27	107	4.2	389	66.5	12.6	+9	2005	8	18.8	20	155	4.0	180	55.0	17.8
6	36.2	27	92	3.8	400	65.4	13.6	-5	2004	9	26.2	20	176	4.3	181	51.2	13.7
9	42.5	32	107	4.5	475	64.9	13.7	-8	2003	5	34.0	23	197	4.7	256	57.3	13.3
7*	38.4	27	99	3.6	389	66.9	12.7	-10	2002	9	31.4	21	164	4.2	240	55.7	12.9
8*	33.5	22	82	3.5	335	67.8	12.4	+6	2001	4	23.4	20	173	4.1	187	56.6	15.4
6	25.4	20	66	2.6	297	60.9	14.3	+6	2000	4	21.4	19	164	3.9	169	52.4	15.6

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Taurean Henderson	148	919	47	872	17	5.9
Cody Hodges	109	496	305	191	3	1.8
Shannon Woods	24	174	6	168	3	7.0
Joel Filani	6	57	3	54	0	9.0
Taurance Rawls	10	33	1	32	1	3.2
Graham Harrell	2	0	10	-10	0	-5.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Cody Hodges	531	353	66.5	4238	31	12
Graham Harrell	55	37	67.3	422	3	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Joel Filani	65	1048	16.1	8	62
Robert Johnson	67	951	14.2	4	67
Jarrett Hicks	65	850	13.1	10	47
Taurean Henderson	67	528	7.9	5	39
Danny Amendola	34	395	11.6	3	39
Bristol Olomua	28	309	11.0	1	29
LA Reed	11	136	12.4	0	30
Shannon Woods	9	85	9.4	1	41
Eric Morris	10	80	8.0	0	15
Marquis Johnson	13	74	5.7	1	15
Brandon Douglas	6	72	12.0	0	36

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Alex Reyes	49	2099	42.8	3	32.3	0	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Alex Trlica	60-60	4-4	6-8	3-6	0-0	13-18	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dwayne Slay	114	1	2.5	1	1
Fletcher Session	81	2	3	2	0
Khalid Naziruddin	66	0	1	3	2
Keyunta Dawson	62	2.5	1	1	0
Sylvester Brinkley	48	0	4.5	4	2
Vincent Meeks	48	0	0	3	3
Ken Scott	37	1.5	1.5	3	0
John Saldi	36	3	5.5	3	0
Antonio Huffman	35	0	2	4	1
Chris Hudler	29	2	2	1	1
McKinner Dixon	29	2	4	0	0
Chris Parker	21	0	3	5	1
Randall Cherry	19	1	1	1	0
Paul Williams	16	0	1	1	1
Joe Garcia	16	0	1	1	0
Fred Thrweatt	15	0	1	2	0
Brett Bischofberger	14	3	0	1	0
Greg Aycock	12	0	0	1	0
Anthony Hines	9	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Danny Amendola	32	313	9.8	0
Eric Morris	6	69	11.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Shannon Woods	11	228	20.7	0
Danny Amendola	9	141	15.7	0

2005 STATS BY GAME

TT 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#21	Florida Int'l	32	23 - 135	5.9	36 - 45	518	2	26	38 - 135	3.6	26 - 42	214	1	+2
#19	Sam Houston St	40	26 - 120	4.6	41 - 55	650	2	19	28 - 58	2.1	20 - 41	195	3	+1
#19	Indiana St	26	23 - 242	10.5	34 - 47	296	0	15	39 - 148	3.8	16 - 32	120	1	+2
#16	Kansas	24	26 - 47	1.8	34 - 53	333	5	19	37 - 117	3.2	21 - 38	154	4	0
#15	at Nebraska	23	23 - 44	1.9	34 - 45	368	4	22	35 - 135	3.9	21 - 35	229	2	+3
#13	Kansas St	39	25 - 15	0.6	47 - 72	669	3	13	31 - 114	3.7	14 - 25	192	2	0
#10	at Texas	29	29 - 99	3.4	42 - 64	369	6	21	40 - 205	5.1	12 - 22	239	0	0
#17	at Baylor	17	22 - 111	5.0	22 - 44	264	1	20	40 - 121	3.0	21 - 38	204	2	+2
#16	Texas A&M	32	37 - 194	5.2	32 - 48	433	2	18	40 - 222	5.6	15 - 25	131	0	+2
#13	at Oklahoma St	19	19 - 30	1.6	29 - 42	308	3	19	52 - 303	5.8	11 - 23	94	2	-1
#21	Oklahoma	23	31 - 144	4.6	24 - 37	232	4	21	45 - 162	3.6	12 - 26	118	0	-2
#18	† Alabama	18	24 - 103	4.3	16 - 36	226	4	21	44 - 145	3.3	19 - 31	275	0	0
TOTALS		322	308 - 1284	4.2	391 - 588	4666	36	234	469 - 1865	4.0	208 - 378	2165	18	+9
AVERAGES		26.8	26 - 107	4.2	33 - 49	389	3.0	19.5	39 - 155	4.0	17 - 32	180	1.5	0.8

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico	-12	42-30	T
at North Texas	-18	42-14	W
at Texas - #5	+18	7-42	L
Kansas	-13'	31-34 2OT	L
Kansas St - #24	+14'	38-19	W
at Nebraska - #3	+26	31-41	W
at Baylor	-12	63-19	W
Texas A&M - #24	-6	12-0	W
at Oklahoma St	-6'	49-30	W
Oklahoma - #3	+7'	13-30	L
Stephen F Austin	NL	58-3	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio St - #13	+6	21-45	L
at SMU	-20	24-14	W
Mississippi	-3'	42-28	W
NC State - #17	-1'	48-51 OT	L
at New Mexico	-8	49-0	W
at Texas A&M - #23	+6	48-47 OT	W
at Iowa St - #11	+6'	17-31	L
Missouri	-6'	52-38	W
at Colorado - #21	+6	13-37	L
Baylor	-32	62-11	W
Oklahoma St	-9	49-24	W
Texas - #5	+6'	42-38	W
at Oklahoma - #4	+13	15-60	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SMU	-23'	58-10	W
New Mexico	-13'	42-28	W
at NC State	+6'	21-49	L
at Mississippi	+3	49-45	W
Texas A&M	-5	59-28	W
Iowa St	-16'	52-21	W
at Oklahoma St	+3	49-51	W
at Missouri	-3	31-62	L
Colorado	-14	26-21	L
at Baylor	-27'	62-14	W
at Texas - #6	+18'	40-43	W
Oklahoma - #1	+19'	25-56	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at SMU	-24'	27-13	L
at New Mexico	-3'	24-27	L
TCU	-5'	70-35	W
at Kansas	-6	31-30	L
at Oklahoma - #2	+25	13-28	W
Nebraska	-7	70-10	W
Texas - #8	-1	21-51	L
at Kansas St	+2'	35-25	W
Baylor	-31	42-17	L
at Texas A&M - #22	+2'	25-32 OT	L
Oklahoma St - #23	-4'	31-15	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida Int'l	-34	56-3	W
Sam Houston St	NL	80-21	–
Indiana St	NL	63-7	–
Kansas	-18'	30-17	L
at Nebraska	-4	34-31	L
Kansas St	-15'	59-20	W
at Texas - #2	+17	17-52	L
at Baylor	-13	28-0	W
Texas A&M	-15	56-17	W
at Oklahoma St	-23	17-24	L
Oklahoma	-7'	23-21	L

TEXAS A&M AGGIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Reggie McNeal (#6DC CIN) had a fine career at A&M but unfortunately only had one start in 8 games as a true frosh before injury in '02. In 2004 he threw for 2,791 yards (58.1%) with a 14-4 ratio and with his 4.3 speed rushed for 932. He set a school record for total offense vs SMU in '05 with 449 (despite leaving with 6:25 left 3Q) and became the first QB in Aggie history to top 300 yards passing in consecutive games. McNeal was also the first to have 300 passing and 100 rushing in a game. He suffered an ankle sprain vs Texas St and only had 132 and 146 passing the next two weeks but rebounded with a career high 150 rushing vs Okla St. He was injured in the 3Q vs Oklahoma, just after breaking the school's career passing record (Corey Pullig '92-'95 6,846). In '04 they were able to redshirt Stephen McGee (PS#7) using Ty Branyon as the backup and he hit 19 of 29 for 194 yards (101 rush). When McNeal went down in '05, McGee was 0 of 6 vs Okla but rushed for 67 running the option. Due to McNeal's injury, McGee started and almost engineered an upset of Texas. While he hit just 9 of 23 for 83, he became the first Aggie QB to top 100 yards rushing vs Texas since Bucky Richardson in 1990. McNeal's numbers were down as he threw for 1,963 yards (53.2%) with a 16-9 ratio. In 2004 he broke the school and Big 12 record for passes without an int (213) and had an outstanding career ratio of 44-23. Not listed below are TJ Sanders (6-3 211 Jr, PS#305) and Jeff Wood (6-5 210 rFr). McGee looked like a solid leader vs Texas but his passing numbers will not match McNeal's.

RUNNING BACKS - Courtney Lewis (4.37 spd), became the Aggies first 1,000 yard rusher since 1998 when he had 1,024 yards (5.5) as a rFr in 2003. Lewis suffered a leg injury and was not 100% in '04 (742, 4.2) starting only 9. Lewis suffered through another injury-plagued campaign last year but did have the highest rushing yardage total for a RB vs Oklahoma (146). He had 723 yards in just 9 games but avg a nifty 6.6 ypc. True frosh Jovorskie Lane (274 lbs, PS#14) rushed for 139 vs Okla St and 3 TD's. When Lewis was injured early vs Texas, Lane rushed for 104 and finished with 595 (5.0). They return as a Thunder and Lightning type of combo. Not listed in the 2 deep below are SB's Samson Taylor (6-0 205 So, PS#27) who had 82 (4.6), Keondra Smith (5-9 207 rFr, PS#77), TB's David Anderson (5-9 188 Sr, 405 bench), Brandon Leone (6-0 223 Sr, PS#99DB) who had one start and 112 ttl yards after moving from DB, Brandon Arrington (5-9 195 So) and some of this year's true frosh. If Lewis can stay healthy, the Lewis/Lane combo should be one of the best in the Big 12.

RECEIVERS - The Aggies had some big receiving numbers in '02 and '04. Robert Ferguson, Bethel Johnson and Terrence Murphy were all #2DC's and all took turns topping the school's career receiving yards mark. Murphy had to be replaced last year but the unit appeared in good shape with almost everyone else back. Unfortunately, WR L'Tydrick Riley (PS#13DB) tore his ACL and also injured in August were Keith Dickerson (PS#104) and Jesse Woods. WR Earvin Taylor was lost for the season vs Texas St. The first 5 times Chad Schroeder (PS#73QB) touched the ball he had 5 TD's (4 rec, 1 rush) but broke his leg vs Iowa St and still finished #2 with 20 (16.8). Jason Carter became the team's go-to man. He had 36 rec in '04 and improved that to 54 (15.3). This year they must replace Carter (7 st), DeQawn Mobley (7 sts, 19) and TE Boone Stutz (2 rec). True frosh Martellus Bennett (PS#1) took over the starting TE job and has a bright future. Due to the injuries, a lot of youngsters played in '05. Not listed below are WR Antonio Perry (6-1 175 rFr, PS#174), TE Andrew Key (6-3 235 rFr) and this year's true frosh including Cody Beyer who was in for the spring. Provided they stay healthier, this unit could be improved despite the loss of their top receiver.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Aggies had a veteran O-line in 2004 which paved the way for 4.6 ypc rushing while allowing just 24 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter then three returning starters, C Chris Yoder, LT Jami Hightower (2 st) and SG Aldo De La Garza (3 st) lost their spots. The O-line had a tremendous season as they paved the way for 5.7 ypc while allowing just 16 sacks but McNeal's mobility helped. This year they lose SG Dominque Steamer (6 st), Hightower, De La Garza and Taylor Schuster (2nd string). While just six of the top ten return, with four full-time starters back and eight VHT's listed in the 3 deep below, this should be one of the Big 12's strongest O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Aggies used a 10 man rotation on the D-line in 2004 and allowed just 3.6 ypc rushing while the team had 28 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter (#6DC) but had five of the top eight back. Despite the poor overall defensive play, the numbers for the DL were not bad as they still allowed just 3.6 ypc (26 sk). This year they must replace DT Johnny Jolly (#6DC GB, 11 st, 63 tkl, 11.5 tfl), DT David Ross (22 tkl) and DT Lawrence Hooper (2 tkl). DE Jason Jack was limited to 7 starts due to injury. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Marques Thornton (6-1 288 Sr) who has 30 tackles and 4 tfl in 3 years. They add in 3 VHT rFr and this is one unit on the defense capable of living up to the Wrecking Crew reputation.

LINEBACKERS - A&M's Wrecking Crew D is known for their LB play but the 2003 version was probably their weakest corps since I've been following college football. The inexperienced group had just 2 of the top 11 tacklers. They played much better in 2004 and last year had all 3 starters returning to this unit but surprisingly the Aggies yielded 31.2 ppg. This year they must replace MLB Archie McDaniel (10 st, 82 tkl, 3.5 tfl), SLB Lee Foliaki (5 st til inj, 45 tfl, 2.5 tfl) and ROV Renuel Greene (4 st, 24 tkl, 1.5 tfl). The team's top tackler returns in Justin Warren and this unit is loaded with VHT's, as shown in the FOUR deep below. They are switching to a 4-2-5 but I count the ROV in this area. Despite being less experienced, the Aggies' LB unit can only be tougher.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003 the Aggies had to replace 1st and 2nd round DC's from the secondary and finished #110 in my pass D rankings. A more experienced unit moved up to #70 in 2004. Last year they had to replace both starting CB's and lost returning starter SS Japhus Brown to an ACL after 4 games so basically there was one starter back. Projected starting CB Mayes was kicked off the team in June. The Aggies were shredded for an NCAA worst 304.6 ypg (60.6%) with a 21-12 ratio and finished #104 in my pass D rankings. This year they must replace FS Jaxson Appel (10 st, 55 tkl, 3 int), CB Ronald Jones (6 st, 34 tkl), John Ray (5 tkl) and Bryant Singleton (9 tkl). Due to injuries and ineffectiveness, no DB started all 11 and five return with starting experience. Not listed below are SS Rawley Farrell (6-0 195 Jr, PS#259), Stephen F. Austin transfer Charles Hewitt (6-0 208 So), Travis Sawtelle (6-0 177 rFr) and Matthew LaFon (5-10 200 Sr). This should be one of the most improved secondaries in the NCAA.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Aggies are famous for their "12th Man" special teams unit (4 Top 10 finishes). However, a very surprising fact is that in the last five years, the Aggies highest finish was #50. Under Franchione they have ranked #73, #99 and #89. The Aggies were a very banged up team last year and lack of depth always hurts the kick coverage units. K Todd Pegram tied the Big 12 record hitting his 16th straight FG in '04 and last year hit 15 of 19 (56 of 75 FG's, 75% career). Layne Newmann had 13 TB's on 52 KO's and also a 46 yard FG in '04. Last year he was 0 of 2 on long 40+ FG's. He had 9 TB's on 29 KO's but Richie Bean (PS#20) had 19 on 41. Bean hit 9 of 11 FG's with a long of 55 in HS and both misses were from 50+. True frosh P Justin Brantly (PS#3) avg a solid 43.2 (just 32.7 net). With Bean and Brantly and a healthier team, they should make significant improvement in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Dennis Franchione has had previous HC stops at New Mexico, TCU and Alabama and has led all four schools to a bowl. His OC is Les Koenning who has been the OC at Duke, Houston, TCU, Alabama and here for two seasons. Carl Torbush, who had some excellent seasons while at NC and Alabama, was let go after his 3rd year here as the team allowed 443.8 ypg, the worst in school history. The new DC is Gary Darnell who was the W Mich HC for 8 years including being the MAC Coach of the Year in 2000. He was also the interim HC at Florida for 7 games prior to Spurrier's arrival and has been the DC at K-St, Texas, Florida and ND.

LB Justin Warren

PHIL'S FORECAST

A&M took a streak of 20 consecutive non-losing years into Dennis Franchione's first season in 2003. Franchione did inherit just 11 returning starters (fewest B12) and the team had to learn new schemes. I pegged them to finish 5th in the Big 12 South but A&M struggled even more than expected as the D allowed 38.8 ppg, more than double that of a normal Wrecking Crew defense. The team suffered its first 8-loss season since 1972. In 2004 I pointed out the Aggies were -11 in turnovers in 2003 and called A&M the NCAA's most improved team. The Aggies at one point stood 6-1 but faded down the stretch finishing just 7-5 (3rd B12 South) vs the 4th toughest schedule in the country. The 5th loss was a disappointing Cotton Bowl performance. The defense was a major problem for the Aggies again last year and in fact, allowed a school record 443.8 ypg. Amazingly, the Aggies held Vince Young to his worst game of the year (162 pass, 19 rush) after allowing much weaker QB's career highs on a seemingly weekly basis. They did have 18 scholarship seniors last year, the most yet under Fran, but Clemson hit a FG with :02 left knocking off the #17 Aggies in the opener. The Aggies did have a 5-2 start before the bottom fell out. They were embarrassed at home by ISU 42-14 and then suffered the biggest loss in the series history vs TTech 56-17. They did lead National Champ Texas 22-21 in the 2H but came up short and finished 5-6 and are now 16-19 in 35 games under Coach Fran. While the Aggies return seven starters on offense, they must replace their magical QB Reggie McNeal and probably won't match the 32 ppg they had last year which was their best since the 1997 season. I'll make the same observation I did in 2004, which is the defensive unit has far too much athletic talent to fare as poorly as it did in 2005 and should be much improved. Much like 2004, the Aggies make my list of most improved teams (#13) in the country which means they'll be back to a winning season and a bowl. They should be 4-0 when they host TTech on Sept 30 and if they win that game, I give them a great shot at being 9-0 when they host Okla. Aggie fans should be much happier in 2006.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 7 Stephen McGee So. 6-3 207 **PS#7**. 8 gm rFr, 1 st, 283 pass, 300 rush. **18** Ty Branyon (6-3 213 Sr) 13 gm, 208 pass, 102 rush 3Y. **16** Jamie McCoy (6-2 216 rFr) PS#233.

TB 25 COURTNEY LEWIS SR. 6-0 204 PS#71. 4.37 spd, 22x225 lb. 1024 (5.5) '03. 2489 (5.3) 3Y. **11 Jorvorskie Lane** (5-11 274 So) **PS#14**. 4 st, 595 (5.0) true. **Michael Goodson is PS#4.**

WR 14 CHAD SCHROEDER SR. 6-1 181 PS#73QB. 7 st LY, 20 (16.8). **FB 24** Chris Alexander (5-11 246 Jr) PS#39. 157 ttl yd 2Y. **39** Greg Boothe (6-1 221 Sr). **51** Ryan O'Bryant (5-11 227 rFr).

WR 2 Earvin Taylor Jr. 6-3 244 **PS#23**. 9 st '04, 22 (13.0). 2 sts LY (inj). 505 squat. **6** Pierre Brown (6-1 203 So) PS#90. 4 st, 8 rec rFr. Torey DeGrate PS#47 '04. JUCO.

WR 5 Howard Morrow So. 6-0 215 **PS#13**. 3 st, 6 rec true. **8** Kerry Franks (5-10 185 Jr) PS#40. **4.26 spd**. 2 st, 22 rec 2Y. **17** L'Tydrick Riley (6-2 238 Sr) **PS#13DB**. 20 rec '04. RS LY.

TE 3 MARTELLUS BENNETT SO. 6-7 248 **PS#1**. 5 st true, 18 (9.0). **HM B12**. **81** Joey Thomas (6-5 248 Jr) **PS#9**. 4 st 2Y, 14 rec (12.1). **86** Amos Gbunblee (6-5 256 So) **PS#34**. 1 st LY.

C 70 CODY WALLACE JR. 6-4 296 **PS#47**. 2nd string true, RS. 5 gm '04. 11 st LY, **HM B12**. **66** Kevin Bryan (6-2 290 So) **PS#18TE**. **63** Kevin Matthews (6-3 296 rFr) PS#237.

SG 51 Chris Yoder Jr. 6-3 318 **PS#67**. 12 st rFr at C. 2nd string LY, 4 gm. 660 squat. **77** Grant Dickey (6-5 313 Sr) **PS#62**. 7 gm 2Y. **53** J Pond (6-5 317 Sr) 1 game LY.

QG 64 KIRK ELDER JR. 6-4 312 **PS#50**. 11 st rFr. **HM Big 12** 2Y. 11 st '05. 390 bench. **78** Michael Shumard (6-5 299 rFr) **PS#14**. 36" VL. **60** Josh Russell (6-4 337 rFr).

ST 54 COREY CLARK JR. 6-6 311 **PS#43**. 4 gm rFr, 415 bench. 11 st LY. **56** Lee Grimes (6-6 326 rFr) **PS#29**. **73** Travis Schneider (6-7 298 So) PS#239. 2nd string.

QT 71 YEMI BABALOLA SO. 6-4 308 PS#260. 600 squat. 11 st rFr. **72 Alex Kotzur** (6-5 290 Sr) PS#248. 12 st LT '03. 13 games L2Y. **79** Robbie Frost (6-6 304 rFr) **PS#38**.

K 27 Richie Bean So. 6-0 180 **PS#20**. 9/11 FG, long 55 in HS. 19 TB/ 41 KO LY. **32** Layne Neumann (6-0 175 Sr) PS#65. 1/3 FG 2Y. Jacob Hartgroves (6-0 170 So) 4 of 6 FG's at Tulane LY.

DE 89 JASON JACK JR. 6-4 275 **PS#12**. 11 st, 48 tkl, 6 tfl rFr. 7 st LY (inj), 29 tkl. **11** Michael Bennett (6-4 263 So) 4 st, 27 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **93 Paul Freeney** (6-3 262 rFr) **PS#25**.

DT 85 JOSEPH "RED" BRYANT JR. 6-5 330 PS#48. 12 st rFr, 34 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 10 st LY, 28 tkl, 7.5 tfl! **680 squat. 91 Kellen Heard** (6-5 334 rFr) PS#26OL. **80 Vincent Williams** (6-4 310 rFr) **PS#19**.

DT 96 William Morrisey So. 6-2 359 **PS#9**. 3 tkl, 2 sk rFr (inj). **35** Bryce Reed (6-1 304 Sr) 50 tkl 3Y, 8.5 tfl. 625 squat. **95** Henry Smith (6-3 318 Jr) PS#48. Alabama, JUCO.

DE 92 CHRIS HARRINGTON JR. 6-5 263 PS#47. 14 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 11 st LY, 25 tkl, 4 sk. 660 squat. **49** Cyril Obiozor (6-4 270 So) PS#72. 13 tkl rFr. **84** Chris Smith (6-5 270 So) **PS#21**.

SLB 50 Mark Dodge Jr. 6-2 219 PS#72JC. In for spring. **46** Jodie Richardson (6-1 224 rFr) PS#82. Anthony Lewis **PS#15**. Misi Tupe PS#144JC. Nick La Mantia (6-1 227 So) 2 tkl rFr.

MLB 10 JUSTIN WARREN SR. 6-3 245 **PS#4**. 7 sts as rFr. 9 st in '04. 10 st LY, **#1 tkl'r**. **42** Nurahda Manning (6-3 247 Sr) PS#45. 4 st, 59 tkl, 3Y. **41** Matt Featherston (6-2 250 rFr) PS#315.

ROV 26 Devin Gregg So. 5-11 195 PS#57DB. 3 st FS true. 410 bench. **16** Alton Dixon (5-11 207 So) **PS#39**. 22 tkl true. Jarius Neal (6-3 218 Jr) PS#113JC. **58** Trey Ross (6-3 220 rFr).

CB 13 MARQUIS CARPENTER JR. 6-0 179 **PS#37JC**. 7 st, 4 int, 6 pbu LY. **27** Jordan Peterson (5-10 192 rFr) PS#114. 41" VL. Jordan Pugh **PS#26**. **34** Marcus Gold (5-7 180 rFr) PS#317.

CB 4 Danny Gorrer So. 6-0 182 PS#123. **4.38 spd**, 4 st rFr, 30 tkl, 7 pbu. **48 Arkeith Brown** (6-0 175 So) PS#64. 13 tkl as true. Pierre Fleurinor is PS#90RB. Husani Sallah (5-8 170 rFr).

SS 33 MELVIN BULLITT SR. 6-1 204 PS#120. 2 st '04, 29 tkl, 6 pbu. 10 st LY, 59 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **29** Stephen Hodge (6-1 230 Jr) PS#68. 31 tkl 2Y. **5** Jordan Chambless (6-1 208 So) PS#53QB.

FS 28 JAPHUS BROWN JR. 5-11 203 PS#147RB. **10 st FS '04**, 3 int, 62 tkl. Inj LY. **20** Brock Newton (5-11 189 Jr) PS#191. 24 tkl, 4 pbu rFr. 8 st CB LY, 53 tkl, 4 pbu. **30** Chevar Bryson PS#125.

P 44 JUSTIN BRANTLY SO. 6-3 231 **PS#3**. 46 punts true, 43.2 avg, 32.7 net. **27** Richie Bean had 43.4 avg in HS. **23** Brandt Goeke JC, in spg. **45** Weston Gooch (6-0 197 rFr) PS#74.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Michael Goodson 6-0 205 PS#4
LB	Anthony Lewis 6-3 225 PS#15
DB	Jordan Pugh 5-11 180 PS#26
QB	Jerrod Johnson 6-6 225 PS#27WR
DL	Cody Williams 6-4 235 PS#28LB
RB	Latreal Cooper 6-2 220 PS#41
LB	Mark Dodge 6-3 235 PS#72JC
WR	Torey DeGrate 6-1 180 PS#79JC
WR	Kenny Brown 6-3 197 PS#45
DL	Leslie Ray 6-3 260 PS#58
OL	Lucas Patterson 6-5 290 PS#64
DB	Jarius Neal 6-3 218 PS#113JC
CB	Jonathon Batson 6-2 195 PS#121JC
WR	EJ Shankle 5-11 185 PS#65
LB	Misi Tupe 5-11 245 PS#144JC
DB	DeMaurier Thompson 6-1 185 PS#77LB
DB	Pierre Fleurinor 6-0 210 PS#90RB
WR	Cody Beyer 6-1 180 PS#82
RB	Cornell Tarrant 5-11 185 PS#143
QB	Christian Caflisch 6-2 180 PS#148
K	Brandt Goeke 6-0 170 PS#440JC
WR	Terrence McCoy 6-4 200 PS#322

TEXAS A&M AGGIES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#57

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score A&M	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	The Citadel	G					
Sep. 9	Louisiana-Lft	G					
Sep. 16	† Army *(San Antonio)*	A					
Sep. 23	Louisiana Tech	G					
Sep. 30	Texas Tech	G					
Oct. 7	at Kansas	A					
Oct. 14	Missouri	G					
Oct. 21	at Oklahoma St	A					
Oct. 28	at Baylor	A					
Nov. 4	Oklahoma	G					
Nov. 11	Nebraska	G					
Nov. 18							
Nov. 24	at Texas (Fri)	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

A&M is just 2-9 ATS as an away dog under HC Franchione.
Texas A&M is 18-0 SU & 12-4 ATS in their home opener since 1988.
Aggies are 8-12-1 ATS the last 21 games after a bye week.

The Bulldogs finished 4-7 last year as members of IAA Southern Conf.
The Citadel is 7-35 all-time vs IA tms & have played at least 1 every yr S/'96.

Texas A&M is 7-21 ATS the last 5 years after a SU win.
Aggies are 4-9 ATS the last 4 years in non-conference play.

Aggies are 2-13 ATS in their 1st game of the season away from Kyle Field S/'91.
Texas A&M is just 3-12 ATS on artificial surfaces since 1999.

LT was just 1 of 8 schools bowl eligible that didn't make it to post ssn play LY.
Texas A&M is 8-0 SU & 3-1 ATS all-time vs Louisiana Tech.

The Aggies are 7-17-1 ATS in the dog role since 2001.
From '81-'01 these 2 schools avg'd 39 ppg (21 gms) but L4Y have avg'd 78 ppg.

The last time in Lawrence, A&M outgained 566-289 & outFD'd 24-20 in a 47-22 (-23) win in '02.
The Aggies are just 10-18 SU & 8-20 ATS in Big 12 RG's since 1999.

Last time A&M beat Mizzou was in '99 as A&M has dropped the L/2 SU & ATS.
Both schools lost an outstanding Sr QB from LY in Reggie McNeal & Brad Smith.

Coming into the '06 season, A&M is just 5-10 ATS (10-5 SU) L/15 gms as an AF.
Last time in Stillwater A&M beat a ranked OSU tm (1st road win vs a ranked tm S/'97).

Texas A&M is 5-3 SU & 6-2 ATS in their 2nd straight road game since '99.
A&M was stunned in their last trip to Waco as BU won in OT as 25 pt dogs.

Texas A&M is 8-3 ATS in this series since 1994.
In the last 3 years these teams have combined to score 66 & 77 pts twice.

A&M has had little success vs the Cornhuskers going 2-9 SU & 1-5 ATS all-time.
The Aggies are 3-7 ATS the game prior to a bye the last 5 years.

Texas A&M is 2-12 SU & ATS since 1998 in November road games.
The visitor is 1-6-1 ATS in this series the last 8 years.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Reggie McNeal 6,992 2002-'05
Rushing: Darren Lewis 5,012 1987-'90 Receiving: Terrence Murphy 2,600 2001-'04

DENNIS FRANCHIONE (Career 91-73) (Div II, NAIA & IAA 80-19-2)
4th Year at Texas A&M — Franchione's SU Bowl Record: 2-3

Franchione's records AT TEXAS A&M

16-19	Straight Up	7-5	Home Favorite
13-20	Vs The Spread	3-3	Home Underdog
9-6	Off A SU Loss	1-3	Away Favorite
10-14	Vs Conference	2-9	Away Underdog
3-6	Vs Non-Conf	3-3	Off A Bye

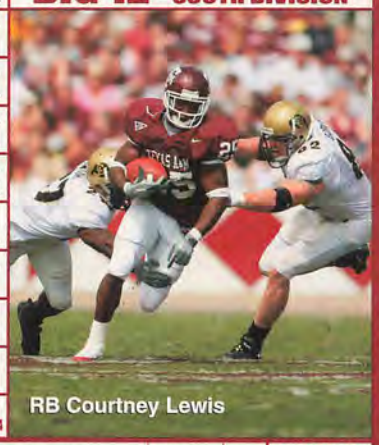
2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (24,19,3)
Lost: 24 (11,11,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 79,732

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION



RB Courtney Lewis

STADIUM: KYLE FIELD (82,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-4	7-4	6-6	4-8	7-4	5-6	44-35
Home	6-0	4-2	5-1	3-4	4-3	5-1	4-2	31-13
Away	2-3	3-2	2-3	3-2	0-5	2-3	1-4	13-22
ATS	7-4	6-5	3-6-1	4-8	2-10	7-4	4-6	33-43-1
Home Fav	4-1	3-1	2-2	1-4	2-2	3-1	2-2	17-13
Home Dog	1-0	2-0	0-0-1	1-1	0-3	2-0	1-0	7-4-1
Away Fav	2-2	1-2	0-1	2-2	0-0	1-1	0-2	6-10
Away Dog	0-1	0-2	1-3	0-1	0-5	1-2	1-2	3-16
Favorite	6-3	4-3	2-3	3-6	2-2	4-2	2-4	23-23
Dog	1-1	2-2	1-3-1	1-2	0-8	3-2	2-2	10-20-1
Grass	7-2	6-4	2-5-1	3-7	2-7	6-2	4-4	30-31-1
Artificial	0-2	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-2	0-2	3-12
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	2-5-1	3-5	2-6	5-3	3-5	23-32-1
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-1	1-1	1-3	0-4	2-1	1-1	10-11
Off SU Win	3-4	5-2	2-5	1-5	0-4	4-3	0-4	15-27
Off SU Loss	3-0	1-2	1-1-1	3-2	2-5	3-0	4-1	17-11-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Courtney Lewis	109	735	12	723	7	6.6
Reggie McNeal	96	780	116	664	3	6.9
Jorvorskie Lane	119	606	11	595	9	5.0
Stephen McGee	43	300	65	235	2	5.5
Jason Carter	17	109	10	99	0	5.8
Jay Lucas	7	87	0	87	1	12.4
Samson Taylor	18	83	1	82	0	4.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Reggie McNeal	265	141	53.2	1963	16	9
Stephen McGee	53	24	45.3	283	2	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jason Carter	54	827	15.3	6	71	
Chad Schroeder	20	335	16.8	5	44	
DeQawn Mobley	19	252	13.3	0	60	
Martellus Bennett	18	162	9.0	3	22	
Courtney Lewis	9	106	11.8	1	32	
Pierre Brown	8	98	12.2	0	29	
Howard Morrow	6	94	15.7	0	41	
Joey Thomas	7	83	11.9	0	28	
Earvin Taylor	2	81	40.5	1	80	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Justin Brantly	46	1989	43.2	2	32.7	2	10
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Todd Pegram	41-41	7-7	5-7	3-5	0-0	15-19	45
Layne Neumann	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Justin Warren	95	3	3	3	0
Archie McDaniel	82	1	2.5	0	1
Johnny Jolly	63	5	6.5	1	0
Melvin Bullitt	59	0	3	4	2
Jaxson Appel	55	0	2	2	3
Brock Newton	53	0	0	4	0
Lee Foliaki	45	1	1.5	3	0
Ronald Jones	34	0	1	1	0
Devin Gregg	31	1	1	1	0
Marquis Carpenter	31	0	0	5	1
Danny Gorrer	30	0	0	7	0
Jason Jack	29	1.5	1.5	1	0
Red Bryant	28	3	4.5	1	0
Michael Bennett	27	3.5	1	1	0
Chris Harrington	25	4	4	1	0
Renuel Greene	24	0	1.5	0	1
Bryce Reed	22	1	2.5	0	0
David Ross	22	0	1.5	0	0
Alton Dixon	22	0	0	0	0
Japhus Brown	20	0	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jordan Chambless	8	89	11.1	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jason Carter	18	344	19.1	0
Courtney Lewis	5	102	20.4	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Sugar	+12'	Ohio St	14-24	W
99	Alamo	+7	Penn St	0-24	L
00	Independence	-1'	Mississippi St (OT)	41-43	L
01	galleryfurniture.com	-5	TCU	28-9	W
04	Cotton	-4'	Tennessee - #15	7-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Texas A&M's All-Time SU Bowl Record 13-15

TEXAS A&M'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	32.0	22	235	5.7	207	51.7	13.8	+6	2005	8	31.2	23	139	3.6	305	60.6	14.2
8*	28.4	20	167	4.6	261	59.0	15.1	+9	2004	8	24.3	23	143	3.6	244	59.0	15.9
6*	25.3	19	177	4.4	213	53.9	15.4	-11	2003	5	38.8	24	225	4.8	206	61.7	11.1
9*	28.8	19	118	3.4	268	51.5	13.4	+2	2002	7	23.3	18	131	3.4	208	57.1	14.5
6*	20.7	16	113	3.1	192	57.6	14.8	+8	2001	5	17.8	18	102	2.7	178	55.4	15.7
6	29.0	20	152	3.9	227	60.1	13.0	+5	2000	7	19.9	17	118	3.3	203	52.7	16.1

2005 STATS BY GAME

A&M 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#17	at Clemson	15	33 - 248	7.5	8 - 17	110	0	24	51 - 183	3.6	16 - 24	213	1	-1
–	SMU	31	44 - 309	7.0	18 - 27	405	1	14	26 - 39	1.5	23 - 45	309	3	+3
–	Texas St	23	46 - 242	5.3	13 - 24	317	1	22	30 - 115	3.8	26 - 36	378	2	+1
–	Baylor	15	34 - 155	4.6	12 - 31	132	0	23	45 - 125	2.8	25 - 45	222	5	0
–	at Colorado	16	28 - 78	2.8	19 - 36	258	2	25	37 - 158	4.3	29 - 38	401	0	-1
–	Oklahoma St	35	55 - 399	7.3	21 - 30	295	0	18	34 - 127	3.7	14 - 33	207	3	+5
–	at Kansas St	23	56 - 236	4.2	15 - 31	136	2	16	20 - 27	1.4	23 - 44	357	3	+2
–	Iowa St	16	20 - 126	6.3	23 - 41	221	1	30	50 - 178	3.6	20 - 32	371	2	-3
–	at Texas Tech	18	40 - 222	5.6	15 - 25	131	0	32	37 - 194	5.2	32 - 48	433	2	-2
–	at Oklahoma	24	44 - 292	6.6	12 - 35	158	5	27	48 - 211	4.4	20 - 29	298	2	+2
–	Texas	22	52 - 277	5.3	10 - 24	118	4	18	42 - 174	4.1	13 - 24	162	3	0
TOTALS		238	452 - 2584	5.7	166 - 321	2281	16	249	420 - 1531	3.6	241 - 398	3351	26	+6
AVERAGES		21.6	41 - 235	5.7	15 - 29	207	1.5	22.6	38 - 139	3.6	22 - 36	305	2.4	0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
McNeese St	NL	38-24	–
at Wyoming	-15'	28-20	L
Oklahoma St	-10'	21-7	W
Notre Dame	-3	24-3	W
Baylor	-25	16-10	L
at Colorado - #20	+8'	21-31	L
at Kansas St	+9	31-24	W
Iowa St	-6	24-21	L
at Texas Tech	+6	0-12	L
at Oklahoma - #3	+17'	10-31	L
Texas - #5	+14	7-21	T

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisiana-Lft	-28'	31-7	L
at Pittsburgh	-3'	14-12	L
Virginia Tech - #7	+1'	3-13	L
Louisiana Tech	-13	31-3	W
Texas Tech	-6	47-48 OT	L
at Baylor	-20	41-0	W
at Kansas	-23	47-22	W
Nebraska	-5'	31-38	L
at Oklahoma St	-3'	23-28	L
Oklahoma - #1	+10	30-26	W
Missouri	-9'	27-33 2OT	L
at Texas - #10	+12	20-50	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-29	26-11	L
Utah	-9'	28-26	L
at Virginia Tech - #8	+13'	19-35	L
Pittsburgh - #17	+1	26-37	L
at Texas Tech	+5	28-59	L
Baylor	-20	73-10	W
at Nebraska - #19	+10	12-48	L
Oklahoma St - #18	+6	10-38	L
Kansas	-11'	45-33	W
at Oklahoma - #1	+30'	0-77	L
at Missouri	+13'	22-45	L
Texas - #6	+20	15-46	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah - #20	+8'	21-41	L
Wyoming	-11	31-0	W
Clemson	E	27-6	W
Kansas St	-4	42-30	W
at Iowa St	-7	34-3	W
at Oklahoma St - #16	+7	36-20	W
Colorado	-19'	29-26 OT	L
at Baylor	-25	34-35 OT	L
Oklahoma - #2	+12'	35-42	W
Texas Tech	-2'	32-25 OT	W
at Texas - #6	+10'	13-26	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Clemson	-1'	24-25	L
SMU	-28	66-8	W
Texas St	NL	44-31	–
Baylor	-23	16-13 OT	L
at Colorado	+3	20-41	L
Oklahoma St	-20	62-23	W
at Kansas St	-6	30-28	L
Iowa St	-11'	14-42	L
at Texas Tech - #16	+15	17-56	L
at Oklahoma	+13'	30-36	W
Texas - #2	+28	29-40	W

OKLAHOMA ST COWBOYS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 two year starter Josh Fields opted to play baseball so the starting job looked to be a dogfight between Donovan Woods or true frosh Bobby Reid (PS#5). Reid, who is bigger, faster and has a stronger arm, was billed as a complete package. Unfortunately Reid suffered an injury in the spring and a RS season seemed inevitable. Les Miles talked about playing him as soon as he was healthy throughout the first eight games showing how highly he thought of him. Prior to the finale, Woods was actually #1 in the Big 12 in pass efficiency and set a school frosh record for total offense. For the season he threw for 1,628 (52%) with a 13-5 ratio (541 rush). Last year they brought in a new OC in Larry Fedora who features the passing game. I listed Reid as the starter and mentioned that the loser of their battle would likely move to WR with Al Pena being the backup (best passer). Woods started the first two but after splitting the snaps vs Fla Atl, he was moved to DB. Reid took all of the snaps for the next 3 until he injured his foot vs Missouri and was not the same after missing all but the TT and Baylor games. Gundy wanted to RS Zac Robinson (PS#43WR) so the backup became PS#95 Jamie Beeghley ('03 backup but no att). Pena's best 2 efforts came off the bench. He led the winning TD drive vs TT and vs Baylor, with the team down big, Pena threw for 351, the 5th best total in OSU history. Pena started the finale but the first 7 poss vs Oklahoma, the team had 15 yards and he hit just 10 of 27 for 126. I list the QB stats to the right and OSU's QB's combined for 49.4% with an 11-17 ratio. Reid looked much better this spring and I look for vast improvement in the OSU passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - The Cowboys have had some great runners like Barry Sanders, Thurman Thomas and Terry Miller. In 2002 Tatum Bell (#2DC DEN) was a 1,000 yard rusher and in '03 rushed for 1,286 (6.0). Vernand Morency (#3DC HOU) was #2 in '03 with 918 (6.8) and rushed for 1,474 (5.7) as the feature back in '04. Seymore Shaw (PS#14) had 1,233 yards and 4 starts in 3 years but was suspended and eventually transferred in August '05. That left the starting job between rFr Mike Hamilton (PS#62) and 240 lb soph Julius Crosslin. Calvin Roberts (5-11 225 Jr, PS#34DB) entered the fray in Aug but had just 9 yards. Hamilton surprisingly set the school record for rushing yards by a frosh with 961 (5.0). He only had 20 in the finale just missing 1,000. Crosslin's best game came vs TT when he wore down the Raider D on the final drive with 46 yds leading to a TD and finished the year with 231 (3.3). With Hamilton hurt in the 4Q vs Iowa St, Greg Gold (PS#40), who had moved to WR, had 8 carries for 47 yards at TB. The only loss is FB Shawn Willis (2 st, 89 yd) and they add speed to the unit in VHT JC Dantrell Savage. After snapping a streak of 3 straight 1,000 yard rushers (10 in 20 yr), Hamilton should break through the barrier as a soph.

RECEIVERS - Rashaun Woods set the school record for career receiving yards and topped 1,000 yards for 3 straight years. As a senior, Woods (#1DC SF) had more than twice as many catches as the #2 receiver. In 2004, D'Juan Woods drew comparisons to his brother on a weekly basis with some acrobatic catches. He was #3 in the NCAA in ypc (20.9) as the feature WR (33 rec). Last year Woods was the only receiver returning that had more than 7 rec. Chijuan Mack (6-3 180, 4.35 spd), was supposed to be #2 but did not recover from his ACL injury. Starting WR Tommy Devereaux (PS#51) had just 11 (11.1). True frosh Ricky Price was at CB in Aug but moved to WR and was #3 with 16 (14.9). This year the only losses are WR's Luke Frazier (5 st, 11), Errick McCown (2 st, 3), Kenneth Lee Williams (3 rec) and Mack. They get the outstanding addition of Adarius Bowman (PS#16), who transfers from NC, where he was the #5 receiver in '03. In the 2nd year of the system, this should be a much improved unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - OSU's 2003's O-line was exceptional paving the way for 5.4 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks. In 2004 they basically had 2 starters returning and the numbers dropped to 4.8 ypc (15 sk). Last year they had 7 of the top 10 back but shifted schemes to a more pass-based offense. OSU dropped to 3.9 ypc rush while allowing 26 sacks. This year they lose RG Kellen Davis (11 st, 2 yr st'r), LT Charlie Johnson (#6DC IND, 8 st, 2 yr st'r), who was the first OSU OL drafted in 20 years, and LT Adam Gourley (3 st). They add in a couple of true frosh who were in for the spring and are now in the 2nd year of the new scheme and should be more stable up front.

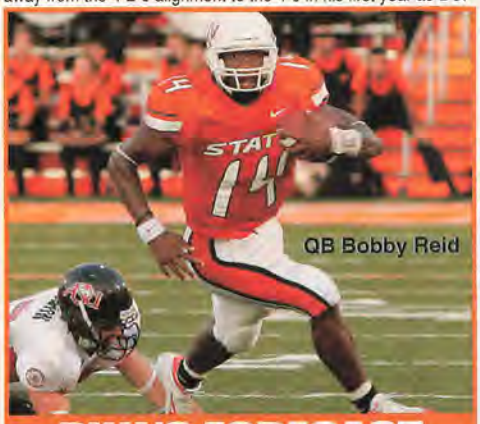
DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 OSU had to replace 5 players who combined for 33 starts and allowed 4.6 ypc rush while recording just 18 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 3 backups. Two VHT DL's, Xavier Lawson-Kennedy and DE Nathan Peterson, were not 100% after recovering from injuries. OSU allowed 203.7 ypg rush (4.9), their worst figure since '96. This year they lose DE Jerry Don Bray (10 st, 24 tkl, 5 tfl), DE Cody Townsend (5 tkl) and DE Trumain Carroll (3 tkl). Seven of the top 8 return plus XLK and Peterson are another year removed from injury so this should be a much improved defensive front with better depth.

LINEBACKERS - OSU ran a 4-2-5 defense under Miles but switched to a 4-3 last year and had 2 returning starters. Pagitte McGee filled the other starting spot but was lost to a knee injury vs Missouri. This year they lose all 3 starters in WLB Jamar Ransom (9 st, 99 tkl, 8.5 tfl), SLB Paul Duren (9 st, 68 tkl, 3 tfl) and MLB Lawrence Pinson (10 st, 52 tkl, 6 tfl). This unit is more experienced than they would appear. Rodrick Johnson (PS#28) only started 1 game but was #3 in tackles (74), Marcus Brown was Air Force's top LB returnee last year and Fisher DeBerry called it a "tremendous loss" when he was expelled. Chris Collins is a true frosh that sat out 2005. McGee is applying for a medRS and while he shouldn't be counted on, he has 11 career starts and would add experience. I list a somewhat impressive 2 deep below and despite the losses, this group may have more athletic talent.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - OSU had a veteran secondary in '03 and '04 but finished just #63 and #67 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 2 starters plus CB Darrent Williams who had 5 starts (#2DC of DEN). They tragically lost CB Vernon Grant over the summer and projected FS Thomas Wright was dismissed. They had 2 players returning with 19 starts. Gundy signed 6 true frosh and said they would all play. Starting CB Daniel McLemore was just 5'7" but still started all 11 (9 pbu). They moved QB Woods to DB in Wk 3 and he started 5 at FS. In the 4Q vs Ark St, the team had 3 true frosh and a converted QB on the field. This year they lose McLemore (4.2 spd), SS Jamie Thompson (11 st, 83 tkl, 3 pbu) and SS Chase Holland (1 st, 32 tkl). Six players return with starting experience and it could be 7 if Clint Coe recovers from the ACL he suffered in the spring. They add in a VHT true frosh and a top-notch JUCO and their CB's have more size and are all around more experienced than 2005 (#98 finish).

SPECIAL TEAMS - OSU had finished in the Top 40 of my ST ratings 10 straight years. One of my favorite ST coordinators (also an excellent recruiter) is Joe DeForest and they finished #3, #18 and #11 in his first 3 years. Last year they had to replace super K Ricks (schl rec 55 yd FG) due to injury as well as their top KR and PR. After 3 games, DeForest commented that they probably would be leading the Big 12 in KR and PR if not for penalties as they had a 90 yard KR for a TD called back. One of the classiest things that I have seen in college ball was OSU running just 10 men down the field on the opening KO of the year as a tribute to ST extraordinaire Vernon Grant. OSU surprisingly dropped down to #73. Daniel McLemore led in both KR (23.6) and PR (8.0) and for the 2nd straight year their top returnman must be replaced. P Matt Fodge (PS#35) avg 39.9 (33.0 net). They should cut down on the 4 blocked punts they allowed last year. I expect OSU to be back in the Top 25 again as DeForest has much more experience to work with.

COACHES - Mike Gundy was a star QB here and was OSU's QB Coach and OC in the early '90's. He moved to Baylor as a passing game coordinator in '96 and was the WR coach at Maryland for 4 years. He returned here in '01 as the asst HC and OC and took over the head job in '05. Gundy, at 38, was the youngest HC in the NCAA last year but had 14 years as a full-time asst under his belt. His OC is Larry Fedora who was the OC at Fla in '04 and was the Mid Tenn OC from 1999-'01. Vance Bedford was the DB coach here in '93-'94, at Michigan from '95-'98 and was the DB coach for the Chicago Bears from 2002-'04. He moved the team away from the 4-2-5 alignment to the 4-3 in his first year as DC.



PHIL'S FORECAST

The fortunes of the Cowboys turned around in the final game of 2001. OSU was just 3-7 and facing #4 Okla when they pulled the stunning upset costing OU a Big 12 South Title and a shot at the Rose Bowl. That gave them confidence heading into '02 and they responded with their first winning season (8-5) S/'77 and they once again upset #3 Okla with a 506-333 yard edge. They had 51 returning lettermen in '03 along with their big 3 offensive players in QB Fields, RB Bell and WR Woods and were #24 in the preseason poll, the first time they were ranked S/'85. They opened the season 7-1 before finishing a solid 9-4. In '04 they had to replace the big 3 but RB Vernand Morency rushed for 1,474 yards and the Cowboys recorded their 3rd straight winning year after having just 1 in the previous 12. They blew a 35-14 lead vs Texas and despite a 5-0 start, finished just 7-5 benefitting from +16 in turnovers. Last year, despite a weak non-conf schedule, I mentioned the possibility of a losing season. The team installed new synthetic turf and while they opened up 3-0 vs the non-conf slate, they trailed Mont St 10-8 at half, had just 292 yards vs Fla Atl and were outFD'd by Ark St 16-12. Colorado dealt OSU their first home shutout loss in 14 years (34-0). They were pounded by A&M 62-23 with the 694 yards by the Aggies, the 2nd most allowed in OSU history. They stunningly led Texas 28-9 in the 2Q but were throttled in the 2H two years in a row. Their young D stunningly held TT to 338 yards as they pulled a huge upset at home but were not competitive in the final two as they trailed Baylor 38-0 and were outgained by OU 560-139. The Cowboys finished in last place in the Big 12 South for the first time. Gundy is a no-nonsense coach (which I like) who kicked 8 off the team last year which should bode well for the future. OSU was -15 in turnovers (see pg 312). They tie for the top of the B12 South with the most returning starters (14). They had just 5 starters back on offense last year and were incorporating their new passing schemes and only avg'd 20.2 ppg. Now with 9 starters back and in the 2nd year of the offense, they should be much improved. The defense had 6 starters back last year but were very young, especially in the secondary, and allowed 418 ypg, their most since 1989. This year, despite having just 5 starters back, they do have solid talent and will be a tougher stop unit. OSU was outgained by 148.7 ypg in Big 12 play last year (league worst) and while this is a much stronger team and will top last year's 4-win total, they have a difficult Big 12 schedule and probably won't get into the upper half of the division standings.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 14 BOBBY REID SO. 6-3 225 **PS#5**. 6 sts, 602 (48%), 269 rush, 5 rec WR. 11 Zac Robinson (6-3 195 rFr) PS#43WR. 4 Al Pena (6-3 225 Jr) 4 st LY. Alex Cate **PS#17.**

RB 29 MIKE HAMILTON SO. 6-1 215 PS#62. 11 st, 961 (5.0). 33 **Dantrell Savage PS#11JC.** 32 Julius Crosslin (5-11 240 Jr) 1 st, 302 (3.4) 2Y. 1 Calvin Roberts **PS#34.** Chris Offor PS#515.

WR 6 RICKY PRICE SO. 6-0 175 PS#126DB. 8 st true. 16 (14.9). 4 Anthony Parks (6-0 190 Jr) PS#109JC. In for spg. **DeMarcus Conner PS#80WR.** 16 Seth Newton (6-3 190 So) PS#101.

WR 85 ADARIUS BOWMAN JR. 6-4 215 **PS#16.** 28 (18.2) 2Y **N Carolina.** 10 Tommy Devereaux (6-1 175 Jr) PS#51. 4.32 spd. 11 (11.1), 1 st LY. 3 Greg Gold (5-9 200 Sr) PS#40RB.

WR 84 D'JUAN WOODS SR. 6-1 210 PS#74. 11 st rFr. 31 (15.5). 11 st '04, 33 (20.9). **2nd Tm B12** LY, 56 (15.7). Jeremy Broadway (5-11 180 So) PS#45. Tevin Williams (6-3 205 Sr) PS#82JC.

TE 87 BRANDON PETTIGREW SO. 6-5 255 PS#61. 9 st rFr. 11 (11.6). 88 **Paschal Smith** (6-4 270 Jr) 6 st, 4 (11.0) 2Y. 82 Justin Waller (6-4 250 So) **PS#16. FB** 33 John Johnson (6-3 255 So) PS#148.

C 63 DAVID WASHINGTON SO. 6-4 295 PS#137. 11 st C rFr. 4.9 spd. 65 Steven Denning (6-4 285 Jr) JUCO '04. 54 Andrew Lewis (6-5 265 rFr) PS#180. **LS** 55 Zach Allen (6-1 270 rFr).

RG 52 Andrew Lawrence rFr. 6-4 305 PS#301. 380 bench. 77 Noah Franklin (6-4 305 rFr) PS#316. 2nd string but RS LY. 60 Caleb Noble (6-1 305 Sr) 6 st '03. RS '04. Inj'd LY.

LG 72 Kurt Seifried Sr. 6-4 300 PS#119. 2nd string LY. Jacob Secrest (6-5 295 Fr) PS#115. In for spg. 56 Myron McKinney **PS#68.** In for spg. 62 Blake Botek (6-4 295 So).

RT 75 COREY HILLIARD SR. 6-5 310 PS#105. 6 st RT true. 12 st LT '04. 11 st RT LY. **HM Big 12.** 64 Marshall Tetsworth (6-5 275 Sr). #2 RT in spring. 79 Chris Simon (6-5 310 So).

LT 61 DAVID KOENIG JR. 6-4 290 PS#396. 3 st LG rFr. 11 st LG LY. 67 Jeremy Palmoore (6-6 315 So) PS#205. 58 Roger Brown (6-6 310 So). 76 Brady Bond (6-6 260 rFr).

K 10 BRUCE REDDEN SR. 5-9 185 JUCO. Hit 11-14 FG's here LY, long 52. 2-3 from 50+. 85 **Jason Ricks** (6-1 190 Jr) PS#40. 11 of 16 FG's as true, **long 55.** 47-49 xp's.

DE 51 VICTOR DeGRATE SR. 6-3 250 **PS#41LB.** 3 st LB true, 76 tkl. 23 tkl '04. 8 st LY, 53 tkl, 5 sk, 7 tfl. 50 Darnell Smith (6-0 270 Sr) PS#306LB. 14 st, 50 tkl, 8.5 tfl 2Y. 95 TJ Minor (6-4 240 rFr) PS#127.

NG 90 XAVIER LAWSON-KENNEDY SR. 6-1 315 **PS#7.** 6 st, 12 tkl, 25 tfl. 92 Larry Brown (6-3 295 Sr) PS#194JC. 4 st, 3 tfl LY. Jonathan Lewis (6-4 290 Fr) **PS#38.** Orig signed with Kansas St in '05.

DT 93 RYAN McBEAN SR. 6-5 290 **PS#34JC.** 11 st LY, 37 tkl. 3 sk, 2.5 tfl. 73 Jeray Chatham (6-4 270 So) PS#67OL. 72 Josh Pinaire (6-5 280 Sr) PS#132JC. 94 Chris Flowers (6-1 275 Sr).

DE 13 Nathan Peterson Jr. 6-2 250 **PS#26.** 3 st true til ACL. 19 tkl, 4 tfl. 1 st LY (not 100%) 19 tkl 2.5 sk. 97 Marque Fountain (6-1 260 Jr). 9 st, 7 tfl '04. RS LY. 58 Maurice Cummings (6-4 265 Jr).

SLB NA Chris Collins Fr. 6-1 230 **PS#39LY.** In for spg. 36 Alex Odiari (6-1 225 So) PS#88. 3 tkl true. 48 Eric Preast (6-2 210 rFr) PS#152. 4.6 spd. 53 Seb Clements (6-1 230 So).

MLB 2 Rodrick Johnson Jr. 6-3 255 **PS#28.** 8 tkl true. 1 st LY, 74 tkl, 5 tfl. Justin Gent **PS#42.** 41 Pagitte McGee (6-1 235 Sr) 11 st, 94 tkl, 3Y. Eligible? 47 Jeremiah Burton (6-2 230 So).

WLB NA Marcus Brown So. 6-2 240 **3 starts at Air Force** '03. 34 tkl, 1 sk. Donnell Williams (6-3 210 Fr) **PS#50.** In for spring. 19 **Jeremy Nethon** (5-9 190 Sr) PS#114DB.

CB 27 CALVIN MICKENS SO. 6-2 185 PS#181. 6 st true, 30 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. 7 Martel Van Zant (6-2 205 Jr) PS#66. 4 st, 26 tkl, 2 pbu LY. 6 TJ Bell (5-11 180 rFr) PS#131. 4.38 spd.

CB NA Scott Broughton Jr. 6-1 185 PS#167JC. 4.4 spd. 10 int JC LY. 17 Jacob Lacey (5-10 180 So) PS#309. 1 st, 18 tkl 1 pbu true. **Perrish Cox PS#12.** 3 Sonji Ketiku (5-8 175 Sr).

SS 25 Andre Sexton rFr. 6-1 190 PS#94. 4.38 spd. 30 Grant Jones (5-10 195 Sr). 1 st CB, 10 gm LY. 11 Clint Coe (6-1 190 Jr) 4 st Troy St, 31 tkl, 5 pbu '04. Torn ACL in spring 2006.

FS 8 DONOVAN WOODS JR. 6-2 220 **PS#37QB.** 12 st QB '04. 2 st QB, 5 FS LY. 32 tkl, 2 int. 26 Quinton Moore (5-11 185 So) PS#72. 11 tkl true. 22 Stephen James (5-11 205 Jr) PS#112. 17 gms L2Y.

P 18 MATT FODGE SO. 6-0 180 **PS#35.** 65 punts as true, 39.9 avg, net 33.0. 1 TB on 10 KO's. 38 Cole Reynolds (6-3 215 rFr) PS#85. 41.0 avg as senior in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DB	Perrish Cox 6-1 180 PS#12
RB	Dantrell Savage 5-11 185 PS#11JC
DL	Ugonna Chinasa 6-6 230 PS#31
QB	Alex Cate 6-2 198 PS#17
DL	Derek Burton 6-5 255 PS#38
QB	Orie Lemon 6-1 224 PS#28
DL	Jonathan Lewis 6-4 290 PS#38 '05
LB	Chris Collins 6-1 230 PS#39 '05
LB	Justin Gent 6-2 214 PS#42
LB	Donnell Williams 6-3 210 PS#50
OL	Myron McKinney 6-4 300 PS#68
RB	Keith Toston 6-1 195 PS#77
LB	Patrick Lavine 6-2 210 PS#82DB
DB	Terrance Anderson 6-0 173 PS#91
WR	Anthony Parks 6-0 190 PS#109JC
WR	DeMarcus Connor 6-1 190 PS#80
RB	Preston Brown 5-10 175 PS#91
DB	Artrell Woods 6-1 185 PS#96
LB	Deron Fontenot 5-11 205 PS#98DB
DB	Scott Broughton 6-1 185 PS#167JC
OL	Jacob Secrest 6-5 295 PS#115
OL	Russell Okung 6-4 250 PS#138
LB	Adrian Hamilton 6-2 220 PS#127
OL	Michael Booker 6-3 295 PS#177
OL	Trent Perkins 6-5 285 PS#181
DL	Quencey Patrick 6-3 265 PS#175
DL	Shane Jarka 6-3 235 PS#171LB
WR	Al'Darius Thompson 5-11 168 PS#273DB
LB	Delvin James 6-3 215 PS#515

OKLAHOMA ST COWBOYS

Stillwater, Oklahoma
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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#39

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss
Sep. 2	Missouri St	A						
Sep. 9	at Arkansas St (Little Rock)	A						
Sep. 16	Florida Atlantic	A						
Sep. 23	at Houston	G						
Sep. 30								
Oct. 7	at Kansas St	A						
Oct. 14	at Kansas	A						
Oct. 21	Texas A&M (HC)	A						
Oct. 28	Nebraska	A						
Nov. 4	at Texas	G						
Nov. 11	Baylor	A						
Nov. 18	at Texas Tech	A						
Nov. 25	Oklahoma	A						

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

OSU is 19-7 SU & 15-8 ATS the last 4 years in Stillwater.
Oklahoma St is 16-9 ATS in their last 25 Big 12 home games.
Oklahoma St is 8-3 ATS the last 11 Homecoming games.

MSU HC Terry Allen was the former HC of NIU (IAA) & KU from '89-'01 (96-61).
The Bears were 4-6 LY as Div IAA Gateway Conference members.

Oklahoma St is 6-1 ATS as an away favorite the last 5 years.
OSU is 7-2 ATS their last 8 lined non-conference games.

The Cowboys are 8-4 ATS as a home favorite the last 4 years.
OSU benefitted from 4 Owl TO's last year that led to 20 pts.

Cowboys are 8-15-1 ATS on grass since 1999.
These 2 teams last met in 1987 when HC Gundy was Oklahoma St's QB.

Oklahoma St is 7-19-1 ATS in their last 27 conference road games.
OSU is just 6-20 ATS as an away dog the last 7 years.

Oklahoma St is 2-8 SU & ATS in their 2nd consecutive AG since 1998.
In Big 12 play, OSU is 4-0 SU & ATS vs KU (avg score OSU-46, KU-21).

Could apply: OSU is 8-3-1 ATS as a Big 12 home favorite since 1998.
The visitor is 2-5 ATS in this series the last 7 years.

HC Gundy was 0-4 vs NU as a QB here, but did put up 42 pts in '88 (most ever vs a NU squad).
All-time OSU has avg'd just 11.8 ppg vs NU as NU leads the series 36-3-1 SU.

OSU has been outscored 262-118 in the last 6 games vs Texas.
Oklahoma St is just 3-9-1 ATS the last 7 years in November road games.

These 2 schools have avg'd 72 ppg the last 6 years (lowest total 59 pts).
Oklahoma St is 8-4 SU & 10-2 ATS their L/12 games at home in November.

The favorite is 6-2 ATS the last 8 games in this series.
OSU hasn't beat TT in back to back years since 1944 & '45.

Oklahoma St is 10-3-1 ATS in their last 14 home finales.
The Cowboys are 16-8 ATS the last 24 vs the Sooners.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Mike Gundy 7,997 1986-'89
Rushing: Thurman Thomas 4,595 1984-'87 Receiving: Rashaun Woods 4,414 2000-'03

MIKE GUNDY (Career 4-7)

2nd Yr at Oklahoma St — Gundy's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Gundy's records AT OKLAHOMA ST

4-7	Straight Up	0-1	Home Favorite
3-7	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Underdog
2-4	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
2-6	Vs Conference	0-4	Away Underdog
1-1	Vs Non-Conf	1-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (22,18,4)
Lost: 20 (11,9,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 44,861

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION

DT Xavier Lawson-Kennedy

STADIUM: BOONE PICKENS STADIUM (44,700)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Synthetic Turf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	3-8	4-7	7-5	9-3	7-4	4-7	39-40
Home	4-2	2-4	2-4	6-1	6-1	4-2	3-3	27-17
Away	1-4	1-4	2-3	1-4	3-2	3-2	1-4	12-23
ATS	4-6-1	3-7	4-6	7-4	6-5	7-4	3-7	34-39-1
Home Fav	3-1	1-0	0-2	2-0	3-1	3-2	0-1	12-7
Home Dog	0-2	2-2	1-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-2	10-10
Away Fav	0-0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-0	6-2-1
Away Dog	1-3	0-4	2-2	1-3	0-2	2-2	0-4	6-20
Favorite	3-1-1	1-1	1-2	3-0	5-2	4-2	1-1	18-9-1
Dog	1-5	2-6	3-4	4-4	1-3	3-2	2-6	16-30
Grass	0-3-1	0-3	3-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	1-3	8-15-1
Artificial	4-3	3-4	1-4	6-3	5-3	5-3	2-4	26-24
vs Conf	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	6-2	3-5	5-3	2-6	25-30-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-2	1-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	1-1	9-9
Off SU Win	1-3-1	1-1	1-2	4-2	4-3	4-3	1-3	16-17-1
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-5	2-4	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-4	16-18

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mike Hamilton	193	991	30	961	1	5.0
Julius Crosslin	71	255	24	231	12	3.3
Bobby Reid	61	269	130	139	0	2.3
Greg Gold	19	117	1	116	0	6.1
Shawn Willis	17	95	6	89	0	5.2
Donovan Woods	12	67	4	63	1	5.2
Tommy Devereaux	8	39	0	39	0	4.9
Al Pena	35	105	114	-9	2	-0.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Al Pena	179	89	49.7	1102	8	13
Bobby Reid	108	52	48.1	602	2	4
Donovan Woods	32	17	53.1	163	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
D'Juan Woods	56	879	15.7	8	49
Ricky Price	16	238	14.9	0	42
Mike Hamilton	20	161	8.1	0	36
Brandon Pettigrew	11	128	11.6	1	21
Tommy Devereaux	11	122	11.1	0	28
Luke Frazier	11	115	10.5	0	56
John Johnson	6	28	4.7	2	8
Bobby Reid	5	24	4.8	0	11

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Fodge	65	2593	39.9	16	33.0	4	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Bruce Redden	23-24	4-4	3-5	2-2	2-3	11-14	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jamar Ransom	99	2	6.5	3	0
Jamie Thompson	83	5	3.5	3	0
Rodrick Johnson	74	1	4	0	0
Paul Duren	68	1	2	1	0
Victor DeGrate	53	5	7	3	0
Lawrence Pinson	52	2	4	1	0
Daniel McLemore	44	0	3.5	9	1
Ryan McBean	37	3	2.5	1	0
Donovan Woods	32	0	3.5	1	2
Chase Holland	32	0	0	2	0
Calvin Mickens	30	0	0	4	2
Martel Van Zant	26	0	2	2	0
Darnell Smith	25	0.5	2.5	0	0
Jerry Don Bray	24	1	4	0	0
Nathan Peterson	19	2.5	1.5	0	0
Jacob Lacey	18	0	0.5	1	0
Xavier Lawson-Kennedy	12	0.5	2	0	0
Stephen James	12	0	0	1	0
Quinton Moore	11	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Daniel McLemore	21	167	8.0	0
Tommy Devereaux	2	9	4.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Daniel McLemore	27	638	23.6	0
Grant Jones	13	247	19.0	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
88	Holiday	-2'	Wyoming	62-14	W
97	Alamo	+4'	Purdue	20-33	L
02	Houston	-10	S Mississippi	33-23	T
03	Cotton	+2'	Mississippi	28-31	L
04	Alamo	-3'	Ohio St - #24	7-33	L

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	20.2	18	154	3.9	171	49.4	16.1	-15	2005	6	31.3	19	204	4.9	214	61.8	13.4
6	32.3	19	237	4.8	144	51.7	11.8	+16	2004	8	25.1	20	174	4.6	222	59.6	15.8
8*	35.9	22	218	5.4	197	54.6	11.5	-4	2003	6	25.1	22	160	3.9	241	56.5	16.0
7*	34.3	21	148	4.4	263	53.5	12.0	-2	2002	8	27.4	22	147	3.5	252	54.8	14.6
6*	22.0	18	94	2.7	213	58.6	13.9	-8	2001	7	25.5	22	135	3.4	241	60.6	14.7
5*	18.4	20	161	4.1	199	53.4	19.6	-4	2000	4	27.5	21	126	3.7	253	56.7	13.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

OSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Montana St	21	41 - 244	6.0	11 - 23	134	2	16	28 - 49	1.8	22 - 34	205	4	0
–	at Florida Atlantic	17	49 - 194	4.0	11 - 22	98	0	13	42 - 110	3.1	7 - 16	91	5	+3
–	Arkansas St	12	31 - 125	4.0	8 - 21	148	3	16	47 - 200	4.3	11 - 24	122	4	0
–	Colorado	11	38 - 92	2.4	14 - 29	116	3	18	41 - 213	5.2	16 - 28	168	1	-1
–	Missouri	24	44 - 132	3.0	15 - 27	219	5	27	49 - 326	6.7	22 - 29	223	0	-2
–	at Texas A&M	18	34 - 127	3.7	14 - 33	207	3	35	55 - 399	7.3	21 - 30	295	0	-5
–	at Iowa St	21	34 - 123	3.6	24 - 40	203	1	16	44 - 147	3.3	13 - 20	227	3	-4
–	Texas	20	46 - 250	5.4	12 - 27	152	1	22	49 - 367	7.5	15 - 31	239	2	+1
–	Texas Tech	19	52 - 303	5.8	11 - 23	94	2	19	19 - 30	1.6	29 - 42	308	3	+1
–	at Baylor	27	31 - 90	2.9	29 - 50	383	2	15	40 - 46	1.2	22 - 35	272	3	-7
–	at Oklahoma	7	32 - 13	0.4	10 - 27	126	4	17	43 - 354	8.2	13 - 21	206	0	-1
TOTALS		197	432 - 1693	3.9	159 - 322	1880	26	214	457 - 2241	4.9	191 - 309	2356	25	-15
AVERAGES		17.9	39 - 154	3.9	14 - 29	171	2.4	19.4	42 - 204	4.9	17 - 28	214	2.3	-1.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at S Mississippi	+12'	9-17	W
Louisiana Tech	-10	30-23	L
at Texas A&M	+10'	7-21	L
Northwestern St	NL	24-0	–
Missouri	-6'	38-41 OT	L
Texas - #11	+17'	17-45	L
at Iowa St	+8'	14-28	L
Colorado - #25	+10	19-22	W
Texas Tech	+6'	30-49	L
at Baylor	-7	38-22	W
at Oklahoma - #4	+27	16-13	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	+1	36-39	L
N Iowa	NL	45-10	–
UCLA - #23	+7	24-38	L
SMU	-16'	52-16	W
at Texas - #2	+24'	15-17	W
at Kansas St - #19	+14'	9-44	L
Nebraska	+8'	24-21	W
Texas A&M	+3'	28-23	W
at Texas Tech	+9	24-49	L
at Kansas	-23	55-20	W
Baylor	-28	63-28	W
Oklahoma - #3	+15	38-28	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+7'	7-17	L
Wyoming	-21	48-24	W
Missouri St	NL	42-3	–
at SMU	-24	52-6	W
Louisiana-Lft	-35	56-3	W
Kansas St - #22	+2'	38-34	W
Texas Tech	-3	51-49	L
at Texas A&M	-6	38-10	W
at Oklahoma - #1	+15'	9-52	L
Texas - #11	+3'	16-55	L
Kansas	-20	44-21	W
at Baylor	-27	38-21	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UCLA	+1	31-20	W
Tulsa	-21'	38-21	L
SMU	-34'	59-7	W
Iowa St	-17	36-7	W
at Colorado	-6'	42-14	W
Texas A&M - #23	-7	20-36	L
at Missouri	+3	20-17	W
Oklahoma - #2	+13	35-38	W
at Texas - #6	+12'	35-56	L
Baylor	-25'	49-21	W
at Texas Tech	+4'	15-31	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana St	NL	15-10	–
at Florida Atlantic	-13'	23-3	W
Arkansas St	-24'	20-10	L
Colorado	+3	0-34	L
Missouri	+4	31-38	L
at Texas A&M	+20	23-62	L
at Iowa St	+14	10-37	L
Texas - #2	+37'	28-47	W
Texas Tech - #13	+23	24-17	W
at Baylor	+3	34-44	L
at Oklahoma	+18'	14-42	L

BAYLOR BEARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Shawn Bell (PS#51) started the last two of 2003 and had 576 yards (61.2%). In 2004 JUCO Dane King won the starting job but he broke his hand. Bell took over and started three, engineering the upset of A&M completing a school record of 32 passes but he also broke his hand. Terrance Parks, who is bigger than Bell, more mobile and has a stronger arm, took over and threw for 428 (60%) with a 2-1 ratio in the final four. The 2004 season was the first time in 8 years that the Bear QB's had more TD's than int. King surprisingly quit despite Morriss saying he would be the starter in '05 and Parks missed spring and part of August, so Bell was the clear-cut starter. Bell had a streak of 159 passes without an int snapped, tossing 2 in the opener. Still, Bell had a highly productive season and in fact, set the school record for completions with 190 (old record Don Trull, 174,1963). Bell threw for 1964 (59.4%) with a 12-6 ratio. Morriss switched to Parks for 3.5 games and it cost them a winning year (see Hardcore). Bell got the start vs Okla St and led them to a 38-0 lead hitting 22 of 35 for 272. Interestingly, in the season finale, it was 5th year senior Mark Murphy that took the final snaps. Bell returns, Parks moves to TE and added to the mix are rFr Blake Szymanski and four true frosh. I look for continued improvement in Baylor's passing stats especially in the new pass-based offense.

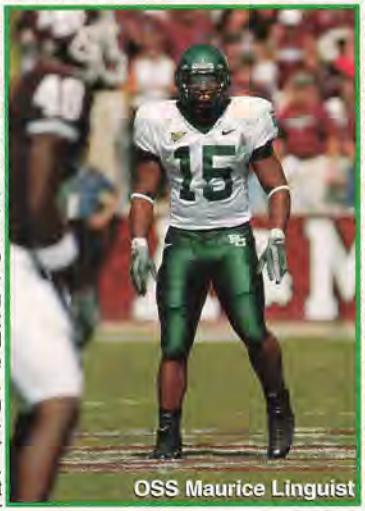
RUNNING BACKS - The Bears have had plenty of VHT RB's since 1997 which was the last year the team avg'd over 4.0 ypc (4.7). In fact 3.1 is their top ypc in the last 8 years. In 2002 Rashard Armstrong (PS#30JC) became the first Baylor RB in four years to top 100 vs a Big 12 foe and led the team with 647 (4.1). In '03 he became the first 1,000 yard rusher here (6th all time) since 1995 (Jerod Douglas) with 1,074 (4.2). They had to replace him in 2004 and the leading returning rusher, Anthony Krieg (10 st) rushed for 460 (3.8). Paul Mosley (PS#63) is a good sized power back and despite not starting in '04, led the team with 582 (4.6). Brandon Whitaker (PS#190) had some fumbling problems as a true frosh in 2003 and missed '04 (RS). Baylor dubbed Mosley and Whitaker the "Thunder and Lightning" combo with Whitaker the elusive speed back. Mosley started 8 and led with 657 (3.7) while Whitaker started 2 and had 481 (4.8) and the two combined for 323 touches without a fumble in '05. Jacoby Jones (PS#101) had 57 (4.8) and Army transfer Mario Price (5-10 200 Sr) had 34 (5.7). Not listed below are Cordney Smith (6-0 225 rFr, PS#196) and FB's Keegan Vann (6-0 242 Jr, 1 st) and Damon Dotson (5-9 211 Sr, 2 rec). Everyone returns and Baylor should have their best ypc rushing since 1997.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 the Bears had to replace their top WR and starting TE. Dominique Zeigler, who is 6'3" 180 and a high/long jumper on the track team, emerged as the best WR. Former Oklahoma co-DC Bo Pelini said "He's probably their best offensive player." He started just 9 in '04 but led with 55 (9.7). Marques Roberts led in receiving yards with 570 (14.2). Last year they had to replace Roberts and their starting TE but did return Zeigler and their #3 receiver Trent Shelton (38, 11.2). Zeigler led with 48 (11.7) and a new threat emerged in Shaun Rochon who was also their top return man as he had 44 (10.1). Shelton's numbers climbed to 39 (11.6) and true frosh Carl Sims had 9 rec. They were supposed to get a super addition in VHT David Gettis (PS#37, 6'4" blazing spd) but he was not get cleared by the NCAA. This year they must replace Rochon as well as J Fields who was a projected starter but only played in four games (6 rec) and TE Jason Smith (moves to OL). Gettis will be here in the fall and former QB Parks should be a fine additioin at TE. With the new OC being more pass oriented, you would expect good sized improvement in the Baylor WR numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Morriss inherited a good-sized OL but prefers quicker, more athletic OL's. In his first year the Bears averaged just 2.8 ypc rushing while allowing 46 sacks with just two starters returning. In '04 they appeared to have 4 starters back but arguably their top OL, Nick Pace had to RS (back). Chad Smith who started the first 2 was injured (med RS). The OL paved the way for 3.0 ypc and trimmed the sack total by 14 despite 51 more passes. Last year they had to replace two starters but did have 8 of the top 10 back and added Tulane transfer C William Blaylock and VHT JUCO Matt Lott. Surprisingly Baylor only improved to 3.1 ypc with 26 sacks allowed. They lose LG LeQualan McDonald (11 st, HM B12, 3 yr st'r), LT Evan Stone (11 st, 2 yr st'r) and G/C Glen Oskin (5 st, 2 yr st'r). Blaylock was injured vs A&M and Baylor fumbled a snap inside the Aggie 5 on the next play. He missed 3 games. Not only do 3 starters return, but TE Jason Smith moves to RT and I list a 3 deep below. This looks like the Bears' best O-line yet under Morriss.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Morriss' first DL was hit hard by graduation (3 str's, 2 bkup's lost) and then lost two projected starters to academics. The unit allowed 5.1 ypc rushing. In 2004 they had to replace two starters and improved to 4.6 ypc but had just 18 sacks. Last year they lost their top DE (#6DC KC) but had 7 of the top 8 back including 8 with starting experience. As expected, the D improved to 4.1 ypc rushing (21 sk). This year they lose NT Michael Gary (10 st, 34 tkl, 3 tfl) and DE Montez Murphy (11 st, 52 tkl, 3.5 sk, HM B12). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Trey Bryant (6-3 318 rFr, PS#76), Connor Redfearn (6-2 290 JC), Anderson Horn (6-5 268 Sr) and Justin Osinde (6-3 267 So) but the 3 deep lacks a single VHT. Six of the top 8 are back including 7 with starting experience and I look for continued improvement.

LINEBACKERS - Baylor runs a 4-2-5 D but I list the OSS position here making it a 3 man LB unit. Last year the Bears had to replace two starters but had plenty of experience. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are LB Colin Allred (PS#59, 11 st, 73 tkl, 5.5 sk), LB Jamaal Harper (11 st, 73 tkl, 6 tfl) and OSS Tyler Lindstrom (7 st, 42 tkl, 5.5 tfl). Three of the top 6 return but they have just 3 HT's in the 3 deep below.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DEFENSIVE BACKS - In Morriss' first year Baylor returned 2 starters to the secondary and finished #104 in my pass D rankings allowing a 31-6 ratio. In 2004 they had to replace one starter and six backups. Baylor only had 4 int all year while allowing 28 TD's and slipped to #113. Last year all 4 starters returned including VHT SS Willie Andrews. The Bears' pass D was vastly improved snagging 16 int (most S/'94) and they moved up to #15 allowing 51.3% completions, their best since 1998. This year they suffer a couple of big losses in Andrews (#7DC NE, 11 st, 1st Tm B12, 59 tkl, 7.5 tfl) and FS Maurice Lane (10 st, #1 tkl'r w/84 tkl, HM B12). Both of their good sized CB's return in CJ Wilson (6'1") and Anthony Arline (6'2") with Wilson's 5 int tying for the tops in the B12 last year. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Curtis Okpara (6-0 178 So, 1 tkl) and Desmond Jenkins (5-10 198 So, 1 tkl). This has the makings of a decent secondary but with the loss of two outstanding safeties, figures to drop a few notches in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Baylor did have two Top 10 finishes in my ST rankings under former coach Chuck Reedy but in 2002 finished #116. Morriss brought in ST coach Mark Nelson, who guided some fine units at Kentucky. They had an entirely new unit in 2003 including P Daniel Sepulveda, who had not punted since the 8th grade. He had a 43.1 average and was a big reason why the Bears improved to #57. Willie Andrews' (PS#20) emergence as the top returnman also helped. For the second time in three years, Nelson coached a Ray Guy semifinalist and Sepulveda took home the award with an amazing 40.6 net in 2004. Andrews led the Big 12 in KR avg (24.7) and the Bears moved up to #28. The only loss last year was K Kenny Webb. Ryan Havens (PS#33) had 22 TB's on 47 KO's in '04. He showed his strong leg by hitting a 61 yard FG in practice and hit 16 of 23 FG's (long 49) last year. Sepulveda avg'd a stronger 46.2 but his net dropped to 36.8. Shaun Rochon had an 85 yard PR TD and was the top KR (27.4). Sepulveda did suffer an ACL injury in the spring, but the team is optimistic he'll return for the fall. Baylor finished #14 last year and with the return of both excellent K's, they have a shot at another Top 25 finish but will likely drop a little with the loss of their excellent returnmen and coach Nelson, who left for Tulsa (asst DC).

COACHES - In two years at Kentucky, Guy Morriss did a fine job taking UK from a 2-9 team in '01 to a 7-5 finish in 2002, Morriss was an All-SWC OL at TCU in the early '70's. His new OC is 38 year old Lee Hays, who was the OC at West Texas A&M and runs a TTech-type offense. His QB's last year set a conf record with 363.8 ypg in Div II. Last year Morriss hired Bill Bradley as the DC and he was a Philadelphia Eagles teammate of Morriss. Bradley spent the previous six seasons as an NFL asst and was a DC for 8 years in the CFL. Bradley did a great job as the Bears allowed 37.8 ypg less in Big 12 play and held A&M to 134 yards after 3Q's and held TTech QB Hodges, who came in avg 398 ypg, to 162 in the first 3Q's.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Baylor has been the worst team in the Big 12, by far, in its short history with a 6-66 league record heading into last season. In 2002 they snapped a 29 game Big 12 losing streak with one win and pulled upsets in both 2003 and 2004. In the 6 years heading into 2005, the Bears have been outscored in league play by margins of 35.8, 32.5, 27.5, 34.2, 30.7 and 21.3. Morriss' first squad had just 12 returning starters and in August had just 76 scholarship players and was -232 ypg in B12 play. In his second season at Kentucky he improved the Wildcats' record from 2-9 to 7-5 so expectations were optimistic for the Bears in 2004. They trimmed their ypg deficit in Big 12 play to 142.1 but only managed to improve to 3-8 and they were -15 in TO's. Morriss had his most talented team here in 2005 with 14 returning starters and the Bears nearly achieved a winning record. With a much improved defense, they snapped a streak of 24 straight road losses by beating SMU and then also knocked off Army and Iowa St on the road. The ISU win was their first Big 12 road win in their 10 year history (0-37 prior). They opened up 3-0 for the first time since 1996 and led A&M 10-7 before a late FG forced OT and they fell by 3. ISU was at the Baylor 2, up by 3 when they fumbled into the EZ for a TB and Baylor moved to 4-1 when they hosted Nebraska. Unfortunately they came up short, 23-14. They nearly stunned Oklahoma on the road losing in 2 OT's. They outplayed TT for 3Q's but after a couple of questionable calls negating scores, they lost. With Morriss going to backup QB Parks, they struggled down the stretch but he went back to Bell. They led OSU 38-0 in the finale and most likely would have made a bowl had he stuck with Bell the entire season. On offense, Baylor has 8 returning starters and bring in new OC Lee Hays, who authors a Texas Tech-type of spread pass attack. Baylor should have their best ppg since '94. Defensively, they lose 7 top-notch starters and look a little weaker. The Bears host 3 Big 12 teams that had losing records in '05 and IAA NW St but with just 12 starters back (2nd fewest Big 12) they are probably a year away from bowl eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 11 SHAWN BELL SR. 6-1 219 PS#51. 2 sts as rFr, 3 sts '04, 9 sts LY, 3084 career pass yds (59.9%) 19-7 ratio, 169 rush. **14** Blake Szymanski (6-4 198 rFr) PS#163.

RB 17 PAUL MOSLEY SR. 6-3 235 PS#63. 9 sts 2Y, 1239 (4.0), 26 rec. **2 Brandon Whitaker** (5-10 192 Jr) PS#190. 2 sts, 641 ttl yds LY. **25** Jacoby Jones (5-11 219 So) PS#101.

WR 1 TRENT SHELTON SR. 6-2 207 3 st rFr, 25 rec. 4 sts '04, 38 rec. 11 st LY, 39 rec. **9** Trey Payne (5-9 182 So) 2 st, 6 rec. **29** Andrew Heard (5-11 184 Sr). **6** Joe Bennett (5-7 167 So).

WR NA David Gettis Fr. 6-4 198 **PS#37**. 4.35 spd. **26** Queito Teasley (6-1 175 So) PS#65DB. 5 rec true. Track. **24** Carl Sims (5-10 168 So) PS#188DB. 2 st true, 9 rec. Basketball.

WR 7 DOMINIQUE ZEIGLER SR. 6-3 180 9 rec as true. 9 sts '04, 55 rec. 11 sts LY, 48 rec, **2nd Tm B12**. **86** Mikail Baker (6-0 191 So) PS#120. 1st LY. **10** Thomas White (6-2 204 So).

TE 5 Terrance Parks Jr. 6-4 243 PS#62QB. 752 yds pass, 154 rush, 3 sts at QB 2Y. **81** Michael Miller (6-3 243 Jr) 3 sts, 9 rec, 2Y. **80** Jordan Adams (6-4 248 Jr) PS#74.

C 76 YANCY BOATNER SR. 6-4 327 JC. 170 snaps in 2004. 9 sts RG LY. 627 squat. **60** Sam Sledge (6-2 266 rFr) PS#92TE. **69** Ricky Hasoon (6-2 280 Jr) 10 gms 2Y, 1 letter.

RG 50 WILLIAM BLAYLOCK SR. 6-2 308 PS#184. 2L@ Tulane, transfer. 8 st at C LY (inj 3). 654 squat! **74** Thad Boatner (6-7 273 rFr) PS#208. **66** Chris Evans (6-6 357 Jr) PS#343.

LG 70 Chad Smith Jr. 6-6 299 PS#113. 9 gm as true. 2 sts in '04 until inj. 2 st last year. **71** Dan Gay (6-5 314 So) PS#482DL. 5 tkl as rFr. Adrian Johnson is PS#118.

RT 72 JASON SMITH SO. 6-5 287 PS#133TE. 7 st TE rFr, 6 rec. **68** Nick Pace (6-3 289 Jr) PS#235. 12 st RT true! RS in '04. 9 st LT LY. **73** Ted Tanner (6-3 280 Jr) PS#683.

LT 61 MATT LOTT SR. 6-5 318 **PS#25JC**. 9 gms LY. **67** Travis Farst (6-7 327 Sr) 1 st at LG, 12 gm '03. 3 sts at RT, 11 gm '04. 3 gms LY (inj). **75** Jordan Hearvey (6-4 300 rFr).

K 43 RYAN HAVENS SR. 5-10 197 PS#33. 22 TB's, 47 KO's '04. 16-23 FG's LY, long 49, 3-7 from 40+, 61 yd FG in practice. **20** Caleb Allen (6-0 175 So) PS#83. **41** Dary Stone (6-0 160 Fr).

DE 90 MARCUS FOREMAN SR. 6-2 248 PS#138LB. 9 tkl true. 4 st '04, 35 tkl, 8 tfl. 11 st LY, 58 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **56** Michael Slaughter (6-6 253 Jr) PS#276JC. RS. **87** Jason Lamb (6-6 252 rFr) PS#31TE.

DT 96 Klayton Shoals Sr. 6-3 281 Iowa St trans. 3 st here '04, 17 tkl. 1 st LY, 4 tkl. Vincent Rhodes (6-2 310 So). 2 st, 16 tkl. LeQuantum McDonald (6-3 281 rFr) PS#116OL. 1 tkl LY. 4.6 spd.

NT 98 MT ROBINSON SR. 6-1 305 12 st, 7 tfl '03. 2 st, 16 tkl, 4 tfl '04. 8 st LY, 15 tkl, 3 sk. **54** Corey Ford (6-3 304 Sr) PS#155. 4 st, 19 tkl '04. **98** Quincy Jenkins (6-1 286 Sr) 6 st 3Y.

DE 93 Julian Hill Sr. 6-3 254 4 st DT '04, 9 tkl. 22 tkl, 1.5 sk LY DE. **57** Geoff Nelson (6-2 252 Jr) 23 tkl 2Y. **49** Jameon Hardeman (6-1 248) PS#176. Orig at Arizona St.

LB 44 Nick Moore Jr. 6-1 227 PS#101. 7 tkl at GT '03, trans. 23 tkl LY. 395 bench. **16** Paul Tolbert 76 tkl, 15 tfl, 7 gms at JC LY. **22** Marcus Mead (6-2 220 So) PS#329.

LB 8 Antonio Jones rFr. 6-3 229 PS#146. **35** Ben Hixson (6-2 236 So) PS#123. 6 tkl as rFr. **46** Joseph Pawelek (6-2 225 rFr) PS#279. **42** Zach Jones (5-11 204 Jr) 6 tkls.

OSS 15 Maurice Linguist Sr. 5-10 207 38 tkl true. 7 st, 36 tkl, 7 tfl '04. 4 st, 22 tkl LY. **55** Paul Howard (6-2 250 Sr) 5 tkls 2Y. Served in Army '00-'03. **4** Jeremy Williams (5-10 206 rFr) PS#367.

CB 3 CJ WILSON SR. 6-1 195 2 st '04, 22 tkl, 3 pbu. 11 st LY, 45 tkl, **#1 B12 5 int**. **20** Alton Widemon (5-11 174 Jr) PS#148. 6 st Tulane '03. **4.4 spd**. Braelon Davis (5-11 172 Jr).

CB 6 ANTHONY ARLINE SR. 6-2 194 PS#107. 10 sts '04. 26 tkl, 4 pbu. 9 sts LY, 24 tkl, 3 int. **36** James Todd (6-0 184 Sr) 5 st '04. 60 tkl, 19 pbu 3Y. **2** Joshua Bell (6-0 165 Jr) 21 tkls LY.

ROV 9 Brandon Stiggers Jr. 6-0 188 PS#275JC. In for spg. Jwuan Ward (6-1 208 Jr) PS#349JC. **28** Corey Gindratt (6-0 173 rFr) PS#525. **26** Jason Reaux (6-3 227 Jr) PS#431.

FS 1 Dwain Crawford So. 6-0 202 PS#299. 1 st rFr, 14 tkl, 3 pd. **21** Jordan Lake (6-2 203 rFr) PS#273. **30** Roman James (6-1 174 Fr) PS#507. **11** Marlon Price (6-2 180 So) PS#529. 4 tkl rFr.

P 37 DANIEL SEPULVEDA SR. 6-3 227 87 punt, 43.1 avg in '03. 46.0 avg, 40.6 net, **Ray Guy Winner** '04. 46.2 avg in '05, net 36.8, **2nd Tm AA & B12**. **3** Brook Black (6-2 179 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	David Gettis 6-4 198 PS#37 '05
OL	Adrian Johnson 6-2 280 PS#118
LB	Paul Tolbert 6-1 220 PS#228JC
QB	Jeremy Sanders 6-2 210 PS#89
QB	Anthony Norice 6-1 175 PS#101
DB	Brandon Stiggers 6-0 188 PS#275JC
LB	Greg Carlson 6-3 200 PS#151
DB	Dominique Criss 5-9 175 PS#179
RB	Andre Pierce 5-10 185 PS#198
DB	Jwaun Ward 6-1 208 PS#349JC
DL	Jameon Hardeman 6-1 248 PS#176 '05
WR	Justin Fenty 5-10 160 PS#194
WR	Ernest Smith 6-3 200 PS#213
OL	Reid Prince 6-4 255 PS#257
DB	Tim Atchison 6-2 180 PS#267
QB	Tyler Beatty 6-3 195 PS#168
QB	Brad Taylor 6-3 210 PS#194
DB	Calvin Rubles 6-3 186 PS#353
OL	Jeremy Michel 6-5 280 PS#367
WR	Ben Randle 6-5 200 PS#143TE
DB	Antareis Bryan 6-1 175 PS#444
OL	Dylan Hagens 6-7 260 PS#452
RB	Jay Finley 5-11 180 PS#419
DB	Roman James 6-1 180 PS#507 '04
WR	Garfield Hicks 6-2 172 PS#409
DL	Chris Buford 6-4 255 PS#436
DL	Connor Redfearn 6-2 290 PS#477JC
DL	Adam Geib 6-5 220 PS#530
K	Dary Stone 6-0 160 PS#102
LB	Chris Mitchell 6-3 260 PS#485

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Sep. 2	TCU	A						
Sep. 9	Northwestern St	A						
Sep. 16	† Wash St *(Seattle)*	A						
Sep. 23	Army	A						
Sep. 30	Kansas St	A						
Oct. 7	at Colorado	G						
Oct. 14	at Texas	G						
Oct. 21	Kansas (HC)	A						
Oct. 28	Texas A&M	A						
Nov. 4	at Texas Tech	A						
Nov. 11	at Oklahoma St	A						
Nov. 18	Oklahoma	A						
Nov. 25								

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Last year's 5 wins were the most Baylor has amounted since 1995.
Baylor is 1-39 SU in Big 12 AG's, but did win their 1st vs Iowa St last year.
BU is 12-21 ATS as an away dog since 1999.

First time these former Southland Conf members will meet S/'95 (played every yr from '45-'95).
BU is 12-26-2 ATS S/'95 as a home dog, including 0-3 SU & ATS last yr.

The Demons finished 5-5 LY as members of IAA's Southland Conference.
NSU is 2-3 SU & only have been outscored by 5 ppg S/'03 vs IA opp's.

Baylor is 5-1 ATS the last 2 years after a SU win.
Last time these tms met was the '94 Alamo Bowl & BU had just 8 FD's & 151 yds of offense.

Baylor is 5-1 ATS their last 6 games as a home favorite.
BU is 6-0 SU & 3-0 ATS all-time vs Service Academies.

Bears are 0-5 SU & 1-3 ATS being outscored on avg 45-10 all-time vs the Wildcats.
BU is just 18-36-2 ATS in B12 play S/'99, but 14-9-1 ATS under HC Morriss.

In their last meeting in '03, BU pulled off a huge 42-30 (+19') outright upset winner.
Baylor is 9-4 ATS the last 3 years on grass.

The Bears are 2-8 SU, but 7-3 ATS vs Big 12 South Div teams the L2Y.
In their L/4 games, BU has been outscored 203-14 & shutout 3 times vs UT.

BU is 3-0 SU & 2-1 ATS all-time hosting Kansas outscoring KU by 18 ppg.
Baylor is 0-8 SU & 1-7 ATS in their last 8 Homecoming games.

BU & TX A&M have went to OT the L2Y as BU is 5-0 ATS L/5 OT games.
The Bears are 4-9 ATS vs the Aggies all as a dog since 1993.

Baylor is 0-15 SU & 3-11-1 ATS their last 15 November road games.
The favorite is 9-2 ATS in this series the last 11 games.

This will be QB Bell's 4th start vs OSU (2-1 ATS) avg 167 ypg (60%) 2-0 ratio.
BU is 2-9 SU & 2-7-2 ATS vs Oklahoma St since 1994.

The visitor is 8-2 ATS in this series in Big 12 play.
BU has scored just 59 pts (12 ppg) the L5Y vs OU, but have covered 4X's.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: JJ Joe 5,995 1990-'93
Rushing: Walter Abercrombie 3,665 1978-'81 Receiving: Gerald McNeil 2,651 1980-'83

GUY MORRISS (Career 20-37)

4th Year at Baylor
Morriss' SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Morriss' records AT BAYLOR

11-23	Straight Up	2-0	Home Favorite
19-11-1	Vs The Spread	7-5-1	Home Underdog
11-8-1	Off A SU Loss	2-0	Away Favorite
14-9-1	Vs Conference	8-6	Away Underdog
5-2	Vs Non-Conf	3-0	Off A Bye

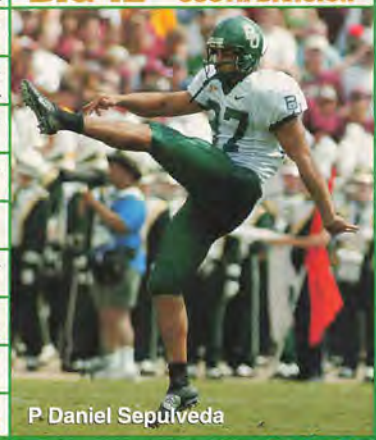
2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (21,23,3)
Lost: 19 (11,7,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,899

BIG 12 - SOUTH DIVISION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STADIUM: FLOYD CASEY STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Prestige System)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	3-8	3-9	3-9	3-8	5-6	20-59
Home	1-5	1-5	3-4	3-3	3-4	3-3	2-3	16-27
Away	0-5	1-4	0-4	0-6	0-5	0-5	3-3	4-32
ATS	2-8-1	3-7	4-6	1-10	7-4	6-3-1	6-4	29-42-2
Home Fav	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	5-2
Home Dog	0-3-1	1-4	1-4	0-3	3-2	4-0-1	0-3	9-19-2
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	3-0
Away Dog	1-4	1-3	2-2	0-6	3-2	2-3	3-1	12-21
Favorite	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	3-0	8-2
Dog	1-7-1	2-7	3-6	0-9	6-4	6-3-1	3-4	21-40-2
Grass	1-6-1	2-4	4-6	1-8	5-3	1-1	3-0	17-28-1
Artificial	1-2	1-3	0-0	0-2	2-1	5-2-1	3-4	12-14-1
vs Conf	0-7-1	2-6	2-6	0-8	5-3	5-2-1	4-4	18-36-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1	1-1	2-0	11-6
Off SU Win	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-0	2-1	7-9
Off SU Loss	1-7-1	2-5	2-5	1-6	5-3	3-2-1	3-3	17-31-2

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Paul Mosley	180	679	22	657	7	3.7
Brandon Whitaker	101	516	35	481	1	4.8
Jacoby Jones	12	57	0	57	0	4.8
Mario Price	6	35	1	34	0	5.7
Queito Teasley	3	34	0	34	0	11.3
Terrance Parks	28	64	74	-10	0	-0.4
Shawn Bell	39	73	131	-58	1	-1.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Shawn Bell	320	190	59.4	1964	12	6
Terrance Parks	71	32	45.1	324	1	6

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dominique Zeigler	48	563	11.7	5	55
Trent Shelton	39	452	11.6	1	52
Shaun Rochon	44	443	10.1	2	36
Brandon Whitaker	30	160	5.3	0	24
Mikail Baker	8	158	19.8	1	49
Paul Mosley	12	90	7.5	2	21
J Fields	6	87	14.5	0	22
Carl Sims	9	72	8.0	1	19
Jason Smith	6	70	11.7	1	31
Queito Teasley	5	63	12.6	0	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Daniel Sepulveda	62	2863	46.2	5	36.8	0	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Havens	22-24	9-9	4-7	3-7	0-0	16-23	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Maurice Lane	84	0	2	1	0
Jamaal Harper	73	2	4	6	1
Colin Allred	73	5.5	3.5	0	1
Willie Andrews	59	2	5.5	3	0
Marcus Foreman	58	2.5	5	4	0
Montez Murphy	52	3.5	6	2	0
CJ Wilson	45	0	1	5	5
Tyler Lindstrom	42	1	4.5	1	0
Michael Gary	34	0	3	2	0
James Todd	26	0	2	9	1
Anthony Arline	24	0	0	3	3
Nick Moore	23	0	0	0	0
Julian Hill	22	1.5	1	2	0
Maurice Linguist	22	0	0	1	1
Josh Bell	21	0	0	1	0
Vincent Rhodes	16	0	0	0	0
MT Robinson	15	3	0	0	1
Dwain Crawford	14	0	1	2	1
Alton Widemon	13	0	0	1	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Willie Andrews	27	274	10.1	0
Shaun Rochon	8	139	17.4	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Shaun Rochon	20	548	27.4	1
Willie Andrews	11	265	24.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
85	Liberty	E	LSU	21-7	W
86	Bluebonnet	-5'	Colorado	21-9	W
91	Copper	-3'	Indiana	0-24	L
92	John Hancock	+6'	Arizona	20-15	W
94	Alamo	+5'	Washington St	3-10	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Baylor's All-Time SU Bowl Record 8-8

BAYLOR'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	21.5	18	110	3.1	208	56.6	14.8	+5	2005	8	26.5	22	162	4.1	216	51.3	14.3
6*	20.4	18	99	3.0	213	59.5	15.3	-15	2004	7	36.9	21	206	4.6	215	59.0	11.4
6*	15.9	16	110	2.8	171	56.7	17.7	-5	2003	6	37.9	21	194	5.1	257	56.0	11.9
6*	16.8	18	103	2.8	232	56.0	19.9	-17	2002	9	41.3	21	164	4.5	242	61.5	9.8
9*	18.6	19	96	2.6	215	53.5	16.7	-3	2001	7	32.5	23	171	3.9	247	60.7	12.9
8	12.6	14	73	2.2	149	40.4	17.6	-9	2000	5	36.1	22	209	4.9	232	56.9	12.2

2005 STATS BY GAME

BU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at SMU	24	45 - 215	4.8	23 - 40	198	1	17	36 - 170	4.7	9 - 26	106	3	-1
–	Samford	24	37 - 137	3.7	19 - 30	238	1	21	29 - 55	1.9	23 - 47	249	2	+2
–	at Army	19	37 - 146	3.9	20 - 30	205	1	19	40 - 56	1.4	19 - 37	228	5	-1
–	at Texas A&M	23	45 - 125	2.8	25 - 45	222	5	15	34 - 155	4.6	12 - 31	132	0	0
–	at Iowa St	15	34 - 116	3.4	18 - 26	160	1	19	38 - 110	2.9	19 - 31	210	4	+2
–	Nebraska	16	23 - 51	2.2	17 - 31	202	4	25	51 - 182	3.6	18 - 32	168	0	-2
–	at Oklahoma	12	21 - 63	3.0	20 - 44	228	1	28	53 - 205	3.9	24 - 42	269	4	+1
–	Texas Tech	20	40 - 121	3.0	21 - 38	204	2	17	22 - 111	5.0	22 - 44	264	1	-2
–	Texas	13	30 - 112	3.7	10 - 23	89	2	35	54 - 347	6.4	16 - 27	298	0	-2
–	at Missouri	19	33 - 77	2.3	27 - 50	270	5	17	50 - 298	6.0	9 - 23	72	0	+1
–	Oklahoma St	15	40 - 46	1.2	22 - 35	272	3	27	31 - 90	2.9	29 - 50	383	2	+7
TOTALS		200	385 - 1209	3.1	222 - 392	2288	26	240	438 - 1779	4.1	200 - 390	2379	21	+5
AVERAGES		18.2	35 - 110	3.1	20 - 36	208	2.4	21.8	40 - 162	4.1	18 - 35	216	1.9	0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-7'	24-3	W
New Mexico	+4'	16-13 OT	W
at Iowa St	+15	0-41	L
at Texas A&M - #24	+25	10-16	W
Nebraska - #4	+33	7-48	L
at Oklahoma - #2	+35'	17-33	W
Texas Tech	+12	19-63	L
Texas - #5	+32	10-49	L
at Missouri	+15	24-41	L
Oklahoma St	+7	22-38	L
S Illinois	NL	56-12	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+7'	22-70	L
Samford	NL	50-12	–
at New Mexico	+9'	0-23	L
Tulsa	-11'	37-25	W
Kansas	-4	35-32	L
Texas A&M	+20	0-41	L
at Colorado - #23	+28	0-34	L
Kansas St - #20	+31	10-44	L
at Texas Tech	+32	11-62	L
at Texas - #4	+40	0-41	L
Oklahoma - #4	+38	9-49	L
at Oklahoma St	+28	28-63	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UAB	+9	19-24	W
at North Texas	+14'	14-52	L
SMU	-1'	10-7	W
Sam Houston St	NL	27-6	–
Colorado	+19'	42-30	W
at Texas A&M	+20	10-73	L
at Kansas	+21	21-28	W
Texas - #19	+32'	0-56	L
at Kansas St	+40'	10-38	W
Texas Tech	+27'	14-62	L
at Oklahoma - #1	+53	3-41	W
Oklahoma St - #23	+27	21-38	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UAB	+14	14-56	L
Texas St	NL	24-17	–
North Texas	+3'	37-14	W
at Texas - #5	+38'	14-44	W
Missouri	+20	10-30	T
at Nebraska	+23	27-59	L
Iowa St	+7'	25-26	W
Texas A&M - #16	+25	35-34 OT	W
at Texas Tech	+31	17-42	W
at Oklahoma St - #25	+25'	21-49	L
Oklahoma - #2	+36'	0-35	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at SMU	-1'	28-23	W
Samford	NL	48-14	–
at Army	-5'	20-10	W
at Texas A&M	+23	13-16 OT	W
at Iowa St	+8	23-13	W
Nebraska	+2'	14-23	L
at Oklahoma	+14	30-37 2OT	W
Texas Tech - #17	+13	0-28	L
Texas - #2	+29	0-62	L
at Missouri	+8'	16-31	L
Oklahoma St	-3	44-34	W

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Nebraska ran the option offense for over 20 years. From 1971-'76, however, the Huskers did lead the Big 8 in passing three times (2nd 3 times). When you switch from a pure option offense to a pass offense, teams generally struggle. When Callahan took over the program in 2004, the switch was also hurt by the fact that JUCO Jordan Adams (pure passing QB) had his spleen removed and redshirted. Joe Dailey (PS#43) ran the option in HS and won the starting job but completed just 49.4% with 17 TD's and 19 int and transferred to Rutgers last year. Zac Taylor, who originally signed at Wake Forest, won the starting job. His backup was Joe Ganz (6-1 200 So, PS#117). Taylor struggled vs three weak non-conf foes completing just 43.8% and is not much of a threat to run with only 4.98 speed. He improved and hit 36 of 55 for a school record 431 yards vs Iowa St. True frosh Harrison Beck (PS#10) looked to be on his way to a redshirt after not playing in the first 9 games of the season. Taylor, however, was injured in the 4Q vs K-St and Beck was summoned back and hit 1 of 6 for 21 yards with 1 int but led the game winning TD drive. He was 0 of 4 vs Colorado basically wasting his redshirt year. Taylor hit 27 of 43 for 392 vs Colorado, completing 59.4% vs the Big 12 and threw for a school record 2,653 yards breaking David Humm's 1972 mark of 2,074. The three QB's return along with Beau Davis (6-4 185 So, PS#131) and Adams moved to S. Now in the 3rd year of the passing system, the Huskers' QB's will continue to improve.

RUNNING BACKS - Cory Ross (PS#33) was the team's leading returning rusher in Callahan's first season. After rushing for 575 (4.4) as a backup in 2003, he proved that a RB can be successful in this system rushing for 1,102 (5.3) in '04. He actually became the first I-back here to top 1,000 yards rushing since 2001. Last year Callahan brought in a great crop of VHT true frosh with Marlon Lucky (PS#3), Leon Jackson (PS#8) and Cody Glenn (PS#25). While Ross was a diminutive 5'6", these three are all over 6' and weighed at least 210 including Glenn who benches 350 lbs. Ross led with just 882 yards and his ypc dropped to 3.9 but did have 43 rec (9.1). He rushed for just 32 yards vs Iowa St but had 131 rec yards. He went through the entire Big 12 schedule without a 100 yard effort and the team avg'd just 2.7 ypc for the season. All three true frosh played with Glenn rushing for 131 (2.9), Lucky 129 (3.0) and Jackson 52 (2 tkl ST). This year they must replace Ross but all 3 return and add in PS#1JC Kenny Wilson and should improve upon last year's rushing numbers.

RECEIVERS - In Callahan's first year, WR Ross Pilkington had 20 rec in the first 5 but did not have another catch until the season finale (injury, doghouse) when he snagged 7 yet still led the team with 27 (12.5). TE Matt Herian, who was 1st Tm B12 in '03 averaging 22.0 on 22 rec, had 8 starts in '04 (24 rec) but suffered a broken leg. Herian redshirted last year and Pilkington moved on so the receiving corps was young with the top returnee, Grant Mulkey, having 19. Frantz Hardy, who was a teammate of Taylor's at JC, started 3 and had 25 rec. Good sized rFr Nate Swift (PS#66) had just six starts but led with 45 (14.2). This year they lose Mark LeFlore (PS#24, 10 rec) and Mulkey (5 st, 26), who transferred. They get Herian back. Not listed below are TE's Todd Peterson (6-4 210 So, 9 rec), Sean Hill (6-3 255 Jr), Hunter Teafatiller (6-3 220 So) and WR's Dan Erickson (6-1 195 Jr), Wes Cammack (5-11 190 rFr), Justin Tomerlin (6-6 265 So, PS#17 in '01) and this year's true frosh. Now in the 3rd year of the system, this is the best receiving corps Callahan has fielded here.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Through the years Nebraska was famous for its "Pipeline" O-line. In 2003 the Huskers' 29 year OL coach and his 17 year asst both retired. The Huskers saw their ypc rushing drop from 5.2 to 4.3 (their lowest ypc in over 30 years) and the unit allowed 17 sacks (8.9%). In 2004 they had to replace 3 starters but even in the first year of the new passing offense, paved the way for 4.7 ypc while allowing just 16 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and then lost both starting OT's Cornealius Fuamatu-Thomas (7 st) and Seppo Evwaraye (HM B12, 2 yr st'r, 9 st) to injury. The top three OT's for the bowl were two frosh and a soph. This year they lose RG Brandon Koch (12 st, HM B12, 2 yr st'r), LG Jared Helming (1 st) and the two OT's. Five players return with starting experience and six of the top 10 are back. In 2005 the Huskers slipped to 2.7 ypc while allowing 38 sacks (8.6%) and should improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Under the category "Hard to Believe But True", the Huskers' D-line has not had an AA since 1997. They made a solid hire in DL coach John Blake and his 2004 unit had to replace four players who combined for 26 starts in '03. Blake's first unit trimmed the ypc to 2.9 (3.5 in '03) but the D had just 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups with Blake calling DE Adam Carriker their top DL. Carriker had 9.5 sacks and the Huskers led the NCAA with 50 while allowing 3.2 ypc. This year they lose both DT's in Titus Adams (#7DC NYJ, PS#14, 11 st, 50 tkl, HM B12) and LeKevin Smith (#6DC NE, 12 st, 6 sk, 7 tfl) as well as backup DE Wali Muhammad (20 tkl, 4 sk). Carriker turned down the NFL draft and five of the top eight return including backup DE Barry Turner who had a school frosh record 6 sacks. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Kevin Luhrs (6-1 260 Jr) and Tony Sullivan (6-3 235 Jr). Despite the losses, this is another top-notch defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - The Huskers had to replace Barrett Ruud who left as the school's all-time career leading tackler last year (#2DC TB) as well as two other players who combined for 12 starts. Their lone returning starter, Stewart Bradley, tore his ACL in the 5th game. Steve Octavien was impressive in August and started the opener but was lost for the year with a broken leg. Bo Ruud (Barrett's bro) broke his arm and missed the bowl. Six different players earned starts. This year the only loss is walk-on Adam Ickes (7 st, 37 tkl, 5 tfl) and not listed in the 3 deep below are Andy Kadavy (6-0 225 Sr, PS#128), Tyler Wortman (6-3 230 So) and Mark O'Shea (5-11 225 Sr). This year all of the injured players return making this one of the Big 12's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003, led by FS Josh Bullocks school record 10 int, the Huskers were #5 in my pass D rankings with an incredible 10-32 ratio. In 2004 they only had to replace one starter but dropped to #47. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including #1 and #2 DC's and moved RB Tierre Green to CB where he had 7 starts. Surprisingly the less experienced secondary moved up to #12. This year they lose SS Daniel Bullocks (#2DC DET, 12 st, #2 tkl'r, 2nd Tm B12, 10 pbu), FS Blake Tiedtke (12 st, 68 tkl, 4 sk), FS Tyler Fisher (8 tkl) and 3rd stringers Jeff Souder (6 tkl) and Joey Robison (12 tkl). Five of the top 8 are back and Zackary Bowman (PS#8JC), who arrived in August last year, only started the last 5 but should be one of the best CB's in the NCAA. They also add in JUCO Andre Jones (PS#5). The Huskers should finish near the top of the pass D rankings once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the last 11 years Nebraska has ranked in the Top 10 of my ST rankings five times including 2001 and 2002. Callahan inherited a ST unit that was #24 in 2003 but had to replace their P, top KR and PR and dropped all the way down to #88 despite P Sam Koch (38.4 net). Koch (#6DC BAL) had a phenomenal 2005 finishing #2 in the NCAA with a 46.5 avg and a 39.8 net. Cortney Grixby took over the PR duties (10.4) and fellow soph Terrence Nunn ranked #3 in the NCAA in PR average (18.3). They had 198 yards in PR's vs Maine, which was actually 17 more than they had in the entire '04 season. Marlon Lucky was the top KR (20.9) despite having a 100 yard KR TD called back. Nebraska had allowed 24.7 per KR's in 2004 but improved to 18.3. RFr Jake Wesch had 7 TB's on 29 KO's. Jordan Congdon (PS#1) set a Nebraska record with 19 FG's as a true frosh connecting on 19 of 23 but only 3 were from 40+ (long 41). Overall the Huskers moved up to #9 and they can again contend for a Top 10 finish if the new punter comes close to matching Koch's outstanding net.

COACHES - In 2004 Nebraska made a dramatic change bringing in Bill Callahan, who unlike the previous two HC's, had not been at longtime NU asst. He scrapped NU's patented option offense bringing in OC Jay Norvell who was the Oakland Raiders' TE coach the previous two years to run the West Coast offense. He also brought in Kevin Cosgrove as the DC after he'd been Wisconsin's DC from 1994-2003 and they all enter their 3rd year. Switching from an option offense to a West Coast passing game is usually a 3 to 4 year process, so expect Norvell's offense to have more success and they did score 29.7 ppg over their final 3 last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nebraska was 11-0 and headed for the Big 12 Title game in 2001 when they were upset at Colorado 62-36. From that point through the end of 2004, the team had nine losses by 22 or more including 3 in 2004. Frank Solich's last team finished 10-3 in 2003 and earned an amazing 35th straight bowl but he was let go. In 2004 they were making a dramatic switch on offense going from the option to a West Coast pass attack. That year I called for Iowa St, who finished 2003 at 2-10, to top NU in the Big 12 North standings. NU's loss to Colorado in the finale gave them their first losing season since 1961. After being +23 in turnovers in 2003, they were -13 in '04. Callahan brought in 12 JUCO's for 2005. They installed new FieldTurf and made $50 million worth of improvements to Memorial Stadium. They had to replace 31 lettermen (most in Big 12). The defense did record an NCAA high 50 sacks despite losing 3 players in the first 40 picks of the NFL draft. They set a school record with 11 sacks against Maine and the D had 3 defensive TD's vs Wake Forest (first time since 1962). NU was young with 25 frosh and soph on the 2 deep for the Alamo Bowl. The Huskers blocked a FG on the last play to get past Pitt 7-6. They suffered their first Homecoming loss since 1968 when vs TT they got an int which appeared to seal the win with 1:13 left but fumbled the ball back on the return and Tech got a TD for a 34-31 win. After beating Baylor in their first road game to move to 5-1, they were thrashed by Missouri being outgained 523-279. After a loss to Oklahoma, they amazingly were blown out vs Kansas, 40-15, being outgained 428-138 and snapping a 36 game win streak vs the Jayhawks dating back to 1968. With a bowl in jeopardy, they nailed a 40 yard FG with 1:05 left to get past K-St and then stunningly routed Colorado on the road 30-3 with a 497-212 yd edge. They trailed Michigan in the bowl 28-17 but rallied for the win and an 8-4 season. This year the Huskers have the most returning starters so far under Callahan (15) and are now in the 3rd year of their systems. The offense, with 8 starters back, should achieve their highest ppg since 2001 (35.6). The defense allowed just 21.0 ppg in '05 and despite the loss of four of the top eight tacklers, has 7 starters back and should be even better in 2006. To me the Huskers are clearly the most talented team in the Big 12 North. Despite a schedule that includes USC and Texas, I give the Huskers a great shot at topping last year's 8 wins and getting to the Big 12 Title game.

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2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 13 ZAC TAYLOR SR. 6-2 210 **PS#18JC**. 12 st here LY, 2653 (55%), 19-12 ratio, 237 rush. **3** Harrison Beck (6-2 215 So) **PS#10**. **15** Beau Davis (6-4 185 So) PS#131.

RB 20 Marlon Lucky So. 6-0 210 **PS#3**. 129 (3.0) true. **34** Cody Glenn (6-0 230 So) **PS#25**. 131 true. **32** Brandon Jackson (5-11 200 Jr) PS#50. 442 rush, 2Y. **Kenny Wilson PS#1JC**.

WR 83 TERRENCE NUNN JR. 6-0 185 PS#92. 12 st, 43 (11.5) LY. **23** Chris Brooks (6-2 200 So) **PS#31. FB 41 Dane Todd** (5-11 235 Sr) PS#152. 2 st LY. **33** Grant Miller (6-0 225 Sr).

WR 87 NATE SWIFT SO. 6-2 195 PS#66. 6 st rFr. #1 (45, 14.2). HM B12. **7** Frantz Hardy (6-1 180 Jr) **PS#36JC**. 3 st, 25 (14.0). **80** Tyrell Spain (6-3 190 Jr) 92 rec at JC 2 years.

WR NA MAURICE PURIFY JR. 6-4 210 **PS#3JC. 28** Isaiah Fluellen (6-0 185 Sr) 6 st, 28 rec (17.8) 3Y. HM B12 '04. Menelik Holt is **PS#36**. Will Henry (6-5 195 Fr) is PS#196.

TE 11 MATT HERIAN SR. 6-5 245 PS#24. 1st Tm B12 in '03. 21 st, 53 (20.6), 3Y. **85 JB Phillips** (6-3 250 Jr) **11 st**, 15 (7.2) LY. **81 Josh Mueller** (6-5 260 Jr) **PS#7**. 3 st, 1 rec LY2.

C 50 KURT MANN SR. 6-4 290 **PS#80**. 5 gm rFr. 11 st C '04. 12 st C LY, **2nd Tm B12**. **59** Brett Byford (6-3 305 Jr) **PS#51**. **67** Jacob Hickman **PS#50**. GS in '05. In for spg.

RG NA Carl Nicks Jr. 6-5 325 **PS#24JC. 2** Rodney Picou (6-4 300 rFr) **PS#10**. **61** Mike Huff (6-4 305 So) PS#116. 2nd string rFr, 1 gm. **92** Lane Kelly (6-4 270 Sr) PS#370LB. LS.

LG 65 GREG AUSTIN SR. 6-1 290 4 gm true. 2nd string '04. 11 st LG LY. **62** Andy Christensen (6-3 300 So) PS#74DL. Inj'd LY. **68** Jordan Picou (6-2 300 Jr) PS#260JC. RS LY.

RT 70 Matt Slauson So. 6-5 335 PS#451. 3 st RT rFr, 8 gm. **75** Victory Haines PS#80JC. In for spring. **78** Brock Pasteur (6-6 290 Jr) PS#114JC. 545 bench. RS here LY.

LT 76 LYDON MURTHA SO. 6-7 315 **PS#4**. 4 st LT rFr. **54** Chris Patrick (6-4 290 Jr) PS#80DL. 1 gm rFr, 1 st LT LY. DJ Jones (6-5 300 Fr) **PS#17**. **57** Conan Fredinburg (6-7 210 rFr).

K 29 JORDAN CONGDON SO. 5-11 175 **PS#1**. 19 of 23 FG's as true, long of 41, **2nd Tm B12**, 31-32 xp's. **98** Jake Wesch (6-1 200 So) 7 TB's on 29 KO's LY. **91** Eric Lueshen (6-2 190 Jr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 90 ADAM CARRIKER SR. 6-6 295 PS#92. Lifter of Yr '04. 12 st LY, 43 tkl, **9.5 sk**, **1st Tm B12**. **99 Barry Turner** (6-3 250 So) **PS#40. 6 sk as true.** Mike Smith (6-6 260 Fr) **PS#45**.

DT 54 Ola Dagunduro Sr. 6-2 300 **PS#42JC**. 22 tkl, 2 sk, 2 tfl LY. **43** Ty Steinkuhler (6-3 275 So) PS#88. 5 tkl, 2 tfl. Brandon Johnson (6-3 312 Jr) is PS#161JC. 79 tkl, 10 st at JC LY.

DT 77 Ndamukong Suh So. 6-4 320 **PS#7**. 1 tkl true. **94** Barry Cryer (6-2 280 Sr). 4.78 spd. PS#125JC. 6 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **63** Craig Roark (6-2 300 rFr) **PS#32OL**. Seth Jensen **PS#98OL**.

DE 44 JAY MOORE SR. 6-4 280 **PS#31**. 6 st, 21 tkl, 7 tfl in '04. 12 st, 37 tkl, 3 sk, 11 tfl, HM B12 LY. **98 Zach Potter** (6-7 275 So) **PS#29**. 1 tkl as true. **85** Thomas Rice (6-1 240 Jr).

SLB 34 STEWART BRADLEY SR. 6-4 245 10 st in '04, 67 tkl, 11 tfl. 5 st until ACL LY, 26 tkl. **40** Lance Brandenburgh (6-1 230 Jr) **PS#35**. 1 st, 23 tkl. **58** Dontrell Moore (6-2 235 Sr) PS#151JC.

MLB 13 COREY McKEON JR. 6-1 225 **PS#29**. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm B12**, 98 tkl, 7 sk, 15 tfl, 3 int, 7 pbu. **38** Phillip Dillard (6-1 250 So) **PS#16**. 11 tkl true. **45** Nick Covey (6-2 235 rFr) **PS#60**.

WLB 51 BO RUUD JR. 6-3 230 **PS#34**. 17 tkl rFr. 10 st LY, 80 tkl, **14 tfl**. **15** Steve Octavien (6-0 240 Jr) PS#108JC. 1 st until inj LY, MedRS. Steve Allen (6-2 230 Jr) is **PS#56JC**.

CB 1 ZACKARY BOWMAN SR. 6-2 195 **PS#8JC. 4.25 spd!** Last 5 st at CB, 2 int, 11 pbu. Ricky Thenarse (6-0 185 Fr) is PS#50RB. **35** Chris LeFlore (5-10 205 Jr) PS#153WR. 1 gm LY.

CB 2 CORTNEY GRIXBY JR. 5-9 170 **PS#6**. 2 st, 21 tkl true. 12 st LY, 46 tkl, 10 pbu. Andre Jones is **PS#5JC**. Cover CB. **18** Travis Gingery (5-10 190 Jr). **28** Bryan Wilson (6-1 200 Jr) 4.4 spd. on track tm. **21** Titus Brothers (5-11 190 Jr) PS#143. 5 tkl, 2Y. **46** Ben Eisenhart (5-11 200 Jr).

SS 30 Tierre Green Jr. 6-1 200 3 st RB '04, 782 all-purp yd. 7 st CB LY, 29 tkl. 60m

FS 8 Andrew Shanle Sr. 6-1 210 PS#229. **4.38 spd**. 38 tkl, 3Y. **7** Jordan Adams (6-2 200 Jr) PS#277JC. Moved from QB spg. **24** Brandon Rigoni (5-6 185 Sr) 22 tkl in 2Y.

P 97 Dan Titchener So. 6-0 195 PS#28. 2nd Tm USA Today P in HS. Alex Henery (6-3 160 Fr) PS#12. 41.4 avg HS. Preferred walk-on. **19** Tyler Kester (6-1 200 Jr) PS#109. 41.6 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Kenny Wilson 6-0 220 PS#1JC
WR	Maurice Purify 6-4 210 PS#3JC
DB	Andre Jones 6-0 192 PS#5JC
OL	DJ Jones 6-5 300 PS#17
OL	Carl Nicks 6-5 325 PS#24JC
LB	Steve Allen 6-2 230 PS#56JC
WR	Menelik Holt 6-4 215 PS#36
DL	Mike Smith 6-6 260 PS#45
DB	Ricky Thenarse 6-0 185 PS#50RB
OL	Victory Haines 6-7 285 PS#80JC
OL	Ricky Henry 6-3 280 PS#68DL
OL	Jacob Hickman 6-3 270 PS#50 '05
OL	Keith Williams 6-5 310 PS#82DL
DB	Major Culbert 5-11 198 PS#65
OL	Cruz Barrett 6-4 315 PS#79
DB	Corey Young 6-0 190 PS#68
TE	Mike McNeill 6-4 215 PS#30
DL	Seth Jensen 6-3 275 PS#98OL
DL	Pierre Allen 6-5 222 PS#112
DL	Brandon Johnson 6-3 312 PS#161JC
K	Alex Henery 6-3 160 PS#12
DB	Anthony West 6-0 195 PS#147
DL	Ben Martin 6-4 265 PS#168
WR	Will Henry 6-5 195 PS#196
LB	Adrian Lawson 6-1 210 PS#223
WR	Tyrell Spain 6-3 190 PS#419JC

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BILL CALLAHAN (Career 13-10)
3rd Year at Nebraska
Callahan's SU Bowl Record: 1-0

Callahan's records AT NEBRASKA

13-10	Straight Up	3-6	Home Favorite
9-11	Vs The Spread	2-0	Home Underdog
5-4	Off A SU Loss	2-2	Away Favorite
7-9	Vs Conference	2-3	Away Underdog
2-2	Vs Non-Conf	2-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (27,23,3)
Lost: 25 (10,12,3)

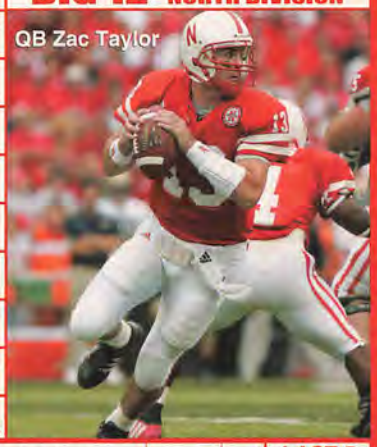
2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 77,485

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#28

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Louisiana Tech	A						Since 1997 Nebraska is 1-11 ATS the game after scoring 50+ points. Cornhuskers are 5-2 ATS the last 3 years on natural grass. Nebraska is 11-3 ATS in Homecoming games since 1992.
Sep. 9	Nicholls St	A						Last time NU lost a home opener was in '85 a 17-13 loss to Florida St (20-0 since). Nebraska is 17-1 SU but 2-6 ATS all-time vs current WAC members.
Sep. 16	at USC	G						Colonels are IAA Southland Conf members located in Thibodaux, LA. Nicholls St was ranked #16 in the final IAA rankings LY qualifying for the playoffs.
Sep. 23	Troy	A						Nebraska is 10-16 ATS the last 4 years after a SU win. Could apply: NU is just 2-7 SU & 3-6 ATS as an away dog since 1999.
Sep. 30	Kansas	A						May apply: Huskers are 8-4 SU & ATS the last 3 years after a SU loss. NU's avg score vs current SBC tms is 45-10 but are just 1-2 ATS all-time.
Oct. 7	at Iowa St	G						Nebraska is 23-7 ATS since 1976 vs Kansas. NU's 36 game win streak over KU (2nd longest in Div IA) was snapped LY.
Oct. 14	at Kansas St	A						Both teams are led by very talented QB's in Meyer (ISU) & Taylor (NU). The home team has covered 12 of the last 14 meetings.
Oct. 21	Texas	A						Last time NU won in Manhattan was in 1996 (1st yr of the Big 12). The Cornhuskers are 0-6 ATS (2-4 SU) the last 6 games vs the Wildcats.
Oct. 28	at Oklahoma St	A						NU is 12-6 ATS since 2000 vs the Big 12 South Division. Nebraska is 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS vs Texas in Big 12 Conference play.
Nov. 4	Missouri (HC)	A						The visitor is 2-5 ATS since 1992 in this series. Nebraska is 1-3 ATS in Big 12 play vs Oklahoma St.
Nov. 11	at Texas A&M	G						Cornhuskers are just 2-6 ATS in their last 8 November home games. The home team is a perfect 4-0 SU & ATS the last 4 years.
Nov. 18								Nebraska is 9-2 SU & 5-1 ATS all-time vs Texas A&M. The Cornhuskers are 2-9 ATS in the game prior to a bye since 2000.
Nov. 24	Colorado (Fri)	A						Bonus: With a 7th HG TY, the Lincoln area will generate more than $6 million.
								NU is 7-3 SU but 2-8 ATS vs CU since the game was moved to the end of the season ('96). NU is 5-3 SU but 1-7 ATS in their home finale since 1998.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Dave Humm 5,035 1972-'74
Rushing: Mike Rozier 4,780 1981-'83 Receiving: Johnny Rodgers 2,479 1970-'72



STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (Tom Osborne Field 73,918)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	9-2	11-1	7-6	9-3	5-6	7-4	59-23
Home	6-0	6-0	8-0	6-2	6-1	4-2	5-2	41-7
Away	5-1	3-2	3-1	1-4	3-2	1-4	2-2	18-16
ATS	7-5	4-7	7-5	6-6	7-5	4-6	5-5	40-39
Home Fav	4-2	2-4	4-4	4-1	4-2	1-3	2-3	21-19
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	3-2
Away Fav	3-3	2-3	3-1	0-2	3-1	1-1	1-1	13-12
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	1-1	3-6
Favorite	7-5	4-7	7-5	4-3	7-3	2-4	3-4	34-31
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-2	2-2	2-1	6-8
Grass	2-2	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-0	11-9
Artificial	5-3	3-5	5-4	5-4	5-4	2-5	4-5	29-30
vs Conf	5-4	4-4	5-3	4-4	5-3	3-5	4-4	30-27
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	2-2	2-2	2-2	1-1	1-1	10-12
Off SU Win	6-4	3-5	7-4	3-4	3-5	0-5	4-2	26-29
Off SU Loss	0-1	1-1	0-0	2-2	3-0	4-1	1-3	11-8

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Alamo	-14'	Northwestern	66-17	W
01	Rose	+8'	Miami, Fl - #1	14-37	L
02	Independence	-7	Mississippi	23-27	L
03	Alamo	-3	Michigan St	17-3	W
05	Alamo	+10	Michigan - #20	32-28	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Nebraska's All-Time SU Bowl Record 22-21

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cory Ross	225	952	70	882	5	3.9
Cody Glenn	45	132	1	131	4	2.9
Marlon Lucky	43	139	10	129	0	3.0
Brandon Jackson	18	56	4	52	0	2.9
Harrison Beck	1	0	7	-7	0	-7.0
Zac Taylor	76	237	278	-41	1	-0.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Zak Taylor	430	237	55.1	2653	19	12
Harrison Beck	10	1	10.0	21	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Nate Swift	45	641	14.2	7	34	
Terrence Nunn	43	495	11.5	7	52	
Cory Ross	43	392	9.1	3	70	
Frantz Hardy	25	349	14.0	1	73	
Grant Mulkey	26	271	10.4	0	34	
Todd Peterson	9	150	16.7	2	38	
JB Phillips	15	108	7.2	0	22	
Mark LeFlore	10	98	9.8	0	18	
Dane Todd	8	75	9.4	0	17	
Isaiah Fluellen	4	52	13.0	0	16	
Clayton Sievers	6	39	6.5	0	11	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Sam Koch	71	3302	46.5	8	39.8	0	29

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jordan Congdon	31-32	9-12	7-8	3-3	0-0	19-23	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Corey McKeon	98	7	15	7	3
Daniel Bullocks	83	0	4	10	1
Bo Ruud	80	2.5	11.5	6	1
Blake Tiedtke	68	4	2	6	1
Titus Adams	50	1.5	3.5	2	0
Cortney Grixby	46	0	0	10	1
Adam Carriker	43	9.5	7.5	3	0
Le Kevin Smith	43	6	7	1	1
Jay Moore	37	3	11	3	1
Adam Ickes	37	0	5	2	1
Tierre Green	29	0	0	4	0
Zackary Bowman	27	0	1	11	2
Stewart Bradley	26	3	2	0	1
Lance Brandenburgh	23	0	5	3	0
Ola Dagunduro	22	2	2	2	0
Wali Muhammad	20	4	4	2	0
Brandon Rigoni	15	0	1	0	0
Barry Turner	14	6	1	0	0
Ben Eisenhart	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cortney Grixby	32	333	10.4	0
Terrence Nunn	16	293	18.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marlon Lucky	15	313	20.9	0
Tierre Green	9	223	24.8	0

NEBRASKA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	24.7	18	96	2.7	224	53.8	13.0	-2	2005	5	21.0	18	124	3.2	208	51.1	15.8
6	25.0	18	176	4.7	187	48.4	14.5	-13	2004	6	27.1	19	104	2.9	268	56.7	13.7
5*	24.8	18	236	4.3	109	49.0	14.0	+23	2003	7	14.5	17	119	3.5	178	50.7	20.5
5	27.4	19	269	5.2	104	44.7	13.6	-3	2002	5	23.9	19	147	3.7	215	50.3	15.1
4*	35.6	22	306	5.5	131	54.2	12.3	-1	2001	6	17.4	16	116	3.4	185	44.9	17.3
9*	43.5	23	360	6.1	115	48.4	10.9	+1	2000	5	19.2	16	124	3.9	204	45.0	17.1

2005 STATS BY GAME

NU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Maine	17	42 - 121	2.9	15 - 36	192	2	10	37 - (-6)	-0.2	16 - 36	151	11	-3
–	Wake Forest	13	30 - 120	4.0	14 - 33	114	1	19	52 - 130	2.5	12 - 28	117	5	+3
–	Pittsburgh	14	48 - 174	3.6	10 - 20	93	4	14	36 - 114	3.2	11 - 28	190	4	0
–	Iowa St	26	25 - 36	1.4	36 - 55	431	2	21	38 - 57	1.5	23 - 41	317	6	0
–	Texas Tech	22	35 - 135	3.9	21 - 35	229	2	23	23 - 44	1.9	34 - 45	368	4	-3
–	at Baylor	25	51 - 182	3.6	18 - 32	168	0	16	23 - 51	2.2	17 - 31	202	4	+2
–	at Missouri	13	19 - (-2)	-0.1	22 - 43	281	4	25	49 - 277	5.7	22 - 38	246	4	-1
–	Oklahoma	20	34 - 16	0.5	26 - 46	267	9	19	45 - 180	4.0	14 - 28	157	1	-2
–	at Kansas	7	22 - 21	1.0	14 - 27	117	3	17	44 - 213	4.8	16 - 27	215	1	+1
–	Kansas St	20	35 - 93	2.7	22 - 38	241	1	17	50 - 248	5.0	6 - 30	103	2	-1
–	at Colorado	28	42 - 105	2.5	27 - 48	392	5	13	20 - 53	2.7	20 - 40	159	4	+1
–	† Michigan	16	37 - 151	4.1	14 - 31	167	5	23	42 - 130	3.1	21 - 43	270	4	+1
TOTALS		221	420 - 1152	2.7	239 - 444	2692	38	217	459 - 1491	3.2	212 - 415	2495	50	-2
AVERAGES		18.4	35 - 96	2.7	20 - 37	224	3.2	18.1	38 - 124	3.2	18 - 35	208	4.2	-0.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	-30	21-7	L
Troy	-49	42-14	L
Notre Dame - #17	-13	27-10	W
Rice	-34	48-3	W
at Missouri	-24'	36-3	W
Iowa St	-23'	48-14	W
at Baylor	-33	48-7	W
Texas Tech	-26	41-31	L
Oklahoma - #2	-4	20-10	W
at Kansas	-30	51-7	W
Kansas St	-13'	31-21	L
at Colorado - #14	-9'	36-62	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona St	-22	48-10	W
Troy	-32	31-16	L
Utah St	-30'	44-13	W
at Penn St	-5	7-40	L
at Iowa St - #19	+1	14-36	L
McNeese St	NL	38-14	–
Missouri	-8	24-13	W
at Oklahoma St	-8'	21-24	L
at Texas A&M	+5'	38-31	W
Texas - #7	+3'	24-27	W
Kansas	-36	45-7	W
at Kansas St - #11	+12'	13-49	L
Colorado - #13	+1	13-28	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St - #24	-7'	17-7	W
Utah St	-32'	31-7	L
Penn St	-10	18-10	L
at S Mississippi	-10'	38-14	W
Troy	-27'	30-0	W
at Missouri	-7'	24-41	L
Texas A&M	-10	48-12	W
Iowa St	-24	28-0	W
at Texas - #16	+5'	7-31	L
at Kansas	-18	24-3	W
Kansas St	+2'	9-38	L
at Colorado	-2'	31-22	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Illinois	NL	56-17	–
S Mississippi	-14'	17-21	L
at Pittsburgh	-4'	24-17	W
Kansas	-13	14-8	L
at Texas Tech	+7	10-70	L
Baylor	-23	59-27	W
at Kansas St	+4'	21-45	L
Missouri	+2'	24-3	W
at Iowa St	-4	27-34	L
at Oklahoma - #2	+30	3-30	W
Colorado	-2'	20-26	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Maine	NL	25-7	–
Wake Forest	-6'	31-3	W
Pittsburgh	-9	7-6	L
Iowa St - #23	-3'	27-20 2OT	W
Texas Tech - #15	+4	31-34	W
at Baylor	-2'	23-14	W
at Missouri	-1'	24-41	L
Oklahoma	-1'	24-31	L
at Kansas	+1	15-40	L
Kansas St	-6	27-25	L
at Colorado	+16	30-3	W

COLORADO BUFFALOES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Joel Klatt spent three years in class A baseball and Barnett said one of his biggest regrets was playing him in three games in '02 as the #3 QB as it cost him an additional season. He beat out James Cox (PS#64) in '03 and became just the 5th Colorado QB to top 2,000 yards passing with a school record 233 completions. Walk-on Erik Greenberg got in two starts and he and Klatt teamed for a school record 3,351 yards. Cox got in just one pass. All three returned in '04 and Klatt's numbers dropped off dramatically as he threw for 2,398 yards (58.9%) with an 11-15 ratio. He suffered a neck strain and Cox started vs Iowa St. In 2005 Klatt threw for 2,696 (60.3%) with a 14-8 ratio but was injured in the B12 Title game and leaves with 44 school records including career passing yards topping Kordell Stewart (6,481). Cox started the bowl but struggled (4 of 12). Good-sized Brian White came off the bench and led the team to a TD and down to the Clemson 29 on another late drive (7 of 12). Those two will battle rFr Patrick Devenny (6-3 225, PS#137), Mack Brown (6-3 215, PS#102), Hawkins' own son Cody and Bernard Jackson who played WR, RB and QB last year. Naturally replacing the school's career passing leader will be tough, but whomever wins the job (Cox missed spring with injury) should put up good numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Colorado's 5,450 yards rushing by the TB's led the NCAA in 2001-02. In 2003 Brian Calhoun (PS#20) led with 810 yards (4.2) as Bobby Purify (PS#54) was injured after three games. The FB position was renamed V-back for Lawrence Vickers (PS#59) who had 223 total yards in '03. In 2004 after the staff requested that he move to WR, Calhoun opted to transfer to Wisconsin where he starred. Purify, despite injuries, led the team with 1,097 (4.7) and Vickers was #2 with 252 (4.0). Last year the top returning TB, Hugh Charles, had 100 yards (4.2) and Byron Ellis (PS#105) had 61 in 2004. Charles opened 2005 strong with 420 (105 ypg) in the first 4. He was banged up at midseason and finished with just 858 (4.5) and added 28 rec. Vickers, again, finished #2 with 258 (3.5) and 26 rec's and Ellis added 224 (2.9). With the injury problems, 3rd string QB Bernard Jackson (PS#59) moved to RB (8 att). This year they must replace Vickers (#6 DC CLE, 7 st, 2nd Tm B12) and his backup Brendan Schaub (4 yd). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Mell Holliday (5-8 205 Sr), Kevin Moyd (5-8 185 rFr) and this year's newcomers. This group is more experienced and should be more productive.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 DJ Hackett and Derek McCoy combined for a school record 141 rec's but the top 5 all had to be replaced in 2004. Deep threat Blake Mackey (PS#49, 4.39 spd) led with 449 yards, an impressive 16.0 ypc, and TE Joe Klopfenstein was #2 with 33 (12.7). The inexperienced receivers dropped 39 passes. Last year they only had to replace one WR and a TE who combined for 19 starts and 40 rec's but the top two were back. Unfortunately Mackey tore his ACL. The fastest WR was rFr Patrick Williams (PS#46QB) and Alvin Barnett was a close second. Dusty Sprague (PS#64DB), who had 24 rec's in 2004, led with 44 (10.7). Evan Judge, who started 11 in '04 (31), led the team in yards with 583 (14.2). Klopfenstein (#2DC STL, 12 st) had 33 (14.2) and backup TE Quinn Sypniewski (#5DC BAL, 8 st) added 29 (15.4). This year they must replace both TE's and Judge (13 st). Not listed in the 2 deep below are WR's Charlie Sherman (6-1 195 So, PS#222), Nick Holz (5-11 180 Sr) and TE Brandon English (6-4 235 Sr). This unit is clearly weaker at TE but much improved at WR if Mackey is back at 100%.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Buffaloes returned three starters from an O-line that had paved the way for 3.6 ypc rushing while allowing 23 sacks (5.5%) in 2004. The unit was hit hard by injuries with just one player starting all 13 games (C Mark Fenton). The ypc slipped to 3.4 but the sack percentage went down to 4.4%. This year they lose OT's Clint O'Neal (12 st OT, 2 yr st'r, HM B12) and Gary Moore (11 st). Six players return with starting experience including four VHT's making this a stronger group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Gary Barnett's seven years, the Buffs best run D had allowed 3.9 ypc rushing ('01, '04) but last year improved the ypc allowing 2.8 while the D recorded 27 sacks. They only had to replace one starter and had 4 back with starting experience. True frosh DE Maurice Lucas emerged and started six games. This year they lose DT James Garee (13 st, 42 tkl, 3 yr st'r), NT Vaka Manupuna (13 st, 54 tkl, HM B12) and DT John Guydon (12 tkl) but do add in Notre Dame transfer Brandon Nicolas. This group looks just as strong as the 2005 version.

LINEBACKERS - The Buffs had an inexperienced LB corps in 2004 and true frosh Jordon Dizon turned out to be the Big 12 Def Newcomer of the Year. Four of the top 5 tacklers were LB's and the entire 2 deep returned last year. This year they must replace Brian Iwuh (UFA JAX, 12 st, 70 tkl, 2nd Tm B12) and Akarika Dawn (2 st, 63 tkl, 6 tfl). Four of the top six are back and this group should be just as strong.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Three true frosh started at times in 2003 and CU finished just #91 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace three starters in 2004 but moved up to #69. Last year basically the entire 2 deep was back but starting SS Dominique Brooks (12 st, 101 tkl 2Y) was suspended early, tore his ACL late in the season and did not record a tackle. Starting CB Terrence Wheatley missed the year with wrist surgery. The Buffs still moved up to #48 and this year are in tremendous shape. The only loss is FS Tom Hubbard (2 st, 14 tkl) as 7 players return with starting experience including four seniors. Newcomer Jalil Brown is also expected to contribute at CB. Not listed below are Brooks (6-1 180 Sr, PS#27) and Terry Wilson (5-11 200 So, PS#159). This should be one of the best secondaries in the country this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Barnett puts an emphasis on this unit almost always finishing in the Top 25 of my ST rankings including #2 in 2004. Last year they returned the best K/P combo in the country. K Mason Crosby connected on a school record 60 yard FG and surprisingly has yet to win the Groza Award. In '05 the avg distance of the FG's he made was 40.9 yards! Also in '04 P John Torp had an average of 46.5 and an amazing net of 42.7. Amazingly he was just 2nd Tm B12 and was not even a Ray Guy finalist. In 2005 Torp (UFA MIN) avg'd 45.2 with a 39.1 net and Crosby had an amazing 43 TB's on 64 KO's . Stephone Robinson avg'd just 17.7 on KR's and 9.9 on PR's. Last year I rated CU the #1 ST unit prior to the season and they finished #3. Hawkins' Boise St teams also blocked a lot of punts and finished in the upper half of the rankings each year. As long as a solid P emerges, the Buffs should finish near the top again with super K Crosby back.

COACHES - Gary Barnett went through a tumultuous last three years here and after a Big 12 Title game blowout, he was let go and Mike Hankwitz was the interim HC for the bowl. The new HC is Dan Hawkins who was the HC at Boise St the last 5 years after being an asst there for three years. He guided the team to its highest finish ever in the AP poll for three straight years and was WAC Coach of the Year twice with four straight WAC Titles. He was also the HC at Willamette from 1993-'97, with his team going 22-3 his final two years there. Mike Helfrich, who was Ariz St's QB coach and passing game coordinator from 2001-05, is the new OC. New DC Ron Collins was Boise's DC the last four years.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

After a stunning 3-8 season in 2000 (4 losses by 4 points or less), I called Colorado a surprise National Title contender in my 2001 magazine and they were just that. They finished 10-2 in 2001 and #3 in the country narrowly missing out on playing in the National Title game. In 2002 they won the Big 12 North again with a 7-1 record but with just 9 starters back in 2003 (fewest B12), slipped to 5-7. Gary Barnett did not get to coach the team in the spring of 2004 but they rallied late and won the Big 12 North yet again and their bowl game. They finished 8-5 despite being outgained by 58.3 ypg in Big 12 play and outscored by 8.3 ppg. Last year they were my pick to win the Big 12 North and did so once again. Coming into the year, Barnett had said it didn't appear they had any weaknesses. They got past Colo St in a game they trailed 21-10 going into the 4Q hitting the game winning 47 yard FG with :04 left. The defense recorded shutouts vs both NMSt and Okla St and was #6 in the NCAA in rush D after 5. Colorado improved to 7-2 with their only losses to Miami Fl and Texas and it appeared likely Barnett would get a contract extension. Unfortunately for Barnett, Iowa St got two 66 yd returns for TD's on an int and a fumble and the Buffs, despite a 363-287 yd edge, lost. Their embarrassing performance at home vs Nebraska was followed up by an even more embarrassing performance in the Big 12 Title game (70-3). Barnett was let go and the Buffs were without QB Klatt for the bowl losing by 9. Hawkins inherits 28 seniors and 20 juniors. They have just five starters back on offense and must replace their QB but with a solid O-line should be able to top last year's 23.5 ppg. The defense has 8 starters back including a top-notch secondary and I will call for them to have their best ppg allowed since 1996 (18.3). Last season's embarrassing finish should have Colorado as an underrated team this year. While the offensive backfield is my major concern, Dan Hawkins has done more with less talent and should form a decent group. CU has my #4 rated defense in the Big 12 and #1 special teams. Those are the little things that win. If you were rating teams on skill position players only, the Buffs would rank dead last in the league but despite a non-conf schedule that includes Ariz St and Georgia, I'll call for the Buffs to get to their 3rd straight bowl game.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 7 **Bernard Jackson Jr.** 6-0 195 PS#59QB. QB/WR/RB LY. 10 **James Cox** (6-3 215 Sr) PS#64. 2 st, 449 (51%) 3Y. 3 **Brian White** (6-5 225 Jr) PS#83. 8 of 13, 91 yds in 2Y.

RB 2 **HUGH CHARLES JR.** 5-8 185 PS#78. 12 st, 2Y, 958 (4.5), 29 rec. 22 Byron Ellis (6-0 205 Jr) PS#105. 1 st, 2Y, 383 ttl yds. 21 Brandon Caesar (6-0 205 Sr) PS#350.

WR 4 **Patrick Williams So.** 6-2 195 PS#46QB. 29 rec rFr. 80 Jarrell Yates (6-0 185 rFr) PS#51. **FB** 34 **Jake Behrens** (5-11 235 rFr) PS#69. 42 Samson Jagoras (5-10 225 Jr).

WR 9 **Blake Mackey Sr.** 6-3 200 PS#49. **4.37 spd.** 2 st, 28 (16.0) '04. ACL in '05. 1 Stephone Robinson (5-9 185 Jr) PS#49. 1275 all-purp yd 2Y. 80 Reggie Joseph (6-0 185 Jr) PS#78.

WR 83 **DUSTY SPRAGUE JR.** 6-4 190 PS#64DB. 24 rec as rFr. 11 st in '05, 44 (10.7). 8 Alvin Barnett (6-0 195 Jr) PS#140JC. 1 st, 17 rec. 38 Chase McBride (5-8 160 Jr) PS#155RB.

TE 84 **Tyson DeVree Jr.** 6-6 245 PS#97. **5 st W Mich** 2Y, 55 rec (10.0). 30 Paul Creighton (6-5 245 Sr) PS#75. 46 Dan Goettsch (6-5 245 Sr). 87 Riar Geer (6-3 245 rFr). PS#153QB.

C 58 **MARK FENTON SR.** 6-4 295 3 gm rFr. 13 st C '04. 13 st C LY, **1st Tm B12**, 26 kd's, 799 snaps. 57 Bryce MacMartin (6-2 290 Sr) PS#154JC. 1 Letter. 50 Zach Jones (6-3 270 rFr).

RG 63 **Jack Tipton Sr.** 6-3 295 **PS#71. 4 st** LY until inj. 75 Daniel Sanders (6-3 300 So) 4 st, 466 snaps as rFr. Erick Faatagi PS#411JC. 61 Tom Grubin (6-0 285 rFr).

LG 66 **BRIAN DANIELS SR.** 6-4 300 **PS#24**. 9 st as true. 13 st '04. 11 st LY, #1 w/29 kds, 640 snaps. HM B12 2Y. 68 Jeremy Hauck (6-4 275 rFr) PS#213DL. Wes Simon is PS#191.

RT 77 **Tyler Polumbus Jr.** 6-8 285 **PS#80**. 3 gm rFr. 3 st in '05, 0 sk all'd, 13 games. 60 Paul Backowski (6-6 285 rFr) **PS#98**. Backup 1st 4 LY but RS. +20 lbs. Quinton Borders PS#439.

LT 76 **EDWIN HARRISON JR.** 6-4 300 **PS#59**. 10 gm rFr, 222 snaps. 7 st at OG LY, 0 sk allowed in 359 snaps, 16 kd's. 72 Devin Head (6-4 275 rFr) PS#121. Bill Boyer is PS#204.

K 16 **MASON CROSBY SR.** 6-2 210 7 of 9 FG's as true. 23 of 29 FG '04, **long of 60**, 6 of 8 from 50+! 22 of 29 FG LY, long of 58, 5 of 7 from 50+!, **1st Tm AA**, 43 TB on 64 KO!

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

DE 91 **MAURICE LUCAS SO.** 6-4 240 **PS#49**. 6 st true, 20 tkl, 4 tfl. 51 **Alex Ligon** (6-3 265 Sr) PS#114LB. **15 st**, 70 tkl, 9.5 sk 3Y. 33 Walter Boye-Doe (6-2 245 Sr) PS#171. 3 st, 40 tkl 3Y.

DT 86 **George Hypolite So.** 6-2 265 PS#72RB. 10 tkl, 1 tfl as true, 203 snaps. 4.7 spd. Jason Brace (6-4 255 Fr) PS#109. 97 Taj Kaynor (6-5 250 rFr) PS#174. 4.8 speed.

NT 94 **Brandon Nicolas So.** 6-3 270 **PS#41**. Notre Dame trans. 96 Marcus Jones (6-4 295 Sr) PS#156. 4.7 speed. 2 tkl 3Y. Added 45 lbs since enroll at CU. Eric Lawson is PS#153.

DE 53 **ABRAHAM WRIGHT SR.** 6-3 240 PS#102JC. 4 st, 23 tkl, 4.5 sk '04. 13 st LY, 30 tkl, 5 sk. 47 Alonzo Barrett (6-3 240 Jr) PS#208. 2 st, inj LY. 30 tkl 2Y, 2 sk. 82 Sam Zimmerer (6-3 245 rFr) PS#133.

WLB 44 **JORDON DIZON JR.** 6-0 220 PS#127RB. 11 st true, 90 tkl, 7 tfl. 12 st LY, 65 tkl, 4 tfl. 54 Marcus Burton (6-0 230 So) PS#72. 30 tkl true. 45 Jeff Smart (6-0 210 rFr) PS#422.

MLB 49 **THADDAEUS WASHINGTON SR.** 5-11 245 **PS#36**. 10 st '04, 102 tkl, 8 tfl. 12 st LY, 120 tkl, 8 tfl. 32 Maurice Cantrell (6-0 225 So). 55 Jason Ackermann (6-1 225 Sr) PS#69. 12 tkl 2Y, inj LY.

BLB 40 **Brad Jones So.** 6-4 220 **PS#49**. 21 tkl rFr, 1 tfl. 13 Joe Sanders (6-3 220 Jr) 10 tkl 2Y. 19 Ben Carpenter (6-3 225 Sr) 2 tkl 2Y. 37 Chad Cusworth (5-11 220 Sr) PS#538. 1 gm LY.

CB 26 **TERRENCE WHEATLEY JR.** 5-10 175 **7 st**, 4 int, 9 pbu 2Y. 31 Gerett Burl (5-10 160 Sr) PS#105. 9 st rFr, 11 pbu. 13 st LY, 66 tkl, 14 pbu. 21 Vance Washington (5-10 185 Sr) PS#148.

CB 22 **LORENZO SIMS SR.** 5-11 185 **PS#54**. 13 st '04, 5 int, 11 pbu. 11 st LY, **17 pbu.** 10 Terry Washington (5-10 195 Sr) PS#167JC. 2 st, 3 pbu. 6 Gardner McKay (5-11 160 So) PS#105.

SS 15 **RYAN WALTERS SO.** 5-11 200 **PS#24QB**, 17 tkl as rFr. 3 **Tyrone Henderson** (5-10 180 Sr) PS#101. 11 st '04, 72 tkl, 3 pbu. 12 st LY, 83 tkl, 5 pbu. Joel Adams (5-11 185 So).

FS 5 **JJ BILLINGSLEY SR.** 5-11 185 **PS#50**. 12 st, 94 tkl, 8 tfl '03. 13 st in '05, 88 tkl, 6 tfl. 36 Reggie Foster (5-11 190 rFr) PS#64. 25 Lionel Harris (6-0 190 Jr) PS#131. 2 tkl, 5 gms 2Y.

P 14 **Matthew DiLallo rFr.** 6-1 190 PS#30. Avg 42.0 & 40.3 2Y HS. 39 Kevin Eberhart (5-10 190 Jr) **PS#14**. 0 of 2 FG as true. 43.6 avg in HS. 18 Isaac Garden (6-0 180 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Demetrius Sumler 5-11 215 PS#60
QB	Cody Hawkins 5-11 185 PS#38
RB	Thomas Perez 6-1 220 PS#127JC
TE	Steve Fendry 6-4 235 PS#35
DL	Jason Brace 6-4 255 PS#109
RB	Jaslee Rouson 5-10 225 PS#125
LB	Justin Nonu 6-2 270 PS#114
OL	Eric Lawson 6-3 265 PS#153
DL	Marquez Herrod 6-3 235 PS#157
WR	Sherman Lang 5-11 180 PS#155DB
DB	Jimmy Smith 6-2 195 PS#165
OL	Wes Simon 6-2 300 PS#191
OL	Bill Boyer 6-4 310 PS#204
DL	BJ Beatty 6-2 210 PS#237
OL	Erick Faatagi 6-3 340 PS#411JC
DB	Jonathan Hawkins 5-10 180 PS#289
DB	Jalil Brown 6-1 195 PS#357
TE	Nate Solder 6-8 245 PS#122
LB	Michael Sipili 6-1 235 PS#367
OL	Quinton Borders 6-5 295 PS#439
OL	Justin Drescher 6-2 245 PS#562
DB	Cha'Pelle Brown 5-8 165 PS#560
TE	Ino Vitale 6-5 245 PS#205

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#13

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Montana St	G					
Sep. 9	† Colorado St (Invesco Field)	G					
Sep. 16	Arizona St	G					
Sep. 23	at Georgia	G					
Sep. 30	at Missouri	A					
Oct. 7	Baylor (HC)	G					
Oct. 14	Texas Tech	G					
Oct. 21	at Oklahoma	G					
Oct. 28	at Kansas	A					
Nov. 4	Kansas St	G					
Nov. 11	Iowa St	G					
Nov. 18							
Nov. 24	at Nebraska (Fri)	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Dan Hawkins was HC at Boise St from 2001-'05 (53-11).
Buffaloes are 10-22 ATS vs non-conference teams since 1996.
CU is 31-19 ATS (62%) the last 10 years vs the Big 12 North.

The Bobcats were 7-4 last year & finished #17 in the Div IAA rankings.
MSU has opened its season against IA competition 12 times in 26 yrs (IAA S/'79).

Invesco Field is home to the NFL Denver Broncos (7th neutral site gm in series).
The favorite is 1-9 ATS the L/10 & 3-13 ATS since '86 in this instate rivalry.

First meeting. Colorado is 38-32-1 SU & 16-24 ATS all-time vs the Pac 10.
Buffaloes are just 1-9 ATS the last 10 lined Folsom Field openers.

CU is 16-11 ATS the last 8 years as an away dog.
First meeting w/Georgia as CU is 2-7-1 SU & 1-3 ATS all-time vs the SEC.

Buffaloes are 10-4 ATS in their last 14 games on artificial turf.
CU is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS vs Missouri the last 7 games.

Buffaloes are 14-5 SU & 13-6 ATS in their last 19 Big 12 home games.
Colorado has covered 4 of their last 5 Homecoming games.

This series has avg'd just 44 ppg but with Hawkins' new CU off, look for more pts.
In their 4 B12 meetings CU has held the TT passing gm to 279 ypg (58%) w/a 4-11 ratio.

OU RB Peterson ran wild on CU in the '04 B12 Title gm (28-172-6.1-3).
Buffaloes are 10-5 ATS since 1987 vs the Sooners.

CU was down 14-0 before they ran their 2nd play the last time in Lawrence.
Colorado is 20-4 SU since 1982 & 9-5 ATS since 1992 vs Kansas.

CU is 20-6 ATS since 1998 in November games.
Colorado is 7-4 ATS the last 11 years vs Kansas St.

Buffaloes are 20-10 SU & ATS since 1976 in their home finale.
Colorado is 7-2 SU & ATS the last 9 games before a bye week.

Colorado is 1-5 SU & ATS the last 3 years after a bye week.
The visitor is 8-3 ATS since 1995 in this series.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Joel Klatt 7,708 2001-'05
Rushing: Eric Bieniemy 3,940 1987-'90 Receiving: Michael Westbrook 2,548 1991-'94

DAN HAWKINS (Career 53-11) (NAIA 40-11-1)
1st Year at Colorado
Hawkins' SU Bowl Record: 2-2

Hawkins' records AT COLORADO

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-0	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (19,26,2)
Lost: 20 (9,8,3)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 50,410

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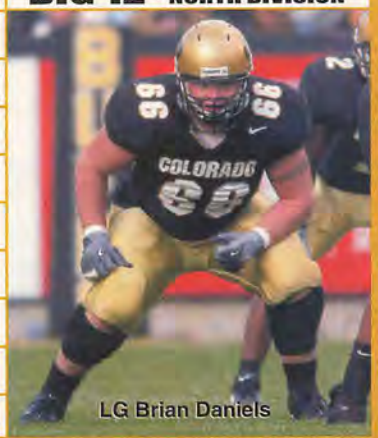

LG Brian Daniels

STADIUM: FOLSOM FIELD (53,750)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	3-8	10-2	9-4	5-7	7-5	7-5	47-36
Home	4-1	1-4	5-1	5-1	3-3	4-2	5-1	27-13
Away	2-4	2-4	5-1	4-3	2-4	3-3	2-4	20-23
ATS	7-4	5-6	8-4	8-5	5-7	6-6	5-7	44-39
Home Fav	2-1	1-3	3-2	3-2	0-3	1-2	4-2	14-15
Home Dog	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-2	0-0	7-4
Away Fav	1-3	1-2	2-1	3-1	1-1	0-0	1-2	9-10
Away Dog	2-0	3-0	2-1	1-2	2-2	4-2	0-3	14-10
Favorite	3-4	2-5	5-3	6-3	1-4	1-2	5-4	23-25
Dog	4-0	3-1	3-1	2-2	4-3	5-4	0-3	21-14
Grass	6-2	4-5	6-3	6-5	4-6	3-5	4-6	33-32
Artificial	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	3-1	1-1	11-7
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	6-3	7-2	4-4	4-5	4-5	35-25
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-3	1-3	2-1	1-2	9-14
Off SU Win	4-2	1-2	7-2	6-3	1-4	5-2	3-4	27-19
Off SU Loss	3-1	4-3	1-1	2-1	3-3	1-3	2-2	16-14

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Hugh Charles	189	947	89	858	6	4.5
Lawrence Vickers	73	269	11	258	9	3.5
Byron Ellis	78	249	25	224	0	2.9
Stephone Robinson	3	35	0	35	0	11.7
Alvin Barnett	2	28	0	28	0	14.0
Joel Klatt	54	142	139	3	0	0.1
James Cox	12	25	43	-18	0	-1.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Joel Klatt	241	400	60.3	2696	14	8
James Cox	41	17	41.5	119	0	0
Brian White	12	7	58.3	81	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Evan Judge	41	583	14.2	2	38
Dusty Sprague	44	472	10.7	1	62
Joe Klopfenstein	33	468	14.2	4	44
Quinn Sypniewski	29	447	15.4	5	64
Patrick Williams	29	258	8.9	0	27
Hugh Charles	28	231	8.3	1	51
Lawrence Vickers	26	152	5.8	2	27
Alvin Barnett	17	131	7.7	0	19
Byron Ellis	6	70	11.7	0	38

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
John Torp	80	3613	45.2	–	39.1	1	28

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mason Crosby	32-32	3-4	6-7	8-11	5-7	22-29	58

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Thaddaeus Washington	120	7	8	0	0
JJ Billingsley	88	1	6	5	2
Tyrone Henderson	83	0	2	5	1
Brian Iwuh	70	3	3	1	0
Gerett Burl	66	0	2	14	2
Jordon Dizon	65	3	4	1	0
Akarika Dawn	63	2	4	3	1
Vaka Manupuna	54	0	5	2	0
Lorenzo Sims	48	0	3	17	1
James Garee	42	2.5	5	0	0
Abraham Wright	30	5	2	5	1
Marcus Burton	30	1	2	2	2
Brad Jones	21	0	1	1	0
Maurice Lucas	20	0	4	0	0
Alex Ligon	19	1	2	3	0
Terry Washington	17	0	0	3	0
Ryan Walters	17	0	0	0	0
Alonzo Barrett	16	0	0	2	0
Tom Hubbard	14	0	0	2	2
John Guydon	12	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Stephone Robinson	27	268	9.9	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Stephone Robinson	21	371	17.7	0
Terry Washington	12	250	20.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Insight.com	-7'	Boston College	62-28	W
01	Fiesta	-3	Oregon - #2	16-38	L
02	Alamo	-7	Wisconsin (OT)	28-31	L
04	Houston	-4	UTEP	33-28	W
05	Champs Sports	+10'	Clemson - #23	10-19	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Colorado's All-Time SU Bowl Record 12-15

COLORADO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	23.5	19	110	3.4	223	58.5	14.2	+2	2005	9	23.6	19	101	2.8	248	58.1	14.8
7*	23.4	17	125	3.6	215	59.0	14.5	+1	2004	5	25.5	22	161	3.9	260	58.0	16.5
3	26.6	20	94	2.6	279	62.6	14.0	-6	2003	6	33.2	22	151	4.0	281	59.4	13.0
7*	28.4	19	233	5.0	142	51.6	13.2	+7	2002	8	23.2	20	170	4.3	196	56.1	15.8
9*	31.7	22	215	4.6	212	58.7	13.4	-2	2001	8	24.5	19	130	3.9	238	54.5	15.1
6	22.9	21	122	3.3	240	58.4	15.8	+5	2000	5	25.8	23	175	4.1	247	59.4	16.3

2005 STATS BY GAME

CU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	Colorado St	19	29 - 113	3.9	22 - 33	283	4	21	34 - 95	2.8	28 - 43	291	1	+1
–	New Mexico St	34	50 - 238	4.8	22 - 33	233	1	7	22 - 5	0.2	17 - 31	176	3	+1
–	at Miami, Fl	19	31 - 105	3.4	25 - 43	228	1	21	28 - 118	4.2	21 - 40	271	0	-3
–	at Oklahoma St	18	41 - 213	5.2	16 - 28	168	1	11	38 - 92	2.4	14 - 29	116	3	+1
–	Texas A&M	25	37 - 158	4.3	29 - 38	401	0	16	28 - 78	2.8	19 - 36	258	2	+1
–	at Texas	14	19 - 45	2.4	21 - 44	192	0	24	47 - 145	3.1	26 - 32	337	0	-1
–	Kansas	14	29 - 104	3.6	18 - 30	200	0	22	34 - 61	1.8	27 - 55	293	3	+4
–	at Kansas St	17	37 - 91	2.5	17 - 34	272	3	22	37 - 81	2.2	19 - 40	211	2	+2
#25	Missouri	24	42 - 136	3.2	24 - 32	260	1	18	30 - 59	2.0	27 - 44	217	3	+1
#22	at Iowa St	23	38 - 79	2.1	25 - 42	284	2	15	25 - 36	1.4	20 - 38	251	2	-2
–	Nebraska	13	20 - 53	2.7	20 - 40	159	4	28	42 - 105	2.5	27 - 48	392	5	-1
–	† Texas	12	26 - 82	3.2	15 - 32	109	0	26	57 - 268	4.7	16 - 19	218	0	-3
–	† Clemson	11	29 - 17	0.6	11 - 24	107	3	19	40 - 169	4.2	19 - 27	196	3	+1
TOTALS		243	428 - 1434	3.4	265 - 453	2896	20	250	462 - 1312	2.8	280 - 482	3227	27	+2
AVERAGES		18.7	33 - 110	3.4	20 - 35	223	1.5	19.2	36 - 101	2.8	22 - 37	248	2.1	0.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-8'	22-24	L
† Colorado St - #24	-4	41-14	W
San Jose St	-16	51-15	W
Kansas	-25'	27-16	L
at Kansas St - #12	+10	16-6	W
Texas A&M - #25	-8'	31-21	W
at Texas - #9	+11	7-41	L
at Oklahoma St	-10	22-19	L
Missouri	-13'	38-24	W
at Iowa St	-4'	40-27	W
Nebraska - #2	+9'	62-36	W
† Texas - #3	+7'	39-37	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	-8	14-19	L
San Diego St	-22	34-14	L
USC - #7	-3	3-40	L
at UCLA - #20	+11'	31-17	W
Kansas St - #13	+3'	35-31	W
at Kansas	-21	53-29	W
Baylor	-28	34-0	W
Texas Tech	-6	37-13	W
at Oklahoma - #2	+13'	11-27	L
at Missouri	-4'	42-35 OT	W
Iowa St	-9'	41-27	W
at Nebraska	-1	28-13	W
† Oklahoma - #8	+7'	7-29	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St - #23	+2	42-35	W
UCLA	-3	16-14	L
Washington St	-4'	26-47	L
at Florida St - #10	+20	7-47	L
at Baylor	-19'	30-42	L
Kansas	-6'	50-47 OT	L
at Kansas St	+18	20-49	L
Oklahoma - #1	+25	20-34	W
at Texas Tech	+14	21-26	W
Missouri - #22	+4'	21-16	W
at Iowa St	-7'	44-10	W
Nebraska - #25	+2'	22-31	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	-4	27-24	L
† Washington St	+3	20-12	W
N Texas	-20'	52-21	W
at Missouri	+7	9-17	L
Oklahoma St - #22	+6'	14-42	L
Iowa St	-10'	19-14	L
at Texas A&M - #17	+19'	26-29 OT	W
Texas - #8	+14	7-31	L
at Kansas	+2'	30-21	W
Kansas St	+2'	38-31	W
at Nebraska	+2'	26-20	W
† Oklahoma - #2	+22	3-42	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	-7	31-28	L
New Mexico St	-24	39-0	W
at Miami, Fl - #12	+14	3-23	L
at Oklahoma St	-3	34-0	W
Texas A&M	-3	41-20	W
at Texas - #2	+17	17-42	L
Kansas	-16	44-13	W
at Kansas St	-7'	23-20	L
Missouri	-12	41-12	W
at Iowa St	-1'	16-30	L
Nebraska	-16	3-30	L
† Texas - #2	+26'	3-70	L

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Kansas' QB situation has been very unstable due to injuries and poor performance the last 2 years. True frosh Adam Barmann who has 4.64 speed, a strong arm and heady field presence, got his debut vs A&M in '03 and hit 14 of his first 16 (2 drops) for a KU frosh record 294 yds in a hostile environment. He returned in '04 as did Brian Luke (6-6 225). That year they seemed to be snakebitten with injuries as they started 4 different QB's in a 4 week span. Barmann started the first 8 but was lost for the year vs ISU and Luke had 2 fumbles, one of which was ret'd for a TD. Jason Swanson (PS#95JC) started vs Colorado but was lost for the season and John Nielsen was injured the next week. Luke hit 14 of 25 for 225 in the upset of Missouri. Barmann, Luke and Swanson all ret'd in '05. Swanson reported overweight in Aug and was demoted to 4th string. True frosh Kerry Meier (PS#34) had a test prior to the opener which showed a heart condition (now corrected) and RS. He worked on the scout team vs the Kansas #1 D. Barmann began as the starter but Luke led four 2H scoring drives in the opener and took over. They also worked WR Marcus Herford in as a running QB. Luke, Barmann and Herford all played in the first two B12 games when they switched QB's 9 times. Barmann started vs Kansas St but Luke played the entire game vs Oklahoma despite being int'd on 2 of his first 3 passes and only hit 11 of 30 for 86. Swanson moved up to #2 and came off the bench vs Colorado after Luke opened 1 of 5. Swanson threw for 291 yards attempting 50 passes which was the most here since Mike Orth also had 50 in 1986. Swanson started the next four but was injured vs Iowa St. Luke led the comeback (into stiff winds) getting a QB sneak for a TD and then led the game-tying drive in their OT win. Swanson hit 19 of 29 for 307 with 4 TD's and was the Bowl MVP. This year they must replace Swanson and Luke and while Barmann has 13 games of starting experience, I think Meier will likely win the job. Overall, KU's 4 QB's combined to throw for 2,348 (53.3%) with a 13-19 ratio in 2005 and KU should improve statistically this year.

RUNNING BACKS - Clark Green (220 lbs), a bruising RB, caught Mangino's eye in '02 and ended up beating out the returning starting RB. He rushed for 813 (4.1) while snagging a school RB record 37 rec's (11.0). He is also a solid pass blocker but lacks break away speed. In '03 he improved his numbers to 968 (4.7). John Randle supplied the speed and rushed for 400 (6.2) with 19 rec (7.2) while also playing some CB. Added to the mix was Canadian Jon Cornish who was recruited by USC. Green and Randle were banged up in '04 as Randle led with 540 (3.7), the lowest total for a KU #1 rusher S/'88. This team has not had a 1,000-yard rusher in 9 years. Randle was dismissed in '05. Green had the most att (153) last year but finished #2 with 664 (4.3). Cornish was quicker, more explosive and well conditioned. Cornish, in 19 less att, had 780 yards (5.8). Green departs as the school's #4 all-time leading rusher. Adding depth are Brandon McAnderson (102 ,4.6), Bruce Ringwood (6-1 215 Jr, PS#102LB), Gary Green (5-9 175 So, PS#144), Angus Quigley (6-2 210 rFr), Sam Archer (6-1 220 rFr), Nick Kurtenbach (5-10 200 Jr) and this year's true frosh including Jake Sharp (PS#29). Randle is still in school but a longshot to return. Cornish has a shot at eclipsing that elusive 1,000-yard barrier.

RB Jon Cornish

RECEIVERS - Willie Vaughn, the school's all-time leading receiver, barely held onto his title in '04 as Brandon Rideau had 51 rec and came up just 2 short of his career mark. I mentioned last year that Vaughn would not have much time to breath easy and Mark Simmons, who needed just 23 more rec, led the way snagging 44 (14.3). He was basically the only experienced receiver last year with 4 of 2004's top 5 departing. CB/WR Charles Gordon was 2nd with 34 (9.2). Brian Murph (PS#77JC) emerged with 33 (11.2). TE Derek Fine had 22 (11.1) and true frosh Russell Brorsen moved over from D-line and was his backup. This year they lose Simmons (12 st, UFA SD), Gordon (6 st, UFA MIN) and Brorsen who moves back to the DL. While the top two receivers are gone, this group actually has more overall experience.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '03 KU had to replace 4 starters from their OL but surprisingly paved the way for 4.4 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks. They had 2 starters back in '04 and struggled with just 94 ypg (2.7) and 21 sacks. Last year they had to replace their 2nd Tm B12 C but had 5 players back with starting experience and brought in some JC's. RFr Ryan Cantrell won the RG job in the final 5 and is one of KU's strongest players. Eight different players earned starts and 7 of them are back. The only losses are RT Matt Thompson (11 st, 2 yr st'r) and backup LT Scott Haverkamp. The OL showed improvement as the season went on and in the final 4 allowed just 5 sacks and opened holes for 4.6 ypc. This is a veteran group that should improve upon last year's 3.8 ypc.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Mangino's first season the D allowed 5.8 ypc rushing but has made steady progress since, improving to 4.9, 3.3 and last year had the team's best rush D since '62 allowing a paltry 83 ypg and just 2.4 ypc. Last year's unit had to replace 2 starters including a #5DC and I called for a much bigger contribution from DE Charlton Keith who led Minnesota in sacks in '02. Keith, in his 2nd year at KU, had 9 sacks and 14 tfl (1st Tm B12). This year Keith must be replaced (12 st, UFA CLE) as well as DT Tim Allen (9 st, 27 tkl) and DE Jermial Ashley (12 st, 16 tkl, 3 tfl) but just like last year return 5 of their top 8. They also get John McCoy back after he served a year in Iraq and should get much better production from Rodney Allen (PS#20JC) who had just 2 starts. Todd Haselhorst, who had 13 tackles and 4 tfl as a true, moved to OL in '05 but now is back at DL. This has the makings of another fine KU D-line but will be down a notch or two.

LINEBACKERS - The Jayhawks' LB corps has improved each year under Mangino and so has the defense. Last year I noted this group had a legitimate 3 deep as all 3 starters returned. This year the LB's are far less experienced. They must replace Big 12 Def POY Nick Reid (12 st, 112 tkl, 14 tfl, 3rd Tm AA, UFA KC), ILB Kevin Kane (12 st, 80 tkl, 11 tfl, HM B12), OLB Banks Floodman (11 st, 76 tkl, 10 tfl, HM B12) and Brandon Perkins (1 st, **tm high 10 sk**). There are plenty of HT's in the 3 deep below but this unit must be Mangino's main concern for 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In Mangino's first two seasons, KU was just #107 and #98 in my pass D rankings. In 2003 they had to move RB Randle and WR Gordon to DB midyear to aid the poor secondary. With Gordon earning first team B12 honors in '04 at CB, KU made dramatic strides moving up to #19. Last year they had 7 players back with starting experience but then lost starting FS Rodney Harris prior to the season. Gordon also played WR and cramped up at times due to the extra snaps (6 st CB). Frosh Aqib Talib was impressive (8 pbu, 2 int) and in just 9 starts, earned HM B12 and had a huge int vs Iowa St. This year they lose Gordon (28 tkl, 3 pbu), CB Theo Baines (6 st, 40 tkl, 4 int), FS Rodney Fowler (12 st, 48 tkl, 3 int), CB Ronnie Amadi (5 st, 23 tkl), CB Donnie Amadi (4 tkl) and CB Marcus Hicks (3 tkl). Harris returns however so it's like having 3 starters back and they add in some solid RS frosh, JC's and ex-RB Tang Bacheyie (6-1 195 So). Despite a weaker front 7, they could actually improve upon last year's #39 pass D finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Kansas finished #38 in my ST rankings in '04 and last year only had to replace K Johnny Beck (10-16 L51). Charles Gordon became the school's all-time career PR leader topping Donny Shanklin's mark set in 1968. In the bowl, Brian Murph returned his first and only punt of the year 85 yards for a TD. Greg Heaggans led KU in KR's in '04 (23.9) but had a costly fumble vs TX and had just 9 (18.9). Scott Webb, who hit 2 of 5 FG's in '04 including two excruciating misses vs TT, hit 14 of 19 FG's with a long of 48 (1 miss 50+). He also had 28 TB's on 60 KO's and looks like one of the Big 12's best. P Kyle Tucker averaged 42.9. Kansas has blocked 5 punts the last 2 years. KU finished a solid #29 in my ST rankings and figures to improve again this year.

COACHES - Mark Mangino enters his 5th season after being the OC/OL coach at Okla from '99-'01 and an asst at K-St for 8 years prior. Fifth year OC Nick Quartaro was the asst HC at Iowa St from '98-'01. The DC is Bill Young who held that spot with Ohio St, Okla and USC from '88-'00 and enters his 5th year. They promoted Clint Bowen who was the ST cord to co-DC and he is in his 6th year on the staff.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kansas has never finished in the upper half of the B12 North. In fact, its best conf record since the '96 inception of the B12 is 3-5 and they are 20-60 in 10 years. Mangino inherited a team that was outgained by an avg of 219.5 ypg in conf play in '01 and outscored by 27.1 ppg with the league's fewest returning starters. I called for a winless B12 season and KU was 0-8 in league play in 2002 and outscored by 31.9 ppg. Mangino weeded out a lot of bad apples and 31 underclassmen from the '02 spring roster had left by the start of '03. They were a better conditioned team in '03 that was bolstered by a heavy JC infusion and went to their first bowl S/'95 finishing 6-7. KU's D has made steady improvement. After allowing 42.3 ppg in '02 and 30.5 in 2003, they gave up just 21.4 in 2004 and 22.0 last year. KU had a veteran team with 15 starters back in '04 but I pegged them for last in the B12 North because of their tough schedule (8 foes were in a '03 bowl). Last year Mangino had his best team yet. They were picked 6th in the B12 North (media days), although 6 of their 7 losses in 2004 were decided by an avg of 4.8 ppg. Almost all of the scholarship players stayed over the summer. KU drew the top 3 B12 South teams (TX, TT and Okla). In my magazine I broke their season down into 3 parts calling for a 3-0 start, an 0-4 middle and a strong finish and that is precisely what happened as KU blasted 3 weak non-conf foes to start the season. The D allowed just 303 ypg and was the key to their first winning record since '95 despite being -8 in TO's. Their D held TT's potent offense to just 23 pts (TT's D scored 7) and they outgained K-St 236-182 and Colo 354-304 but lost their first 4 B12 games. During that period, the KU offense went through a stretch of over 164 minutes without a TD (all 4 were away). Brad Smith and Missouri had piled up 523 yards vs Neb the week before but KU held them to 180 in a 13-3 win that got the 3rd part of their season rolling. They beat Neb for the first time since **1968** by a commanding 40-15 margin with a 428-138 yard edge. After an expected loss to Texas, they beat Iowa St in OT with a bowl bid on the line. The Jayhawks destroyed Houston in the bowl with their offense having a season high 538 yards. In '03 and '04 KU defeated just 2 Div IA teams with winning records but in '05 conquered four. This year the B12 schedule gets a lot softer as they pull the bottom 3 from the South (A&M, OSt & BU) but have just 10 returning starters (fewest B12). The offense got better as the season went on (30 ppg L/4G) and with their top rusher, a solid O-line and 7 starters back, they should top 2005's 22.4 ppg. After having experienced D's the last 2 years and allowing just 21.4 and 22 ppg, with just 3 starters back on D, they do not figure to be as tough. I like the overall talent of the unit however and think they probably won't drop as much as most expect. Five of my 7 sets of power ratings call KU the weakest team in the B12 North but unlike last year when they had to play TTech, Okla and Texas, they face none of them this year so the schedule is more manageable. Mangino's squad also has the benefit of extra bowl practices. With the softer schedule, KU has an excellent shot at getting to their 3rd bowl in 4 years.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 10 Kerry Meier rFr. 6-3 210 PS#34. In for spg. **7** Adam Barmann (6-4 210 Sr) PS#65. 13 st, 3Y, 2109 (57%) 16-15 ratio, 265 rush. **5** Todd Reesing PS#95 in for spring.

RB 29 JON CORNISH SR. 6-0 205 Canadian. 0 st but #1 w/780 (5.8) rush, 15 rec. **35** Brandon McAnderson (6-0 235 Jr) PS#114LB. 142 tfl yds LY. **4** Gary Green is PS#144.

WR 13 Marcus Herford So. 6-3 210 PS#250QB. 1 st, 7 rec, 54 yds rush, 3 pass rFr. **11** Jonathan Lamb (6-2 190 Sr) 89 tkl, **13 st SS '03.** 2 rec '04. **46** Justin Thornton (6-1 185 rFr) PS#115DB.

WR 86 Marcus Henry Jr. 6-4 200 PS#143. 6 st, 25 rec (10.7) 2Y. **82** Jeff Foster (6-2 195 Jr) 1 st, 4 rec. **9** Raimond Pendleton (5-10 180 rFr) PS#270. Tertavian Ingram is #58.

WR 6 BRIAN MURPH SR. 6-1 190 PS#77JC. 6 st '05. #2, 33 rec (11.2). **80** Dominic Roux (5-11 175 Sr) **PS#68**. 4.4 spd. 3 st, 6 rec. **88** Dexton Fields (6-0 180 So) PS#201, 1 rec.

TE 85 DEREK FINE JR. 6-3 245 PS#63. Scout Tm MVP 1 st rFr. 8 st LY, 22 (11.1). Bradley Dedeaux PS#27. **96** Marc Dierking (6-2 205 Jr). **49** Derek Spears (6-3 215 So).

C 74 DAVID OCHOA SR. 6-4 285 PS#422. 12 gm rFr. 11 st RG '04. 12 st C in '05.

HM B12. 67 Rameses Arceo PS#347JC in spg. **LS 54** Zack Hood (6-2 255 Sr) 3 years.

RG 50 RYAN CANTRELL SO. 6-3 285 PS#163. Last 5 st RG rFr. **69 Travis Dambach** (6-5 295 Sr) PS#297. 1 st rFr. 3 st RT '04. 4 st at RG LY. **66** Adrian Mayes (6-3 300 So).

LG 77 BOB WHITAKER SR. 6-5 317 **PS#93**. 13 st LG rFr. 11 st LG '04. 11 st LG LY, **HM B12. 64** Jake Cox (6-5 295 Sr) PS#172JC. 4 st in '05 (2 G, 1 T). Ian Wolfe is PS#137.

RT 78 Anthony Collins So. 6-6 285 PS#469DL. 1 st RT rFr. **75** Marcus Anderson (6-4 285 Jr) **PS#60JC**. RS LY. 2 yr st'r at LT at JC. **60** Jose Rodriguez (6-6 255 rFr) PS#200.

LT 65 CESAR RODRIGUEZ JR. 6-7 286 PS#185DL. 8 st RT rFr. 11 st at LT LY. **70** Matt Darton (6-6 305 So) 2nd string as rFr. **76** Matt Mann (6-4 290 Sr) PS#490JC. 11 gm backup '04.

K 39 SCOTT WEBB JR. 5-11 180 **PS#20**. 2 of 5 FG rFr, 29 of 29 xp. 14 of 19 FG's LY, long 48. **49** Alex Hanson (6-0 180 rFr) PS#56. **9** Dane Broadie (6-0 180 Sr) PS#72.

DE 92 Rodney Allen Sr. 6-3 280 **PS#20JC**. 2 st DT in '05, 18 tkl, 7 tfl. HM Big 12. **84** Jeff Wheeler (6-7 240 rFr) PS#244. **71** Luke Templin (6-2 240 rFr). **79** Chris Brant (6-3 285 Sr).

DT 93 JAMES McCLINTON JR. 6-1 283 PS#120. 1 tkl true. 11 st LY, 27 tkl, 4 tfl. **94** Caleb Blakesley (6-5 277 rFr) PS#143OL. Co-scout MVP. **56** Eric Butler (6-2 300 Sr) 12 tkl, 2 sk LY.

DT 72 Todd Haselhorst So. 6-4 300 **PS#63OL**. 13 tkl, 4 tfl true. RS LY. **97 John McCoy** (6-3 250 Sr) **PS#32JC**. 4.56 spd, 525 bench. 11 tkl '03. Army. **91** Wayne Wilder (6-3 295 Sr) PS#135JC.

DE 98 Paul Como Sr. 6-2 248 PS#171JC. 1 st, 13 tkl, 4 tfl, 12 gm '05. **81** Russell Brorsen (6-4 238 So) PS#129DL. 2 st TE true. **87** John Larson (6-3 240 So) Walk-on. 1 tkl.

OLB 37 Joe Mortensen So. 6-2 245 PS#82. 385 bench. 4 tkl rFr. **41** Arist Wright (6-0 205 rFr) PS#450. **58** Jake Schermer (6-2 200 rFr) PS#208. Sal Capra (6-3 245 Fr) PS#133.

ILB 40 Mike Rivera So. 6-3 250 PS#81. 1 tkl true but RS. 20 tkl rFr. **12** James Holt (6-3 200 So) PS#475WR. 6 tkl true. **61** Ian Handshy (6-1 230 rFr) PS#168. Dakota Lewis PS#176.

ILB 33 Eric Washington Sr. 6-2 220 PS#93 '03. PS#144JUCO. 11 tkl, 1 tfl here LY. **16** Brandon Duncan (6-1 206 rFr) **PS#66**. **53** Matt Zeleznak (6-0 215 So) JUCO, Walk-on.

CB 23 Blake Bueltel Jr. 6-0 175 PS#236JC in for spring. 4 int, 8 pbu at JC LY. **31** Micheal McCoy (5-11 185 Jr) JC in for spg. 2 int, 10 pbu JC LY. **27** Sadiq Muhammed (6-0 190 Jr).

CB 3 AQIB TALIB SO. 6-2 180 9 starts rFr, 54 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu, 4 tfl, **HM Big 12. 2** Kenneth Thompson (5-11 180 Sr). 15 tkl 3Y. **Olaitan Oguntodu PS#69 here in spring.**

SS 24 JEROME KEMP SR. 5-10 200 PS#158RB. 1 st, 13 tkl first 2Y. 11 st SS LY, 58 tkl, 3 pbu, 4 tfl. **38** Raymond Brown (6-3 200 So) PS#148. **11** Leonard Byrd (6-0 176 rFr).

FS 32 Rodney Harris Sr. 6-0 185 PS#186JC. **11 st FS '04,** 62 tkl, 4 int, 4 pbu, 6 tfl. **25** Darrell Stuckey (6-1 183 rFr) PS#215. **20** John Kosko (5-9 190 So). Anthony Webb **PS#39.**

P 15 KYLE TUCKER JR. 6-2 205 PS#83. 58 punts, 40.1 avg, **36.1 net** true. 66 punts LY, 42.9 avg, net 35.6. HM Big 12. Ray Guy Semifinalist. **22** Kyle Davis (5-10 178 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB Jake Sharp 5-10 190 PS#29
DB Anthony Webb 6-0 175 PS#39
WR Tertavian Ingram 6-0 181 PS#58
TE Bradley Dedeaux 6-3 240 PS#27
RB Donte Bean 5-9 180 PS#71
DB Phillip Strozier 6-0 190 PS#66
DB Olaitan Oguntodu 6-0 200 PS#69
OL Ian Wolfe 6-5 280 PS#137
WR Xavier Rambo 6-0 185 PS#104
RB D'Marcus Lang 6-2 212 PS#116LB
DB Blake Bueltel 6-0 175 PS#236JC
LB Sal Capra 6-3 245 PS#133
QB Todd Reesing 5-11 190 PS#95
DB Michael McCoy 5-11 185 PS#324JC
DL Jamal Greene 6-4 265 PS#194
QB Tyler Lawrence 6-3 205 PS#129
LB Dakota Lewis 6-1 206 PS#176
OL Rameses Arceo 6-4 295 PS#347JC
DB Jeremy Terry 6-1 190 PS#204
DB Maxwell Onyegbule 6-4 220 PS#225LB
DL Jason Thompson 6-6 245 PS#230
OL John Marshall 6-3 280 PS#294
OL Carl Wilson 6-4 275 PS#452
DL John White 6-2 285 PS#461

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Montana St	G						Dan Hawkins was HC at Boise St from 2001-'05 (53-11). Buffaloes are 10-22 ATS vs non-conference teams since 1996. CU is 31-19 ATS (62%) the last 10 years vs the Big 12 North.
Sep. 9	† Colorado St (Invesco Field)	G						The Bobcats were 7-4 last year & finished #17 in the Div IAA rankings. MSU has opened its season against IA competition 12 times in 26 yrs (IAA S/'79).
Sep. 16	Arizona St	G						Invesco Field is home to the NFL Denver Broncos (7th neutral site gm in series). The favorite is 1-9 ATS the L/10 & 3-13 ATS since '86 in this instate rivalry.
Sep. 23	at Georgia	G						First meeting. Colorado is 38-32-1 SU & 16-24 ATS all-time vs the Pac 10. Buffaloes are just 1-9 ATS the last 10 lined Folsom Field openers.
Sep. 30	at Missouri	A						CU is 16-11 ATS the last 8 years as an away dog. First meeting w/Georgia as CU is 2-7-1 SU & 1-3 ATS all-time vs the SEC.
Oct. 7	Baylor (HC)	G						Buffaloes are 10-4 ATS in their last 14 games on artificial turf. CU is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS vs Missouri the last 7 games.
Oct. 14	Texas Tech	G						Buffaloes are 14-5 SU & 13-6 ATS in their last 19 Big 12 home games. Colorado has covered 4 of their last 5 Homecoming games.
Oct. 21	at Oklahoma	G						This series has avg'd just 44 ppg but with Hawkins' new CU off, look for more pts. In their 4 B12 meetings CU has held the TT passing gm to 279 ypg (58%) w/a 4-11 ratio.
Oct. 28	at Kansas	A						OU RB Peterson ran wild on CU in the '04 B12 Title gm (28-172-6.1-3). Buffaloes are 10-5 ATS since 1987 vs the Sooners.
Nov. 4	Kansas St	G						CU was down 14-0 before they ran their 2nd play the last time in Lawrence. Colorado is 20-4 SU since 1982 & 9-5 ATS since 1992 vs Kansas.
Nov. 11	Iowa St	G						CU is 20-6 ATS since 1998 in November games. Colorado is 7-4 ATS the last 11 years vs Kansas St.
Nov. 18								Buffaloes are 20-10 SU & ATS since 1976 in their home finale. Colorado is 7-2 SU & ATS the last 9 games before a bye week.
Nov. 24	at Nebraska (Fri)	A						Colorado is 1-5 SU & ATS the last 3 years after a bye week. The visitor is 8-3 ATS since 1995 in this series.
								ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Joel Klatt 7,708 2001-'05 Rushing: Eric Bieniemy 3,940 1987-'90 Receiving: Michael Westbrook 2,548 1991-'94

Hawkins' records AT COLORADO

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-0	Off A Bye

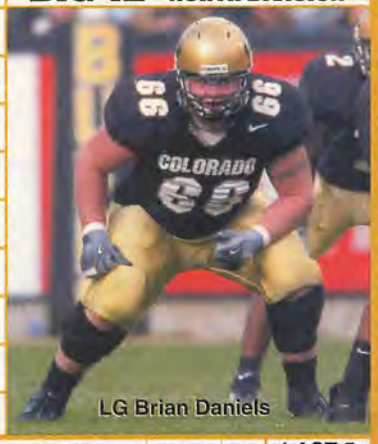
2005 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (19,26,2)
Lost: 20 (9,8,3)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 50,410

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION



LG Brian Daniels

STADIUM: FOLSOM FIELD (53,750)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	3-8	10-2	9-4	5-7	7-5	7-5	47-36
Home	4-1	1-4	5-1	5-1	3-3	4-2	5-1	27-13
Away	2-4	2-4	5-1	4-3	2-4	3-3	2-4	20-23
ATS	7-4	5-6	8-4	8-5	5-7	6-6	5-7	44-39
Home Fav	2-1	1-3	3-2	3-2	0-3	1-2	4-2	14-15
Home Dog	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-2	0-0	7-4
Away Fav	1-3	1-2	2-1	3-1	1-1	0-0	1-2	9-10
Away Dog	2-0	3-0	2-1	1-2	2-2	4-2	0-3	14-10
Favorite	3-4	2-5	5-3	6-3	1-4	1-2	5-4	23-25
Dog	4-0	3-1	3-1	2-2	4-3	5-4	0-3	21-14
Grass	6-2	4-5	6-3	6-5	4-6	3-5	4-6	33-32
Artificial	1-2	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	3-1	1-1	11-7
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	6-3	7-2	4-4	4-5	4-5	35-25
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-3	1-3	2-1	1-2	9-14
Off SU Win	4-2	1-2	7-2	6-3	1-4	5-2	3-4	27-19
Off SU Loss	3-1	4-3	1-1	2-1	3-3	1-3	2-2	16-14

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Hugh Charles	**189**	**947**	**89**	**858**	**6**	**4.5**
Lawrence Vickers	73	269	11	258	9	3.5
Byron Ellis	**78**	**249**	**25**	**224**	**0**	**2.9**
Stephone Robinson	**3**	**35**	**0**	**35**	**0**	**11.7**
Alvin Barnett	**2**	**28**	**0**	**28**	**0**	**14.0**
Joel Klatt	54	142	139	3	0	0.1
James Cox	**12**	**25**	**43**	**-18**	**0**	**-1.5**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Joel Klatt	241	400	60.3	2696	14	8
James Cox	**41**	**17**	**41.5**	**119**	**0**	**0**
Brian White	**12**	**7**	**58.3**	**81**	**1**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Evan Judge	41	583	14.2	2	38
Dusty Sprague	**44**	**472**	**10.7**	**1**	**62**
Joe Klopfenstein	33	468	14.2	4	44
Quinn Sypniewski	29	447	15.4	5	64
Patrick Williams	**29**	**258**	**8.9**	**0**	**27**
Hugh Charles	**28**	**231**	**8.3**	**1**	**51**
Lawrence Vickers	26	152	5.8	2	27
Alvin Barnett	**17**	**131**	**7.7**	**0**	**19**
Byron Ellis	**6**	**70**	**11.7**	**0**	**38**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
John Torp	80	3613	45.2	–	39.1	1	28

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mason Crosby	**32-32**	**3-4**	**6-7**	**8-11**	**5-7**	**22-29**	**58**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Thaddaeus Washington	120	7	8	0	0
JJ Billingsley	**88**	**1**	**6**	**5**	**2**
Tyrone Henderson	**83**	**0**	**2**	**5**	**1**
Brian Iwuh	70	3	3	1	0
Gerett Burl	**66**	**0**	**2**	**14**	**2**
Jordon Dizon	**65**	**3**	**4**	**1**	**0**
Akarika Dawn	63	2	4	3	1
Vaka Manupuna	54	0	5	2	0
Lorenzo Sims	**48**	**0**	**3**	**17**	**1**
James Garee	42	2.5	5	0	0
Abraham Wright	**30**	**5**	**2**	**5**	**1**
Marcus Burton	**30**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**2**
Brad Jones	**21**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Maurice Lucas	**20**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**0**
Alex Ligon	**19**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**0**
Terry Washington	**17**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Ryan Walters	**17**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Alonzo Barrett	**16**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Tom Hubbard	14	0	0	2	2
John Guydon	12	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Stephone Robinson	**27**	**268**	**9.9**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Stephone Robinson	**21**	**371**	**17.7**	**0**
Terry Washington	**12**	**250**	**20.8**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Insight.com	-7'	Boston College	62-28	W
01	Fiesta	-3	Oregon - #2	16-38	L
02	Alamo	-7	Wisconsin (OT)	28-31	L
04	Houston	-4	UTEP	33-28	W
05	Champs Sports	+10'	Clemson - #23	10-19	W

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COLORADO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	23.5	19	110	3.4	223	58.5	14.2	+2	2005	9	23.6	19	101	2.8	248	58.1	14.8
7*	23.4	17	125	3.6	215	59.0	14.5	+1	2004	5	25.5	22	161	3.9	260	58.0	16.5
3	26.6	20	94	2.6	279	62.6	14.0	-6	2003	6	33.2	22	151	4.0	281	59.4	13.0
7*	28.4	19	233	5.0	142	51.6	13.2	+7	2002	8	23.2	20	170	4.3	196	56.1	15.8
9*	31.7	22	215	4.6	212	58.7	13.4	-2	2001	8	24.5	19	130	3.9	238	54.5	15.1
6	22.9	21	122	3.3	240	58.4	15.8	+5	2000	5	25.8	23	175	4.1	247	59.4	16.3

2005 STATS BY GAME

CU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Colorado St	19	29 - 113	3.9	22 - 33	283	4	21	34 - 95	2.8	28 - 43	291	1	+1
–	New Mexico St	34	50 - 238	4.8	22 - 33	233	1	7	22 - 5	0.2	17 - 31	176	3	+1
–	at Miami, Fl	19	31 - 105	3.4	25 - 43	228	1	21	28 - 118	4.2	21 - 40	271	0	-3
–	at Oklahoma St	18	41 - 213	5.2	16 - 28	168	1	11	38 - 92	2.4	14 - 29	116	3	+1
–	Texas A&M	25	37 - 158	4.3	29 - 38	401	0	16	28 - 78	2.8	19 - 36	258	2	+1
–	at Texas	14	19 - 45	2.4	21 - 44	192	0	24	47 - 145	3.1	26 - 32	337	0	-1
–	Kansas	14	29 - 104	3.6	18 - 30	200	0	22	34 - 61	1.8	27 - 55	293	3	+4
–	at Kansas St	17	37 - 91	2.5	17 - 34	272	3	22	37 - 81	2.2	19 - 40	211	2	+2
#25	Missouri	24	42 - 136	3.2	24 - 32	260	1	18	30 - 59	2.0	27 - 44	217	3	+1
#22	at Iowa St	23	38 - 79	2.1	25 - 42	284	2	15	25 - 36	1.4	20 - 38	251	2	-2
–	Nebraska	13	20 - 53	2.7	20 - 40	159	4	28	42 - 105	2.5	27 - 48	392	5	-1
–	† Texas	12	26 - 82	3.2	15 - 32	109	0	26	57 - 268	4.7	16 - 19	218	0	-3
–	† Clemson	11	29 - 17	0.6	11 - 24	107	3	19	40 - 169	4.2	19 - 27	196	3	+1
TOTALS		243	428 - 1434	3.4	265 - 453	2896	20	250	462 - 1312	2.8	280 - 482	3227	27	+2
AVERAGES		18.7	33 - 110	3.4	20 - 35	223	1.5	19.2	36 - 101	2.8	22 - 37	248	2.1	0.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-8'	22-24	L
† Colorado St - #24	-4	41-14	W
San Jose St	-16	51-15	W
Kansas	-25'	27-16	L
at Kansas St - #12	+10	16-6	W
Texas A&M - #25	-8'	31-21	W
at Texas - #9	+11	7-41	L
at Oklahoma St	-10	22-19	L
Missouri	-13'	38-24	W
at Iowa St	-4'	40-27	W
Nebraska - #2	+9'	62-36	W
† Texas - #3	+7'	39-37	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St	-8	14-19	L
San Diego St	-22	34-14	L
USC - #17	-3	3-40	L
at UCLA - #20	+11'	31-17	W
Kansas St - #13	+3'	35-31	W
at Kansas	-21	53-29	W
Baylor	-28	34-0	W
Texas Tech	-6	37-13	W
at Oklahoma - #2	+13'	11-27	L
at Missouri	-4'	42-35 OT	W
Iowa St	-9'	41-27	W
at Nebraska	-1	28-13	W
† Oklahoma - #8	+7'	7-29	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado St - #23	+2	42-35	W
UCLA	-3	16-14	L
Washington St	-4'	26-47	L
at Florida St - #10	+20	7-47	L
at Baylor	-19'	30-42	L
Kansas	-6'	50-47 OT	L
at Kansas St	+18	20-49	L
Oklahoma - #1	+25	20-34	W
at Texas Tech	+14	21-26	W
Missouri - #22	+4'	21-16	W
at Iowa St	-7'	44-10	W
Nebraska - #25	+2'	22-31	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	-4	27-24	L
† Washington St	+3	20-12	W
N Texas	-20'	52-21	W
at Missouri	+7	9-17	L
Oklahoma St - #22	+6'	14-42	L
Iowa St	-10'	19-14	L
at Texas A&M - #17	+19'	26-29 OT	W
Texas - #8	+14	7-31	L
at Kansas	+2'	30-21	W
Kansas St	+2'	38-31	W
at Nebraska	+2'	26-20	W
† Oklahoma - #2	+22	3-42	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	-7	31-28	L
New Mexico St	-24	39-0	W
at Miami, Fl - #12	+14	3-23	L
at Oklahoma St	-3	34-0	W
Texas A&M	-3	41-20	W
at Texas - #2	+17	17-42	L
Kansas	-16	44-13	W
at Kansas St	-7'	23-20	L
Missouri	-12	41-12	W
at Iowa St	-1'	16-30	L
Nebraska	-16	3-30	L
† Texas - #2	+26'	3-70	L

MISSOURI TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - If I mentioned every record that Brad Smith set (69) while he was here, it would take up the entire page so I'll only list the most notable. Smith became the first player in NCAA history to have over 8,000 yards passing and 4,000 yards rushing. He also recorded two seasons of throwing for 2,000 and rushing for 1,000. He leaves (#4DC NYJ) as Missouri's school record holder for yards passing, rushing, total offense, passing TD's and many other categories. He broke Antwan Randle El's record ('98-'01) for career rushing yards for a QB. In 2004 the Tigers floundered when they tried to make him more of a pocket passer so they unleashed him again last season and Smith rushed for 1,301 net yards (5.7) with 16 rushing TD's while throwing for 2,304 (59.4%) with a 13-9 ratio. He set Missouri's record for all-purp yards in a game with 480 vs Nebraska and wrapped up his career with an outstanding bowl. A surprising stat for Smith was that he was just 25-23 as a starter. True frosh Chase Daniel (PS#7) surprisingly beat out rFr Chase Patton (PS#12) for the #2 spot. Daniel is listed at 6'1" (probably 2" inches shorter) and Pinkel promised to play him at least one series each game to prepare him for 2006. A shining moment for MO's future came vs Iowa St. Smith had a career low 84 yards total offense and had led the team on drives of 5, 9, 9, 9, 44, -1 and 44 yards. Daniel led two 4Q drives of 73 and 87 yds for scores when Smith was injured and they prevailed in OT. Not listed below are Dan Barnes (6-3 225 rFr, PS#304) and this year's true frosh. Daniel should have a fine soph season but naturally the QB numbers will be weaker with the loss of a super four year starter that accounted for 69% of the entire offense in his career.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 Zach Abron became the school's seventh 1,000 yard rusher and also the Tigers all-time leading rusher. Damien Nash (PS#24) who had 462 yards (5.2) in '03 contended with Marcus Woods (PS#46) for the starting job in '04. Pinkel has compared Woods favorably to Darren Sproles. Nash led with 792 yards (4.8) despite having just 8 starts (doghouse). Woods rushed for 428 (4.2) and Pinkel burned the redshirt on Tony Temple (PS#4) in the 8th game where he was injured and missed the rest of the year. Woods and Temple fought for the #1 spot in '05 (Nash #5DC TEN). Temple suffered an ankle injury vs Troy, missed two and had just 19 att's over the next four. Woods injured his foot in the 4Q vs Iowa St and had just 14 att's the next 4. Temple then rushed for 100 in a start vs Baylor and had 79 vs K-St. QB Smith still took the lion's share of the carries with 229 and led the team in rushing with Temple avg 5.4 on just 81 att's (437 yds). Earl Goldsmith (5-8 200 So, PS#171) suffered a knee injury vs Troy and played in just 7 (37 yd). RFr Jimmy Jackson (PS#99) had 182 (4.9). All the RB's were underclassmen last year and added to the mix is Connell Davis (6-3 205 rFr, PS#117DB). The RB's should be healthier and a more focal point of the offense, so I look for significant improvement in their production.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 the Tigers had to replace Justin Gage (#5DC CHI) who left with almost every school receiving record and set the Big 12 record for career yards and rec's. Pinkel recruited a lot of speed at the position including Brad Ekwerekwu (4.3) and Greg Bracey (4.29) who was also a sprinter on the track team. Thomson Omboga led in rec's in 2003 with 52 and Sean Coffey who reminded fans of Gage due to his size (6-5 220), was #3 with 27. Pinkel said he regretted taking the redshirt off Ekwerekwu so late in his frosh season (11 rec). Coffey led in '04 with 39 (16.6) and set a school record with 10 TD rec's. Last year Pinkel pointed out Coffey had the best size, speed and athleticism of the WR's and he had 40 rec's despite missing 4 full games. The top two receivers were a pair of outstanding TE's. Soph Martin Rucker (PS#31) and true frosh Chase Coffman (PS#14) tied for the team lead with 47 rec. Pinkel said that Coffman has a "remarkable future" and led in the bowl with 8 rec's. William Franklin (PS#62) had 8 rec's in the opener and finished with 40. This year they must replace Coffey but basically have everyone else returning.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers had just one starter back on the O-line in 2004 and dropped from 5.6 ypc rushing in '03 to 4.0. The unit allowed a respectable 21 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters. The shift to running more option with QB Brad Smith helped the ypc (4.8) and sack (16) totals but the unit performed well in their wider line splits. Their best OL was LG Tony Palmer (1st Tm B12) a 4 year starter. This year they lose Palmer (#7DC STL) as well as Matt Russell (2 gm) but have 8 of the top 10 back and this is their most experienced O-line in three years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Tigers had to replace 3 starters (all 3 ended up on NFL rosters) and their top backup DT. Surprisingly the Tigers' numbers were almost identical to 2004 as they allowed 3.8 ypc rushing while recording 30 sacks as a team. DE Brian Smith became the school's career sack leader despite being just a junior. The only losses this year are NT Earl Stephens (3 st, 21 tkl, 5 tfl), DE Elgin Childress (2 tkl), DT Scott Wheatley (10 tkl) and DE Chad Marshall (2 tkl). Seven of Mizz's top 17 tacklers in 2005 were DL's and all 7 return. Those 7 combined for 30 sacks and 60 tfl!!! I list the 3 deep below and this is one of the most experienced D-lines in the conference.

LINEBACKERS - The Tigers moved from the 4-2-5 to the 4-3 in 2004. Last year they basically had to replace two starters and then lost two backups including VHT David Richard (PS#10) early in the year. This year the group is much more experienced. They must replace WLB Derrick Ming (12 sts, 81 tkl, 5 tfl) but 5 of the top 6 are back including a pair of VHT's that are 1st string. This looks like one of the best Tiger LB corps in years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - When Pinkel took over here, he had just one scholarship CB on the roster. They were basically unable to install nickel and dime coverages due to inexperience and injuries and finished #110 in my pass D rankings. As the team added talent and depth, they moved up to #98 and #78 the next two years. In 2004, with 3 starters back, they moved up to #48. Last year they had to replace two starters and slipped some to #63. This year they lose CB AJ Kincade (12 st, 48 tkl), CB Marcus King (8 st, 13 pbu, Def MVP Bowl, 3 yr st'r), FS Jason Simpson (10 st, 88 tkl, 12 pbu, 4 yr st'r), CB Calvin Washington (3 st, 22 tkl), SS Quincy Wade (20 tkl) and FS Justin Scott (2 tkl). Pinkel brings in 4 top-notch JUCO's but they won't arrive until the fall. I like the overall talent and with a stronger defensive front 7, they could actually improve in my pass D rankings. While the secondary is young, Pinkel says it may be the most athletic group of DB's he has had here.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Tigers actually finished #17 in my ST rankings in '02 but dropped to #65 in '03 and #104 in '04. Last year they had to replace both top returnmen as well as their K and P Matt Hoenes only avg'd 36.6 in '04. The new K was strong legged Adam Crossett who did hit a school bowl record 50 yarder. After hitting just 1 of 3 FG's with a long of 25 in 2004, he hit 14 of 20 including 5 of 8 from 40+. Crossett had 25 TB's on 72 KO's last year. MU has not had a KR for a TD in 255 games (Ricky Doby 1982), the longest streak in the NCAA. The coverage did struggle at times on KO's with Pinkel calling the unit's effort "horrific" vs Okla St. Hoenes only avg'd 29.8 on punts and Crossett took over and boomed out a 42.7 avg. Tony Temple avg 23.5 on KR's and in the 2 games he missed the team avg'd just 17.5. Goldsmith was the top PR (5.3) but Marcus Woods had a 76 yard PR TD (26.9) and should see more duty. The Tigers finished #59 in my ST rankings and with everyone back including LS Steven Blair, who had a flawless year, I look for improvement.

COACHES- The coaching staff remains intact for the sixth straight year. Gary Pinkel came over from Toledo where he was highly successful with a record of 73-37-3 in ten years there. His OC is Dave Christensen who was his OC at Toledo for four years. The DC is Matt Eberflus who was a DB coach at Toledo from '94 to 2000. Pinkel was under heavy pressure at the end of last season but relieved some of it by beating Steve Spurrier in the Independence Bowl but still must have a big season this year.

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4★ TEXAS A&M (-20) 62 Okla St 23	WIN
4★ LOUISIANA TECH (-21) 40 N Texas 14	WIN
4★ BYU (-6') 62 Air Force 41	WIN
4★ Byu (-12) 55 UNLV 14	WIN
4★ Byu (-4') 35 WYOMING 21	WIN
4★ Colorado St (-15) 31 UNLV 27	loss
4★ Notre Dame (-15) 38 STANFORD 31	loss

PHIL'S FORECAST

Gary Pinkel had two losing seasons to open up his Tenure here but improved to 8-5 in 2003 including their first bowl appearance since 1998. MU was a fortunate +11 in TO's as they were actually -6.5 ypg in league play. In 2004 MU was the preseason favorite to win the B12 North, were ranked #18 in the AP preseason poll, their highest since 1980, and had dreams of their first league crown since 1969. They stunningly blew big leads vs Troy, Okla St and Kansas St and despite being favored in 9 games, finished just 5-6. Last year they had just 6 senior starters returning, the fewest in the Big 12 but despite their 3-5 finish in 2004, they were +42.8 ypg (4th best B12). Despite having just 10 starters back, one of them was Brad Smith, their all-time career passing and rushing leader. Pinkel labeled the 2005 team the fastest team he had coached anywhere. I called for Missouri to get back to a bowl game despite ten scholarship players quitting the team from the end of spring to the start of Sept. The Tigers allowed Brad Smith to get outside the pocket more and he led the team with 1,301 rushing yards (5.7) while completing 59% of his passes. Pinkel's teams have managed to get upset by a weaker non-conf opponent three of the last 4 years (BG in '02, Troy in '04) and were stunned by New Mexico 45-35 at home. After 3 games, they were #5 in the NCAA in total offense (554 yds) before being blasted by Texas, 51-20 (330 yds). They needed OT to get past Iowa St as backup QB Daniel led them back from a 10 pt deficit and won in OT. They destroyed Nebraska with 523 yards offense and stood 5-2 and were thinking Big 12 North Title. They lost 3 of their last 4 including vs KSt in coach Bill Snyder's final home game. In the bowl they trailed SC 21-0 when they got a crucial 99 yd IR for a TD which turned the momentum completely around and they actually came away with a 38-31 win (largest comeback win since 1939!) and just their 2nd winning season since 1998. While Missouri has 15 returning starters, they do lose Brad Smith but still could come close to last year's 30.8 ppg production. After having just 4 starters back on defense last year and allowing 29.2 ppg (almost 10 more than 2004), this year's D has 7 starters back and figures to be much stingier. The Tigers have a tougher Big 12 schedule avoiding Okla St and Baylor from the South but I'll call for them to be bowl eligible again and despite the loss of Smith, could be a stronger team overall (especially on D).

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 10 Chase Daniel So. 6-1 220 **PS#7**. 10 gms as true, 347 pass (58%), 1-2 ratio, 94 yds rush. 14 Chase Patton (6-5 220 So) **PS#12**. 11 Brandon Coleman (6-4 215 Sr) PS#138.

RB 20 MARCUS WOODS JR. 5-8 195 PS#46. 13 sts, 2Y, 863 yds rush (4.4) 26 rec. 22 Tony Temple (5-9 190 Jr) **PS#4**, 2 sts LY, 437 (5.4). 1 Jimmy Jackson (5-8 200 So) PS#99.

WR 3 WILLIAM FRANKLIN JR. 6-2 205 PS#62. 11 st LY, 40 rec (10.3). 85 Greg Bracey (6-2 200 Jr) PS#48. 4.29 spd. Track tm. 0 rec 7 gms 2Y. Jared Perry is PS#139. 87 Lucas Null (6-0 185 So).

WR 88 BRAD EKWEREKWU SR. 6-4 215 4.3 spd. 11 st, 22 rec '04. 12 st, 32 rec LY. Jeremy Maclin is **PS#28**. 35 Andrew Hoskins (6-3 210 Sr) inj'd LY. 28 Adam Casey (6-1 195 So).

WR 4 Jason Ray Jr. 6-1 210 PS#68. 3 rec 2Y. Inj LY, great hands. 84 Tommy Saunders (6-0 210 So) 3 sts, 12 rec as rFr. 21 Jerrill Humphrey (6-4 215 So) PS#36, 3 rec.

TE 82 MARTIN RUCKER JR. 6-5 245 PS#31. 11 st, 19 rec as rFr. 12 sts LY, 47 rec. 45 **Chase Coffman** (6-6 230 So) **PS#14**. 1 st, 47 rec as true. 83 DeQuincy Howard (6-4 250 Sr).

C 77 ADAM SPIEKER JR. 6-2 310 PS#123. 11 sts as rFr at C. 12 sts LY at C, **HM B12**. 51 James Stigall (6-2 305 rFr) PS#63. 54 Chris Tipton (6-4 300 Jr) 2 gms LY.

RG 55 MIKE COOK SR. 6-2 315 PS#452. 4 gms as rFr. 9 gms '04. 11 sts RG LY. 68 Dain Wise (6-5 290 rFr) **PS#46**. 2nd string LY but RS. 65 Chris McCarthy (6-4 305 rFr).

LG 71 Monte Wyrick Jr. 6-5 320 **PS#86**. 4 gms rFr until inj. 1 st RG LY, 11 gms. 76 Ryan Madison (6-5 300 So) PS#228DL. 2 gms rFr. 78 Kurtis Gregory (6-5 305 rFr) PS#113DL.

RT 74 JOEL CLINGER SR. 6-6 315 PS#110. 2 gms rFr. 10 gms '04. 12 sts RT LY, **HM B12**. 61 Colin Brown (6-7 310 So) 2 gms as rFr. 75 Kyle Riggs (6-6 300 So) **PS#22**.

LT 79 TYLER LUELLEN JR. 6-6 300 **PS#45**. 3 sts at LT rFr. 12 sts LT LY. 67 Louis Pintola (6-4 305 Sr) **PS#73JC**. 6 gms here LY. 72 Phinney Troy (6-5 290 So) PS#268WR.

K 90 ADAM CROSSETT JR. 6-3 225 14 of 20 FG LY, 50 yd FG was MU sch bowl rec. 81 points sch rec. 25 TB KO. 14 Matt Casaday (5-11 190 rFr) **PS#17**. 89 Jeff Wolfert (6-1 180 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

DE 38 BRIAN SMITH SR. 6-4 230 **MU career sk leader**. 8 sk rFr, 7 in '04, 66 tkl, 9 sk, 8 tfl LY. 47 Josh Barbo (6-5 280 Jr) **PS#14TE**. 12 gm LY. 97 Tarell Corby (6-3 230 rFr) PS#101.

DT 98 LORENZO WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 285 **PS#54LB**. 21 tkl as rFr. 12 sts LY, 35 tkl, 5.5 sk. 94 Evander Hood (6-3 280 So) PS#241. 23 tkl, 1.5 sk as true. 96 Jaron Baston (6-1 290 rFr) PS#135.

NT 92 JAMAR SMITH SR. 6-1 280 PS#86JC. L/9 st in '05, 45 tkl, 12 tfl. 54 DeMarcus Scott (6-0 285 Sr) PS#62JC. 23 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. Moves from DE to NT. Bart Coslet is PS#28TE.

DE 33 STRYKER SULAK SO. 6-4 245 Last 7 starts as rFr, 38 tkl, 4 sk, **B12 Frosh Tm.** 46 **Xzavie Jackson** (6-4 275 Sr) PS#65TE. 4 sts, 34 tkl true. 11 st '04, 7.5 tfl. 5 sts LY, 6 sks.

WLB 5 Van Alexander So. 6-0 230 **PS#29**. 20 tkl as rFr, 12 gm. 17 Chad Washington (5-11 210 rFr) PS#183DB. Moved to LB TY. 64 Joe Schumacher (5-11 235 rFr) PS#468.

MLB 37 DEDRICK HARRINGTON SR. 6-4 240 **PS#20WR**. 13 sts, 64 tkl, 11 tfl rFr. 5 sts '04, 43 tkl. 12 sts LY, 73 tkls, 12.5 tfl. 35 Brock Christopher (6-2 240 So) PS#80. 31 tkl true. 41 John Ruth (5-10 220 So).

SLB 15 MARCUS BACON SR. 6-2 225 1 st, 16 tkl rFr. 5 sts '04, 28 tkl, 3 tfl. 8 sts LY, 85 tkl, 3 sk. 18 Steve Redmond (6-1 235 So) PS#99TE. 58 Nick Patton (6-1 225 rFr) PS#434.

CB 2 Domonique Johnson So. 6-2 190 2 sts as rFr, 35 tkl, 2 pbu. Castine Bridges PS#97JC. 32 Alex Woodley (5-11 180 Jr) PS#84RB, 16 tkls '04. 23 Hardy Ricks (5-11 190 rFr) PS#250.

CB 1 Darnell Terrell Jr. 6-2 195 **PS#25**, JC '04. 13 tkl, 2 int here LY. 9 Trenile Washington (5-10 185 So) PS#117WR. 2 gms rFr. Tremane Vaughns is PS#93JUCO.

SS 19 Brandon Massey Sr. 6-1 200 PS#229WR. 2 tkl true at Mich St. 3 st here LY, 20 tkl. Cornelius Brown is **PS#53JC**. Justin Brown (6-2 200 Jr) PS#239JC. 15 Kevin Duncan (5-10 200 So).

FS 8 DAVID OVERSTREET SR. 6-0 210 PS#68QB. 5 st, 93 tkl in '03 & '04. 12 st SS LY, #1 tkl'r (100) 8 pbu. 21 William Moore (6-2 215 So) PS#86WR. 2 st, 30 tkl. 24 Mack Breed (6-1 205 So) PS#121QB.

P 90 ADAM CROSSETT JR. 6-3 225 23 punt '04, 39.4. 57 punts LY, 42.7 avg, team net of 32.9. Strong leg. 10 Matt Hoenes (6-1 195 Sr) 31 punt '04 (36.6) and 5 punt LY (29.8).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	Jeremy Maclin 6-1 185 PS#28
WR	Cornelius Brown 6-0 200 PS#53JC
DB	Tremane Vaughns 5-9 180 PS#93JC
DB	Castine Bridges 6-2 195 PS#97JC
OL	Tim Barnes 6-4 310 PS#75
DL	Bart Coslet 6-6 245 PS#28TE
DB	Justin Brown 6-2 200 PS#239JC
DB	Del Howard 5-11 180 PS#158
QB	JP Tillman 6-2 230 PS#104
WR	Jared Perry 6-0 170 PS#139
DL	John Stull 6-4 250 PS#172
OL	Mike Prince 6-4 295 PS#220
LB	Sean Weatherspoon 6-2 210 PS#224
WR	Paul Simpson 6-2 185 PS#446JC
WR	Kevin Rutland 6-1 185 PS#286
LB	Marquis Booker 6-1 235 PS#330
OL	Jesse Hernandez 6-3 295 PS#452
QB	Dominic Grooms 6-2 180 PS#317
WR	Danario Alexander 6-3 190 PS#409
QB	La'Roderick Thomas 6-2 190 PS#395
OL	Brant Scott 6-2 270 PS#562
DL	Tommy Chavis 6-1 255 PS#248

MISSOURI TIGERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#46

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Brad Smith accounted for 69% of MU's offense the last 4 years. Missouri is 11-6 ATS the last 17 games after a SU loss. The Tigers are 8-3 SU in OT games (best mark in Div IA).
Sep. 2	Murray State	A						MSU HC Matt Griffin was the TN SWA's college football COY LY w/Tenn-Martin. Racers finished 2-9 last season as members of IAA's Ohio Valley Conf.
Sep. 9	Mississippi	A						Missouri was 1-5 ATS after a SU win last season. The Tigers are 15-10 ATS their last 25 lined games at Memorial Stadium.
Sep. 16	at New Mexico	G						MU is 6-2 ATS in the 1st gm of the season away from Columbia since '98. Missouri is 12-5 ATS their last 17 games on grass.
Sep. 23	Ohio	A						The Tigers are 6-3 SU & ATS vs MAC schools all-time. Missouri is 9-4 ATS the last 13 games as a double digit home favorite.
Sep. 30	Colorado	A						Last time hosting CU, MU converted 11 first downs on 3rd down, highest in a gm under Pinkel. Missouri is 7-3 ATS as a dog the last 3 years, but 1-3 ATS last year.
Oct. 7	at Texas Tech	A						In their 5 meetings, these schools have avg'd 67 ppg with the 2 most recent avg 92 ppg. The Tigers are 11-3-1 ATS vs Big 12 South teams under Pinkel.
Oct. 14	at Texas A&M	G						In their L/2 trips to Kyle Field, the Tigers rushed for 473 yds (4.3), 1998 & '02. The visitor is 3-1 ATS in their 4 most recent games since 1998.
Oct. 21	Kansas St (HC)	A						After leading 21-7, MU was outscored 28-3 in the 2H of 2004's game in Columbia. Missouri has lost 13 in a row SU & are 3-8 ATS the last 11 in this series.
Oct. 28	Oklahoma	A						In their last game in '03, MU was outgained 424-266, outFD'd 20-14 & gave up 5 sks. MU is just 3-24 SU since 1973 & 3-7-1 ATS since 1989 vs Oklahoma.
Nov. 4	at Nebraska	A						The last time the Tigers won in Lincoln was in 1978, a 35-31 victory. Missouri is 12-7 ATS in their last 19 November road games.
Nov. 11								
Nov. 18	at Iowa St	G						The favorite is 7-4 ATS in this series since 1995. Last time in Ames MU kept ISU from winning the B12 North outright & a trip to the title gm.
Nov. 25	Kansas	A						The visitor is 3-7 ATS the last 10 games in this series. Missouri is 6-5 SU & 8-3 ATS their last 11 home finales.
								ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Brad Smith 8,799 2001-'05 Rushing: Brad Smith 4,289 2001-'05 Receiving: Justin Gage 2,704 1999-'02

GARY PINKEL (Career 102-67-3)
6th Year at Missouri
Pinkel's SU Bowl Record, 2-1

Pinkel's records AT MISSOURI

29-30	Straight Up	11-8	Home Favorite
28-26-1	Vs The Spread	5-5	Home Underdog
15-10	Off A SU Loss	3-6-1	Away Favorite
20-19-1	Vs Conference	9-7	Away Underdog
8-7	Vs Non-Conf	3-5	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (7-5)
RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 8 DEFENSE: 7
LETTERMEN: Returning: 36 (17,18,1) Lost: 18 (6,12,0)
2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 50,441
BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

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STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (68,349)
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	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-8	4-7	5-7	8-4	5-6	6-5	35-44
Home	3-3	2-4	2-4	3-3	6-0	3-3	5-2	24-19
Away	1-4	1-4	2-3	2-4	2-4	2-3	1-3	11-25
ATS	4-7	5-5	4-6	7-5	8-3	4-6-1	5-6	37-38-1
Home Fav	2-2	1-1	1-1	3-0	2-1	2-4	3-2	14-11
Home Dog	0-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-0	0-0	1-1	7-8
Away Fav	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-2	0-2-1	1-1	5-7-1
Away Dog	1-2	1-3	2-3	3-2	2-0	2-0	0-2	11-12
Favorite	3-3	2-1	1-1	3-1	4-3	2-6-1	4-3	19-18-1
Dog	1-4	3-4	3-5	4-4	4-0	2-0	1-3	18-20
Grass	4-5	4-5	2-4	6-3	2-1	2-0	1-1	21-19
Artificial	0-2	1-0	2-2	1-2	6-2	2-6-1	4-5	16-19-1
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	4-4	4-4	6-2	3-4-1	3-5	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-1	0-2	3-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	11-9
Off SU Win	2-2	1-2	1-3	3-2	3-3	2-1-1	1-5	13-18-1
Off SU Loss	2-4	4-3	3-2	3-3	4-0	2-4	3-1	21-17

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brad Smith	229	1457	156	1301	16	5.7
Tony Temple	81	462	25	437	3	5.4
Marcus Woods	93	450	15	435	3	4.7
Jimmy Jackson	37	194	12	182	2	4.9
Chase Daniel	39	94	37	57	1	1.5
Earl Goldsmith	6	37	0	37	0	6.2
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brad Smith	399	237	59.4	2304	13	9
Chase Daniel	66	38	57.6	347	1	2
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Martin Rucker		47	567	12.1	1	48
Chase Coffman		47	503	10.7	4	33
Sean Coffey		40	448	11.2	2	37
William Franklin		40	413	10.3	2	42
Brad Ekwerekwu		32	282	8.8	4	50
Arnold Britt		12	110	9.2	0	14
Tommy Saunders		12	99	8.2	1	16
Marcus Woods		18	92	5.1	1	18
Jimmy Jackson		8	73	9.1	0	46
Tony Temple		16	70	4.4	0	11

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Crossett	57	2432	42.7	5	32.9(T)	1	17
Matt Hoenes	5	149	29.8	0	–	0	0

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Adam Crossett	39-42	5-7	4-5	4-7	1-1	14-20	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
David Overstreet	100	0	4	8	2
Jason Simpson	88	0	2.5	12	0
Marcus Bacon	85	3	1	1	1
Derrick Ming	81	0	5	3	1
Dedrick Harrington	73	3	9.5	3	1
Brian Smith	66	9	8	5	1
Marcus King	50	1	1.5	13	3
AJ Kincade	48	0	1.5	3	0
Jamar Smith	45	3.5	8.5	0	0
Xzavie Jackson	44	6	5	3	0
Stryker Sulak	38	4	2.5	1	0
Domonique Johnson	35	0	0	2	0
Lorenzo Williams	35	5.5	4	1	0
Brock Christopher	31	0	0.5	0	1
William Moore	30	0	0	2	1
Evander Hood	23	1.5	1	0	0
DeMarcus Scott	23	0.5	1	0	0
Calvin Washington	22	1	1	0	0
Earl Stephens	21	0	5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus Woods	7	188	26.9	1
Earl Goldsmith	11	58	5.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tony Temple	16	376	23.5	0
Greg Bracey	4	86	21.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
83	Holiday	+2'	BYU	17-21	L
97	Holiday	+3'	Colorado St	24-35	L
98	Insight.com	-3'	West Virginia	34-31	L
03	Independence	+2'	Arkansas	14-27	L
05	Independence	+4	South Carolina	38-31	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Missouri's All-Time SU Bowl Record 10-13

MISSOURI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	30.8	23	205	4.8	225	59.1	14.0	-1	2005	4	29.2	20	151	3.8	217	56.6	12.6
4*	23.3	19	165	4.0	208	52.3	16.0	+5	2004	9	19.5	15	152	3.9	149	53.4	15.4
9*	30.7	21	237	5.6	166	60.0	13.1	+11	2003	6	22.1	21	167	3.9	214	63.0	17.3
6*	30.0	20	184	4.5	203	53.7	12.9	+12	2002	7	29.3	24	168	3.9	283	59.4	15.4
8*	21.8	20	167	4.6	172	47.0	15.6	-1	2001	6	30.0	21	199	4.2	200	64.9	13.3
7*	23.2	18	154	3.8	197	46.9	15.1	-5	2000	7	31.6	21	159	3.5	208	52.7	11.6

2005 STATS BY GAME

MU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	† Arkansas St	30	41 - 317	7.7	33 - 48	340	0	18	29 - 117	4.0	19 - 38	206	4	-1
–	New Mexico	35	50 - 242	4.8	32 - 55	248	2	24	45 - 202	4.5	15 - 27	229	0	-3
–	Troy	28	49 - 303	6.2	26 - 37	211	0	21	30 - 74	2.5	22 - 42	260	3	+1
–	Texas	27	47 - 139	3.0	21 - 39	191	4	23	50 - 349	7.0	15 - 22	236	1	-1
–	at Oklahoma St	27	49 - 326	6.7	22 - 29	223	0	24	44 - 132	3.0	15 - 27	219	5	+2
–	Iowa St	19	37 - 88	2.4	24 - 35	230	0	20	54 - 157	2.9	16 - 25	169	2	0
–	Nebraska	25	49 - 277	5.7	22 - 38	246	4	13	19 - (-2)	-0.1	22 - 43	281	4	+1
–	at Kansas	15	30 - 33	1.1	15 - 39	147	2	17	49 - 208	4.2	12 - 19	90	3	+1
–	at Colorado	18	30 - 59	2.0	27 - 44	217	2	24	42 - 136	3.2	24 - 32	260	1	-1
–	Baylor	17	50 - 298	6.0	9 - 23	72	0	19	33 - 77	2.3	27 - 50	270	5	-1
–	at Kansas St	19	40 - 178	4.5	23 - 39	268	2	19	47 - 224	4.8	12 - 24	118	1	0
–	† South Carolina	21	40 - 203	5.1	23 - 43	301	0	21	32 - 142	4.4	20 - 38	266	1	+1
TOTALS		281	512 - 2463	4.8	277 - 469	2694	16	243	474 - 1816	3.8	219 - 387	2604	30	-1
AVERAGES		23.4	43 - 205	4.8	23 - 39	225	1.3	20.3	40 - 151	3.8	18 - 32	217	2.5	-0.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Bowling Green	-13	13-20	L
Texas St	NL	40-6	–
Nebraska - #4	+24'	3-36	L
at Oklahoma St	+6'	41-38	W
Iowa St	+2'	14-20	L
at Kansas	+1	38-34	W
Texas - #7	+21'	16-35	W
at Colorado - #25	+13'	24-38	L
Baylor	-15	41-24	W
at Kansas St	+20	3-24	L
at Michigan St	+7'	7-55	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Illinois	+7'	33-20	W
Ball St	-14	41-6	W
at Bowling Green	-3'	28-51	L
Troy	-12	44-7	W
Oklahoma - #3	+13	24-31	W
at Nebraska	+8	13-24	L
at Texas Tech	+6'	38-52	L
Kansas	-21	36-12	W
at Iowa St - #22	+9	35-42	W
Colorado - #18	+4'	35-42 OT	L
at Texas A&M	+9'	33-27 2OT	W
Kansas St - #10	+15	0-38	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Illinois	-3'	22-15	W
at Ball St	-14	35-7	W
E Illinois	NL	37-0	–
Middle Tennessee	-21'	41-40 OT	L
at Kansas	-9'	14-35	L
Nebraska - #10	+7'	41-24	W
at Oklahoma - #1	+26	13-34	W
Texas Tech	+3	62-31	W
at Colorado	-4'	16-21	L
Texas A&M	-13'	45-22	W
at Kansas St - #19	+14'	14-24	W
Iowa St	-26'	45-7	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-32'	52-20	L
at Troy	-11'	14-24	L
Ball St	-25'	48-0	W
Colorado	-7	17-9	W
at Baylor	-20	30-10	T
at Texas - #9	+13'	20-28	W
Oklahoma St - #22	-3	17-20	L
at Nebraska	-2'	3-24	L
Kansas St	-4	24-35	L
Kansas	-11	14-31	L
at Iowa St	+4'	17-14 OT	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Arkansas St	-24'	44-17	W
New Mexico	-10'	35-45	L
Troy	-20	52-21	W
Texas - #2	+14'	20-51	L
at Oklahoma St	-4	38-31	W
Iowa St	-6'	27-24 OT	L
Nebraska	+1'	41-24	W
at Kansas	-5	3-13	L
at Colorado - #25	+12	12-41	L
Baylor	-8'	31-16	W
at Kansas St	+3	28-36	L

IOWA ST CYCLONES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 the Cyclones had to replace super QB Seneca Wallace who guided the team to two bowls and threw for a school record 3,245 yards in 2002. Three QB's battled to replace him and the team completed just 45.5% of its passes for 177 ypg. In my 2004 magazine, I projected rFr Bret Meyer (PS#69) as the starter. Meyer, who has a rocket for an arm yet is mobile, was the co-Scout Tm Off POY in '03. Meyer and Austin Flynn (PS#34, 7 st'03) alternated early. Meyer took control at midseason and Flynn attempted just one more pass. Meyer threw for 1,926 (51.4%) with a 10-6 ratio and was the MVP of the bowl rushing for 122. They moved Flynn to WR and ironically WR Terrance Highsmith (PS#92JC) back to QB. He battled Kyle Van Winkle for the backup spot. Meyer showed a lot of improvement in 2005. Over the final 6 games he had a 14-3 ratio (5-7 ratio first 6) and set a school record with 155 straight passes without an int. He threw for the 2nd most passing yards here in a season (2,876, 61.7%) with 410 rush. He did not miss a snap as both Highsmith and Van Winkle did not have a rush or pass. Meyer should be one of the Big 12's top QB's. Highsmith and Beck depart and Van Winkle will have to hold off Nate Mechaelsen (6-2 205 So, PS#102), Derek Schmigdall (6-1 211 rFr) and true frosh Austen Arnaud (PS#26).

RUNNING BACKS - Dan McCarney does a great job at developing RB's. They had a 1,000-yard rusher in each of his first 7 years and actually led the Big 12 in rushing four times which was remarkable given the presence of Nebraska's outstanding option rush attack. The 1,000-yard streak came to a halt in 2002 and in 2003 the leading rusher Stevie Hicks had just 471 (3.8). In 2004 with 159 in the bowl, Hicks became the 8th 1,000-yard rusher in McCarney's tenure (1,062) but he avg was just 3.9 ypc. Three true frosh played that season in Jason Scales (PS#42), Greg Coleman (PS#32) and Tyease Thompson (PS#90). When Hicks was healthy last year, the offense was much more potent (see Hardcore). Hicks finished with 545 (3.7). Coleman was #2 with 419 (3.6) and had 104 vs Missouri. Scales was injured and RS. FB Ryan Kock was moved to LB in the spring but went back to FB and was #3 with 129 (2.4) but had 13 TD's. Senior walk-on David Brown got the first carry of his career when he started vs Okla St and rushed for 77 but did not gain another yard (5 gm). True frosh Jason Harris (PS#229) had 40 (3.6). Not listed in the 3 deep below are FB Steven Ebner (5-10 229 Jr) and this year's solid class of true frosh including three HT's. Coleman transferred but basically the entire group returns and if Hicks can remain healthy, this unit will be much stronger.

RECEIVERS - The receivers were inexperienced in 2004 but very talented with a pair of near VHT's in 6'5" Todd Blythe (PS#42) and Milan Moses (PS#64) who were both impressive on the scout tm in '03. McCarney called Blythe one of the best prospects he's had at Iowa St and he set a school record with 9 rec TD's as a rFr averaging 21.4 on his 39 rec. He tore his ACL last offseason but worked hard and played in all 12 in 2005. Blythe averaged a team-best 19.6 ypc with 9 TD's but was #2 in rec (51) as Austin Flynn, who moved in from QB, snagged 56 (11.1). Jon Davis (6'4"), who started 11 with 48 rec in 2004, had 41 (7.8). McCarney said prior to the year, "It's the best bunch of receivers that we've had since I've been here." This year everyone returns including TE Ben Barkema (18, 13.6) and HB Walter Nickel (PS#14JC, 20, 13.1). RJ Sumrall, who has outstanding hands, had 20 (15.6). Not listed below are Euseph Messiah (5-10 171 So, Scout Tm MVP), Joel Zitek (6-2 195 rFr), Nick Campbell (6-2 200 Sr) and TE Eric Schultz (6-4 230 rFr, PS#66). Davis suffered an Achilles injury in the spring and is questionable for the fall. Even if he doesn't return, this unit has great size and is one of the best receiving corps in the Big 12 especially with Blythe another year removed from his knee surgery.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Iowa St usually has a top-notch O-line under McCarney and has produced a 1,000-yard rusher in 8 of his 11 years. Their best season was 2000 when the OL paved the way for 4.9 ypc rushing while allowing a minuscule 7 sacks. Current Arizona Cardinals OL coach Steve Loney was the architect for most of those units (left in '02). They have struggled in the three years since. In 2003 the unit only opened holes for 3.2 ypc (32 sk). In 2004, with 3 starters back, they again only avg 3.2 ypc with 34 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and a backup. The rather inexperienced group only paved the way for 2.7 ypc, their lowest since 1997 (39 sk). This year they should have one of the most improved O-lines in the NCAA. Minnesota transfer Scott Stephenson was HM B12 as the starting C here. They brought in two VHT JUCO's in twins Paul and Scott Fisher. Scott started the last 6 while Paul saw action as a backup and both should be top-notch starters. Aaron Brant is back for his 4th year as the starting RT and the group's only losses are LG Kory Pence (12 st, 2 yr st'r), LT Johannes Egbers (7 st) and backup RG Fabian Dodd.

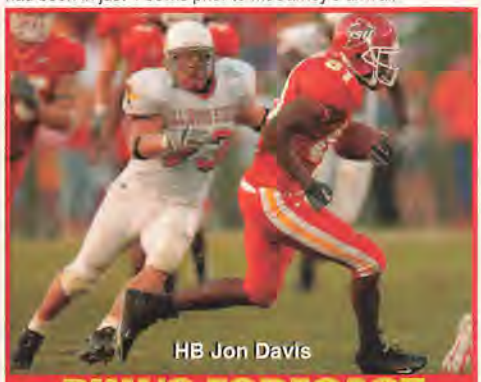
DEFENSIVE LINE - In '02 the Cyclones allowed their lowest rushing ypc since 1992 (4.2) but in 2003 an inexperienced front allowed 5.0 ypc . Jason Berryman was the Big 12 Def Newcomer Yr in 2003 but legal problems shelved him in 2004. They still had 4 players who combined for 27 starts returning and yielded just 3.5 ypc. Last year they had to replace one starter but Berryman was allowed to return. They had their best defensive front that I can remember and the unit allowed just 3.0 ypc rushing, their lowest since they started keeping team records in 1946. This year they must replace outstanding NG Nick Leaders (12 st, 41 tkl, 5.5 sk, 1st Tm B12, 4 yr st'r), DE Berryman (12 st, 72 tkl, 7.5 sk, 3.5 tfl) and DE Cephus Johnson (6 st, 28 tkl, 3.5 tfl). Ryne Sandhagen (6-4 260 Jr) moves over from TE and not listed in the 3 deep below are Nick Howe (6-3 255 Jr) and this year's true frosh. This has the makings of a good DL but it is less experienced than last year's outstanding group.

LINEBACKERS - The last 2 years ISU has had to replace two starters from this unit and now must replace all 3 this year. Departing are 2nd Tm B12 MLB Tim Dobbins (#5DC SD, 12 st, 103 tkl, 7 tfl, 2 yr st'r), SLB Jamarr Buchanan (6 st, 61 tkl, 2.5 tfl) and WLB Matt Robertson (12 st, 103 tkl, 5 tfl). Three of the top 6 are back including JC Alvin Bowen who had 33 tkl, 2 tfl here last year. They also add in Mich St transfer Tyrone McKenzie who turned heads on the Scout Tm in '05. This unit is far less experienced and must be considered a question mark.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After a surprising finish at #109 in my pass D rankings in 2003, the Cyclones had to replace six players who combined for 34 starts. They moved LB Nik Moser to SS and he led the team in tackles in '04. They moved up to #44 allowing a 15-17 ratio. Last year they had to replace one starter (#3DC) and two backups. The Cyclones moved up to #32 with the veteran secondary. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are CB LaMarcus Hicks (1st Tm B12, 55 tkl, 5 int, 7 pbu), Moser (12 st, 66 tkl, 2 yr st'r, 2x HM B12) and FS Steve Paris (12 st, 2nd Tm B12, 65 tkl, 3 int). Only one player returns with starting experience, Jackson, who should be one of the Big 12's best CB's but clearly this unit will drop some in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The winds at Jack Trice Stadium can make it tough on kickers and ISU had finished #108 in my ST rankings in 2003 and only #75 in 2004 despite blocking 9 kicks. Bret Culbertson hit 8 of 10 FG's with a long of 37 in 2004. Last year Culbertson hit 12 of 16 with a long of 45 including 3 of 6 from 40+. JUCO Edgar Arceo opened as the starter but missed his only attempt. Tony Yelk was a 6th year senior and had an outstanding 34 TB's on 67 KO's. P Troy Blankenship showed improvement going from a net of 33.2 to 34.3 last year. Their top KR was CB DeAndre Jackson who was #2 in the Big 12 avg 24.6. The top PR was Ryan Baum (11.8) until he suffered a torn ACL vs Baylor. McCarney did say LS Landon Schrage (PS#196) is NFL-caliber (signed as UFA BAL) and ISU moved up to #45 in my ST rankings. This year they must replace Yelk, Blankenship and Schrage. They will need to have a P emerge to remain in the upper half of my rankings.

COACHES - Iowa St did a great job sticking with Dan McCarney, despite having five straight losing seasons to open his tenure. He rewarded them with 5 bowl bids in the last 6 years. He was given a $300,000 raise in 2003 and had his contract extended through 2010. McCarney was voted the Big 12 Coach of the Year in 2004. In 2004 his new OC was Barney Cotton who was New Mexico St's OC and Nebraska's OC/OL coach in 2003. He now enters his 3rd year here. DC John Skladany is now in his 10th year here and was the Ohio DC from 1985-'89. In '04 the Cyclones allowed just 139.2 ypg rushing, their lowest total since WWII and topped that last season allowing just 102.7. The team had been in just 4 bowls prior to McCarney's arrival.


HB Jon Davis

PHIL'S FORECAST

After going 13-42 in his first 5 years, Dan McCarney went on a streak of 25-15 in his next 40 including 2-0 to open 2003. It was an injury-plagued 2003 team and they dropped their last 10 games being outgained in B12 play by an amazing 261.7 ypg and outscored by 34 ppg (worst in the B12). ISU got as high as #9 in 2002 when they were 6-1 but went on a 3-15 stretch. In 2004 I picked them ahead of a Nebraska squad in the B12 North standings despite the fact that NU finished 10-3 in 2003. ISU did not disappoint me and very nearly took home the undisputed B12 North Title, if not for a missed FG vs Missouri in an OT loss. Last year they were a stronger, more confident team with excellent skill players and did not have to face either Okla or Texas. I called for them to make their 5th bowl game in the last 6 years. Much like 2004, ISU had the B12 North Title in its grasp but lost its season finale vs Kansas and finished in a 3-way tie for second. After improving their ypg mark vs B12 foes to -32.9 in 2004, they were +31.4 ypg which was the best mark in the B12 North. They knocked off #8 Iowa at home in front of 54,290 (largest crowd since they re-configured the stadium in '96). They did have 3 net close losses (see Hardcore). After a disappointing 0-3 start to the Big 12 season including OT losses to Nebraska and Missouri, the Cyclones rebounded. They won their next 4 conf games by an avg of 24.3 ppg including a stunning 42-14 win over A&M in College Station. After dropping the Kansas game which would have given them the B12 North Title, they also lost the bowl to TCU by 3. They did benefit from +14 in turnovers which was their 3rd time in the last 5 years where they had + double digit TO's. They have gone 95 years without an outright league title and also this year their B12 schedule gets tougher as the Cyclones trade Texas A&M, Okla St and Baylor (6-18 in B12 in '05) for Texas, TTech and Oklahoma (20-4 in B12). Despite having a young OL and injury-plagued RB's, the Cyclones managed 28.3 ppg, their best total in three years. This year, with 10 starters back, including an improved O-line and one of the best sets of skill players in the B12, they should have the most potent offense of the McCarney era with the previous high ppg being 28.9 in 2002. Last year's defense was special as they allowed just 19.2 ppg, their best since 1980. This year just 4 starters return and they lose 8 of their top 10 tacklers including 4 who were 1st or 2nd Tm B12. Naturally the defense looks weaker this season. Despite the negatives, the Cyclones are capable of getting to another bowl.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 7 BRET MEYER JR. 6-3 208 PS#69. **HM B12 LY.** 24 st, 4802 pass (57%), 29-16 ratio, 940 rush, 2 years. **10** Kyle Van Winkle (6-6 217 Sr) PS#229. Austen Arnaud is **PS#26.**

IB 27 STEVIE HICKS SR. 6-1 212 **PS#35.** 25 st 3Y, 2078 (3.8), 31 rec. **6** Jason Scales (5-9 209 So) PS#42. 92 yd true. RS (knee) LY. Josh Johnson (5-11 205 Fr) PS#55.

HB 81 JON DAVIS SR. 6-4 203 11 st '04, 48 (12.8). 11 st LY, 41 (7.8). Achilles inj ? for fall. **34** Matt Scribbins (6-4 200 rFr) PS#141DB. **FB 31 Ryan Kock** (6-1 239 Sr) 10 st, 129 yd, 13 TD's LY.

WR 1 TODD BLYTHE JR. 6-5 210 **PS#42. 1st Tm B12.** 12 st rFr, 39 (21.4). 12 st LY, **51 (19.6). 5** RJ Sumrall (6-1 195 So) PS#192. 1 st, 20 (15.6) rFr. Milan Moses (6-1 193 Jr) PS#64.

WR 8 AUSTIN FLYNN SR. 6-1 200 **PS#34QB. 7 st QB** '03, 1782 ttl offense. 7 st WR LY, 56 (11.1). **82** Marquis Hamilton (6-3 217 rFr) PS#87. **3** Ryan Baum (5-10 186 Sr) 25 tkl '04.

TE 41 BEN BARKEMA JR. 6-3 245 15 st, 23 (12.9) 2Y. **16 Walter Nickel** (6-3 235 Sr) **PS#14JC.** 5 st, 20 (13.1). **83** Derrick Catlett (6-4 235 rFr) PS#45. **80** Brandon Tinlin (6-4 250 Jr).

C 63 SCOTT STEPHENSON SR. 6-4 305 PS#151DL. 2 st Minnesota DL, transfer. 12 st C LY, **HM B12. 78** Bastian Schober (6-2 305 Jr) PS#188. **55** Anthony Walker (6-2 280 Jr).

RG 77 Paul Fisher Sr. 6-7 325 **PS#22** '02 BYU. PS#52JC. 2nd string here LY. **66** Brandon Cook (6-6 320 Jr) **PS#75. 70** Tom Schmeling (6-3 290 So) PS#142. 2nd string.

LG 58 SETH ZEHR SR. 6-6 300 PS#97DL. 7 sts as rFr. 12 sts at RG '04. 12 sts at RG LY. **73** Reggie Stephens (6-4 315 rFr) PS#145. **7 Ahtyba Rubin is PS#112JUCO.**

RT 75 AARON BRANT SR. 6-7 320 **PS#62.** 10 st RG true. 12 st RT '04. 12 st RT LY, HM B12. **68** John Tjaden (6-7 305 Jr) **PS#74. 59** Landon Streit (6-5 305 rFr) PS#111.

LT 69 SCOTT FISHER SR. 6-7 335 PS#53 Utah. PS#66JC. Last 6 sts at LT in '05. **71** Jordan Goos (6-6 300 So) PS#123DL. **76** Joe Vanstrom (6-6 310 So) PS#206.

K 37 BRET CULBERTSON JR. 6-6 179 20 of 26 FG 2Y, long 45. **48** Steven King (5-10 208 rFr). **11** Chris Mahoski (5-11 172 rFr) PS#85. **19** Josh Griebahn (5-8 193 Jr) **PS#18.**

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 83 Travis Ferguson So. 6-5 245 **PS#67LB.** 0 tkl as rFr. **25** Nick Frere (6-2 240 So) PS#115LB. 2 tkl rFr. **92** John Machado (6-3 245 Sr) PS#291JC. 3 tkl LY. 11 sk at JC '04.

DT 52 BRENT CURVEY SR. 6-0 295 **2nd Tm B12.** 6 st true, 63 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 12 st '04, 52 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 12 st LY. 61 tkl, 6.5 sk. **93** Bryce Braaksma (6-4 260 rFr) PS#225.

NG 94 Stephon Dale rFr. 6-3 255 PS#401. **90 Thomas Patton** (6-3 275 Sr) **PS#58DL UCLA** PS#85JC. Austin Alburtis (6-2 260 Fr) PS#256. **98** Ryne Sandhagen (6-4 260 Jr) move from TE TY.

DE 40 SHAWN MOOREHEAD SR. 6-4 250 11 st DE '04. 46 tkl, 4.5 sk, 5 tfl. 6 st LY, 34 tkl, 5.5 sk, 4 tfl. **47** Kurtis Taylor (6-3 250 Jr) PS#154LB. Collins Eboh (6-4 250 So) 12 tfl at JC in '05.

SLB 17 Tyrone McKenzie Jr. 6-2 230 3 tkl true. Mich St. Scout Tm MVP here LY. **48** Travis Cruise (6-1 205 rFr) PS#361. **44** Troy Zimmerman (6-1 215 rFr). **27** Brian Perry (6-3 225 So) Also LS.

MLB 10 ADAM CARPER SO. 6-3 225 PS#88DB. First 6 st rFr, 41 tkl, 2 tfl. Kris Means PS#51. **57** Jesse Smith (6-0 230 rFr) PS#365. **53** Walker Scott (5-9 207 Sr). Miramar College.

WLB 15 Alvin Bowen Jr. 6-4 220 PS#76JC. 33 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **32** Josh Raven (5-11 205 rFr). **91** Zac Brouillette (6-3 230 So) Added 25 lbs. Fred Garrin (6-1 215 Fr) is PS#205.

CB 4 DeANDRE JACKSON SR. 6-0 192 PS#112. 3 st true, 18 tkl, 2 tfl. 12 st '04, 50 tkl, **10 pbu.** 12 st LY, 55 tkl, **5 int**, 8 pbu. **6** Chris Brown (5-11 180 So) PS#282WR. Off Scout MVP '04.

CB 23 Steve Johnson rFr. 6-2 197 PS#234. **18** Chris Singleton (5-10 191 So) PS#305WR. 8 tkl true. **37** Reggie Rock (5-9 180 rFr) PS#71. **8** Justin Harris (5-11 187 Jr). Aaron Ramano (5-11 217 rFr).

SS 21 Caleb Berg Jr. 6-1 203 PS#79. 10 tkl as rFr. 6 tkl in '05. **2** James Smith (5-8 191 rFr) PS#390. 10.27 in 100m. RB in HS. **12** David Rahe (6-1 203 Sr). 4 tkl, 11 gm LY.

FS 16 Jon Banks Jr. 6-3 217 JUCO. 7 tkl here last year. **20** Brandon Hunley (5-11 195 So) PS#157. 4 tkl, 1 pbu, 11 gms LY. Prince McKinney (5-9 180 Fr) PS#163.

P 49 Michael Brandtner rFr. 6-1 198 PS#73. 45.0 avg Sr in HS. **25** Scott Krava (6-0 202 Jr) 0-2 FG's in '04. **29** Brian Jansen (6-3 200 Jr). **38** Tyler Pontier (5-9 205 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Austen Arnaud 6-2 205 PS#26
RB	Josh Johnson 5-11 205 PS#55
LB	Kris Means 6-1 235 PS#51
OL	Matt Hulbert 6-6 280 PS#73
OL	Ahtyba Rubin 6-3 285 PS#112JC
WR	Derrick Russell 6-3 195 PS#72
RB	Mitchell Moore 6-0 205 PS#88
OL	Jose Vargas 6-3 320 PS#101
DB	Zac Sandvig 5-11 180 PS#99RB
DL	Rashawn Parker 6-0 235 PS#107RB
RB	Alexander Robinson 5-10 175 PS#113
DL	Nate Frere 6-2 270 PS#129
DL	Patrick Neal 6-0 225 PS#146
TE	Ben Lamaak 6-4 265 PS#54
DL	Bailey Johnson 6-2 245 PS#165
WR	Derron Montgomery 6-1 175 PS#128
DB	Prince McKinney 5-9 180 PS#163
DB	Devin McDowell 5-9 160 PS#174
OL	Lee Tibbs 6-4 325 PS#386JC
LB	Fred Garrin 6-1 215 PS#205
DL	Austin Alburtis 6-2 260 PS#256
DB	Justin Robertson 6-4 190 PS#290
LB	Matt Leaders 6-0 195 PS#248
DB	Kellen White 5-10 185 PS#299
DB	Randy Palmer 5-11 180 PS#207QB
DL	John Richardson 6-1 245 PS#330
DB	Drenard Williams 5-10 170 PS#361RB
DL	Collins Eboh 6-4 250 PS#477JC
LS	Matt Purvis 6-2 225 PS#477JC
RB	Harry Scott 6-2 200 PS#515

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#8

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ISU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	Toledo (Thur)	G					
Sep. 9	UNLV	G					
Sep. 16	at Iowa	G					
Sep. 23	at Texas	G					
Sep. 30	Northern Iowa	G					
Oct. 7	Nebraska	G					
Oct. 14	at Oklahoma	G					
Oct. 21	Texas Tech (HC)	G					
Oct. 28	at Kansas St	A					
Nov. 4	Kansas	G					
Nov. 11	at Colorado	G					
Nov. 18	Missouri	G					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Iowa St has been to 9 bowls (2-7 SU) in their history, 5 under Dan McCarney including both wins.
ISU is 3-10 ATS the last 13 as a Big 12 HD being outscored by 20 ppg.

Cyclones are 9-3 SU & 7-3 ATS at Jack Trice Stadium the last 2 years.
ISU is 19-2 SU & 9-4 ATS vs the current MAC teams all-time.

Cyclones are 25-13 ATS since 1999 after a SU win.
Iowa St is 3-0 SU & 2-0 ATS in their 3 meetings vs UNLV.

McCarney is a native of Iowa City & a 1975 graduate of Iowa.
He was an ass't coach at his alma mater for 13 yrs & worked alongside Kirk Ferentz.

Iowa St is 0-5 SU vs Texas, but did cover in their last visit to Austin ('02).
ISU is 3-8 SU & ATS in their last 11 in Big 12 South Division games.

N Iowa was 11-4 LY losing in IAA's National Champ game to Appalachian St.
The two instate schools are just 100 miles apart from each other.

Could apply: The Cyclones are 8-14 ATS since 1998 as a home dog.
ISU is 2-9 SU & 3-8 ATS S/'95 vs the Huskers losing by an avg of 44-18.

Cyclones are 5-65-2 SU vs OU but have covered 8 of the L/12 meetings.
ISU has been outscored on avg 30-9 all-time vs Oklahoma (72 gms).

In their last gm in '03, ISU allowed 535 passing yds which is the most given up in school history in 1 game. Home team is 3-1 SU & ATS in B12 play.

These 2 teams have played every yr S/1917, ISU leads the series 48-37-4.
Iowa St is 4-20-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1997.

The home team is 12-2-1 ATS in this series since 1991.
Cyclones are 5-9 SU & 4-10 ATS in November the last 4 years.

Iowa St is 2-10 SU but 8-4 ATS their last 12 visits to Boulder.
QB Meyer is avg 245 ypg (50.7%) with a 2-1 ratio & has been sk'd 6x's vs CU.

Iowa St is 16-10 ATS vs the Tigers since 1980 but 1-3 ATS the last 4 years.
Cyclones are 10-5 ATS in home finales since 1991.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Alex Espinoza 5,307 1984-'86
Rushing: Troy Davis 4,382 1994-'96 Receiving: Lane Danielsen 2,690 2000-'03

DAN McCARNEY (Career 52-77)

12th Year at Iowa St — McCarney's SU Bowl Record: 2-3

McCarney's records AT IOWA ST

52-77	Straight Up	17-9	Home Favorite
56-59-1	Vs The Spread	17-17	Home Underdog
25-38-1	Off A SU Loss	6-4	Away Favorite
40-46-1	Vs Conference	16-29-1	Away Underdog
16-13	Vs Non-Conf	6-8	Off A Bye

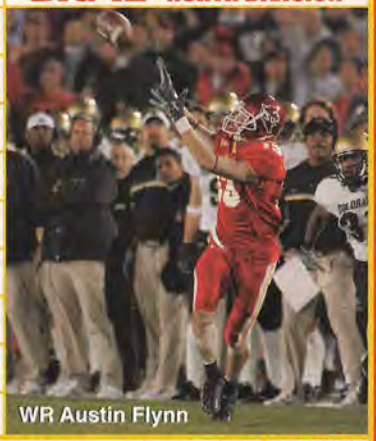
2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 28 (15,12,1)
Lost: 21 (6,13,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 46,705

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION


WR Austin Flynn

STADIUM: JACK TRICE STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	8-3	7-4	7-6	2-10	6-5	7-4	41-39
Home	2-4	4-2	4-2	6-1	2-5	4-2	5-1	27-17
Away	2-3	4-1	3-2	1-5	0-5	2-3	2-3	14-22
ATS	5-4-1	7-4	7-3	7-5	1-10	6-4	6-4	39-34-1
Home Fav	1-1	3-1	2-0	4-2	1-0	1-1	2-1	14-6
Home Dog	2-1	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-5	2-1	2-0	7-11
Away Fav	1-0	3-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	6-3
Away Dog	1-2-1	1-1	2-1	3-3	0-5	3-1	2-1	12-14-1
Favorite	2-1	6-1	4-0	4-2	1-0	1-2	2-3	20-9
Dog	3-3-1	1-3	3-3	3-3	0-10	5-2	4-1	19-25-1
Grass	5-2	6-3	6-2	7-4	1-5	5-2	5-1	35-19
Artificial	0-2-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-5	1-2	1-3	4-15-1
vs Conf	3-4-1	5-3	5-3	4-4	0-8	4-4	5-3	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	2-0	2-1	2-0	3-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	13-5
Off SU Win	3-1	4-3	5-1	4-2	1-1	4-2	4-3	25-13
Off SU Loss	2-3-1	3-0	2-2	2-3	0-9	2-2	2-1	13-20-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Stevie Hicks	149	572	27	545	4	3.7
Greg Coleman	116	433	14	419	2	3.6
Ryan Kock	54	129	0	129	13	2.4
Bret Meyer	133	410	287	123	1	0.9
David Brown	16	82	5	77	0	4.8
Jason Harris	11	50	10	40	0	3.6
Jon Davis	3	11	2	9	0	3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bret Meyer	368	227	61.7	2876	19	10

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Todd Blythe	51	1000	19.6	9	63
Austin Flynn	56	624	11.1	3	42
Jon Davis	41	319	7.8	2	16
RJ Sumrall	20	311	15.6	0	60
Walter Nickel	20	263	13.1	2	30
Ben Barkema	18	244	13.6	2	27
Milan Moses	4	41	10.2	0	18
Stevie Hicks	8	39	4.9	0	14
Greg Coleman	5	22	4.4	1	10

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Troy Blankenship	68	2894	42.6	12	34.3	1	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Bret Culbertson	34-34	3-4	6-6	3-6	0-0	12-16	45
Tony Yelk	5-6	2-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-3	29
Edgar Arceo	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tim Dobbins	103	1	6.5	3	1
Matt Robertson	103	0	5	4	1
Jason Berryman	72	7.5	3.5	2	1
Nik Moser	66	0	5	2	4
Steve Paris	65	0	0.5	2	3
Brent Curvey	61	6.5	2	1	1
Jamarr Buchanan	61	0	2.5	0	0
DeAndre Jackson	55	0	1	8	5
LaMarcus Hicks	55	0	0.5	7	5
Nick Leaders	41	5.5	6	9	0
Adam Carper	41	0	2	3	1
Shawn Moorehead	34	5.5	4	0	0
Alvin Bowen	33	1	1	0	0
Cephus Johnson	28	0	3.5	0	0
Chris Singleton	8	0	0	3	0
Kurtis Taylor	7	0	0	0	0
Jon Banks	7	0	0	0	0
Caleb Berg	6	0	0	0	0
Brandon Hunley	4	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
RJ Sumrall	15	115	7.7	0
Ryan Baum	9	106	11.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeAndre Jackson	24	590	24.6	0
Austin Flynn	4	71	17.8	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Insight.com	+2	Pittsburgh	37-29	W
01	Independence	+6	Alabama	13-14	W
02	Humanitarian	+12	Boise St - #18	16-34	L
04	Independence	+1	Miami, Oh	17-13	W
05	Houston	+3	TCU - #14	24-27	T

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IOWA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	28.3	19	111	2.7	240	61.7	12.4	+14	2005	7	19.2	19	103	3.0	242	57.4	18.0
7*	20.5	19	142	3.2	187	49.6	16.1	+10	2004	5	21.6	17	139	3.5	190	54.5	15.3
8	14.4	16	121	3.2	177	45.5	20.6	-6	2003	6	36.4	22	217	5.0	226	66.8	12.2
5*	28.9	20	145	3.7	236	55.1	13.2	-1	2002	7	28.3	20	175	4.2	184	56.8	12.7
5	25.8	22	182	4.2	209	60.6	15.2	+13	2001	3	20.4	19	191	4.6	149	56.3	16.7
7*	28.6	21	196	4.9	223	52.9	14.7	+5	2000	7	26.8	22	192	4.4	221	49.9	15.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

ISU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Illinois St	25	41 - 92	2.2	30 - 41	314	2	12	34 - 89	2.6	10 - 25	222	3	0
–	Iowa	22	55 - 169	3.1	14 - 24	154	3	20	32 - 173	5.4	15 - 42	174	3	+4
#22	at Army	14	32 - 71	2.2	18 - 26	158	4	23	47 - 132	2.8	19 - 34	233	3	0
#23	at Nebraska	21	38 - 57	1.5	23 - 41	317	6	26	25 - 36	1.4	36 - 55	431	2	0
–	Baylor	19	38 - 110	2.9	19 - 31	210	4	15	34 - 116	3.4	18 - 26	160	1	-2
–	at Missouri	20	54 - 157	2.9	16 - 25	169	2	19	37 - 88	2.4	24 - 35	230	0	0
–	Oklahoma St	16	44 - 147	3.3	13 - 20	227	3	21	34 - 123	3.6	24 - 40	203	1	+4
–	at Texas A&M	30	50 - 178	3.6	20 - 32	371	2	16	20 - 126	6.3	23 - 41	221	1	+3
–	Kansas St	19	53 - 221	4.2	16 - 23	194	3	13	29 - 12	0.4	17 - 30	221	4	+2
–	Colorado	15	25 - 36	1.4	20 - 38	251	2	23	38 - 79	2.1	25 - 42	284	2	+2
–	at Kansas	17	36 - 56	1.6	18 - 34	257	3	20	38 - 123	3.2	24 - 43	254	1	+2
–	† TCU	12	25 - 34	1.4	20 - 33	254	5	21	46 - 135	2.9	21 - 33	275	6	-1
TOTALS		230	491 - 1328	2.7	227 - 368	2876	39	229	414 - 1232	3.0	256 - 446	2908	27	+14
AVERAGES		19.2	41 - 111	2.7	19 - 31	240	3.3	19.1	35 - 103	3.0	21 - 37	242	2.3	1.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Iowa	NL	45-0	–
at Ohio	+1/2	31-28	W
Baylor	-15	41-0	W
at Nebraska - #4	+23'	14-48	L
at Missouri	-2'	20-14	W
Oklahoma St	-8'	28-14	W
at Texas A&M	+6	21-24	W
Kansas St	+6	3-42	L
Colorado - #21	+4'	27-40	L
at Kansas	-9'	49-7	W
Iowa	+4	17-14	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Florida St - #3	+22	31-38	W
Kansas	-21	45-3	W
Tenn Tech	NL	58-6	–
at Iowa	+3'	36-31	W
Troy	-17	42-12	W
Nebraska - #20	-1	36-14	W
Texas Tech	-6'	31-17	W
at Oklahoma - #2	+8'	3-49	L
at Texas - #7	+12'	10-21	W
Missouri	-9	42-35	L
at Kansas St - #12	+13'	7-58	L
at Colorado - #17	+9'	27-41	L
Connecticut	-17	20-37	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Iowa	NL	17-10	–
Ohio	-18'	48-20	W
Iowa - #23	+4	21-40	L
at N Illinois - #20	+6'	16-24	L
Oklahoma - #1	+21	7-53	L
at Texas Tech	+16'	21-52	L
Texas - #20	+17	19-40	L
at Nebraska	+24	0-28	L
Kansas St	+18	0-45	L
Colorado	+7'	10-44	L
at Kansas	+10	7-36	L
at Missouri	+26'	7-45	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Iowa	NL	23-0	–
at Iowa - #16	+22	10-17	W
N Illinois	-3'	48-41	W
at Oklahoma St - #25	+17	7-36	L
Texas A&M	+7	3-34	L
at Colorado	+10'	14-19	W
at Baylor	-7'	26-25	L
Kansas	+4	13-7	W
Nebraska	+4	34-27	W
at Kansas St	+11	37-23	W
Missouri	-4'	14-17 OT	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois St	NL	32-21	–
Iowa - #8	+9	23-3	W
at Army	-17	28-21	L
at Nebraska	+3'	20-27 2OT	L
Baylor	-8	13-23	L
at Missouri	+6'	24-27 OT	W
Oklahoma St	-14	37-10	W
at Texas A&M	+11'	42-14	W
Kansas St	-8	45-17	W
Colorado	+1'	30-16	W
at Kansas	-3'	21-24 OT	L

KANSAS ST WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 Ell Roberson departed as the all-time K-State leader in total offense and was their #2 career rushing leader. The only experienced QB returning was Dylan Meier (Scout Tm MVP '02, 229 ttl yds '03). He battled Allen Webb (PS#75), an Indiana transfer (Scout MVP '03). Snyder was also very high on true frosh Allan Evridge (PS#50) but was able to redshirt him. While both Meier and Webb are 6'3" and mobile, Meier is a slightly better passer and Webb is a more dangerous runner. Meier suffered through an injury-plagued season and was 3-3 as a starter and Webb 1-4. Webb threw for 521 (52.1%) with a 3-4 ratio (533 rush) while Meier threw for 1,436 (57.7%) with a 9-5 (306 rush). Meier had shoulder surgery and RS in '05. Webb started the first five but was benched vs Kansas and Evridge started the last 6. Webb did not take kindly to his benching and was in the staff's doghouse (DNP 4 gm). He came off the bench vs Missouri hitting 10 of 14 for 93. Webb threw for 850 (59%) with a 9-5 ratio (287 rush). Evridge threw for 1,365 but completed just 47.9% with a 6-7 ratio (414 rush). He broke NT HC Darrell Dickey's single season frosh passing record (895) set in 1979. He became the first frosh QB starter here since 1988 (Paul Watson) and threw for 357 vs A&M despite 5 dropped passes. All three QB's return. Keep in mind that new coaches like their own recruits so 6'6" Josh Freeman (PS#10) has a great shot at winning the job. Despite learning a new offense, this unit is deep with talent and experience.

LB Brandon Archer

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 Josh Scobey set Kansas St's single season rushing record with 1,309 yards. Darren Sproles (PS#33) had three spectacular seasons including a record breaking 2003 (1,986, 6.5). In 2004 he "only" had 1,318 (5.4). The top two returning rushers last year were QB's while the top RB was Thomas Clayton (PS#13) who had just 71 (4.7) in '04 after transferring from Florida St. Clayton got off to a great start in '05 rushing for 177 vs FIU and 152 vs Marshall but was suspended prior to NT and had just 121 yards (2.0) over the next 5 and did not play vs Iowa St. He returned with 85 vs Nebraska and 102 vs Missouri to lead with 637 (4.6). Parrish Fisher was the B12 Off POW after rushing for 169 vs NT and finished with 289 (6.0). FB Victor Mann (255 lbs) had 107 (5.6) while Carlos Alsup (PS#72) suffered injuries to both knees and was limited to 96 (3.2). This year they must replace Mann (6 st) and FB Ayo Saba (PS#26, 13 yd). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Donnie Anders (5-10 190 Sr, PS#132, 103 yd 3Y), Terry Petrie (5-9 185 Jr) PS#164, FB John McCardle (5-9 195 So, PS#189) and this year's true frosh including Jamal Schulters (PS#261DB). Clayton, who benches 440 and has 4.32 speed, has the potential to be one of the B12's best backs. He will have to fight off PS#6JC James Johnson, who rushed for 2,384 yards with 36 TD's at JC the last two years and was originally PS#38 in 2004.

RECEIVERS - The Cats returned their top two receivers last year in Jermaine Moreira who led with 39 rec (10.4) and Yamon Figurs (4.29 spd) who led in yards (483, 15.6). They did have to replace their starting TE who had been the #3 receiver. Last year Jordy Nelson (4.36 spd), who moved from DB to WR in the spring, had an immediate impact catching a pass in all 11 including 7 straight games with a TD. He led with 45 (14.9). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Val Taylor (6-1 180 rFr, PS#233), Daniel Gonzalez (6-5 210 Jr), Preston Taylor (6-0 180 Jr) and Donald Raymer (6-2 235 Sr). Figurs, who had a rough outing vs A&M (4 drops), saw his totals drop to 14 (17.4). Moreira had 35 (13.9) and Davin Dennis (PS#99) added 20 (14.1). This year they only lose Dennis (8 st). This unit has good size, excellent speed and will put up better numbers with a more pass-oriented offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Cats' O-line only opened holes for 4.3 ypc rush (the lowest ypc since 1999) in their option offense. Last year this was an extremely young group as they had to replace four starters and 8 of the top 10 OL's had zero playing experience at K-St. Making matters worse, they lost C Ryan Schmidt at the end of August. His replacement, Jacob Voegeli, went down after 3 starts as did starting RG Matt Boss. The inexperienced, injury-plagued group only opened holes for 3.5 ypc (lowest since 1996) while allowing 26 sacks (8.2%). This year their only loss is RT Jeromey Clary (#6DC SD, 2nd Tm B12, 3 yr st'r) and they welcome 9 of the top 10 back while adding in some solid rFr and JUCO's. The unit must learn new blocking schemes but should be stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Under Snyder the Wildcats had an annual infusion of JUCO talent at this position and it was usually a top-notch group. They did not allow over 3.2 ypc rush in a 7-year stretch and yielded just 2.0 in 2002. In 2004, the DL had to replace 3 starters and then lost the lone returnee to injury and allowed 4.1 ypc. Last year they had to replace two starters, two backups and returning starter DE Scott Edmonds DNP. They improved slightly allowing 3.5 ypc with 21 sacks. This year they lose DE Tearrius George (11 st, 27 tkl, 4 sk), DT Derek Marso (4 st, 13 tkl, 3 tfl) and DE Steve Burch (9 tkl). They add three JUCO's to what is the most experienced Cats D-line in four years.

LINEBACKERS - K-St had an inexperienced LB corps in 2004. Last year they appeared to have two starters back but Marvin Simmons (PS#5), who benches 528 lbs (#3t tkl'r '04), DNP. Matt Butler who had 5 starts in 2004 was banged up (7 tkl). The lone returnee, Brandon Archer, led in tackles for a 2nd straight year and Maurice Mack, who moved from FS, was the #3 tackler and added 7 tfl. This year they must replace MLB Ted Sims (10 st, 50 tkl, 4 tfl), Butler, Marcus Perry (4 tkl) and Simmons. Last year's backup, MLB Zach Diles, had the same amount of tackles as starter Sims. This is K-St's most experienced LB unit in three years led by Senior Archer.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Snyder used a deep rotation in the secondary and that allowed them to offset large graduation losses almost every year. The Cats had four consecutive finishes in the Top 10 of my pass D rankings including #7 in 2002. They had to replace CB Terrence Newman (#1DC) and slipped to #19 in 2003. Despite only having to replace 2 starters in 2004, they surprisingly slipped to #61. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and the lone returnee, FS Jesse Tetuan, lost his starting spot so all 4 starters were new. They also lost starting CB Byron Garvin for the last 4 (susp). The unit was shredded for 669 yards passing by TTech and finished #55. This year they lose SS Maurice Porter (10 st, 41 tkl, 6 pbu), SS Surrell Davis (12 tkl, 4 pbu) and Tetuan (9 tkl). The Cats' experienced secondary should have their best pass D finish in three years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bill Snyder's ST's were always just that, special. They finished #4 in my rankings in 2002 and #25 in 2003. They surprisingly dropped to #39 in 2004 and had to replace their kicker and outstanding returnman. As usual, the return game was dangerous with PR Moreira and KR Figurs each notching a TD. Jeff Snodgrass hit 10 of 16 including 51 and 57 yarders (4th longest in school history). P Tim Reyer had an infamous play vs Oklahoma when he did not run out on the field for a punt and the snap went through the EZ for a safety. His avg dropped from 42.4 in 2004 to 40.3. Basically everyone returns to this unit that finished #44 last year. Provided new Coach Prince puts as much a priority on ST as Snyder did, they have Top 20 potential.

COACHES - As I mention in Phil's Forecast, Bill Snyder did an amazing job. He had 14 miles of State HWY 177 and the stadium named after him. This year is the first HC job for Ron Prince, who was the OC at Virginia the last 3 years. His new OC is James Franklin, who last year was the WR coach at Green Bay (1st time OC). The co-OC is Pat Washington, who spent the last 11 years as Tennessee's receivers coach. His new DC is Raheem Morris, who was an asst coach with Tampa Bay (1st time DC).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Bill Snyder did an absolutely amazing job at this school taking a team with the worst combined record in the history of the NCAA and guiding them to bowl games in eleven straight years. I think he did one of the best coaching jobs ever in the NCAA getting this team into National Title contention role in five different years. Snyder opted to step aside from his miracle in Manhattan and leaves with 136 wins which is not only triple the wins of the #2 coach in K-St history, but was two more than all of KSU's prior coaches combined since 1937!! This is a school that had a 27-game winless streak but Snyder guided them to their first conf title since 1934 including Big 12 Titles in 1998, 2000 and 2003. They actually had 11 wins in six out of seven years. They renamed the stadium Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Under Snyder, they also won for the first time in Lincoln since 1986 and handed Nebraska their worst home loss since 1958, 38-9. In 2003 they outgained B12 foes by 171.6 ypg but unfortunately slipped the last 2 years. In 2004 K-St plunged to 4-7 despite being #13 in the preseason polls and had their first season without a bowl since 1992. Despite a 2-6 record in the Big 12, they outgained B12 foes by 3.7 ypg in '04. Last year for just the 2nd time since the B12 was formed, K-St was not in the preseason Top 25. They took their names off their jerseys for the first time since 1989 to build team camaraderie. They opened up 3-0 playing their usual soft non-conf schedule. After a 43-21 loss to OU, they were outgained by Kansas 236-182 but won 12-3. They led TT 13-10 with 2:00 left in the half but then QB Hodges exploded for 684 ttl yards in a 59-20 rout. They lost to A&M 30-28. After a 2H comeback, Colorado punted with :55 left in the game but K-St fumbled the punt and CU got a 50 yard FG with :06 left. They allowed a 40 yard FG by Nebraska with 1:05 left in a 27-25 loss. In Snyder's final HG, they knocked off Missouri 36-28 and came up just one win short of a bowl. The Wildcats have 17 returning starters which is the most since 1998 (only 7 last year). K-St's offense has 9 starters back and is loaded with talent at the skill positions. They also have a more experienced O-line. They should easily top last year's 26.3 ppg (lowest S/'94). K-State's defense has struggled the last couple of years allowing 30.6 ppg in '04 and 27.7 last year. Overall they had just 3 starters back on the defense last year and were probably better than the numbers indicated. K-St estimated that roughly 30% of the opponents points were a result of drives of 40 yards or less. The last time K-St had more than 7 starters back on D they allowed just 11.8 ppg and this is clearly the Cats' best D in 3 years. A couple of concerns that I have for this year is that they are replacing one of the best coaches in the NCAA with a staff that has no experience at HC or coordinator. They are also shifting from an offense that mostly used the option to a pass attack (see Neb). K-St is capable of getting off to a 5-1 start this year and players buy into new coaches' programs when they get off to a good start so the Cats do have a shot at returning to a bowl for the first time since 2003.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN PURPLE

QB 12 ALLAN EVRIDGE SO. 6-1 210 PS#50. 6 st, 1365 (48%) 6-7, 414 rush. **1 Josh Freeman PS#10.** In for spg. **9** Dylan Meier (6-3 210 Sr) PS#147. 6 st, 1436 (58%) 9-5 ratio '04. Inj '05.

RB 5 THOMAS CLAYTON SR. 6-0 220 **PS#13**. 4.32 spd. Fla St trans. 440 bench, 8 st, 637 (4.6). **7** Parrish Fisher (5-10 205 So) PS#53. 1 st, 289 (6.0). **James Johnson PS#6JC.**

WR 10 Jermaine Moreira Sr. 5-11 190 PS#55QB. 12 st, 3Y, 91 rec (12.8). 772 ret yd.

FB 39 Pat Roxas (6-0 240 rFr) PS#150. **45** Courtney Greer (5-10 230 Fr). **28** Lucas Carpenter (6-1 235 Fr).

WR 27 JORDY NELSON JR. 6-3 210 **4.36 spd.** 11 st, 45 (14.9), HMB12. **13** Jesse Martinez (6-4 205 Sr) PS#69JC. **6** Ro Grigsby (6-4 185 So) PS#75. **84** Andrew Richards (6-3 200 rFr) PS#117.

WR 16 YAMON FIGURS SR. 6-0 185 PS#98JC. **4.29 spd.** 8 st, 31 (15.6) '04. 9 st, 14 (17.4) LY. Cedric Wilson PS#156JC '04. **25** Toney Coleman (6-2 190 Jr) PS#232. 3 rec LY.

TE 89 RASHAAD NORWOOD JR. 6-5 240 **PS#30.** 8 st LY, 13 (12.3). **86** Nate Prater (6-4 265 rFr) **PS#22**. **80** Brett Alstatt (6-5 245 So) 1 rec. Michael Pooschke (6-3 245 Jr) PS#53JC.

C 79 JORDAN BEDORE SO. 6-3 275 PS#270RB. DE true. 8 st C rFr. **51 Jacob Voegeli** (6-2 285 Jr) 3 st C LY until inj. **70 Ryan Schmidt** (6-5 290 So) 404 bench. #1 C LY until inj.

RG 75 MATT BOSS SO. 6-4 310 **PS#14**. 366 bench. 3 st at RG as rFr until inj. **69** Caleb Handy (6-1 305 So) PS#108. 8 st rFr, 11 gms. **64** Nick Stringer (6-6 260 rFr) PS#147.

LG 72 JOHN HAFFERTY JR. 6-3 305 PS#166. 7 gm true. 11 st LG LY, **513 bench**. **71** Derek Meyer (6-6 290 rFr). **78** Zach Lucas (6-3 275 So). Scott Krehbiel is **PS#38**.

RT 67 GREG WAFFORD SR. 6-2 305 PS#490JC. 2nd string '04. 11 st RT, OL MVP '05. **68** Brad Rooker (6-6 270 So) PS#59TE. 9 gm rFr. **65** Logan Robinson (6-9 310 Jr) PS#419.

LT 73 Gerard Spexarth So. 6-7 290 PS#154. 2nd string '04 but RS. 3 gm LY (inj). **76** Brock Unruh (6-5 305 rFr) PS#99DL. **63** Jed Henson (6-4 320 Jr) PS#208JC. RS LY.

K 19 JEFF SNODGRASS SR. 6-2 200 10 of 16 FG's, **long 57**. 2 from 50+ LY. **26** Tim Schwerdt (5-8 166 Jr) 1 of 2 FG's LY, long 27. **18** Jared Parker (6-0 180 So) PS#51. 2 KO/1TB.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN PURPLE

DE 96 Moses Manu Jr. 6-3 260 **PS#38RB '03.** 9.5 sk, 19 tfl. JC LY. In for spg. **91** Clayton Cox (6-3 240 Jr) PS#69JC '05. SMU transfer. **55** Vlad Faustin (6-4 250 So) PS#315.

DT 50 ALPHONSO MORAN SO. 6-1 290 PS#204. 7 st, 21 tkl, 1.5 sk rFr. Rob Jackson (6-3 265 Jr) PS#251JC. DL '04 at Syracuse. 6 sk, 9 tfl JC LY. Brandon Balcom PS#430JC. 3Y elig left.

DT 56 QUINTIN ECHOLS SR. 6-2 305 PS#108. 463 bench, 21 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 2 st '04, 16 tkl, 3 tfl. 11 st LY, 45 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **99** Steven Cline (6-2 290 Jr) PS#187. 8 tkl, 3 tfl, 10 gms LY.

DE 34 BLAKE SEILER SR. 6-3 245 1 st '04, 6 tkl, 2 sk. 11 st DE LY, 34 tkl, 1 sk. **90** Eric Childs (6-3 225 rFr) PS#112. **30** Rimmon McNeese (6-2 240 Sr) PS#30TE. **98** Ian Campbell (6-4 240 So) 7 tkl, 1 tfl LY.

SLB 46 BRANDON ARCHER SR. 6-2 230 PS#61. 10 st '04, #1 tkl'r w/75, 7 tfl. 11 st LY, **#1 tkl'r w/72**, 9.5 tfl. **33** Greg Gaskins (6-0 215 Jr) PS#182DB. **57** MacKenzie Rosel (6-2 205 rFr) PS#255.

MLB 52 Zach Diles Sr. 6-2 230 PS#262JC. #4 tkl'r w/50 as backup LY, 5.5 tfl. #1 in spg gm. **42** Ross Diehl (6-2 220 rFr) **PS#58.** Justin Roland PS#352JC. **58** Chris Bamberger (6-2 220 So).

WLB 24 MAURICE MACK SR. 6-0 215 PS#67DB. 1 st FS, 23 tkl '04. 11 st, 53 tkl, 7 tfl. **53** Reggie Walker (6-2 220 So) PS#128. 16 tkl, 4.5 tfl as true. **41** Steve Mathias (6-1 220 Jr).

CB 6 BYRON GARVIN JR. 5-10 180 7 st CB LY (until susp), 30 tkl, 3 pbu. **22** Justin McKinney (5-10 185 Jr) PS#142JC. 3 st, 3 int, 6 pbu. **35** Noah Strozier (6-0 180 Sr) **PS#51.**

CB 3 BRYAN BALDWIN JR. 5-11 185 PS#159WR. 11 st LY, 38 tkl, 6 pbu. **12** Devin Anderson (5-10 185 Jr) PS#176JC. In for spg. Antwon Moore PS#223JC. **47** Adam Hamilton (6-0 195 Sr).

SS 9 Kyle Williams Sr. 6-1 200 **PS#46JC.** 3 st rFr, 42 tkl, 4 pbu. **15** Kevin Hollis (6-1 195 rFr) PS#194. **20** Courtney Herndon (5-11 200 rFr) PS#195. **31** Brice Bernbeck (6-0 180 rFr).

FS 2 MARCUS WATTS JR. 6-2 180 11 tkl rFr. 11 st LY, 71 tkl, 5 pbu, HM B12, Def MVP. Ray Cheatham (6-0 185 Jr) **PS#69JC**. Courtney Edmond (6-2 220 Jr) PS#298JC. 4.4 spd.

P 17 TIM REYER JR. 6-0 195 36 punts true (42.4), 35.8 net. 65 (40.3) 32.8 net LY. **14** Tony Jones (6-4 200 rFr) PS#66. **13** Jesse Martinez 18 (37.0) '04. **21** Cole Brokenicky (5-10 195 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	James Johnson 5-11 200 PS#6JC
QB	Josh Freeman 6-6 230 PS#10
OL	Scott Krehbiel 6-7 280 PS#38
DB	Ray Cheatham 6-0 185 PS#69JC
DL	Moses Manu 6-3 260 PS#95JC
DL	Zach Kendall 6-4 280 PS#118
DB	Devin Anderson 5-10 185 PS#176JC
DB	Chris Carney 6-1 175 PS#113
DB	Antwon Moore 6-1 218 PS#223JC
WR	Cedric Wilson 6-1 190 PS#156JC '04
DL	Rob Jackson 6-3 265 PS#251JC
RB	Leon Patton 5-8 175 PS#162
DB	Courtney Edmond 6-2 220 PS#298JC
OL	Kenneth Mayfield 6-4 300 PS#193
LB	Justin Roland 6-2 250 PS#352JC
DL	Gabriel Crews 6-3 300 PS#223
RB	Davyon McGhee 5-11 215 PS#225
DB	Tony Purvis 6-0 175 PS#253
DB	Jamal Schulters 5-10 180 PS#261
DB	Joshua Moore 5-11 180 PS#269
DL	Brandon Balkcom 6-2 280 PS#430JC
DB	Otis Johnson 5-11 185 PS#331
OL	Patrick Turner 6-4 330 PS#331
RB	Courtney Greer 5-10 210 PS#406
DL	Trevor Viers 6-5 265 PS#436
TE	Jeron Mastrud 6-6 255 PS#170
LB	John Houlik 5-11 215 PS#485

KANSAS ST WILDCATS

Manhattan, Kansas
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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#41

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Sep. 2	Illinois St	A					
Sep. 9	Florida Atlantic	A					
Sep. 16	Marshall	A					
Sep. 23	Louisville	A					
Sep. 30	at Baylor	A					
Oct. 7	Oklahoma St	A					
Oct. 14	Nebraska	A					
Oct. 21	at Missouri	A					
Oct. 28	Iowa St (HC)	A					
Nov. 4	at Colorado	G					
Nov. 11	Texas	A					
Nov. 18	at Kansas	A					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Since the inception of the B12 ('96), KSU has won more gms than any member.
Kansas St is 16-0 SU & 7-3-1 ATS in season openers since 1990.
Bill Snyder ends a wonderful 17 yr career as HC w/a 136-68-1 record.

Redbirds were 7-4 LY & ranked #24 in IAA playing in the Gateway Conf.
This will be Illinois St's 12th straight year they face a IA opponent.

Wildcats are 24-12 ATS vs non-conference opponents since 1993.
Kansas St is 40-27-1 (60%) after a SU win since 1997.

Wildcats are 12-15-1 SU & 3-9 ATS all-time vs current CUSA members.
KSU is 0-2 ATS vs Marshall & were upset as DD favs last gm in Manhattan.

This will be the first meeting between these schools.
Could apply: KSU is 5-0 ATS since 1997 as a home dog.

Wildcats are 6-18 ATS in their last 24 road openers.
Kansas St is just 1-7 SU & 2-6 ATS the last 2 years in Big 12 road games.

Wildcats are 27-9 SU & 25-11 ATS in Big 12 home games since 1997.
The home team is 6-1-1 ATS since 1992 in this series.

KSU has a 22-8 ATS record vs Big 12 North Division rivals since 2000.
Kansas St & Nebraska have averaged 60 ppg combined the last 9 years.

Game after: KSU is 12-0 ATS if they lose SU to NU but 1-4 ATS if they win S/'88.
The home team is 11-5 ATS the last 16 years in this series.

Home team is 6-3 ATS the last 9 years in this series.
LY's 17 pts was the lowest total scored on offense by KSU vs an ISU def S/'89.

The Wildcats have gone 0-4 SU & ATS on grass the last 2 years.
KSU is 16-6 ATS in their last 22 games in November.

The Wildcats are 8-1 SU & 6-3 ATS the last 9 home finales.
The dog has covered the last 3 meetings in the series ('99, '02 & '03).

The 15 pts scored in LY's game was the lowest combined total since 1966.
Kansas St is 11-1 SU & ATS the last 12 years vs their in-state rival.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Lynn Dickey 6,208 1968-'70
Rushing: Darren Sproles 4,979 2001-'04 Receiving: Kevin Lockett 3,032 1993-'96

RON PRINCE (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Kansas St
Prince's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Prince's records AT KANSAS ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-0	Off A Bye

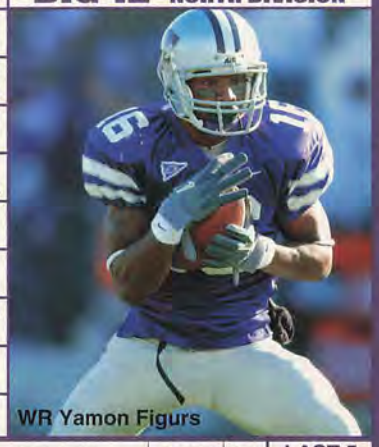
2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (21,16,4)
Lost: 20 (8,11,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 45,961

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION


WR Yamon Figurs

STADIUM: BILL SNYDER FAMILY STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	10-3	6-5	10-2	11-3	4-7	5-6	56-27
Home	7-0	6-1	4-2	7-1	8-1	3-4	4-2	39-11
Away	3-1	4-2	2-3	3-1	3-2	1-3	1-4	17-16
ATS	8-3	6-6-1	8-3	8-2	6-6	3-7	6-5	45-32-1
Home Fav	6-1	3-3	4-2	5-1	2-5	1-4	3-1	24-17
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	4-0
Away Fav	1-1	2-3	2-1	3-1	2-1	0-2	0-1	10-10
Away Dog	1-1	0-0-1	2-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	1-3	7-5-1
Favorite	7-2	5-6	6-3	8-2	4-6	1-6	3-2	34-27
Dog	1-1	1-0-1	2-0	0-0	2-0	2-1	3-3	11-5-1
Grass	1-1	1-3-1	3-0	2-1	3-1	0-2	0-2	10-10-1
Artificial	7-2	5-3	5-3	6-1	3-5	3-5	6-3	35-22
vs Conf	5-3	4-4-1	5-3	6-2	6-3	3-5	5-3	34-23-1
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-2	3-0	2-0	0-3	0-2	1-2	11-9
Off SU Win	6-3	5-4-1	5-0	6-2	4-4	0-4	1-3	27-20-1
Off SU Loss	1-0	1-1	2-3	2-0	2-1	3-3	5-1	16-9

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Thomas Clayton	137	680	43	637	4	4.6
Parrish Fisher	48	303	14	289	0	6.0
Allan Evridge	102	414	211	203	4	2.0
Allen Webb	71	287	115	172	0	2.4
Victor Mann	19	112	5	107	2	5.6
Carlos Alsup	30	103	7	96	2	3.2
Donnie Anders	8	33	0	33	2	4.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Allan Evridge	213	102	47.9	1365	6	7
Allen Webb	105	62	59.0	850	9	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jordy Nelson	45	669	14.9	8	80
Jermaine Moreira	35	485	13.9	1	42
Davin Dennis	20	281	14.1	2	47
Yamon Figurs	14	243	17.4	1	52
Rashaad Norwood	13	160	12.3	1	34
Victor Mann	11	138	12.5	1	36
Parrish Fisher	6	87	14.5	0	46
Thomas Clayton	12	73	6.1	1	26
Donnie Anders	1	40	40.0	0	40
Toney Coleman	3	34	11.3	0	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tim Reyer	65	2620	40.3	14	32.8	2	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jeff Snodgrass	21-23	0-1	5-7	3-5	2-3	10-16	57

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brandon Archer	72	3	6.5	3	1
Marcus Watts	71	0	2	5	0
Maurice Mack	53	1	6	4	0
Zach Diles	50	2	3.5	0	0
Ted Sims	50	2	2	0	1
Quintin Echols	45	1.5	4	2	0
Kyle Williams	42	1	1	4	0
Maurice Porter	41	0	3	6	1
Bryan Baldwin	38	1	0.5	6	1
Blake Seiler	34	1	1	0	0
Byron Garvin	30	0	3.5	3	1
Justin McKinney	29	1	1	6	3
Tearrius George	27	4	2	1	0
Alphonso Moran	21	1.5	1	0	0
Reggie Walker	16	0	4.5	1	0
Derek Marso	13	1	2	1	0
Surrell Davis	12	0	0	4	0
Yamon Figurs	11	0	0	0	0
Jesse Tetuan	9	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jermaine Moreira	19	202	10.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Yamon Figurs	7	92	13.1	0
Yamon Figurs	12	296	24.7	1
Jermaine Moreira	9	204	22.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Holiday	-10'	Washington	24-20	L
00	Cotton	-3'	Tennessee	35-21	W
01	Insight.com	-6	Syracuse - #18	3-26	L
02	Holiday	-18'	Arizona St	34-27	L
03	Fiesta	-7	Ohio St - #7	28-35	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Kansas St's All-Time SU Bowl Record 6-6

KANSAS ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	26.3	17	138	3.5	201	51.6	12.9	-6	2005	3	27.7	18	129	3.5	231	55.6	13.0
6	29.6	21	186	4.3	178	56.1	12.3	-6	2004	4	30.6	16	148	4.1	201	53.7	11.4
7*	36.6	21	229	5.0	212	52.3	12.0	-1	2003	5	16.3	15	108	3.0	175	50.1	17.4
4*	44.8	21	264	5.2	159	53.8	9.4	+9	2002	7	11.8	14	70	2.0	179	45.7	21.0
5	27.5	21	239	4.5	143	42.8	13.9	-1	2001	3	17.1	14	98	2.9	162	47.0	15.2
9*	39.2	22	205	4.4	212	49.0	10.6	+7	2000	7	18.6	15	104	2.9	169	49.8	14.6

2005 STATS BY GAME

KSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Florida Int'l	21	42-246	5.9	19-31	161	1	10	26-82	3.2	17-34	154	0	-1
–	at Marshall	17	46-208	4.5	10-19	126	3	18	26-74	2.8	22-38	262	2	+2
–	North Texas	26	53-305	5.8	15-22	353	0	5	26-87	3.3	9-21	74	2	-1
–	at Oklahoma	15	32-22	0.7	14-29	226	6	19	44-232	5.3	12-22	139	1	-3
–	Kansas	13	45-35	0.8	15-24	147	2	8	33-109	3.3	8-22	127	2	+2
–	at Texas Tech	13	31-114	3.7	14-25	192	2	39	25-15	0.6	47-72	669	3	0
–	Texas A&M	16	20-27	1.4	23-44	357	3	23	56-236	4.2	15-31	136	2	-2
–	Colorado	22	37-81	2.2	19-40	211	2	17	37-91	2.5	17-34	272	3	-2
–	at Iowa St	13	29-12	0.4	17-30	221	4	19	53-221	4.2	16-23	194	3	-2
–	at Nebraska	17	50-248	5.0	6-30	103	2	20	35-93	2.7	22-38	241	1	+1
–	Missouri	19	47-224	4.8	12-24	118	1	19	40-178	4.5	23-39	268	2	0
TOTALS		192	432-1522	3.5	164-318	2215	26	197	401-1418	3.5	208-374	2536	21	-6
AVERAGES		17.4	39-138	3.5	15-29	201	2.4	17.9	36-129	3.5	19-34	231	1.9	-0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at USC	-3	10-6	W
New Mexico St	-28	64-0	W
at Oklahoma - #3	+4'	37-38	W
Colorado	-10	6-16	L
at Texas Tech	-14'	19-38	L
Texas A&M	-9	24-31	L
Kansas	-21	40-6	W
at Iowa St	-6	42-3	W
at Nebraska - #2	+13'	21-31	W
Louisiana Tech	-21	40-7	W
Missouri	-20	24-3	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Kentucky	NL	48-3	–
ULM	-37'	68-0	W
E Illinois	NL	63-13	–
USC - #11	-2'	27-20	W
at Colorado	-3'	31-35	L
Oklahoma St	-14'	44-9	W
Texas - #8	-2'	14-17	L
at Baylor	-31	44-10	W
at Kansas	-33	64-0	W
Iowa St - #21	-13'	58-7	W
Nebraska	-12'	49-13	W
at Missouri	-15	38-0	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† California	-28	42-28	L
Troy	-37'	41-5	L
McNeese St	NL	55-14	–
Massachusetts	NL	38-7	–
Marshall	-19'	20-27	L
at Texas - #13	+6'	20-24	W
at Oklahoma St	-2'	34-38	L
Colorado	-18	49-20	W
Kansas	-20	42-6	W
Baylor	-40'	38-10	L
at Iowa St	-18	45-0	W
at Nebraska - #18	-2'	38-9	W
Missouri	-14'	24-14	L
† Oklahoma - #1	+14	35-7	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Kentucky	NL	27-13	–
Fresno St	-12'	21-45	L
Louisiana-Lft	-31	40-20	L
at Texas A&M	+4	30-42	L
at Kansas	-3'	28-31	L
Oklahoma - #2	+20	21-31	W
Nebraska	-4'	45-21	W
Texas Tech	-2'	25-35	L
at Missouri	+4	35-24	W
at Colorado	-2'	31-38	L
Iowa St	-11	23-37	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida Int'l	-33	35-21	L
at Marshall	-9	21-19	L
North Texas	-24'	54-7	W
at Oklahoma	+6'	21-43	L
Kansas	-5	12-3	W
at Texas Tech - #13	+15'	20-59	L
Texas A&M	+6	28-30	W
Colorado	+7'	20-23	W
at Iowa St	+8	17-45	L
at Nebraska	+6	25-27	W
Missouri	-3	36-28	W

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Kansas' QB situation has been very unstable due to injuries and poor performance the last 2 years. True frosh Adam Barmann who has 4.64 speed, a strong arm and heady field presence, got his debut vs A&M in '03 and hit 14 of his first 16 (2 drops) for a KU frosh record 294 yds in a hostile environment. He returned in '04 as did Brian Luke (6-6 225). That year they seemed to be snakebitten with injuries as they started 4 different QB's in a 4 week span. Barmann started the first 8 but was lost for the year vs ISU and Luke had 2 fumbles, one of which was ret'd for a TD. Jason Swanson (PS#95JC) started vs Colorado but was lost for the season and John Nielsen was injured the next week. Luke hit 14 of 25 for 225 in the upset of Missouri. Barmann, Luke and Swanson all ret'd in '05. Swanson reported overweight in Aug and was demoted to 4th string. True frosh Kerry Meier (PS#34) had a test prior to the opener which showed a heart condition (now corrected) and RS. He worked on the scout team vs the Kansas #1 D. Barmann began as the starter but Luke led four 2H scoring drives in the opener and took over. They also worked WR Marcus Herford in as a running QB. Luke, Barmann and Herford all played in the first two B12 games when they switched QB's 9 times. Barmann started vs Kansas St but Luke played the entire game vs Oklahoma despite being int'd on 2 of his first 3 passes and only hit 11 of 30 for 86. Swanson moved up to #2 and came off the bench vs Colorado after Luke opened 1 of 5. Swanson threw for 291 yards attempting 50 passes which was the most here since Mike Orth also had 50 in 1986. Swanson started the next four but was injured vs Iowa St. Luke led the comeback (into stiff winds) getting a QB sneak for a TD and then led the game-tying drive in their OT win. Swanson hit 19 of 29 for 307 with 4 TD's and was the Bowl MVP. This year they must replace Swanson and Luke and while Barmann has 13 games of starting experience, I think Meier will likely win the job. Overall, KU's 4 QB's combined to throw for 2,348 (53.3%) with a 13-19 ratio in 2005 and KU should improve statistically this year.

RUNNING BACKS - Clark Green (220 lbs), a bruising RB, caught Mangino's eye in '02 and ended up beating out the returning starting RB. He rushed for 813 (4.1) while snagging a school RB record 37 rec's (11.0). He is also a solid pass blocker but lacks break away speed. In '03 he improved his numbers to 968 (4.7). John Randle supplied the speed and rushed for 400 (6.2) with 19 rec (7.2) while also playing some CB. Added to the mix was Canadian Jon Cornish who was recruited by USC. Green and Randle were banged up in '04 as Randle led with 540 (3.7), the lowest total for a KU #1 rusher S/'88. This team has not had a 1,000-yard rusher in 9 years. Randle was dismissed in '05. Green had the most att (153) last year but finished #2 with 664 (4.3). Cornish was quicker, more explosive and well conditioned. Cornish, in 19 less att, had 780 yards (5.8). Green departs as the school's #4 all-time leading rusher. Adding depth are Brandon McAnderson (102 ,4.6), Bruce Ringwood (6-1 215 Jr, PS#102LB), Gary Green (5-9 175 So, PS#144), Angus Quigley (6-2 210 rFr), Sam Archer (6-1 220 rFr), Nick Kurtenbach (5-10 200 Jr) and this year's true frosh including Jake Sharp (PS#29). Randle is still in school but a longshot to return. Cornish has a shot at eclipsing that elusive 1,000-yard barrier.

RB Jon Cornish

RECEIVERS - Willie Vaughn, the school's all-time leading receiver, barely held onto his title in '04 as Brandon Rideau had 51 rec and came up just 2 short of his career mark. I mentioned last year that Vaughn would not have much time to breath easy and Mark Simmons, who needed just 23 more rec, led the way snagging 44 (14.3). He was basically the only experienced receiver last year with 4 of 2004's top 5 departing. CB/WR Charles Gordon was 2nd with 34 (9.2). Brian Murph (PS#77JC) emerged with 33 (11.2). TE Derek Fine had 22 (11.1) and true frosh Russell Brorsen moved over from D-line and was his backup. This year they lose Simmons (12 st, UFA SD), Gordon (6 st, UFA MIN) and Brorsen who moves back to the DL. While the top two receivers are gone, this group actually has more overall experience.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '03 KU had to replace 4 starters from their OL but surprisingly paved the way for 4.4 ypc rushing while allowing just 19 sacks. They had 2 starters back in '04 and struggled with just 94 ypg (2.7) and 21 sacks. Last year they had to replace their 2nd Tm B12 C but had 5 players back with starting experience and brought in some JC's. RFr Ryan Cantrell won the RG job in the final 5 and is one of KU's strongest players. Eight different players earned starts and 7 of them are back. The only losses are RT Matt Thompson (11 st, 2 yr st'r) and backup LT Scott Haverkamp. The OL showed improvement as the season went on and in the final 4 allowed just 5 sacks and opened holes for 4.6 ypc. This is a veteran group that should improve upon last year's 3.8 ypc.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Mangino's first season the D allowed 5.8 ypc rushing but has made steady progress since, improving to 4.9, 3.3 and last year had the team's best rush D since '62 allowing a paltry 83 ypg and just 2.4 ypc. Last year's unit had to replace 2 starters including a #5DC and I called for a much bigger contribution from DE Charlton Keith who led Minnesota in sacks in '02. Keith, in his 2nd year at KU, had 9 sacks and 14 tfl (1st Tm B12). This year Keith must be replaced (12 st, UFA CLE) as well as DT Tim Allen (9 st, 27 tkl) and DE Jermial Ashley (12 st, 16 tkl, 3 tfl) but just like last year return 5 of their top 8. They also get John McCoy back after he served a year in Iraq and should get much better production from Rodney Allen (PS#20JC) who had just 2 starts. Todd Haselhorst, who had 13 tackles and 4 tfl as a true, moved to OL in '05 but now is back at DL. This has the makings of another fine KU D-line but will be down a notch or two.

LINEBACKERS - The Jayhawks' LB corps has improved each year under Mangino and so has the defense. Last year I noted this group had a legitimate 3 deep as all 3 starters returned. This year the LB's are far less experienced. They must replace Big 12 Def POY Nick Reid (12 st, 112 tkl, 14 tfl, 3rd Tm AA, UFA KC), ILB Kevin Kane (12 st, 80 tkl, 11 tfl, HM B12), OLB Banks Floodman (11 st, 76 tkl, 10 tfl, HM B12) and Brandon Perkins (1 st, **tm high 10 sk**). There are plenty of HT's in the 3 deep below but this unit must be Mangino's main concern for 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In Mangino's first two seasons, KU was just #107 and #98 in my pass D rankings. In 2003 they had to move RB Randle and WR Gordon to DB midyear to aid the poor secondary. With Gordon earning first team B12 honors in '04 at CB, KU made dramatic strides moving up to #19. Last year they had 7 players back with starting experience but then lost starting FS Rodney Harris prior to the season. Gordon also played WR and cramped up at times due to the extra snaps (6 st CB). Frosh Aqib Talib was impressive (8 pbu, 2 int) and in just 9 starts, earned HM B12 and had a huge int vs Iowa St. This year they lose Gordon (28 tkl, 3 pbu), CB Theo Baines (6 st, 40 tkl, 4 int), FS Rodney Fowler (12 st, 48 tkl, 3 int), CB Ronnie Amadi (5 st, 23 tkl), CB Donnie Amadi (4 tkl) and CB Marcus Hicks (3 tkl). Harris returns however so it's like having 3 starters back and they add in some solid RS frosh, JC's and ex-RB Tang Bacheyie (6-1 195 So). Despite a weaker front 7, they could actually improve upon last year's #39 pass D finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Kansas finished #38 in my ST rankings in '04 and last year only had to replace K Johnny Beck (10-16 L51). Charles Gordon became the school's all-time career PR leader topping Donny Shanklin's mark set in 1968. In the bowl, Brian Murph returned his first and only punt of the year 85 yards for a TD. Greg Heaggans led KU in KR's in '04 (23.9) but had a costly fumble vs TX and had just 9 (18.9). Scott Webb, who hit 2 of 5 FG's in '04 including two excruciating misses vs TT, hit 14 of 19 FG's with a long of 48 (1 miss 50+). He also had 28 TB's on 60 KO's and looks like one of the Big 12's best. P Kyle Tucker averaged 42.9. Kansas has blocked 5 punts the last 2 years. KU finished a solid #29 in my ST rankings and figures to improve again this year.

COACHES - Mark Mangino enters his 5th season after being the OC/OL coach at Okla from '99-'01 and an asst at K-St for 8 years prior. Fifth year OC Nick Quartaro was the asst HC at Iowa St from '98-'01. The DC is Bill Young who held that spot with Ohio St, Okla and USC from '88-'00 and enters his 5th year. They promoted Clint Bowen who was the ST cord to co-DC and he is in his 6th year on the staff.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kansas has never finished in the upper half of the B12 North. In fact, its best conf record since the '96 inception of the B12 is 3-5 and they are 20-60 in 10 years. Mangino inherited a team that was outgained by an avg of 219.5 ypg in conf play in '01 and outscored by 27.1 ppg with the league's fewest returning starters. I called for a winless B12 season and KU was 0-8 in league play in 2002 and outscored by 31.9 ppg. Mangino weeded out a lot of bad apples and 31 underclassmen from the '02 spring roster had left by the start of '03. They were a better conditioned team in '03 that was bolstered by a heavy JC infusion and went to their first bowl S/'95 finishing 6-7. KU's D has made steady improvement. After allowing 42.3 ppg in '02 and 30.5 in 2003, they gave up just 21.4 in 2004 and 22.0 last year. KU had a veteran team with 15 starters back in '04 but I pegged them for last in the B12 North because of their tough schedule (8 foes were in a '03 bowl). Last year Mangino had his best team yet. They were picked 6th in the B12 North (media days), although 6 of their 7 losses in 2004 were decided by an avg of 4.8 ppg. Almost all of the scholarship players stayed over the summer. KU drew the top 3 B12 South teams (TX, TT and Okla). In my magazine I broke their season down into 3 parts calling for a 3-0 start, an 0-4 middle and a strong finish and that is precisely what happened as KU blasted 3 weak non-conf foes to start the season. The D allowed just 303 ypg and was the key to their first winning record since '95 despite being -8 in TO's. Their D held TT's potent offense to just 23 pts (TT's D scored 7) and they outgained K-St 236-182 and Colo 354-304 but lost their first 4 B12 games. During that period, the KU offense went through a stretch of over 164 minutes without a TD (all 4 were away). Brad Smith and Missouri had piled up 523 yards vs Neb the week before but KU held them to 180 in a 13-3 win that got the 3rd part of their season rolling. They beat Neb for the first time since **1968** by a commanding 40-15 margin with a 428-138 yard edge. After an expected loss to Texas, they beat Iowa St in OT with a bowl bid on the line. The Jayhawks destroyed Houston in the bowl with their offense having a season high 538 yards. In '03 and '04 KU defeated just 2 Div IA teams with winning records but in '05 conquered four. This year the B12 schedule gets a lot softer as they pull the bottom 3 from the South (A&M, OSt & BU) but have just 10 returning starters (fewest B12). The offense got better as the season went on (30 ppg L/4G) and with their top rusher, a solid O-line and 7 starters back, they should top 2005's 22.4 ppg. After having experienced D's the last 2 years and allowing just 21.4 and 22 ppg, with just 3 starters back on D, they do not figure to be as tough. I like the overall talent of the unit however and think they probably won't drop as much as most expect. Five of my 7 sets of power ratings call KU the weakest team in the B12 North but unlike last year when they had to play TTech, Okla and Texas, they face none of them this year so the schedule is more manageable. Mangino's squad also has the benefit of extra bowl practices. With the softer schedule, KU has an excellent shot at getting to their 3rd bowl in 4 years.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 10 Kerry Meier rFr. 6-3 210 PS#34. In for spg. **7** Adam Barmann (6-4 210 Sr) PS#65. 13 st, 3Y, 2109 (57%) 16-15 ratio, 265 rush. **5** Todd Reesing PS#95 in for spring.

RB 29 JON CORNISH SR. 6-0 205 Canadian. 0 st but #1 w/780 (5.8) rush, 15 rec. **35** Brandon McAnderson (6-0 235 Jr) PS#114LB. 142 ttl yds LY. **4** Gary Green is PS#144.

WR 13 Marcus Herford So. 6-3 210 PS#250QB. 1 st, 7 rec, 54 yds rush, 3 pass rFr. **11** Jonathan Lamb (6-2 190 Sr) 89 tkl, **13 st SS '03**. 2 rec '04. **46** Justin Thornton (6-1 185 rFr) PS#115DB.

WR 86 Marcus Henry Jr. 6-4 200 PS#143. 6 st, 25 rec (10.7) 2Y. **82** Jeff Foster (6-2 195 Jr) 1 st, 4 rec. **9** Raimond Pendleton (5-10 180 rFr) PS#270. Tertavian Ingram is #58.

WR 6 BRIAN MURPH SR. 6-1 190 PS#77JC. 6 st '05. #2, 33 rec (11.2). **80** Dominic Roux (5-11 175 Sr) **PS#68**. 4.4 spd. 3 st, 6 rec. **88** Dexton Fields (6-0 180 So) PS#201, 1 rec.

TE 85 DEREK FINE JR. 6-3 245 PS#63. Scout Tm MVP 1 st rFr. 8 st LY, 22 (11.1). Bradley Dedeaux PS#27. **96** Marc Dierking (6-2 205 Jr). **49** Derek Spears (6-3 215 So).

C 74 DAVID OCHOA SR. 6-4 285 PS#422. 12 gm rFr. 11 st RG '04. 12 st C in '05.

HM B12. 67 Rameses Arceo PS#347JC in spg. **LS 54** Zack Hood (6-2 255 Sr) 3 years.

RG 50 RYAN CANTRELL SO. 6-3 285 PS#163. Last 5 st RG rFr. **69 Travis Dambach** (6-5 295 Sr) PS#297. 1 st rFr. 3 st RT '04. 4 st at RG LY. **66** Adrian Mayes (6-3 300 So).

LG 77 BOB WHITAKER SR. 6-5 317 **PS#93**. 13 st LG rFr. 11 st LG '04. 11 st LG LY, **HM B12. 64** Jake Cox (6-5 295 Sr) PS#172JC. 4 st in '05 (2 G, 1 T). Ian Wolfe is PS#137.

RT 78 Anthony Collins So. 6-6 285 PS#469DL. 1 st RT rFr. **75** Marcus Anderson (6-4 285 Jr) **PS#60JC**. RS LY. 2 yr st'r at LT at JC. **60** Jose Rodriguez (6-6 255 rFr) PS#200.

LT 65 CESAR RODRIGUEZ JR. 6-7 286 PS#185DL. 8 st RT rFr. 11 st at LT LY. **70** Matt Darton (6-6 305 So) 2nd string as rFr. **76** Matt Mann (6-4 290 Sr) PS#490JC. 11 gm backup '04.

K 39 SCOTT WEBB JR. 5-11 180 **PS#20**. 2 of 5 FG rFr, 29 of 29 xp. 14 of 19 FG's LY, long 48. **49** Alex Hanson (6-0 180 rFr) PS#56. **9** Dane Broadie (6-0 180 Sr) PS#72.

DE 92 Rodney Allen Sr. 6-3 280 **PS#20JC**. 2 st DT in '05, 18 tkl, 7 tfl. HM Big 12. **84** Jeff Wheeler (6-7 240 rFr) PS#244. **71** Luke Templin (6-2 240 rFr). **79** Chris Brant (6-3 285 Sr).

DT 93 JAMES McCLINTON JR. 6-1 283 PS#120. 1 tkl true. 11 st LY, 27 tkl, 4 tfl. **94** Caleb Blakesley (6-5 277 rFr) PS#143OL. Co-scout MVP. **56** Eric Butler (6-2 300 Sr) 12 tkl, 2 sk LY.

DT 72 Todd Haselhorst So. 6-4 300 **PS#63OL**. 13 tkl, 4 tfl true. RS LY. **97 John McCoy** (6-3 250 Sr) **PS#32JC**. 4.56 spd, 525 bench. 11 tkl '03. Army. **31** Wayne Wilder (6-3 295 Sr) PS#135JC.

DE 98 Paul Como Sr. 6-2 248 PS#171JC. 1 st, 13 tkl, 4 tfl, 12 gm '05. **81** Russell Brorsen (6-4 238 So) PS#129DL. 2 st TE true. **87** John Larson (6-3 240 So) Walk-on. 1 tkl.

OLB 37 Joe Mortensen So. 6-2 245 PS#82. 385 bench. 4 tkl rFr. **41** Arist Wright (6-0 205 rFr) PS#450. **58** Jake Schermer (6-2 200 rFr) PS#208. Sal Capra (6-3 245 Fr) PS#133.

ILB 40 Mike Rivera So. 6-3 250 PS#81. 1 tkl true but RS. 20 tkl rFr. **12** James Holt (6-3 200 So) PS#475WR. 6 tkl true. **61** Ian Handshy (6-1 230 rFr) PS#168. Dakota Lewis PS#176.

ILB 33 Eric Washington Sr. 6-2 220 PS#93 '03. PS#144JUCO. 11 tkl, 1 tfl here LY. **16** Brandon Duncan (6-1 206 rFr) **PS#66**. **53** Matt Zeleznak (6-0 215 So) JUCO, Walk-on.

CB 23 Blake Bueltel Jr. 6-0 175 PS#236JC in for spring. 4 int, 8 pbu at JC LY. **31** Micheal McCoy (5-11 185 Jr) JC in for spg. 2 int, 10 pbu JC LY. **27** Sadiq Muhammed (6-0 190 Jr).

CB 3 AQIB TALIB SO. 6-2 180 9 starts rFr, 54 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu, 4 tfl, **HM Big 12**. **2** Kenneth Thompson (5-11 180 Sr). 15 tkl 3Y. **Olaitan Oguntodu PS#69 here in spring.**

SS 24 JEROME KEMP SR. 5-10 200 PS#158RB. 1 st, 13 tkl first 2Y. 11 st SS LY, 58 tkl, 3 pbu, 4 tfl. **38** Raymond Brown (6-3 200 So) PS#148. **11** Leonard Byrd (6-0 176 rFr).

FS 32 Rodney Harris Sr. 6-0 185 PS#186JC. **11 st FS '04**, 62 tkl, 4 int, 4 pbu, 6 tfl. **25** Darrell Stuckey (6-1 183 rFr) PS#215. **20** John Kosko (5-9 190 So). Anthony Webb **PS#39.**

P 15 KYLE TUCKER JR. 6-2 205 PS#83. 58 punts, 40.1 avg, **36.1 net** true. 66 punts LY, 42.9 avg, net 35.6. HM Big 12. Ray Guy Semifinalist. **22** Kyle Davis (5-10 178 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB Jake Sharp 5-10 190 PS#29
DB Anthony Webb 6-0 175 PS#39
WR Tertavian Ingram 6-0 181 PS#58
TE Bradley Dedeaux 6-3 240 PS#27
RB Donte Bean 5-9 180 PS#71
DB Phillip Strozier 6-0 190 PS#66
DB Olaitan Oguntodu 6-0 200 PS#69
OL Ian Wolfe 6-5 280 PS#137
WR Xavier Rambo 6-0 185 PS#104
RB D'Marcus Lang 6-2 212 PS#116LB
DB Blake Bueltel 6-0 175 PS#236JC
LB Sal Capra 6-3 245 PS#133
QB Todd Reesing 5-11 190 PS#95
DB Michael McCoy 5-11 185 PS#324JC
DL Jamal Greene 6-4 265 PS#194
QB Tyler Lawrence 6-3 205 PS#129
LB Dakota Lewis 6-1 206 PS#176
OL Rameses Arceo 6-4 295 PS#347JC
DB Jeremy Terry 6-1 190 PS#204
DB Maxwell Onyegbule 6-4 220 PS#225LB
DL Jason Thompson 6-6 245 PS#230
OL John Marshall 6-3 280 PS#294
OL Carl Wilson 6-4 275 PS#452
DL John White 6-2 285 PS#461

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MARK MANGINO (Career 19-29)
5th Year at Kansas
Mangino's SU Bowl Record: 1-1

Mangino's records AT KANSAS

19-29	Straight Up	5-3	Home Favorite
20-23	Vs The Spread	7-8	Home Underdog
11-15	Off A SU Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
13-19	Vs Conference	7-11	Away Underdog
7-4	Vs Non-Conf	3-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (22,18,2)
Lost: 22 (9,13,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,675

BIG 12 - NORTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#64

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Northwestern St	A					
Sep. 9	ULM	A					
Sep. 15	at Toledo (Fri)	A					
Sep. 23	South Florida	A					
Sep. 30	at Nebraska	A					
Oct. 7	Texas A&M	A					
Oct. 14	Oklahoma St	A					
Oct. 21	at Baylor	A					
Oct. 28	Colorado	A					
Nov. 4	at Iowa St	G					
Nov. 11							
Nov. 18	Kansas St	A					
Nov. 25	at Missouri	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

KU has never played in a bowl in back to back seasons.
The Jayhawks are 13-2 SU & 7-5 ATS in their home opener since 1991.
Kansas is just 4-16 SU & 2-18 ATS in November road games since 1992.

The Demons finished 5-5 LY as IAA Southland Conference members.
NSU has a IAA best 10 wins over IA opponents, including LY's win over ULM.

Kansas is 14-21 ATS since 1996 after a SU win.
The Jayhawks are 8-2 ATS the last 5 years vs non-BCS schools.

Kansas is 6-9 SU & 5-10 ATS since 1993 in non-conference away games.
The Jayhawks are 1-8 SU & 3-6 ATS S/'97 in their 1st road gm of the ssn

USF is 1 of 6 teams KU plays TY that went to a bowl LY (2 home, 4 away).
Jayhawks are 5-12 SU & 3-4-1 ATS vs current Big East Conf members.

KU is 1-29 SU & 7-23 ATS the L30Y vs NU, but won LY SU for the 1st time S/'68.
Kansas is 1-13 SU & 4-10 ATS in their last 14 Big 12 road games.

KU plays a much easier schedule vs the B12 South this yr than last yr.
Jayhawks are 8-16 SU & 9-15 ATS the last 6 years in conference HG's.

Kansas is 0-4 SU & ATS in Big 12 play vs Oklahoma St.
OSU along with A&M, BU & KSU were the only B12 schools not to be bowl eligible LY.

Kansas has dropped all 3 visits SU to Baylor (1-2 ATS).
The dog has covered their 2 most recent meetings (2002 & 2003).

Kansas is 5-1 SU & ATS in their L/6 home games vs the Big 12 North Div.
The visitor is 11-6 ATS the last 17 meetings in this series.

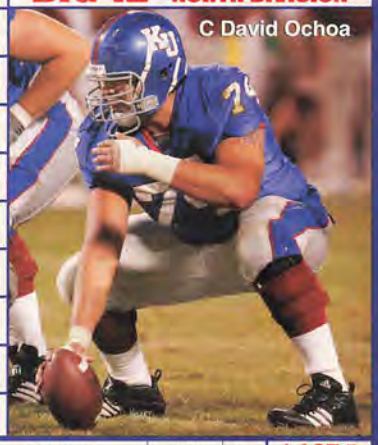
Kansas is just 9-22 ATS the last 31 games on natural grass.
The favorite is 8-4-1 ATS in this series since 1993.

Bonus: The visitor is 2-12-1 ATS in the ISU/KU series since 1991.

KU is 4-1 ATS in their home finale & after a bye the last 5 years.
Jayhawks are 1-11 SU & ATS the last 12 years vs the Wildcats.

The SU winner has won by double digits in 11 of their last 13 meetings.
The dog is 8-3 ATS the last 11 years in this series.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Frank Seurer 6,410 1980-'83
Rushing: June Henley 3,841 1993-'96 Receiving: Willie Vaughn 2,266 1985-'88



STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (50,971)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	4-7	3-8	2-10	6-6	4-7	6-5	30-50
Home	5-2	3-3	2-5	1-5	5-2	3-3	6-0	25-20
Away	0-5	1-4	1-3	1-5	1-4	1-4	0-5	5-30
ATS	5-5-1	3-7	3-7	3-8	5-6	7-4	5-5	31-42-1
Home Fav	2-1-1	0-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	8-7-1
Home Dog	2-0	1-2	0-4	0-5	2-2	3-0	2-1	10-14
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2
Away Dog	1-4	2-2	2-2	2-3	2-3	2-2	1-3	12-19
Favorite	2-1-1	0-3	1-1	1-0	1-1	2-2	2-1	9-9-1
Dog	3-4	3-4	2-6	2-8	4-5	5-2	3-4	22-33
Grass	1-2	2-2	1-1	2-2	2-1	0-3	0-3	8-14
Artificial	4-3-1	1-5	2-6	1-6	3-5	7-1	5-2	23-28-1
vs Conf	4-3-1	3-5	2-6	1-7	3-5	5-3	4-4	22-33-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-2	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	9-9
Off SU Win	1-3	2-1	0-2	1-1	3-1	1-2	3-1	11-11
Off SU Loss	4-1-1	1-5	3-5	2-6	2-4	5-2	2-3	19-26-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jon Cornish	134	820	40	780	9	5.8
Clark Green	153	685	21	664	2	4.3
Brandon McAnderson	22	103	1	102	1	4.6
Jason Swanson	39	122	58	64	0	1.6
Marcus Herford	10	54	0	54	0	5.4
Adam Barmann	12	20	22	-2	1	-0.2
Brian Luke	45	113	124	-11	2	-0.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jason Swanson	190	105	55.3	1223	7	10
Brian Luke	171	87	50.9	967	6	8
Adam Barmann	30	16	53.3	118	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mark Simmons	44	631	14.3	4	50
Brian Murph	33	368	11.2	2	59
Charles Gordon	34	313	9.2	2	40
Derek Fine	22	244	11.1	1	25
Clark Green	25	219	8.8	0	37
Marcus Henry	17	183	10.8	0	35
Jon Cornish	15	138	9.2	2	30
Jeff Foster	4	70	17.5	1	27

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Tucker	66	2832	42.9	15	35.6	1	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Scott Webb	27-29	6-7	5-6	3-5	0-1	14-19	48
Kyle Tucker	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Nick Reid	112	3	11	6	1
Kevin Kane	80	1	10	5	2
Banks Floodman	76	0	10	2	0
Charlton Keith	61	9	14	7	1
Jerome Kemp	58	1	3	3	0
Aqib Talib	54	0	4	8	2
Rodney Fowler	48	0	3	3	3
Theo Baines	40	1	5	3	4
Charles Gordon	28	1	1	3	2
James McClinton	27	1	3	0	0
Tim Allen	27	0	1	1	0
Ronnie Amadi	23	0	0	2	0
Mike Rivera	20	0	0	0	0
Rodney Allen	18	1	6	0	0
Jermial Ashley	16	1	2	1	0
Brandon Perkins	15	10	1	0	0
Paul Como	13	2	2	2	0
Eric Butler	12	2	1	1	0
Eric Washington	11	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Gordon	41	398	9.7	0
Mark Simmons	9	110	12.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kenneth Thompson	11	246	22.4	0
Greg Heaggans	9	170	18.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
81	All American	+6'	Mississippi St	0-10	L
92	Aloha	+3	BYU	23-20	W
95	Aloha	+5	UCLA	51-30	W
03	Tangerine	+12	NC State	26-56	L
05	Fort Worth	-3	Houston	42-13	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Kansas' All-Time SU Bowl Record 4-6

KANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	22.4	17	134	3.8	196	53.3	14.7	-8	2005	7	22.0	17	83	2.4	220	56.7	13.8
7	23.8	17	94	2.7	220	55.7	13.2	+4	2004	8	21.4	17	118	3.3	228	53.9	16.2
5*	29.5	22	166	4.4	256	61.6	14.3	-7	2003	6	30.5	23	195	4.9	218	62.1	13.5
4	20.7	20	126	3.2	191	46.5	15.3	-9	2002	4	42.3	22	256	5.8	216	55.3	11.2
6	16.5	15	117	2.9	153	44.7	16.3	-8	2001	6	36.2	23	237	4.9	190	53.1	11.8
8*	23.7	19	157	3.7	184	45.2	14.4	-6	2000	7	32.6	21	198	4.4	203	57.9	12.3

2005 STATS BY GAME

KU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Florida Atlantic	24	37 - 201	5.4	16 - 35	177	1	16	37 - 70	1.9	20 - 28	299	3	-1
–	Appalachian St	24	38 - 207	5.4	19 - 29	228	2	17	33 - 133	4.0	22 - 35	178	0	0
–	Louisiana Tech	13	32 - 41	1.3	19 - 31	236	0	20	30 - 38	1.3	26 - 46	257	7	+3
–	at Texas Tech	19	37 - 117	3.2	21 - 38	154	4	24	26 - 47	1.8	34 - 53	333	5	0
–	at Kansas St	8	33 - 109	3.3	8 - 22	127	2	13	45 - 35	0.8	15 - 24	147	2	-2
–	† Oklahoma	6	22 - 11	0.5	11 - 30	86	3	16	49 - 96	2.0	17 - 32	210	2	-1
–	at Colorado	22	34 - 61	1.8	27 - 55	293	3	14	29 - 104	3.6	18 - 30	200	0	-4
–	Missouri	17	49 - 208	4.2	12 - 19	90	3	15	30 - 33	1.1	15 - 39	147	2	-1
–	Nebraska	17	44 - 213	4.8	16 - 27	215	1	7	22 - 21	1.0	14 - 27	117	3	-1
–	at Texas	9	22 - 119	5.4	17 - 35	148	2	29	53 - 336	6.3	19 - 28	281	1	-1
–	Iowa St	20	38 - 123	3.2	24 - 43	254	1	17	36 - 56	1.6	18 - 34	257	3	-2
–	† Houston	29	39 - 198	5.1	21 - 32	340	1	15	24 - 30	1.3	20 - 44	214	2	+2
TOTALS		208	425 - 1608	3.8	211 - 396	2348	23	203	414 - 999	2.4	238 - 420	2640	30	-8
AVERAGES		17.3	35 - 134	3.8	18 - 33	196	1.9	16.9	35 - 83	2.4	20 - 35	220	2.5	-0.7

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Missouri St	NL	24-10	–
UCLA - #14	+13	17-41	L
at Colorado	+25'	16-27	W
at Texas Tech	+13'	34-31 2OT	W
Oklahoma - #3	+21'	10-38	L
Missouri	-1	34-38	L
at Kansas St	+21	6-40	L
Nebraska - #2	+30	7-51	L
at Texas - #5	+34'	0-59	L
Iowa St	+9'	7-49	L
Wyoming	-4	27-14	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa St	+21	3-45	L
at UNLV	+14	20-31	W
Missouri St	NL	44-24	–
Bowling Green	+10'	16-39	L
at Tulsa	-4	43-33	W
at Baylor	+4	32-35	W
Colorado	+21	29-53	L
Texas A&M	+23	22-47	L
at Missouri	+21	12-36	L
Kansas St - #14	+33	0-64	L
at Nebraska	+36	7-45	L
Oklahoma St	+23	20-55	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Northwestern	+6	20-28	L
UNLV	+10'	46-24	W
at Wyoming	+4	42-35	W
Jacksonville St	NL	41-6	–
Missouri - #23	+9'	35-14	W
at Colorado	+6'	47-50 OT	W
Baylor	-21	28-21	L
at Kansas St	+20	6-42	L
at Texas A&M	+11'	33-45	L
Nebraska - #19	+18	3-24	L
at Oklahoma St - #24	+20	21-44	L
Iowa St	-10	36-7	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulsa	-4	21-3	W
Toledo	-3	63-14	W
at Northwestern	+2'	17-20	L
Texas Tech	+6	30-31	W
at Nebraska	+13	8-14	W
Kansas St	+3'	31-28	W
at Oklahoma - #2	+27	10-41	L
at Iowa St	-4	7-13	L
Colorado	-2'	21-30	L
Texas - #6	+22	23-27	W
at Missouri	+11	31-14	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida Atlantic	-24	30-19	L
Appalachian St	NL	36-8	–
Louisiana Tech	-14'	34-14	W
at Texas Tech - #16	+18'	17-30	W
at Kansas St	+5	3-12	L
† Oklahoma	+6'	3-19	L
at Colorado	+16	13-44	L
Missouri	+5	13-3	W
Nebraska	-1	40-15	W
at Texas - #2	+32'	14-66	L
Iowa St	+3'	24-21 OT	W

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ACC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 ACC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Kyle Wright, Miami	Drew Weatherford, Florida St	Sam Hollenbach, Maryland	Matt Ryan, Boston Coll
RB	James Davis, Clemson	Andre Brown, NC State	Lance Ball, Maryland	LV Whitworth, Boston Coll
RB	Tyrone Moss, Miami	Lorenzo Booker, Florida St	Micah Andrews, Wake Forest	Branden Ore, Virginia Tech
WR	Calvin Johnson, GA Tech	Deyon Williams, Virginia	Chris Davis, Florida St	Eddie Royal, Virginia Tech
WR	Chansi Stuckey, Clemson	Rendrick Taylor, Clemson	Jesse Holley, N Carolina	David Clowney, Virg Tech
WR	Greg Carr, Florida St	Lance Leggett, Miami	Ryan Moore, Miami	Nate Morton, Wake Forest
TE	Greg Olsen, Miami	Tom Santi, Virginia	Jon Hamlett, N Carolina	Anthony Hill, NC State
C	Dustin Fry, Clemson	Leroy Harris, NC State	Anthony Wollschlager, Miami	Steve Justice, Wake Forest
OG	James Marten, Boston Coll	Andrew Crummey, Maryland	Nathan Bennett, Clemson	Branden Albert, Virginia
OG	Josh Beekman, Boston Coll	Charlston Gray, N Carolina	Andrew Bain, Miami	Roman Fry, Clemson
OT	Barry Richardson, Clemson	Steve Vallos, Wake Forest	Eugene Monroe, Virginia	Jared Gaither, Maryland
OT	Gosder Cherilus, Boston Coll	Stephon Heyer, Maryland	Reggie Youngblood, Miami	Marion Dukes, Clemson
DL	Gaines Adams, Clemson	Chris Ellis, Virginia Tech	Matt Robinson, Wake Forest	Jim Ramella, Boston Coll
DL	DeMario Pressley, NC State	Kareem Brown, Miami	Andre Fluellen, Florida St	Joe Anoai, Georgia Tech
DL	Baraka Atkins, Miami	Vince Oghobaase, Duke	BJ Raji, Boston College	Phillip Merling, Clemson
DL	Chris Long, Virginia	Bryan Pata, Miami	Neefy Moffett, Florida St	Adamm Oliver, GA Tech
LB	Vince Hall, Virginia Tech	Brian Toal, Boston Coll	Wesley Jefferson, Maryland	Tavares Gooden, Miami
LB	Anthony Waters, Clemson	Buster Davis, Florida St	Michael Brown Tauiliili, Duke	Willie Williams, Miami
LB	Jon Abbate, Wake Forest	Xavier Adibi, Virginia Tech	Clint Sintim, Virginia	KaMichael Hall, GA Tech
CB	Tony Carter, Florida St	Marcus Hamilton, Virginia	JR Bryant, Florida St	Kenny Scott, Georgia Tech
CB	John Talley, Duke	DeJuan Tribble, Boston Coll	Roland Minor, Virginia Tech	Josh Wilson, Maryland
SS	Brandon Meriweather, Miami	Aaron Rouse, Virginia Tech	Garland Heath, NC State	Michael Hamlin, Clemson
FS	Kenny Phillips, Miami	Josh Gattis, Wake Forest	Anthony Reddick, Miami	Jamie Silva, Boston Coll
K	Sam Swank, Wake Forest	Jad Dean, Clemson	Brandon Pace, Virginia Tech	Jon Peattie, Miami
P	Adam Podlesh, Maryland	Brian Monroe, Miami	David Wooldridge, N Carolina	Nic Schmitt, Virginia Tech
KR	Darrell Blackman, NC State	Brandon Tate, N Carolina	Kenny O'Neal, Florida St	Cedric Peerman, Virginia
PR	Darrell Blackman, NC State	DeJuan Tribble, Boston Coll	Brandon Tate, N Carolina	Eddie Royal, Virginia Tech

Virginia
CB Marcus Hamilton

Maryland
LT Jared Gaither

Clemson
WR Chansi Stuckey

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 ACC FORECAST

COASTAL DIVISION 1. MIAMI, FL - Miami had arguably the best team in the ACC last year but did not play for the title. They dominated Florida St with a 21-9 FD edge but amazingly lost that game. Still, after they destroyed VT in Blacksburg, they controlled their path to the ACC Title but stunningly lost to Georgia Tech at home and a disappointed team got blown out in the bowl. They only have 11 returning starters (3rd fewest ACC) but have my #2 rated offense and #1 rated defense. They get the all important game vs Virginia Tech at home and that has me calling for the Hurricanes to get to their first ever ACC Title game.

2. VIRGINIA TECH - Last year Virginia Tech got very fortunate to get to the ACC Title game. They were dominated by NCSt but somehow won, and after getting blown out by Miami at home, it appeared their chances were done. Then Miami got upset and VT was in the ACC Title game, where they may have looked past Florida St and lost. This year they have 8 home games and the only game all year they'll be an underdog in is when they travel to Miami in November. They won there two years ago to win the ACC Title and a similar victory would mean similar results. The Hokies are a National Title contender.

3. GEORGIA TECH - Last year's GT team knocked off both Auburn and Miami on the road, two huge upsets, but also suffered some upsets themselves, including the bowl game, which they did not really show up for. This year's Tech team has the 3rd best talent in the Coastal Division but did benefit from +10 in turnovers last year. Tech took on the 9th toughest schedule in the country last season and have 9 starters back on offense. They outgained ACC foes by 56.2 ypg (3rd best) and have my #5 rated offense and #5 rated defense in the ACC. They have 4 tough road games in league play, plus have to play Maryland and Miami but have the talent to get to a 10th straight bowl.

4. NORTH CAROLINA - NC took on the nation's toughest schedule last year and did not make it to a bowl, despite their 4-4 record in the ACC. They had a couple of tough losses or could have been to a bowl but also had 4 close wins. This year NC has the advantage of not playing BC, FSU or Maryland. They should have an improved offense and I look for the D to continue to improve. Four of my 7 sets of power ratings call for NC to be bowl eligible.

4. VIRGINIA - After last year's bowl win, the Cavs have had 4 straight winning seasons. Last year they were fortunate, as they benefitted from +2 net close wins, their offense had a super low 11.3 ypp and the defense a high 19.2 ypp (see pg 299). They were also outgained by 80.8 ypg in league play and even Coach Groh has called this a rebuilding season. Still, the Cavs are very capable of getting back to another bowl.

6. DUKE - Duke was actually respectable in the ACC for two straight years. In 2002 they were only outgained by 17 ypg and in 2003 just 47 ypg. However, the last two years they have won just one league game and have been outgained by 196.8 ypg and 231 ypg. Once again this year, Duke has among the fewest starters returning in the league (11) and have a lot of ground to make up. Drawing Florida St and Boston College out of the Atlantic doesn't help matters either. It's tough to foresee the Blue Devils escaping the basement of the Coastal Division.

ATLANTIC DIVISION 1. FLORIDA ST - FSU had a young squad to begin with and then lost 4 starters prior to the year, making them even younger. They were still thinking National Title when they stunningly lost 3 straight ACC games for the first time in their history. They did rebound to knock off VT in the ACC Title game and almost beat an outstanding Penn St team in the bowl. FSU has just 11 starters back but are actually a more veteran team than last year and should stay healthier. I rate their offense #1 in the ACC and the defense is top-notch. They must play both Miami and Maryland on the road but get Clemson at home and are my choice to get back to the ACC Title game and should they get past Miami in the opener, they have a shot at an unbeaten season with 8 home games.

2. CLEMSON - Clemson was playing its best ball at the end of the year last season. In six of the last seven games, CU's D held foes to a TD or less (11.4 ppg). CU did win 3 games when trailing in the 4Q and benefitted from +9 in turnovers. The Tigers are the most experienced team in the ACC and one of my 7 sets of my power ratings calls them the best team in the ACC. Unfortunately, Clemson has 3 tough road games (BC, FSU, VT) but are very talented and Florida St is their main competition in the Atlantic.

3. MARYLAND - Maryland draws arguably the toughest schedule in the league. You usually like to have your toss-up games at home but two of their home games are vs league powers Miami and Florida St and they have 4 tough road games vs bowl caliber teams. Despite the schedule, this is Friedgen's best squad in 3 years and is capable of overcoming the tough slate. The Terps should return to the post season.

3. BOSTON COLLEGE - BC does have just 12 starters back this year but last season outgained ACC foes by 42.2 ypg, which was the 2nd best mark in the division. The Eagles do have to play both FSU and Miami on the road, as well as Clemson and Virg Tech at home, and would only need a couple of upsets to vault into being an Atlantic contender.

5. WAKE FOREST - Wake could have had a better season last year with some close losses and their 19 returning starters are the most in the league. If Ben Mauk lives up to his potential, the offense will be potent and it could be the best D they've had yet under Grobe. The schedule is not easy but Wake could jump out of the box, winning as many as their first 5, giving the team confidence. Wake was outgained by 53.8 ypg (3rd worst) last season but are a much stronger team this year.

5. NC STATE - The Wolfpack does not play either Miami or VT out of the Coastal Div, giving them a great schedule. This year's team is not as talented as the underperforming 2005 version but is still capable of getting back to the post season. Amato usually does best when expectations are low. Despite my low pick here, one of my 7 sets of power ratings actually calls for NC State to bag 8 wins this season.

ACC Notes: Since the AP started ranking teams in 1936, N Carolina and NCSt had beaten ranked foes on the same day only once in 69 years and that was Oct 24, 1992. They pulled that feat a second time last year when NCSt knocked off #9 Florida St and NC beat #19 Boston College. Of the 20 Lou Groza Award semifinalists, 5 were from the ACC. Chris Barclay became the first Wake Forest player named ACC Player of the Year since Jay Venuto in 1979. Since bowl stats were not included in the official tallies until '05, Barclay actually led the ACC in rushing 3 straight years, the first back to do so in 53 years of the conference. The ACC is becoming more of a defensive league. ACC games averaged 27.9 ppg in 2003 and 24.5 in 2004, a 12% drop. Last year avg 23.2, a 5% drop from 2004. Virginia's Wali Lundy set the ACC mark for career TD's with 52, topping Ted Brown of NCSt (51). If you check out page 308 (Draft Day Party Hangover) you'll see that in the last 9 years 10 teams have "earned" 35 points or more lost in the NFL draft and of those 10, all 10 had a weaker record the following year. Unfortunately, this year for the ACC, both Miami and Florida St qualify. The ACC can take pride in the NFL draft in the fact that they had 51 players selected, including 19 in the first 2 rounds. The 2nd most DC's were in the Big 10, which was 10 behind (41) and the 2nd most big picks were in the SEC (10). The ACC had a (27-9) 75% non-conf record and were 9-7 vs BCS conf teams, which was the 4th best mark of the conferences. The ACC was also 5-3 in the bowls tying the Big 12 for the best mark and had 5 teams in the final Top 25.

2005 ACC vs ACC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
19	Virginia Tech	32.9	1	363.9	5	198.3	1	4.3	1	165.6	11	59.2	4	11.1	12	15	7	18	4
26	Florida St	27.4	4	358.1	6	105.0	10	3.7	7	253.1	1	55.7	9	13.1	10	16	8	18	4
30	Miami, Fl	29.8	2	374.1	1	158.5	3	4.0	4	215.6	6	58.7	6	12.6	11	16	8	25	9
34	Clemson	27.8	3	374.1	1	145.4	5	4.1	3	228.8	4	64.9	1	13.5	9	9	2	15	3
38	Boston College	22.6	7	371.3	4	135.3	6	3.7	6	236.0	3	59.2	5	16.4	5	18	10	11	2
39	Wake Forest	25.3	5	344.0	8	170.3	2	3.8	5	173.8	10	60.8	2	13.6	8	14	4	18	4
43	Virginia	22.1	8	327.8	9	110.9	8	3.1	9	216.9	5	59.2	3	14.8	7	8	1	26	10
44	Maryland	23.8	6	372.0	3	124.5	7	3.1	8	247.5	2	58.4	7	15.7	6	20	12	26	10
57	Georgia Tech	19.2	9	357.0	7	155.3	4	4.2	2	201.8	8	47.7	11	18.5	1	11	3	4	1
79	NC State	17.0	11	292.1	11	85.1	12	2.6	12	207.0	7	55.8	8	17.2	3	14	4	30	12
82	North Carolina	18.5	10	306.4	10	108.3	9	2.9	10	198.1	9	51.2	10	16.6	4	14	4	23	7
101	Duke	11.9	12	218.3	12	102.8	11	2.8	11	115.5	12	44.1	12	18.4	2	18	10	24	8

2005 ACC vs ACC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
2	Miami, Fl	14.8	2	260.8	2	106.1	3	2.8	2	154.6	1	44.9	1	17.7	11	20	1	24	3
5	Virginia Tech	10.8	1	235.1	1	79.9	1	2.7	1	155.3	2	48.4	2	21.9	12	16	2	23	5
10	Georgia Tech	20.3	5	300.8	3	103.9	2	2.9	3	196.9	5	54.8	5	14.9	7	16	2	25	2
14	Boston College	20.0	3	329.1	5	112.1	4	2.9	4	217.0	9	59.9	9	16.5	10	12	10	23	5
16	NC State	22.8	7	317.1	4	122.9	5	3.1	5	194.3	3	52.7	3	13.9	3	14	7	26	1
21	Clemson	20.1	4	329.9	7	125.4	6	3.3	6	204.5	6	57.9	8	16.4	9	15	5	21	8
23	Florida St	22.5	6	329.6	6	134.9	8	3.4	7	194.75	4	61.4	10	14.7	6	10	12	24	3
31	North Carolina	23.5	8	338.5	8	130.4	7	3.4	8	208.1	7	54.7	4	14.4	5	14	7	22	7
38	Maryland	27.1	10	362.5	9	145.8	10	3.8	9	216.8	8	62.6	11	13.4	2	14	7	18	9
45	Virginia	25.3	9	408.6	11	180.0	11	4.7	11	228.6	11	63.2	12	16.2	8	15	5	8	12
63	Wake Forest	28.4	11	397.8	10	135.5	9	3.8	10	262.3	12	56.2	6	14.0	4	16	2	12	10
107	Duke	42.8	12	449.3	12	222.6	12	5.3	12	226.6	10	57.8	7	10.5	1	11	11	12	10

NC State
RB Andre Brown

Georgia Tech
DT Joe Anoai

2005 ACC STANDINGS

		Conference				All Games				YPG CONF PLAY		
		W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2005	2004	2003
ATLANTIC	Florida St *	5	3	219	180	8	5	376	286	+28.5	+69.6	+97.1
	Boston Coll	5	3	181	160	9	3	310	191	+42.2	+28.8	+55.3
	Clemson	4	4	222	161	8	4	316	211	+44.2	-56.5	+92.2
	NC State	3	5	136	182	7	5	249	212	-25.0	+100.2	+35.8
	Maryland	3	5	190	217	5	6	270	275	+9.5	-36.0	+41.6
	Wake Forest	3	5	202	227	4	7	269	316	-53.8	-84.7	-80.1
COASTAL	Virginia Tech *	7	1	263	86	11	2	440	168	+128.8	+85.6	-0.3
	Miami, Fl	6	2	238	118	9	3	325	171	+113.3	+62.3	+145.1
	Georgia Tech	5	3	154	162	7	5	222	241	+56.2	-7.7	-9.3
	N Carolina	4	4	148	188	5	6	198	288	-32.1	-1.1	-132.0
	Virginia	3	5	177	202	7	5	320	279	-80.8	+63.4	+1.8
	Duke	0	8	95	342	1	10	177	408	-231.0	-196.8	-47.0

Coach of the Year: Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech
ACC TITLE GAME: Florida St 27, Virginia Tech 22

2004 ACC STANDINGS

	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Virginia Tech	7	1	230	114	10	3	400	167
Florida St	6	2	208	111	9	3	302	169
Miami, Fla	5	3	226	143	9	3	380	204
Virginia	5	3	203	151	8	4	363	212
N Carolina	5	3	230	227	6	6	319	382
Georgia Tech	4	4	142	177	7	5	264	227
Clemson	4	4	166	189	6	5	236	229
NC State	3	5	156	182	5	6	264	218
Maryland	3	5	111	159	5	6	195	220
Wake Forest	1	7	140	219	4	7	230	253
Duke	1	7	123	263	2	9	183	322

Coach of the Year: Al Groh, Virginia

2003 ACC STANDINGS

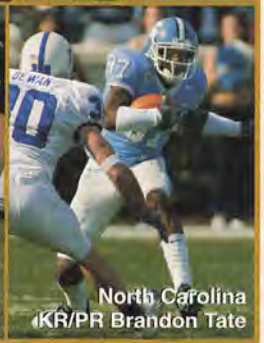
	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Florida St	7	1	269	138	10	3	419	217
Maryland	6	2	220	159	10	3	406	206
Clemson	5	3	210	158	9	4	365	250
NC State	4	4	256	250	8	5	489	285
Virginia	4	4	216	181	8	5	364	265
Georgia Tech	4	4	151	178	7	6	274	266
Wake Forest	3	5	242	236	5	7	335	347
Duke	2	6	139	265	4	8	211	343
N Carolina	1	7	184	322	2	10	317	459

Coach of the Year: Tommy Bowden, Clemson

NC State
C Leroy Harris

Virginia Tech
DE Chris Ellis

Clemson
K Jad Dean


North Carolina
KR/PR Brandon Tate

2005 ACC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Marcus Vick, Virg Tech	289	177	61.2	10	2393	8.3	17	143.3
Kyle Wright, Miami	**307**	**180**	**58.6**	**10**	**2403**	**7.8**	**18**	**137.2**
Matt Ryan, BC	**195**	**121**	**62.1**	**5**	**1514**	**7.8**	**8**	**135.7**
Charlie Whitehurst, Clem	340	229	67.4	10	2483	7.3	11	133.5
Sam Hollenbach, MD	**315**	**192**	**61.0**	**15**	**2539**	**8.1**	**13**	**132.8**
Marques Hagans, Virg	343	213	62.1	12	2492	7.3	14	129.6
Cory Randolph, WF	131	85	64.9	4	821	6.3	5	124.0
Drew Weatherford, FSU	**469**	**276**	**58.8**	**18**	**3208**	**6.8**	**18**	**121.3**
Marcus Stone, NCSt	**154**	**75**	**48.7**	**6**	**1015**	**6.6**	**8**	**113.4**
Matt Baker, N Carolina	346	180	52.0	11	2345	6.8	9	111.2
Reggie Ball, GA Tech	**379**	**182**	**48.0**	**12**	**2165**	**5.7**	**11**	**99.3**
Zack Asack, Duke	**180**	**90**	**50.0**	**8**	**966**	**5.4**	**5**	**95.4**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Vernon Davis, Maryland	11	51	871	6	79.2	4.6	17.1
Calvin Johnson, GA Tech	**12**	**54**	**888**	**6**	**74.0**	**4.5**	**16.4**
Chansi Stuckey, Clemson	**12**	**64**	**770**	**4**	**64.2**	**5.3**	**12.0**
Deyon Williams, Virginia	**12**	**58**	**767**	**7**	**63.9**	**4.8**	**13.2**
Will Blackmon, BC	12	51	763	4	63.6	4.3	15.0
Jesse Holley, N Carolina	**11**	**47**	**670**	**1**	**60.9**	**4.3**	**14.3**
Willie Reid, Florida St	11	50	634	1	57.6	4.5	12.7
Greg Carr, Florida St	**11**	**30**	**618**	**9**	**56.2**	**2.7**	**20.6**
Brian Clark, NC State	10	25	537	6	53.7	2.5	21.5
Dan Melendez, Maryland	11	40	584	2	53.1	3.6	14.6
Chris Davis, Florida St	**13**	**51**	**666**	**5**	**51.2**	**4.0**	**13.1**
Sinorice Moss, Miami	12	37	614	6	51.2	3.1	16.6

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Drew Weatherford, FSU	13	67	-28	469	3208	3180	244.6
Marques Hagans, Virg	12	115	310	343	2492	2802	233.5
Reggie Ball, Ga Tech	**11**	**104**	**381**	**379**	**2165**	**2546**	**231.5**
Sam Hollenbach, MD	**11**	**72**	**-18**	**315**	**2539**	**2521**	**229.2**
Charlie Whitehurst, Clem	11	50	26	340	2483	2509	228.1
Marcus Vick, Virg Tech	13	147	380	289	2393	2773	213.3
Matt Baker, N Carolina	11	79	-34	346	2345	2311	210.1
Kyle Wright, Miami	**12**	**64**	**-101**	**307**	**2403**	**2302**	**191.8**
Matt Ryan, BC	**10**	**37**	**94**	**195**	**1514**	**1608**	**160.8**
Zack Asack, Duke	**9**	**78**	**95**	**180**	**966**	**1061**	**117.9**
Marcus Stone, NCSt	**9**	**71**	**8**	**154**	**1015**	**1023**	**113.7**
Chris Barclay, WF	10	218	1127	0	0	1127	112.7

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Willie Reid, Florida St	31	541	3	17.5
Devin Hester, Miami	22	312	1	14.2
Brandon Tate, N Carolina	**29**	**267**	**0**	**9.2**
Fred Rouse, Florida St	11	97	0	8.8
Will Blackmon, BC	15	124	0	8.3
Eddie Royal, Virginia Tech	**32**	**263**	**0**	**8.2**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	NET YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Chris Barclay, Wake Forest	10	218	1127	5.2	10	112.7
Tyrone Moss, Miami	**8**	**137**	**701**	**5.1**	**12**	**87.6**
PJ Daniels, GA Tech	11	198	930	4.7	3	84.5
Lance Ball, Maryland	**11**	**189**	**903**	**4.8**	**6**	**82.1**
James Davis, Clemson	**11**	**165**	**879**	**5.3**	**9**	**79.9**
LV Whitworth, BC	**12**	**189**	**807**	**4.3**	**5**	**67.3**
Cedric Humes, Virg Tech	12	162	752	4.6	11	62.7
Micah Andrews, WF	**10**	**110**	**621**	**5.6**	**1**	**62.1**
Andre Brown, NC State	**11**	**129**	**667**	**5.2**	**6**	**60.6**
Reggie Merriweather, Clem	**12**	**149**	**715**	**4.8**	**7**	**59.6**
Andre Callender, BC	**12**	**142**	**708**	**5.0**	**3**	**59.0**
Branden Ore, Virg Tech	**12**	**109**	**647**	**5.9**	**6**	**53.9**
Wali Lundy, Virginia	11	144	574	4.0	10	52.2
Charlie Jones, Miami	**11**	**123**	**507**	**4.1**	**5**	**46.1**
Justin Boyle, Duke	**10**	**134**	**458**	**3.4**	**9**	**45.8**
Toney Baker NC State	**12**	**124**	**546**	**4.4**	**5**	**45.5**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
D'Qwell Jackson, Maryland	10	56	81	137	13.7
Stephen Tulloch, NC State	12	59	75	134	11.2
Anthony Waters, Clemson	**11**	**65**	**37**	**102**	**9.3**
Vince Hall, Virginia Tech	**13**	**43**	**69**	**112**	**8.6**
Kai Parham, Virginia	12	54	49	103	8.6
Michael Brown Tauliili, Duke	**11**	**56**	**36**	**92**	**8.4**
AJ Nicholson, Florida St	12	53	47	100	8.3
Tommy Richardson, N Carolina	11	46	45	91	8.3
Larry Edwards, North Carolina	**11**	**43**	**48**	**91**	**8.3**
Jon Abbate, Wake Forest	**10**	**41**	**35**	**76**	**7.6**
William Kershaw, Maryland	10	34	42	76	7.6

Miami, Fl
QB Kyle Wright

Florida St
WR Chris Davis

Duke
CB John Talley

FIELD GOALS

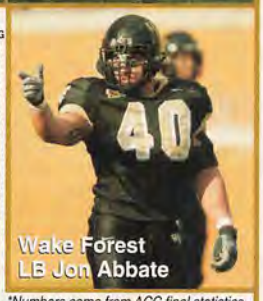
	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Connor Hughes, Virginia	12	21	24	87.5	50
Brandon Pace, Virg Tech	**13**	**19**	**22**	**86.4**	**45**
Sam Swank, Wake Forest	**11**	**19**	**24**	**79.2**	**52**
Jad Dean, Clemson	**12**	**24**	**31**	**77.4**	**49**
John Deraney, NC State	**12**	**15**	**20**	**75.0**	**48**
Jon Peattie, Miami	**12**	**15**	**20**	**75.0**	**49**
Joe Surgan, Duke	**9**	**6**	**8**	**75.0**	**49**
Gary Cismesia, Florida St	**13**	**17**	**24**	**70.8**	**49**
Daniel Ennis, Maryland	**11**	**17**	**25**	**68.0**	**45**
Ryan Ohliger, Boston Coll	**12**	**9**	**14**	**64.3**	**39**
Connor Barth, N Carolina	**11**	**11**	**21**	**52.4**	**45**
Travis Bell, Georgia Tech	**12**	**11**	**21**	**52.4**	**48**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Darrell Blackman, NCSt	**20**	**582**	**0**	**29.1**
Brandon Tate, N Carolina	**21**	**542**	**1**	**25.8**
Cedric Peerman, Virginia	**21**	**542**	**0**	**25.8**
Kenny O'Neal, Florida St	**21**	**503**	**0**	**24.0**
Ronnie Drummer, Duke	**16**	**382**	**1**	**23.9**
Jo Jo Walker, Maryland	29	674	0	23.2
Will Blackmon, Boston Coll	22	489	0	22.2
Chris Davis, Duke	**20**	**425**	**0**	**21.2**
Michael Johnson, Virginia	**16**	**336**	**0**	**21.0**
Chris Woods, Georgia Tech	17	346	0	20.4
Kevin Marion, Wake Forest	**18**	**334**	**0**	**18.6**
Chris Barclay, Wake Forest	12	222	0	18.5

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Ryan Plackemeier, WF	11	67	3165	47.2
Adam Podlesh, Maryland	**11**	**44**	**1918**	**43.6**
Nic Schmitt, Virginia Tech	**13**	**52**	**2244**	**43.2**
Chris Sprague, Duke	11	76	3144	41.4
Johnny Ayers, Boston Coll	**12**	**62**	**2561**	**41.3**
David Wooldridge, N Car	**11**	**66**	**2713**	**41.1**
John Deraney, NCSt	**12**	**72**	**2884**	**40.1**
Chris Gould, Virginia	**12**	**53**	**2122**	**40.0**
Brian Monroe, Miami	**12**	**64**	**2549**	**39.8**
Ben Arndt, Georgia Tech	12	87	3433	39.5
Chris Hall, Florida St	13	74	2859	38.6
Cole Chason, Clemson	**12**	**50**	**1822**	**36.4**


Wake Forest
LB Jon Abbate

*Numbers come from ACC final statistics.

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Brodrick Bunkley, FSU	25	90
Mario Williams, NCSt	24	96
Stephen Tulloch, NCSt	21	75
Manny Lawson, NCSt	19.5	112
Mathias Kiwanuka, BC	16.5	73
Darryl Tapp, Virginia Tech	14.5	75
Kai Parham, Virginia	14.5	63
Charles Bennett, Clem	14.5	38
KaMichael Hall, GT	**14**	**73**
Anthony Waters, Clem	**12.5**	**36**

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Mario Williams, NCSt	14.5	80
Manny Lawson, NCSt	10.5	83
Darryl Tapp, VT	10	58
Mathias Kiwanuka, BC	9.5	51
Brodrick Bunkley, FSU	9	45
Gaines Adams, Clem	**8.5**	**61**
Kai Parham, Virginia	8.5	50
Tommy Davis, N Carolina	8	69
Kamerion Wimbley, FSU	7.5	56
Eric Henderson, GA Tech	6.5	54

PHIL'S ACC UNIT RANKING

Coastal Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Miami, Fl	1	1	2	8	1	3	1	3	4
Virginia Tech	9	7	4	8	5	2	3	1	1
Georgia Tech	8	9	6	4	4	5	11	11	7
North Carolina	11	10	7	11	9	6	10	6	11
Virginia	9	7	4	7	10	11	5	12	7
Duke	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	9	12
Atlantic Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Florida State	2	5	1	5	1	3	4	4	3
Clemson	5	3	3	1	3	1	5	5	7
Maryland	3	3	10	3	6	8	7	7	5
Boston College	4	6	8	2	7	6	7	10	2
Wake Forest	6	10	8	6	11	8	9	8	6
NC State	6	2	10	10	7	10	2	1	10

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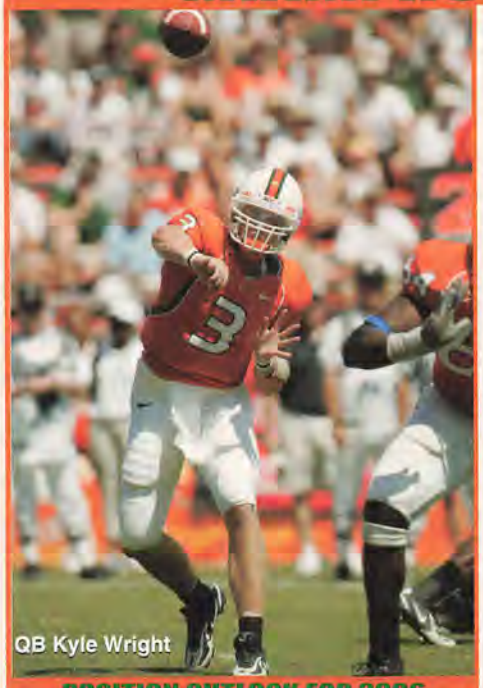
QB Kyle Wright

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Ken Dorsey left Miami with almost every school record except for completion % and was 38-2 as a starting QB. In '03 Brock Berlin (PS#1), who had thrown for 849 yards with a 12-4 ratio and one start at Florida, won the starting job. He was benched at one point for two-year backup Derrick Crudup and Miami had back-to-back games under 100 yards passing for the first time since 1972. Berlin won his job back and threw for 2,419 yds (59.9%) with a 12-17 ratio. Coker signed PS#1 Kyle Wright in 2003 who was the backup as a rFr. Berlin threw for 2,680 (56%) with an outstanding 22-6 ratio and was the #1 passer in the ACC in '04. Berlin finished his UM career 5-0 vs in-state rivals Florida & Fla St. Wright beat out rFr Kirby Freeman (PS#14) in 2005. He suffered 9 sacks vs Fla St but still hit 16 of 28 for 232. Freeman saw plenty of action early in some blowouts. Wright suffered a sprained thumb vs Temple and sat out the 2H. He took a hit to the helmet in the 2Q vs VT and Freeman directed the last 4 plays of a 17 play TD drive. Wright tied a school record with 5 TD passes (to 5 different receivers) vs WF. For the season he threw for 2,403 (58.6%) with a 18-10 ratio. Both return and adding depth are Jorge Fernandez (PS#145) and true frosh Daniel Stegall (PS#36). This year's backup QB is even more experienced than the starter was heading into last season.

RUNNING BACKS - The Hurricanes surprisingly have had just seven 1,000 yard rushers in their history but had a streak of three straight including Willis McGahee who had 1,753 (6.2) in '02 with an amazing 28 TD's (#1DC '03). Frank Gore (PS#10) would have topped 1,000 if not for injuries (945, 4.8) in 2004. Tyrone Moss (PS#2) had 445 (4.4) and was the leading returnee in '05 while FB Quadtrine Hill had 111 (5.6). Moss got off to a great start with 102 vs Fla St and 139 vs Clemson. After rushing for 195 and 4 TD's vs NC, he was lost for the year in the 2Q vs VT. He had 701 yds (5.1) in just 8 gms but still earned 1st Tm ACC. Andrew Johnson (PS#6) tore his ACL in '04 and had not recovered by August but Coker called him their home run hitter at RB. He had 56 yards on just 4 carries vs Duke but surprisingly got just 10 more carries (6.9). Charlie Jones (PS#8) led in rushing each of the last 5 finishing with 507 (4.1) while Derron Thomas (PS#51) added 150 (3.2). This year everyone returns except FB Quadtrine Hill (8 st, 403 ttl yds), and while Moss might not be 100% at the start of the year, Johnson is another year removed from his injury. I expect Moss to be the Hurricanes' first 1,000 yard rusher in 4 years.

RECEIVERS - Miami had a 1st round draft pick from this position for 3 straight years but last year "only" had to replace #2 and #3 DC's who were first and fourth on the team in receiving. The unit got off to a slow start but soph TE Greg Olsen had 31 rec's (14.5) and looks like another in a long line of great UM TE's. Sinorice Moss, who had 20 rec's (17.5) in 2004, led with 37 (16.6). WR Ryan Moore (PS#2) was 2nd in receiving yards with 464 (16.6) despite being suspended for the bowl. This year they lose WR's Moss (#2DC NYG, 10 st), Akieem Jolla (4 rec), Devin Hester (5 rec) and TE Buck Ortega (7 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR Ryan Lacedonia (6-2 192 So) and TE Eric Kirchenberg (6-5 225 So). This unit has 8 VHT's and is actually a little more experienced than 2005.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Miami usually has an excellent O-line despite losing key players. In 2002 they had to replace 3 NFL DC's but still paved the way for 5.2 ypc rushing with 15 sacks allowed. In 2003 they lost two starters and averaged 4.6 ypc while allowing just 17 sacks. They basically had just two starters back in 2004 and were plagued by injuries to pave the way for just 3.7 ypc while allowing 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups but surprisingly only averaged 3.7 ypc again while allowing an un-Cane-like 36 sacks. This year the losses are heavy as gone are RT Rashad Butler (#3DC CAR, 12 st, 2 yr st'r), LT Eric Winston (#3DC HOU, 12 st, 1st Tm AA, 3 yr st'r), LG Tyler McMeans (12 st, HM ACC, 2 yr st'r) and RG Tony Tella (11 st, 2 yr st'r). Six of the top 10 are back and the entire 2 deep consists of VHT's. This is the least experienced O-line in some time and they are coming off their lowest productive year since '92.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Canes had to replace two 1st plus 3rd, 4th & 5th round DC's but still allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing. In 2004 they had to replace just one starter (#1DC) and a backup. They allowed just 2.0 ypc the first three games but lost a starting DT and surprisingly yielded 3.8 ypc on the season. Last year they had 3 starters return and improved to yield 3.0 ypc with 33 sacks. This year they must replace DT Orien Harris (#4DC PIT, 12 st, 68 tkl, 2nd Tm AA), DE Thomas Carroll (11 st, 45 tkl, 4 tfl) and DE Javon Nanton (7 sk, 2 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Luqman Abdullah (6-3 309 rFr), Mark Lisante (6-1 227 Sr, 390 bench) and this year's true frosh. The group is less experienced but loaded with VHT's and should be another fine Miami defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 Miami had to replace all three starting LB's which may have had something to do with their high ypc (3.8 allowed). Last year basically everyone returned but starting WLB Tavares Gooden was lost in the first game and Leon Williams (5 st '04, Butkus semi) had just one start but was still the team's #6 tackler (57). This year they lose Leon Williams (#4DC CLE) as well as SLB Rocky McIntosh (#2DC WAS, 11 st, #2 tkl'r, 10 tfl). Gooden returns and they add James Bryant (PS#7) who moves in from FB and a VHT frosh. Despite the losses, this should be one of the nation's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Miami always has an excellent secondary finishing #5 in my pass D rankings in 2000 and #2 in '01. Despite losing three #1 DC's in '02, they were #9 and tied an NCAA record for fewest yards allowed per completion in a single season (9.5). Everyone returned in '03 and they moved up to #3. In 2004 they only had one starter returning but finished #13. Last year they had to replace a #1 DC CB but then lost starting S Anthony Reddick in the opener and FS Greg Threat (11 st '04) lost his job (1 st). Miami simply finished #1 in the country in my pass D rankings despite the fact that three true frosh saw significant action. This year they lose CB Marcus Maxey (#5DC KC, 11 st, 37 tkl, 4 pbu), 2nd Tm AA CB Kelly Jennings (#1DC SEA, 12 st, 43 tkl, 16 pbu), CB Devin Hester (#2DC CHI, 12 tkl) and FS Greg Threat (28 tkl). This unit is loaded at S but CB is a concern.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Hurricanes have finished #1, #27, #49, #8, #5 and #28 the last 6 years in my ST rankings. Last year they had everyone back including super returnman Devin Hester, but vs Fla St they missed 2 FG's, avg just 14.7 on KR's, 3.0 on PR's and suffered a blocked punt. The unit did recover but did not have as good of a year as expected. K Jon Peattie, who had a 57 yard FG in HS, was 1st Tm BE in 2003 hitting 22 of 28 FG's with a long of 51. He suffered a groin injury in 2004 and hit just 15 of 24 but had a streak of 99 straight xp's end with a midseason miss last year. Overall he missed five xp's but hit 15 of 20 FG's with a long of 49. P Brian Monroe saw his net drop from 37.8 in '04 to 36.1. Hester avg'd 14.2 on PR's but just 16.1 on KR's (opp usually kicked away from him) and Jenkins led (21.9). This year they lose Hester but I expect Monroe and Peattie to contend for 1st Tm ACC honors. This unit is once again a Top 20 ST contender.

COACHES - Larry Coker, who did not have any previous HC experience, has done a tremendous job here with a 53-9 record. In 2004 Dan Werner was promoted from QB coach to OC. As part of the coaching staff purge following the blow out loss to LSU the new OC is Rich Olson who was the OC here from 1991-'94 and has spent the last 11 years in the NFL including 2004 when he was the QB coach at Minnesota. DL Randy Shannon is in his 13th year at Miami and 6th as the DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 2000-2002 Miami was arguably the best team in the country each season. In 2000 they did not get a chance to play in the National Title game despite a 10-1 record and a win over FSU, a team that appeared in the Title game. They rectified matters in 2001 blazing through the schedule undefeated as they beat teams by an average of 42.7-9.8. They also won the school's 5th National Title by wiping out Nebraska 37-14 in the Rose Bowl. They had just 10 starters back in 2002 and went undefeated again but "only" outscored foes by an average 40.5-19.1. They were an 11' point favorite in the Fiesta Bowl but lost in 2 OT's to Ohio St ending their 34 game winning streak. They had to replace QB Ken Dorsey and at the end of 2003 Coker was hesitant to throw. The Hurricanes did finish 11-2 including a bowl win over Fla St when they missed another crucial FG but had 3 fortunate wins that year. In 2004 they had an ACC low 10 starters back. Miami had the schedule to run the table and opened 6-0 but then lost to NC and Clemson in back-to-back weeks and still with the shot at the ACC Title, lost at home to VT. Defensively they went through a very un-Miami-like 3 game stretch allowing 33.3 ppg but for the season yielded just 17.0. They had 9 starters back on defense last year and allowed just 214.7 ypg in their first 8 including their blowout win in Blacksburg. Amazingly the defense yielded 380.8 ypg in their final four. The Hurricanes should have won the opener (FSU) as they had a 313-170 yd edge but stunningly lost by 3. They regained control of the ACC with their win over VT but shockingly lost at home to GT and were relegated to the Peach Bowl for the 2nd consecutive year. LSU, with a backup QB, shredded them with a 468-153 yd edge. Last year UM outgained ACC foes by 113.3 ypg (2nd best). Miami's 104 straight weeks in the AP poll is the longest current active streak (Texas w/92 is #2). This year the draft takes a heavy toll on UM (see pg 308). The Hurricanes "earned" 38 points in my Draft Day Party Hangover. Miami has produced 84 picks in the first 3 rounds of the NFL draft since 1984 which is most in the NCAA and that includes 12 straight years with a #1 pick. The Canes had just 4 starters back on offense last year and only avg'd 27.1 ppg (lowest since '95). This year they have 5 starters returning and should be able to top that number, even with a rebuilt O-line. UM allowed just 14.3 ppg last year, their best in four seasons, but that was with 9 defensive starters returning and this year they have just 6. It will still be one of the top D's in the country but will probably be a little less stingy. Miami does face Florida St, L'ville and VTech but could be favored in all 12 games, giving them a shot at the National Title.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 3 KYLE WRIGHT JR. 6-4 220 **PS#1**. 12 st LY, 2403 (58.6%), 18-10 ratio, 147 rush. **7** Kirby Freeman (6-3 204 So) **PS#14**. 240 yd rFr. **12** Jorge Fernandez (6-4 210 So).

RB 30 TYRONE MOSS SR. 5-9 220 **PS#2**. 1657 (4.8) 3Y. **34** Charlie Jones (5-10 203 Jr) **PS#8**. 4 st, 507 (4.1) LY. **32** Andrew Johnson (5-11 202 Jr) **PS#6**. **21** Derron Thomas (5-9 190 So).

TE 88 Chris Zellner So. 6-2 227 PS#28. 1 st, 1 rec, 10 gm rFr. **90 Richard Gordon PS#9.** Milford. FB **41** Jerrell Mabry (6-1 259 rFr) PS#79. **53** Mark Lisante (6-1 227 Sr).

WR 9 Lance Leggett Jr. 6-3 184 **PS#11**. 9 st, 32 (17.3) 2Y. **Sam Shields is PS#16RB. 87** Khalil Jones (6-2 208 So) PS#112. **4.39. 20** Terrell Walden (5-10 162 Jr) PS#44.

WR 85 RYAN MOORE SR. 6-3 215 **PS#2**. 13 st '03, 44 (14.5). Inj '04. 9 st, 28 (16.6) LY. **8** Darnell Jenkins (5-10 181 Sr) **PS#35**. 2 st, 21 (11.0) '04. 25 (9.7) LY, 239 ret yds.

TE 82 GREG OLSEN JR. 6-5 252 **PS#1TE**. 2 st rFr, 16 (17.2). 12 st, 31 rec (14.5) LY. **11** DajLeon Farr (6-5 246 So) **PS#3**. 1 rec as true. Dedrick Epps is **PS#24LB**.

C 78 ANTHONY WOLLSCHLAGER SR. 6-4 281 **PS#27**. 16 games in '03 & '04. 12 st at C LY. **63** Alex Pou (6-4 280 Sr) **PS#22**. 1 st, 15 gm 3Y. **60** Jonathan St Pierre (6-3 301 So) Canadian.

RG 71 Derrick Morse Jr. 6-4 295 **PS#27**. 4 gm true. L/6 st RG '04. 5 gm LY, inj. **66** John Rochford (6-1 286 Jr) **PS#44**. 24 gm at LS. **62** Chris Napoli (6-3 270 Sr) PS#256.

LG 72 Andrew Bain Jr. 6-3 327 **PS#6**. 10 gm rFr. 1 st RG, 9 gm LY. 600 squat. **70** AJ Trump (6-3 297 rFr) **PS#30**. **53** Joe Girardi (6-2 292 So). Jason Fox is PS#23TE.

RT 67 Tyrone Byrd So. 6-5 280 **PS#52**. 6 gm rFr. **73** Cyrim Wimbs (6-3 339 Jr) **PS#42**. 13 gm L2Y. **65** Matt Pipho (6-7 268 rFr) PS#47DL. Ian Symonette (6-9 338 Fr) **PS#18.**

LT 77 Reggie Youngblood So. 6-5 304 **PS#4**. 8 gms true. 345 bench. **79** Christopher Barney (6-5 **351** rFr) **PS#15**. **76** Chris Rutledge (6-5 311 So) PS#154DL. 4 games as rFr.

K 13 JON PEATTIE SR. 6-2 206 22 of 28 FG's rFr, 1st Tm BE. 15 of 24 '04. 15 of 20, long 49 LY. Matt Bosher **PS#4**. 52 yd FG HS. **43** Francesco Zampogna (5-11 207 Sr).

DE 95 BRYAN PATA SR. 6-4 272 **PS#42**. 7 st, 41 tkl, 7 sk first 2Y. 8 st (inj) LY, 25 tkl, 3 sk. **81** Calais Campbell (**6-8** 253 So) **PS#12LB**. 1 st, 35 tkl rFr. **97** Ryhan Anderson **PS#8.**

DT 54 Teraz McCray Jr. 6-1 278 PS#205. 21 tkl, 6 tfl rFr. ACL. 5 gm LY, 10 tkl. **93** Dwayne Hendricks (6-4 270 So) **PS#16**. 6 tkl rFr. **47** Vegas Franklin (6-3 246 Jr) 12 tkl 2Y.

DT 99 Kareem Brown Sr. 6-4 307 **PS#48OL**. 3 sts, 97 tkls, 9.5 sk, 18 tfl 3 years. **96** Antonio Dixon (6-3 345 So) PS#66DL. Milford. 7 tkl "true". **91** Joe Joseph (6-3 275 rFr) PS#91.

DE 98 BARAKA ATKINS SR. 6-4 264 **PS#50DL**. 12 st rFr, 12 st '04. 11 st LY, 126 tkl, 13 sk 3Y. **94** Eric Moncur (6-2 253 So) **PS#17**. 2 st, 22 tkl. **49** Courtney Harris (6-3 239 rFr) **PS#37.**

WLB 2 JON BEASON JR. 6-0 225 **PS#24DB**. 10 sts in '05, 66 tkl, 6 tfl. 500 squat. **17** Willie Williams (6-3 232 So) **PS#1**. 17 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. **48** Spencer Adkins (5-11 233 So) PS#11.

MLB 55 Glenn Cook Jr. 6-0 212 PS#65. 2 st rFr, 17 tkl. 1 st in '05, 28 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **45** James Bryant (6-3 241 Jr) **PS#7LB**. 1 st FB LY. **50** Darryl Sharpton (5-11 218 rFr) PS#125.

SLB 52 TAVARES GOODEN JR. 6-2 220 **PS#7**. 9 st '04, 83 tkl, 10 tfl. Inj' LY. **51 Romeo Davis** (6-3 221 Jr) 11 st, 48 tkl 2Y. **59** Eric Houston (6-2 228 So) PS#151. **58** Demetri Stewart **PS#46.**

CB 6 Randy Phillips So. 6-0 185 PS#72. 9 tkl, 1 pbu, 8 gms true. **22** Bruce Johnson (5-11 168 So) PS#69. 1 st, 7 tkl true. **38** Rashaun Jones (6-1 196 Jr) PS#111. ACL LY.

CB 4 Glenn Sharpe Jr. 6-0 187 **PS#21**. 27 tkl, 3Y, ACL inj twice. **27** Carlos Armour (6-3 194 So) PS#114WR. Torn ACL LY. Ryan Hill **PS#37**. Tervaris Johnson is PS#123.

SS 19 BRANDON MERIWEATHER SR. 6-0 188 **PS#26**. 7 st, 62 tkl '04. 11 st LY, **2nd Tm ACC but 1st Tm AA**, 114 tkl, 13 tfl, 7 pbu. **35** Lovon Ponder (6-0 204 So) **PS#44**. 2 st, 20 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu LY.

FS 1 KENNY PHILLIPS SO. 6-2 200 **PS#2**. 11 starts true, 88 tkl, 4 pbu, **Frosh AA. 26** Anthony Reddick (6-0 197 So) PS#100. 6 st, 73 tkl, 1 sk '04. Inj LY. **28** Willie Cooper (6-1 200 Jr) **PS#15.**

P 15 BRIAN MONROE SR. 6-1 208 **PS#11**. 49 (35.7) true. 64 (41.2), **net 36.8** '04. 64 (39.8) LY, net 36.1. 22 TB's on 65 KO's. **18** Chandler Cleveland (6-5 182 Jr). Matt Bosher 46.5 in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR Sam Shields 6-0 177 PS#16RB
RB Javarris James 6-0 201 PS#23
OL Ian Symonette 6-9 338 PS#18
DL Chaz Washington 6-4 305 PS#32
TE Dedrick Epps 6-4 234 PS#24LB
DL Richard Gordon 6-4 260 PS#9TE '05
DB Ryan Hill 5-11 186 PS#37
LB Colin McCarthy 6-3 222 PS#38
OL Jason Fox 6-6 265 PS#23TE
DL Josh Holmes 6-2 270 PS#61
K Matt Bosher 6-0 170 PS#4
QB Daniel Stegall 6-2 175 PS#36
RB Graig Cooper 5-11 189 PS#62
DL Chris Lewis 6-3 245 PS#81
DL Steven Wesley 6-3 235 PS#103
RB Kylan Robinson 6-1 215 PS#112
DB Tervaris Johnson 6-2 211 PS#123
DB Chavez Grant 5-11 170 PS#127
OL Orlando Franklin 6-6 290 PS#219
WR George Robinson 6-0 190 PS#440DB
OL Joel Figueroa 6-5 310 PS#484

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 4	Florida St (Mon)	G					
Sep. 9	Florida A&M	G					
Sep. 16	at Louisville	A					
Sep. 23							
Sep. 30	Houston	G					
Oct. 7	North Carolina	G					
Oct. 14	Florida Int'l	G					
Oct. 21	at Duke	G					
Oct. 28	at Georgia Tech	G					
Nov. 4	Virginia Tech	G					
Nov. 11	at Maryland	G					
Nov. 18	at Virginia	G					
Nov. 23	Boston College (Thur)	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Miami is 1-5 ATS after a SU loss under Larry Coker.
Hurricanes are 10-3 ATS (8-5 SU) since 1996 as away dogs.
Since 1983, the Canes are 182-17 SU when scoring first.

Canes are 19-1 SU & 10-4-1 ATS in home openers since 1986.
Last year UM had a 21-9 FD & 313-170 yd edge but still lost SU & ATS!

Rattlers finished 6-5 LY under HC Rubin Carter an AA DT at UM in '74.
In 2004, Fla A&M was going to make the jump to IA but remain a IAA school.

UM posted a 72-11 Big East record with 8 championships from 1992-2003.
Hurricanes are 23-10 ATS before a bye since 1990.

Miami is 8-2 SU but 1-9 ATS after a bye the last 5 years.
Hurricanes are 5-15 ATS the last 20 games as a double digit home fav.

UM is 0-2 ATS the L2Y vs NC, including the SU loss as 22 pt favs in 2004.
Could apply: Canes are 9-4 ATS since 1998 as a 3 TD or more conf HF.

First meeting in school history as these in-state universities are just 12 miles apart.
In their 2 most recent games vs current SBC tms, UM couldn't cover 41 & 50 pt spreads.

Hurricanes are 6-2 SU & 5-3 ATS on the road in ACC games.
Miami is 13-3 SU & 6-10 ATS the last 5 years as conference away favs.

In regular season games, Miami is 1-3 SU & ATS S/'77 vs Georgia Tech.
UM is 13-0 SU & 9-3 ATS the game prior to their old BE & new ACC rival VT.

These schools have had offensive struggles the L3Y avg just 33 ppg.
The favorite is just 2-9 ATS the last 11 years in this series.

Hurricanes are 3-1 ATS vs the Terrapins in their only lined meetings.
Miami is 13-4 SU & 12-5 ATS since 1996 in November road games.

Hurricanes will play 4 road games in a 5 wk period for the 1st time ever.
The visitor has covered the last 2 years (only reg season meetings).

Canes are 8-0 SU but only 2-6 ATS on Thursday nights since 2000.
UM was 8-2 ATS from 1992-'01 in Orange Bowl finales, but are 0-4 ATS L4Y.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Ken Dorsey 9,565 1999-'02
Rushing: Ottis Anderson 3,331 1975-'78 Receiving: Santana Moss 2,546 1997-'00

LARRY COKER (Career 53-9)

6th Year at Miami, FI

Coker's SU Bowl Record: 3-2

Coker's records AT MIAMI, FL

53-9	Straight Up	11-19	Home Favorite
25-31	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
1-5	Off A SU Loss	10-12	Away Favorite
16-21	Vs Conference	4-0	Away Underdog
9-10	Vs Non-Conf	1-9	Off A Bye

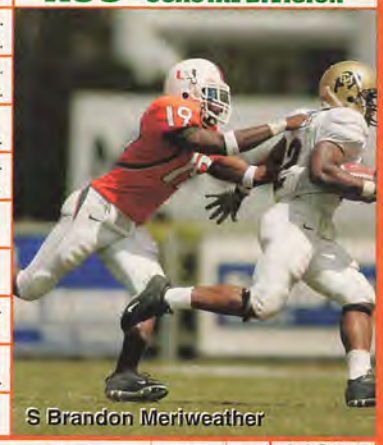
2005 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (25,26,4)
Lost: 22 (12,8,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 45,310

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION


S Brandon Meriweather

STADIUM: ORANGE BOWL (72,319)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	10-1	11-0	12-0	10-2	8-3	9-2	68-12
Home	5-1	6-0	6-0	6-0	6-1	4-2	5-1	38-5
Away	3-3	4-1	5-0	6-0	4-1	4-1	4-1	30-7
ATS	7-5	8-3	6-5	4-7	5-7	6-5	4-7	40-39
Home Fav	4-1	3-2	4-2	1-4	1-6	3-3	2-4	18-22
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Fav	1-2	4-1	2-3	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-3	15-15
Away Dog	2-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	6-1
Favorite	5-3	7-3	6-5	3-7	4-7	5-5	3-7	33-37
Dog	2-2	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	7-2
Grass	6-4	5-2	6-4	3-5	4-7	6-5	4-7	34-34
Artificial	1-1	3-1	0-1	1-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	6-5
vs Conf	4-3	7-0	3-4	2-5	3-4	5-3	3-5	27-24
vs Non-Conf	3-2	1-3	3-1	2-2	2-3	1-2	1-2	13-15
Off SU Win	4-3	7-2	5-5	4-7	4-5	4-4	4-4	32-30
Off SU Loss	2-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-2	4-7

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tyrone Moss	137	719	18	701	12	5.1
Charlie Jones	123	546	39	507	5	4.1
Derron Thomas	47	170	20	150	0	3.2
Quadtrine Hill	19	139	1	138	0	7.3
Andrew Johnson	14	104	7	97	0	6.9
Devin Hester	15	98	4	94	0	6.3
Sinorice Moss	7	55	0	55	0	7.9
Kirby Freeman	8	57	19	38	0	4.8
Kyle Wright	64	147	248	-101	1	-1.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kyle Wright	307	180	58.6	2403	18	10
Kirby Freeman	31	15	48.4	183	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Sinorice Moss	37	614	16.6	6	92
Ryan Moore	28	464	16.6	4	42
Greg Olsen	31	451	14.5	4	57
Quadtrine Hill	29	252	8.7	1	55
Darnell Jenkins	25	242	9.7	2	15
Lance Leggett	15	204	13.6	2	76
Buck Ortega	7	112	16.0	0	24
Devin Hester	5	55	11.0	0	24

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Monroe	64	2549	39.8	8	36.1	1	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jon Peattie	34-39	6-6	6-8	3-6	0-0	15-20	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brandon Meriweather	114	1	12	7	3
Rocky McIntosh	103	4	6	1	0
Kenny Phillips	88	0	3	4	1
Orien Harris	68	3	5	0	0
Jon Beason	66	0	6	1	0
Leon Williams	57	0	3	2	0
Baraka Atkins	50	1.5	3.5	4	0
Kareem Brown	46	4.5	4	0	0
Thomas Carroll	45	2	2	0	0
Kelly Jennings	43	1	1	16	3
Marcus Maxey	37	0	2	4	2
Calais Campbell	35	2.5	3	1	0
Romeo Davis	33	0	0.5	2	0
Greg Threat	28	0	0	1	0
Glenn Cook	28	1.5	5	2	0
Bryan Pata	25	3	2	0	0
Eric Moncur	22	1	2	0	0
Lovon Ponder	20	0	0	5	3
Javon Nanton	19	7	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Devin Hester	22	312	14.2	1
Darnell Jenkins	8	64	8.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darnell Jenkins	8	175	21.9	0
Devin Hester	7	113	16.1	0

MIAMI

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Rose	-8'	Nebraska - #4	37-14	W
02	Fiesta	-11'	Ohio St - #2 (2OT)	24-31	L
03	Orange	+1'	Florida St - #9	16-14	W
04	Peach	-4	Florida - #20	27-10	W
05	Peach	-7	LSU - #6	3-40	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	27.1	18	138	3.7	216	57.4	13.0	+5	2005	9	14.3	16	118	3.0	152	46.6	19.0
6*	31.7	18	131	3.7	234	55.9	11.5	+14	2004	4	17.0	18	155	3.8	173	50.6	19.3
6	27.8	20	180	4.6	215	59.8	14.2	-4	2003	7	15.1	14	117	3.3	141	50.9	17.1
4*	40.5	21	182	5.2	284	55.8	11.5	-1	2002	6	19.1	18	169	3.8	120	46.2	15.2
6*	42.7	22	197	5.3	260	57.6	10.7	+27	2001	8	9.8	17	138	3.2	132	43.9	27.7
6	42.2	22	194	4.9	266	57.9	10.9	+13	2000	8	15.8	19	115	3.4	228	50.1	21.7

2005 STATS BY GAME

UM 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#9	at Florida St	21	44-81	1.8	16-28	232	9	9	33-96	2.9	8-26	74	1	-1
#13	at Clemson	18	52-195	3.8	16-26	152	5	24	22-90	4.1	31-55	288	1	0
#12	Colorado	21	28-118	4.2	21-40	271	0	19	32-103	3.2	25-42	228	0	+3
#9	South Florida	20	46-178	3.9	13-26	173	3	15	40-105	2.6	11-31	69	4	+1
#9	Duke	27	40-255	6.4	22-40	302	0	5	40-120	3.0	4-17	8	5	-2
#7	at Temple	16	33-34	1.0	16-21	317	4	12	41-84	2.0	10-23	96	2	-2
#6	North Carolina	20	38-210	5.5	11-19	111	1	15	44-102	2.3	13-25	86	5	-1
#5	at Virginia Tech	17	43-152	3.5	15-25	152	1	13	34-77	2.3	8-22	90	4	+5
#3	at Wake Forest	20	37-194	5.2	18-31	321	1	19	48-133	2.8	15-30	236	2	+4
#3	Georgia Tech	11	30-30	1.0	14-31	207	7	20	44-120	2.7	11-31	159	1	0
#10	Virginia	20	34-151	4.4	23-30	248	1	17	41-111	2.7	16-29	296	5	-1
#9	† LSU	6	23-53	2.3	10-23	100	4	26	56-272	4.9	13-22	196	2	-1
TOTALS		217	448-1651	3.7	195-340	2586	36	194	474-1415	3.0	165-354	1826	33	+5
AVERAGES		18.1	37-138	3.7	16-28	216	3.0	16.2	40-118	3.0	14-30	152	2.8	0.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	-13'	33-7	W
Rutgers	-44	61-0	W
at Pittsburgh	-27	43-21	L
Troy	-50	38-7	L
at Florida St - #14	-7'	49-27	W
West Virginia	-35	45-3	W
Temple	-42	38-0	L
at Boston College	-20	18-7	L
Syracuse - #14	-20'	59-0	W
Washington - #12	-25'	65-7	W
at Virginia Tech - #14	-14	26-24	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida A&M	NL	63-17	–
at Florida - #6	+2'	41-16	W
at Temple	-37'	44-21	L
Boston College	-26	38-6	W
Connecticut	-43'	48-14	L
Florida St - #9	-13	28-27	L
at West Virginia	-20	40-23	L
at Rutgers	-39	42-17	L
at Tennessee	-9	26-3	W
Pittsburgh - #17	-19	28-21	L
at Syracuse	-20'	49-7	W
Virginia Tech - #18	-17'	56-45	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	-28	48-9	W
Florida - #21	-14	38-33	L
East Carolina	-41	38-3	L
at Boston College	-11'	33-14	W
West Virginia	-25'	22-20	L
at Florida St - #5	+7	22-14	W
Temple	-31	52-14	W
at Virginia Tech - #10	-3'	7-31	L
Tennessee - #18	-12'	6-10	L
Syracuse	-19	17-10	L
Rutgers	-27	34-10	L
at Pittsburgh - #20	-3	28-14	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida St - #5	-2	16-10 OT	W
Louisiana Tech	-30'	48-0	W
at Houston	-29'	38-13	L
at Georgia Tech	-14	27-3	W
Louisville - #18	-9	41-38	L
at NC State	-7	45-31	W
at North Carolina	-22	28-31	L
Clemson	-16'	17-24 OT	L
at Virginia - #10	+3'	31-21	W
Wake Forest	-18'	52-7	W
Virginia Tech - #10	-7	10-16	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida St - #14	-3	7-10	L
at Clemson - #20	-7	36-30 3OT	L
Colorado	-14	23-3	W
South Florida	-21	27-7	L
Duke	-35'	52-7	W
at Temple	-41'	34-3	L
North Carolina	-21	34-16	L
at Virginia Tech - #3	+6'	27-7	W
at Wake Forest	-17	47-17	W
Georgia Tech	-18	10-14	L
Virginia	-17'	25-17	L

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Of course, VT's most famous player is Michael Vick, who left for the NFL in 2000. Bryan Randall battled Vick's brother Marcus (PS#8) for the starting spot in 2003 and held on to the job for two years throwing for 2,264 (55.6%) with a 21-9 ratio in 2004 and was 1st Tm ACC. He actually departed as VT's all-time career leading passer beating Don Strock (1970-'72). His backup in 2004 was Sean Glennon (PS#21) who hit 8 of 11 for 137 with a 2-0 ratio in 4 games and all 3 incompletions were dropped. Cory Holt (PS#87) dressed for all 13 in '04 but redshirted. Vick (664 yds '03) was suspended in 2004. He won the starting job last season and was arguably a better passing QB in college than his brother, throwing for 2,393 yards (61.2%) with a 17-10 ratio (642 rush). While Vick had some memorable games, like hitting 15 of 17 at W Virg, he also flipped the Morgantown fans off afterwards. He rushed for 133 vs Maryland and threw for 211 but also had 3 int. Obviously everyone knows he stepped on DE Dumervil's leg in the bowl however another off field altercation ended his career at VT. Glennon was 2nd string but managed to redshirt and Holt played in 6 hitting 4 of 12 for 80. VHT Greg Boone (6-3 287 rFr, PS#19), who trimmed 20 lbs, may play another position. This unit will be a lot more stable in 2006 but is not as experienced or talented.

RUNNING BACKS - The Hokies had a pair of NFL caliber RB's in 2002 in Lee Suggs (#4DC CLE) and VHT Kevin Jones (PS#6). In 2003 Jones broke Cyrus Lawrence's single season rushing record (1,403 in 1982) with 1,647 and a super 5.9. He was #1DC of DET. In 2004 the leading returning rusher was powerful Cedric Humes (233 lbs, PS#51) who had 380 (5.8). Humes broke his leg in the spring and was not 100%. Mike Imoh, who is a slight 5'7" 195 lbs but benches 350, was suspended for the first 3. Imoh broke Jones' single game rushing record with 243 vs NC but suffered a hamstring injury vs MD and had just 16 att the rest of the season. Imoh led with 720 (4.6) and Humes had 605 (4.7). Last year they added rFr VHT George Bell (PS#14). In '05 Imoh had another injury-plagued season (6 st) and had 419 (4.0). Humes started 9 despite breaking a bone in his arm vs Marshall. He led with 752 (4.6). The fastest RB was rFr Branden Ore (PS#70) and he had 647 (5.9). He fumbled into the EZ vs BC but led in rushing 3 times including 146 vs Marshall. Surprisingly Bell had just 192 (4.6) on the year. Not listed in the 3 deep below are FB Devin Perez (5-7 240 So) and Kenny Lewis (5-9 190 Fr), who was PS#49 in 2003 and was in the CIN Reds organization the last 3 years, plus this year's true frosh. Elan Lewis tore his MCL in spring, but is expected to be healthy for fall. This year they must replace both Imoh and Humes (#7DC PIT) but I like the Ore/Bell combo and the unit figures to be healthier.

LB Vince Hall

RECEIVERS - Ernest Wilford (#4DC) became the first player in VT history to have over 50 catches in a season in 2002 and then reset his school record with 55 (16.1) in 2003. VT had an extremely young receiving corps in 2004 with their veteran Justin Hamilton moving to RB. RFr Josh Hyman (PS#208) led with 491 yards (18.2) and true frosh Eddie Royal (PS#37) led in receptions with 28 (16.8). Everyone returned last year including super TE Jeff King. King set the school record for receiving TD's by a TE (12). The old record was Steve Johnson's (8) from 1984-'87 and Ken Barefoot 1965-'67. Royal had a couple of early drops, fumbled a punt vs Duke and had just 4 rec in the first 4. He suffered a hamstring injury vs Miami, missed the Virginia game and had just 6 grabs after that. David Clowney (6'1"), one of the team's fastest, had 20 (13.1) in 2004 and led with 34 (18.2). Josh Morgan had 28 (16.8) while Royal was #3 with 27 (11.7). TE John Kinzer's return is questionable, as he is suffering from neck problems. This year they must replace TE King (#5DC CAR, 13 st, 26) and WR Chris Clifton (0 rec) but I look for continued improvement and they may have the best set of WR's in school history.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 VT had 8 of their top 10 returning and paved the way for 5.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 17 sacks. In 2004 they had to replace 1st Tm AA C Jake Grove but had 3 starters back and surprisingly only opened holes for 4.2 ypc rushing with 36 sacks allowed. Last year they had to replace two starters but had 8 of the top 10 back and the starters averaged 307 lbs. Surprisingly, with an extremely mobile QB, they only opened holes for 4.1 ypc with 34 sacks allowed. This year the losses are heavier as gone are C/G Will Montgomery (#7DC CAR, 13 st, 1st Tm ACC, 3 yr st'r), LT Jimmy Martin (#7DC SD, 12 st, 2nd Tm ACC, 3 yr st'r), LG Jason Murphy (13 st, 2 yr st'r, 1st Tm ACC) and LG Reggie Butler (4 st). They do have four players back with starting experience. I like the talent including LT Duane Brown, who did not move to the OL until August of last year, and C Danny McGrath looks solid. This is a very athletic group including four former TE's. Still, with the loss of three All-ACC players, it is less experienced.

DEFENSIVE LINE - A veteran Hokie D-line in 2003 surprisingly allowed 3.5 ypc rushing, their worst since 1996. In 2004 they had to replace two starters and a returning starting DT lost his job. Still, with 6 of the top 8 back they improved to 3.2 ypc (34 sk). Last year they had to replace one starter and 3 backups. DE Noland Burchette, who had 12 starts in '04, was hampered with a shoulder injury and had just four starts. NG Carlton Powell started the first three but was hampered by an ankle injury. DE Darryl Tapp was 1st Tm AA and one of 5 finalists for the Hendricks Award. VT allowed just 93 ypg rush (3.0), their best since 2001, while the D had 37 sacks. This year they lose Tapp (#2DC SEA, 48 tkl, 10 sk), DT Jonathan Lewis (#6DC ARZ, 13 st, 38 tkl, 4.5 sk, 2nd Tm ACC), DT Tim Sandidge (9 st, 36 tkl, 4 tfl) and DE Jordan Trott (6 tkl). Five of the top 8 are back including 3 who were full-time starters prior to injury so this should be another strong VT front.

LINEBACKERS - The Hokies had to replace one starter and two backups from the LB unit last year but besides two returning starters, also welcomed back Xavier Adibi (PS#11) who was injured most of 2004. This year they lose WHIP James Anderson (#3DC CAR, 13 st, 82 tkl, 8.5 tfl) and ILB Blake Warren (13 tkl). The WHIP position is a concern and there is always the possibility ROV Aaron Rouse could move back to that spot but the Hall/Adibi tandem at ILB is outstanding. Provided those two stay healthy, VT should have an improved LB corps but the depth is lacking.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - VT normally finishes high in my pass D rankings so it was surprising in 2003 that they finished #73. In 2004 they lost #1DC CB DeAngelo Hall and two other starters but rose back to #11. Last year they once again had to replace three starters including #3 and #4 DC's. They returned super CB Jimmy F. Williams and despite the losses, moved up to #2 allowing just 49.6% with an 11-19 ratio. This year they must replace CB Williams (#2DC ATL, 1st Tm AA, 13 st, 44 tkl, 5 pbu) and FS Justin Hamilton (#7DC CLE, 7 st, 35 tkl, 3 int). Six of the top 8 are back and super SS Aaron Rouse turned down a shot at the NFL. Four players return with starting experience and this is another top-notch Hokie secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Frank Beamer coaches this unit himself and they've ranked as high as #2 twice. After finishing #20 in 2002 and #10 in 2003 they surprisingly dropped to #57 in '04. The only loss last year was outstanding P Vinnie Burns. Their new P, Nic Schmitt, is fun to watch as he's 273 lbs and squats 605, easily earning him the title of the NCAA's strongest punter. True frosh Brent Bowden (PS#86) was impressive in August but redshirted. Schmitt avg'd 43.2 per punt (34.5 net). Brandon Pace hit 21 of 27 FG's with a long of 46 in 2004 and connected on an excellent 19 of 22 with a long of 45 last year. Jared Develli (PS#44) has 58 TB's on 134 KO's the last two years. Eddie Royal, who avg'd 28.8 on KR's in '04, slipped to 20.9 in '05 and also saw his PR avg drop (11.0 to 8.2). Surprisingly VT has only blocked 3 punts the last three years after having 14 the previous 3. VT has 105 blocked kicks in Beamer's tenure here. Overall VT finished #37 in my ST rankings but with everyone back, I'll consider them a Top 10 contender.

COACHES - I think Frank Beamer is one of the most outstanding coaches in the NCAA. He was a DB at VT from 1966-'68. VT had been in six bowl games in its history prior to his arrival. He filled the large shoes of Bill Dooley who went 64-37-1 from 1978-'86. Beamer had four losing seasons in his first six including 2-8-1 in 1992, but amazingly VT stuck with him and has been greatly rewarded. Beamer has not only taken them to 13 bowls since 1993 but has made them a National Title contender. He has been the ACC Coach of the Year in each of his two seasons. Beamer was awarded with a contract extension ($2 million yr) through 2012. OC Bryan Stinespring is in his 14th year here. He was the OL coach prior to being promoted to OC in 2002. Bud Foster has been the DC since 1995. Foster has been a Broyles Award finalist in 1999, 2001 and 2005. His defense was #1 in the NCAA last year. While 3 asst's left over the offseason, they did add Mike O'Cain who used to be the head man at NCSt as QB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 the Hokies played in the National Title Game going 22-2 in a two year stretch. They have now been to 13 straight bowls (6-7). This decade they've started a lot of seasons strong and tallied off at the end. In 2002 VT knocked off 4 ranked teams to open the year at 8-0 and rose to #3, unfortunately they were 1-4 in their final 5. They appeared to be a National Title contender in 2003 and opened 6-0 and #3 in the BCS poll but after losing their bowl to Cal finished just 8-5. In 2004 they had just 10 starters back and were actually picked 6th, 7th or 8th in the ACC. I had them rated higher than all the others at #4 and they even exceeded my expectations as the Hokies nearly upset defending National Champ USC in the opener. For once, they finished strong including a win at Miami in the Orange Bowl which won them the ACC Title. They almost knocked off undefeated Auburn in the Sugar Bowl finishing a solid 10-3. That team benefitted from +13 in turnovers and did outscore ACC foes by a league best 12.8 ppg. Last year they were the preseason favorite to win the ACC and were ranked the highest ever in the preseason coaches poll at #7. They were very fortunate in the opener as NCSt outgained them 438-232 but VT escaped. They dealt WV their only loss of the season and did so in Morgantown convincingly 34-17, with a 23-11 FD edge. They routed #13 BC at home 30-10 which set up a showdown between 8-0 #3 VT and #5 Miami. There was talk of a National Title but unfortunately Miami dominated the game in Blacksburg 27-7. Heading to a BCS bowl, they were a 14.5 point fav to win the ACC Title game but were knocked off by Fla St. They trailed in the bowl 24-21 but with the win finished 11-2 and #7. They do have just 10 returning starters (fewest ACC) and also lost QB Vick. VT did have the best ypg of any team in ACC play (+128.8). The offense has just 5 starters back and probably won't be as potent as in 2005 (33.8 ppg). The last two years Tech's defense has allowed just 12.8 and 12.9 ppg but lose a pair of 1st Tm AA players in DE Tapp and CB Williams and with just 5 starters back, may be down a notch. VT "earned" 21 points in my Draft Day Party Hangover (see pg 308). Matching up Tech's talent to their schedule, I see them favored in 11 of their 12 games as they get eight home games this year. The only game they'll be a dog in is at Miami where they did win two years ago. This team is not only an ACC contender, but a National Title contender as well.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 7 Sean Glennon So. 6-4 215 **PS#21**. 8 of 11 (3 drops) true, 137 pass yds. RS LY. **3** Ike Whitaker (6-4 206 rFr) **PS#9**. **12** Cory Holt (6-4 222 So) PS#87. 80 pass yds rFr. 4.57 spd.

RB 28 Branden Ore So. 5-11 204 PS#70. 647 (5.9) rFr. Fastest RB, inj spring. **34** George Bell (5-10 220 So) **PS#14**. 192 (4.6) LY. **38** Elan Lewis (5-9 221 rFr) **PS#10**. MCL spg.

FB 37 Jesse Allen Sr. 6-0 243 4 st FB, 2Y, 43 ttl yds. 430 bench. **39** Carlton Weatherford (5-9 220 Jr). **42** Kenny Jefferson (5-10 230 rFr). **44** Billy Gorham (5-10 239 Jr).

WR 4 EDDIE ROYAL JR. 5-10 171 **PS#37**. 1101 all-purp, 11 st true. **4.3 spd**, 950 all-purp, 13 st LY. **19** Josh Hyman (5-11 189 Jr) 40 (17.2) 2Y. Todd Nolen PS#23 in '05.

WR 87 DAVID CLOWNEY SR. 6-1 175 **4.33 spd**. 1 st, 20 (13.1) '04. 11 st LY, 34 (18.2). **2** Josh Morgan (6-1 215 Jr) 2 st, 43 (19.0) 2Y. **81** Justin Harper (6-3 210 Jr) 16 rec LY (18.4).

TE 43 JOHN KINZER JR. 6-2 245 **PS#13**. 13 st, 16 rec 2Y. Inj? **85 Ed Wang** (6-5 262 rFr) **PS#11**. **83** Sam Wheeler (6-3 240 Fr) PS#156DL. Hargrave. Andre Smith is PS#18.

C 69 DANNY McGRATH SR. 6-2 287 PS#113. 455 bench. 72 snap '04. 7 st C LY, 24 kd. **58** Ryan Shuman (6-3 301 So) PS#345. **68** Mason Baggett (6-1 272 Sr). **LS 53** Nick Leeson (6-1 251 Sr).

RG 67 Nick Marshman So. 6-5 346 PS#34TE. **690 squat**. 6 gm rFr. **51** Matt Welsh (6-4 290 So) **PS#32**. **63** Robert Norris (6-3 338 rFr) PS#108. **62** Zac Lowe (6-1 274 Sr). Cory Byrd (6-0 224 rFr).

LG 70 Sergio Render Fr. 6-3 313 **PS#75** LY. Re-signed. **77 Brandon Gore** (6-5 359 Sr) **PS#57**. 1 st 3Y, 169 off snaps. **66** Brandon Holland (6-4 285 Fr) **PS#87** in 2004.

RT 74 Brandon Frye Sr. 6-4 302 PS#124TE. Held Dumervil to 2 tkl, 0 tfl in bowl game, 1 st LY! **71** Aaron Brown **PS#16**. In for spring. **65** Antonio North (6-4 310 rFr) **PS#49**.

LT 76 DUANE BROWN JR. 6-5 278 **PS#25TE**. 3 rec rFr. 13 st RT in '05, 673 off snaps. **91** Richard Graham (6-6 269 rFr) PS#70TE. Plays OT & TE. **79** Eric Davis (6-7 315 rFr).

K 46 BRANDON PACE SR. 5-10 196 21-27 FG's '04, **1st Tm ACC**. L/46. 19-22 FG's LY, L/45, 51-52 xp's. **92** Jud Dunlevy (5-9 185 Jr). **98** Jared Develli (6-0 217 Jr) PS#44. 58 TB/134 KO 2Y.

DE 96 Noland Burchette Sr. 6-2 260 PS#49TE. 4.67 spd. 41 tkl rFr. **12 st**, 27 tkl, 6 tfl in '04. 4 st LY, 25 tkl, 3 sk (inj). **91** Orion Martin (6-2 240 So) 23 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. **Jason Adjepong is PS#14**.

NG 99 Carlton Powell Jr. 6-2 292 PS#158. 1 st, 17 tkl, 6 tfl rFr. 5 st LY (inj), 13 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **93** Hivera Green (6-3 277 rFr) PS#66. **95** Cordarrow Thompson (6-2 341 rFr) PS#142.

DT 59 Barry Booker Jr. 6-4 279 **PS#67**. 2 tkl rFr. 13 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **75** Kory Robertson (6-2 331 Jr) 9 tkl, 2Y. 625 squat. Daryl Robertson is PS#97. **60** Chris Burnett (6-2 276 Sr) PS#82.

STUD 49 CHRIS ELLIS JR. 6-5 250 **PS#38**. 33 tkl, 3 sk, 5 tfl rFr. 10 st LY, 41 tkl, 6 sk, 4.5 tfl. **40** William Wall (6-4 253 rFr) PS#186. **82** Steven Friday (6-4 206 Fr) PS#91 LY.

WHIP 31 Brenden Hill Sr. 6-2 197 PS#87WR. 16 tkl LY. 4.7 spd. **6** Andrew Bowman (5-11 233 So) **PS#38**. 1 tkl rFr. **13** Corey Gordon (6-2 228 Jr) PS#213WR. 4 tkl rFr. 4 tkl LY.

ILB 9 VINCE HALL JR. 6-0 236 **PS#9**. ACC Def Frosh of Yr '04, 64 tkl, 5 tfl. 13 st LY, 112 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **33** Brett Warren (6-0 229 Jr) PS#52. 21 tkl 2Y. **45** Purnell Sturdivant (5-9 214 So).

ILB 11 XAVIER ADIBI JR. 6-3 224 **PS#11**. 25 tkl, 5 tfl rFr (inj). 13 st LY, 69 tkl, 7 tfl. **56** Demetrius Taylor (6-0 234 rFr) PS#79. **47** Mark Muncey (5-11 223 rFr). **29** Chad Grimm (5-10 184 Sr).

CB 15 ROLAND MINOR JR. 6-0 205 PS#128. 1 st, 2 int rFr. 12 st LY, 33 tkl, 3 int, 3 pbu. **27** Jahre Cheeseman (5-9 184 rFr) PS#71RB. **4.37 spd**. **48** Cory Price (5-10 187 Sr) 4.33 spd.

CB 1 Victor Harris So. 6-0 186 **PS#5**. 12 tkl, 2 pbu as true. **18** Brandon Flowers (5-10 187 So) PS#268. 1 st, 20 tkl LY, 1 int, 4 pbu. **16** Stephan Virgil (5-11 165 Fr) PS#140 in '05.

ROV 36 AARON ROUSE SR. 6-4 221 PS#49. 1 st LB rFr, 46 tkl. 37 tkl '04. 13 st SS LY, 4 int, 5 pbu, 77 tkl. **24** Dorian Porch (5-11 180 rFr) PS#71. **30** Cary Wade (5-10 185 Sr) PS#132.

FS 25 DJ Parker Jr. 5-11 184 PS#181WR. 10 tkl as true. 6 st FS LY, 34 tkl, 2 pbu. **41** Cam Martin (6-0 192 rFr) PS#54. **22** Robert Parker (6-1 215 Sr) 4.3 spd. 39.5" VL.

P 23 NIC SCHMITT SR. 6-2 273 **PS#9**. 273 lbs, **squat 605**. 2 of 6 FG as true. 52 punts, 43.2 avg, net 34.5. **97** Brent Bowden (6-2 190 rFr) PS#86. 44.0 avg in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Aaron Brown 6-6 290 PS#16
DL	Jason Adjepong 6-3 248 PS#14
DL	John Graves 6-3 249 PS#26
WR	Todd Nolen 6-3 185 PS#23 '05
DL	Mike Gee 6-1 228 PS#41
TE	Andre Smith 6-4 235 PS#18
OL	Brandon Holland 6-4 285 PS#87 '04
OL	Clark Crum 6-7 282 PS#88
OL	Zach Luckett 6-3 190 PS#85RB
DL	Daryl Robertson 6-3 285 PS#97
LB	Nekos Brown 6-3 225 PS#115DL
DL	Steven Friday 6-4 206 PS#91 '05
OL	Beau Warren 6-4 250 PS#116
LB	Matt Wright 6-2 215 PS#124
DB	Stephan Virgil 5-11 165 PS#140 '05
OL	Sergio Render 6-3 313 PS#75 '05
TE	Sam Wheeler 6-3 240 PS#156 '04
DB	Rashad Carmichael 5-9 175 PS#151
DB	Devin Radford 5-8 174 PS#171
RB	Devven Sutton 6-0 239 PS#158LB
WR	Jacob Sykes 6-0 180 PS#175
QB	Kam Chancellor 6-4 210 PS#140
DB	Mario Edwards 6-1 181 PS#304
DL	Ladi Ajiboye 6-2 290 PS#455
WR	Douglas McNeil 6-4 190 PS#373
DL	Joey Hall 6-3 246 PS#495

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FRANK BEAMER (Career 146-79-2) (Div IAA 42-23-2)
20th Yr at Virginia Tech — Beamer's SU Bowl Record: 6-7

Beamer's records AT VIRGINIA TECH

146-79-2	Straight Up	51-37-2	Home Favorite
118-84-6	Vs The Spread	12-6-1	Home Underdog
37-22-2	Off A SU Loss	30-22-2	Away Favorite
68-61-5	Vs Conference	25-19-1	Away Underdog
50-23-1	Vs Non-Conf	17-14	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (14,20,4)
Lost: 21 (12,8,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 65,115

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#78

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Northeastern	G					
Sep. 9	at North Carolina	G					
Sep. 16	Duke	G					
Sep. 23	Cincinnati	G					
Sep. 30	Georgia Tech	G					
Oct. 7							
Oct. 12	at Boston College (Thur)	A					
Oct. 21	S Mississippi (HC)	G					
Oct. 26	Clemson (Thur)	G					
Nov. 4	at Miami, Fl	G					
Nov. 11	Kent St	G					
Nov. 18	at Wake Forest	A					
Nov. 25	Virginia	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Virginia Tech is 11-2 ATS in their 1st road game of the season since 1993.
Hokies are 9-0 SU & 7-2 ATS in home openers since 1997.
VT is 10-3 ATS in their last 13 games after a bye.

The Huskies went 2-9 LY as IAA Northern Division Atlantic 10 members.
Northeastern is 2-2 vs IA teams, beating Connecticut in 2000 & Ohio in 2002.

Virginia Tech is 12-6 ATS the last 2 years after a SU win.
VT is 14-3 SU in ACC play including 8-1 SU & 7-2 ATS on the road.

Hokies are 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS vs Duke since 1982.
Virginia Tech is 13-5 ATS (15-3 SU) their last 18 games as a home fav.

The Hokies are 33-11 ATS facing non-conference opponents since 1995.
Home team is 1-4 ATS in their last 5 games (1986, '87, '88, '91 & '95).

Could apply: VT is 12-5 ATS their last 17 games as single digit home fav.
LY VT played their best game in yrs vs GT scoring TD's in all 3 phases of the game.

Hokies are 7-1 SU but just 2-5-1 ATS in their last 8 meetings vs BC.
VT has won 11 straight Thursday night games (10-1 ATS) since 1998.

Hokies are 36-25-1 SU & 18-12-2 ATS all-time vs current CUSA members.
Virginia Tech is 2-0-1 ATS in their 3 recent games w/S Miss ('90, '92 & '94).

On 9/12/87, Beamer's team lost 22-10 vs Clemson marking his VT coaching debut.
VT is 3-0 SU & ATS outscoring Clemson 109-31 in their 3 recent meetings.

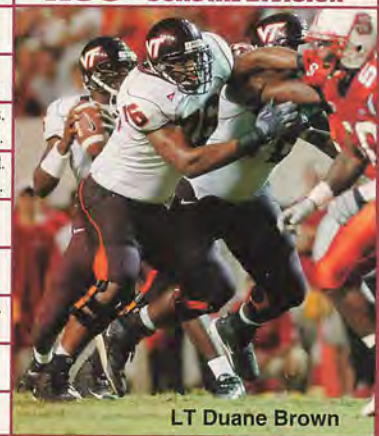
Hokies are 7-4 SU & 8-3 ATS vs the Hurricanes since 1995.
Virginia Tech is 5-11 ATS in November away games since 1997.

Hokies are 16-2 SU & 7-5 ATS all-time vs current MAC members.
Virginia Tech is 14-6-1 ATS in November home games since 1995.

VT scored w/2:10 left & had a GL stand in their 17-10 (-5') win vs WF in 2004.
Virginia Tech is 7-3 SU & 6-4 ATS since 1976 vs Wake Forest.

Hokies are 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS the last 7 years vs the Cavaliers.
Virginia Tech is 9-4-1 ATS in home finales since 1992.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Bryan Randall 6,508 2001-'04
Rushing: Cyrus Lawrence 3,767 1979-'82 Receiving: Ricky Scales 2,272 1972-'74



LT Duane Brown

STADIUM: LANE STADIUM (65,115)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-0	10-1	8-3	9-4	8-4	10-2	10-2	66-16
Home	6-0	6-0	4-2	6-2	6-1	6-1	5-1	39-7
Away	5-0	4-1	4-1	3-2	2-3	4-1	5-1	27-9
ATS	7-3-1	5-6	6-5	7-6	5-6	8-3	9-3	47-32-1
Home Fav	4-1-1	3-3	2-3	4-4	4-1	4-2	4-2	25-16-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Away Fav	3-2	2-2	3-2	2-2	0-4	2-1	5-1	17-14
Away Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	2-0	0-0	3-2
Favorite	7-3-1	5-5	5-5	6-6	4-5	6-3	9-3	42-30-1
Dog	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-0	5-2
Grass	6-1-1	5-4	4-5	6-4	5-4	8-3	8-3	42-24-1
Artificial	1-2	0-2	2-0	1-2	0-2	0-0	1-0	5-8
vs Conf	4-2-1	2-5	4-3	1-6	2-5	5-3	7-2	25-26-1
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-1	2-2	6-0	3-1	3-0	2-1	22-6
Off SU Win	6-3-1	4-5	5-3	5-4	3-4	5-3	7-3	35-25-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-2	1-2	2-0	1-0	7-5

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cedric Humes	162	783	31	752	11	4.6
Branden Ore	**109**	**649**	**2**	**647**	**6**	**5.9**
Mike Imoh	106	450	31	419	4	4.0
Marcus Vick	147	642	262	380	6	2.6
George Bell	**42**	**198**	**6**	**192**	**2**	**4.6**
Eddie Royal	**10**	**79**	**0**	**79**	**1**	**7.9**
Cory Holt	**3**	**7**	**6**	**1**	**0**	**0.3**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Marcus Vick	177	289	61.2	2393	17	10
Cory Holt	**4**	**12**	**33.3**	**80**	**1**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
David Clowney	**34**	**619**	**18.2**	**3**	**54**
Josh Morgan	**28**	**471**	**16.8**	**4**	**50**
Eddie Royal	**27**	**315**	**11.7**	**2**	**42**
Justin Harper	**16**	**295**	**18.4**	**1**	**43**
Jeff King	26	292	11.2	6	28
Josh Hyman	**13**	**197**	**15.2**	**0**	**35**
John Kinzer	**9**	**103**	**11.4**	**1**	**38**
Cedric Humes	10	71	7.1	0	13
Mike Imoh	7	40	5.7	0	15
Branden Ore	**5**	**36**	**7.2**	**0**	**13**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Nic Schmitt	**52**	**2244**	**43.2**	**4**	**34.5**	**0**	**15**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brandon Pace	**51-52**	**7-8**	**7-8**	**5-6**	**0-0**	**19-22**	**45**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Vince Hall	**112**	**3**	**5.5**	**8**	**2**
James Anderson	82	3	5.5	4	2
Aaron Rouse	**77**	**0**	**4.5**	**5**	**4**
Xavier Adibi	**69**	**3**	**4**	**4**	**2**
Darryl Tapp	48	10	4.5	3	0
Jimmy Williams	44	1	1	5	1
Chris Ellis	**41**	**6**	**4.5**	**5**	**1**
Jonathan Lewis	38	4.5	3	3	0
Tim Sandidge	36	2	2	0	0
Justin Hamilton	35	0	2.5	7	3
DJ Parker	**34**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Roland Minor	**33**	**0**	**0.5**	**3**	**3**
Noland Burchette	**25**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Orion Martin	**23**	**0.5**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Brandon Flowers	**20**	**0**	**1.5**	**4**	**1**
Brenden Hill	**16**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Cary Wade	**15**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Brett Warren	**14**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Blake Warren	13	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eddie Royal	**32**	**263**	**8.2**	**0**
Josh Morgan	**9**	**105**	**11.7**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eddie Royal	**14**	**293**	**20.9**	**0**
Josh Morgan	**4**	**67**	**16.8**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Gator	-2	Florida St	17-30	L
02	San Francisco	-11'	Air Force	20-13	L
03	Insight	-3	California	49-52	L
04	Sugar	+6	Auburn - #3	13-16	W
05	Gator	-9	Louisville - #15	35-24	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Virginia Tech's All-Time SU Bowl Record 7-12

VIRGINIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	33.8	22	191	4.1	190	60.1	11.3	+9	2005	6	12.9	14	93	3.0	154	49.6	19.2
5*	30.8	20	178	4.2	187	56.1	11.9	+13	2004	5	12.8	14	115	3.2	153	54.2	20.9
7*	35.4	20	209	5.3	192	59.3	11.4	-1	2003	9	23.0	18	136	3.5	231	60.2	16.0
6*	30.6	20	212	4.5	159	61.8	12.1	+8	2002	5	18.8	16	121	3.4	214	51.9	17.8
5	31.3	19	182	4.0	187	54.4	11.8	+10	2001	9	14.8	15	74	2.2	180	45.6	17.2
8*	40.3	22	266	5.2	160	51.6	10.5	+5	2000	3	22.4	17	98	2.9	226	48.2	14.5

2005 STATS BY GAME

VT 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
#8	at NC State	16	41 - 124	3.0	10 - 21	108	3	21	29 - 127	4.4	27 - 44	311	2	+3
#7	at Duke	22	44 - 180	4.1	13 - 22	182	2	5	35 - 13	0.4	5 - 18	22	5	0
#4	Ohio	24	53 - 218	4.1	14 - 19	257	3	10	32 - 87	2.7	10 - 23	102	3	+3
#4	Georgia Tech	15	44 - 97	2.2	13 - 22	223	3	6	25 - 74	3.0	13 - 32	143	2	+3
#3	at West Virginia	23	53 - 214	4.0	15 - 17	177	2	11	34 - 150	4.4	11 - 14	103	3	+2
#3	Marshall	25	42 - 233	5.5	12 - 18	176	2	20	44 - 164	3.7	14 - 28	117	3	+1
#3	at Maryland	25	48 - 286	6.0	14 - 23	211	1	16	33 - 96	2.9	14 - 30	158	4	-2
#3	Boston College	26	53 - 212	4.0	22 - 28	280	1	10	21 - 27	1.3	15 - 30	156	3	+1
#3	Miami, Fl	13	34 - 77	2.3	8 - 22	90	4	17	43 - 152	3.5	15 - 25	152	1	-5
#7	at Virginia	26	55 - 333	6.1	15 - 21	170	0	17	30 - 114	3.8	17 - 30	140	3	+2
#5	North Carolina	22	53 - 277	5.2	8 - 15	61	4	11	22 - 36	1.6	15 - 41	160	3	-1
#5	† Florida St	24	31 - 41	1.3	26 - 52	335	6	15	24 - 47	2.0	21 - 35	225	1	-2
#12	† Louisville	21	48 - 187	3.9	11 - 21	203	3	20	30 - 127	4.2	15 - 37	216	4	+4
TOTALS		282	599 - 2479	4.1	181 - 301	2473	34	179	402 - 1214	3.0	192 - 387	2005	37	+9
AVERAGES		21.7	46 - 191	4.1	14 - 23	190	2.6	13.8	31 - 93	3.0	15 - 30	154	2.8	0.7

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Connecticut	-49	52-10	L
W Michigan	-15	31-0	W
at Rutgers	-28	50-0	W
UCF	-24'	46-14	W
at West Virginia	-15'	35-0	W
Boston College	-20	34-20	L
Syracuse	-17'	14-22	L
at Pittsburgh	-19	7-38	L
at Temple	-24	35-0	W
at Virginia	-15	31-17	L
Miami, Fl - #1	+14	24-26	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arkansas St	-37	63-7	W
LSU - #14	-7	26-8	W
Marshall - #16	-11	47-21	W
at Texas A&M - #19	-1'	13-3	W
at W Michigan	-22'	30-0	W
at Boston College	-9'	28-23	L
Rutgers	-40'	35-14	L
Temple	-28'	20-10	L
Pittsburgh	-12'	21-28	L
at Syracuse	-10	42-50 3OT	L
West Virginia	-7'	18-21	L
Virginia	-7	21-9	W
at Miami, Fl - #1	+17'	45-56	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-20'	49-28	W
James Madison	NL	43-0	–
Texas A&M	-13'	35-19	W
Connecticut	-21	47-13	W
at Rutgers	-27'	48-22	L
Syracuse	-17'	51-7	W
at West Virginia	-14	7-28	L
Miami, Fl - #2	+3'	31-7	W
at Pittsburgh - #25	-4'	28-31	L
at Temple	-26'	24-23 OT	L
Boston College	-14'	27-34	L
at Virginia	+1	21-35	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† USC	+17	13-24	W
W Michigan	-25	63-0	W
Duke	-29	41-17	L
NC State	-7'	16-17	L
West Virginia - #6	-3	19-13	W
at Wake Forest	-5'	17-10	W
Florida A&M	NL	62-0	–
at Georgia Tech	-6	34-20	W
at North Carolina	-10	27-24	L
Maryland	-9'	55-6	W
Virginia - #16	-4	24-10	W
at Miami, Fl - #9	+7	16-10	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State	-3'	20-16	W
at Duke	-21	45-0	W
Ohio	-33	45-0	W
Georgia Tech - #15	-11	51-7	W
at West Virginia	-10	34-17	W
Marshall	-35	41-14	L
at Maryland	-10	28-9	W
Boston College - #13	-13'	30-10	W
Miami, Fl - #5	-6'	7-27	L
at Virginia	-7	52-14	W
North Carolina	-24'	30-3	W
† Florida St - #22	-14'	22-27	L

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QB Reggie Ball

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 Tech had a pair of experienced QB's returning and a true frosh who joined the team in the spring. A surprising twist happened when true frosh Reggie Ball (PS#53), who enrolled in the fall, won the starting job becoming the Jackets' first true frosh QB to ever start an opener. He was simply the ACC Rookie of the Year setting a school freshman record in total offense. He threw for 1,996 (51.7%) with a 10-11 ratio rushing for 607. He started all 12 in '04 throwing for 2,147 (49.7%) with a 16-18 ratio (566 rush). Taylor Bennett (PS#107), who only started one year in HS but hits the film room hard, was the backup and was able to redshirt. Chan Gailey opened up the QB job in the spring of '05, but Ball improved enough to keep the starting job. Ball threw for a career high 320 yards vs NC LY, but then missed the Connecticut game with meningitis and missed most of the practices the week prior to VT. He played but hit just 11 of 27 for 143 yds. For the season Ball threw for 2,165 yards but saw his completion % drop again (48%) with only an 11-12 ratio (498 rush). Bennett hit just 14 of 37 (37.8%) for 145 yards on the year. They both return and it wouldn't surprise me to see Jonathan Garner (6-4 210 rFr, PS#20) win the job. Also in the mix are Kyle Manley (6-2 210 So, PS#115) and true frosh Byron Ingram (PS#83). I look for improved numbers in 2006.

RUNNING BACKS - PJ Daniels rushed for 255 yards (3.5) as a rFr in 2002 playing behind Tony Hollings. Hollings opted to leave early for the NFL and Daniels started all 12 in '03 rushing for 1,447 yards (5.1). He was voted 1st Tm ACC and then rushed for 307 in the bowl. Daniels played in just 8 games (injured) & had 714 (4.6). Rashaun Grant (PS#15) rushed for 425 (4.5) with 3 starts as a rFr. Those two returned in '05 and they added Oklahoma transfer Tashard Choice (PS#59). Daniels was banged up but rushed for 930 yards (4.7). Choice had 513 (4.4) and Grant played in just 6 games with 44 (4.4) due to injury. This year they lose Daniels (#4DC BAL) as well as Chris Woods (449 rush, 3Y). Not listed in the 2 deep below is Loyall Gause (5-9 210 So). I like the potential of Grant and Choice and they should come close to matching 2005's stats.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 Jonathan Smith snagged a school record 78 rec's for 1,138 yards and had more than twice the amount of catches as the #2 man, Nate Curry. In 2004 true frosh VHT Calvin Johnson (PS#17) emerged and simply set GT frosh records for TD's (7), recs and rec yds. He was the #2 receiver in the ACC with 48 (17.4) and the Conference Rookie of the Year and 1st Tm ACC. They moved QB Damarius Bilbo (PS#13) to WR full-time in '05. Last year they had to replace their #2, #3, #4 and #5 receivers and the top returnee besides Johnson was Bilbo who had just 4 rec's. They had better depth in 2005 as Clark had 6 rec's vs Auburn and Bilbo had 8 vs NC. Naturally, Johnson, who is one of, if not the best WR's in the NCAA, led the team with 54 (16.4) and Bilbo was #2 with 40 (14.8). Johnson makes my Preseason 1st Tm AA list this year becoming the first GT offensive player to make my 1st Tm ever. This year they lose Bilbo (UFA ARZ) but basically everyone else returns and the presence of Johnson makes this an elite group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The 2004 O-line paved the way for 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing 28 sacks. Last year the unit was a big concern for Gailey as they had to replace three full-time starters. They moved DT Mansfield Wrotto to the OL in the spring but he moved back to DT in the fall. The unit, which avg'd 304 lbs per man in '04, avg'd just 292 last year. The OL did allow just 10 sacks on the year but Ball's mobility helped out there as he was under pressure more than that number indicates. They still avg'd 4.0 ypc rushing. This year the unit figures to be in much better shape as the only losses are RT Brad Honeycutt (first 9 st, 3 yr st'r, HM ACC) and RT Salih Besirevic (last 3 st). Wrotto once again moves to the OL and last year DT Joe Anoai said he did not like working against Wrotto in practice. I look for an improved O-line in 2006.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Tech moved DL Mansfield Wrotto to OL in the spring last year and only had to replace two players who combined for two starts. In the spring they lost DT Darryl Richard (4 st '04) to injury and DT Travis Parker (11 st) to academics. Wrotto was moved back to the DL in the fall. The unit's star was DE Eric Henderson (2nd Tm ACC) who leaves as the school's all-time career tfl leader with 59.5 (Greg Gathers, 57, '99-'02). Tech allowed just 3.0 ypc rushing while recording 36 sacks. This year they lose DE Henderson (8 st, 28 tkl, 6 sk, UCF CIN), DT Omar Billy (5 tkl) and Wrotto who once again moves to O-line. Richard returns and despite the loss of their top guy (Henderson did miss 4 gm w/inj), this looks like yet another strong D-line.

LINEBACKERS - Tech had two LB starters and four of their top six back in 2005. This year they lose their top tackler, Gerris Wilkinson (#3DC NYG, 12 st, 85 tkl, 4 sk, 5 tfl, 2nd Tm ACC) but have 5 of the top 6 back including Philip Wheeler who was the most athletic LB last year with 4 int's, 64 tkl, 11.5 tfl and 4 pbu. This group is just as experienced as last year and should be just as solid, even with the loss of their top guy.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tech had to replace three DB starters in 2003 but still finished #42 in my pass D rankings. They moved up to #38 with a more experienced group in 2004. Last year they had to replace one starter but moved starting SLB Chris Reis to safety, so they had 4 full-time starters back. Tech moved up again to #20 in my pass D rankings allowing 53.4% with a 16-21 ratio. This year they must replace SS Reis (12 st, 84 tkl, UFA ATL), FS Dawan Landry (#5DC BAL, 12 st, 76 tkl, 4 int, 2nd Tm ACC), CB Dennis Davis (12 st, 31 tkl, 3 int) and CB Reuben Houston (7 tkl). Safety Joe Gaston (5-11 195 Sr, 30 career tkl, PS#164) had major knee surgery and is expected to miss the year. Kenny Scott is one of the best CB's in the country but this unit is a lot less experienced than the 2005 version.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Gailey's first 3 seasons, GT finished #50, #64 and #46. Last year they had to replace their returnmen but returned super K Travis Bell who hit 15 of 17 FG's (long 47) in '04. Bell hit his first 5 FG's last year making him 20 of 22 for his career and got a school record hitting 15 FG's in a row. Amazingly he would miss 6 in a row and actually hit just 6 of his last 16 although he did have 7 misses from 40+. P Arndt avg 39.5 and improved his net slightly to 36.0 from 35.9 in 2004. They ranked last in the ACC in KR's (17.3) at midseason but Rashaun Grant (PS#15) took over permanently and avg'd 22.6. Pat Clark averaged 6.4 on PR's despite having -17 yards on 4 PR's vs Miami (6.7 in others). KO man Kyle Belcher transferred and true frosh Mohamed Yahiaoui took over after 4 games (3 players handled KO's in 1st 4 games) and had 12 TB's on 32 kicks. Arndt and LS Gavin Targuinio (UFA ATL) depart but everyone else returns and after dropping to #84 thanks to Bell's off year, GT should finish much higher in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Chan Gailey is now in his 5th year as head man here and was previously the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys in 1998 & 1999. He has signed a new 5 year $5 million contract which runs through 2010. He was also HC at Troy for two years (19-5). He did most of the offensive play calling in 2003 while assisted by Buddy Gies (pass game coor) and Patrick Nix (run game coor). In '04 Nix took over the sole OC role but Gailey was still heavily involved in the play calling. Nix was a QB at Auburn and also was the HC at Div II Henderson St (1999 & 2000). Nix will call the plays himself this year and will make some changes to the offense. Jon Tenuta is one of the best DC's in the NCAA and is now in his 5th year at GT after being the Ohio St DC in 2000 and at North Carolina in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

GT has now been to a school record 9 straight bowl games and under Gailey has had exactly 7 wins in each of the last 4 years. In Gailey's first two years the team was hit hard by injuries and defections. In 2003 Gailey did a fine job guiding them to a 7-6 record. In 2004 GT was -13 in turnovers but still managed a 7-5 record including Gailey's 2nd bowl win, a 51-14 rout over Syracuse. They even had a couple of wins over ranked teams on the road (#20 Clemson, #23 Maryland). Gailey came into last season just 12-12 in ACC play and 21-17 overall here but Tech had some great moments. In the opener they ended Auburn's 15 game win streak, 23-14 on the road. Later they knocked off #3 Miami Fl, 14-10, also on the road. Gailey had been given a 5 year contract extension through 2010 the week prior to that game. They did have some narrow losses like vs NCSt when a pass bounced off Calvin Johnson's hands in the EZ and was int'd in the final seconds. They had 327-266 yd and 20-13 FD edges and a FD at the UGA 11 but were int'd at the 1 with 1:11 left, their 5th straight loss to their rival. They also had a couple of bad moments as with a less than 100% healthy Reggie Ball, were thrashed by VT 51-7, but DC Tenuta's defense only allowed 320 yards (blk'd FG, TD, 2 IR TD's). GT just simply failed to show up for a bowl game they did not want to play in and were beaten by Utah's backup QB allowing 550 yards in a 38-10 rout. GT did outgain ACC conf teams by 56.2 ypg (3rd best) but also benefitted from +10 in turnovers. GT took on the 9th toughest schedule in the country (pg 317). The offense has 9 starters back including their QB and super WR and will easily improve upon '05's paltry 18.5 ppg (worst since 1994). Taking away the VT game and the bowl game (aberrations), the defense allowed just 15.2 ppg in '05 but did have 9 starters back. This year they have just 5, but DC Tenuta always fields a top notch D. GT once again faces a tough schedule including non-conf games vs ND and Georgia but have the talent to get to a 10th straight bowl game.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 1 **REGGIE BALL SR.** 5-11 195 PS#53. 36 st, 6308 (50%) 37-41 ratio, 1671 rush 3Y. 13 Taylor Bennett (6-3 215 So) PS#107. 1 st, 168 yd LY. 18 Jonathan Garner (6-4 210 rFr) **PS#20.**

RB 22 **Tashard Choice Jr.** 6-1 205 PS#59. Oklahoma trans 613 (4.4) 2Y, 14 rec. 3 Rashaun Grant (5-10 200 Jr) **PS#15**, 469 rush 2Y. 20 Jamaal Evans **PS#36.** In for spring.

FB 40 **MIKE COX JR.** 6-1 245 PS#156. 1 st, true 15 yd. 10 st LY, 13 rec (5.5). 43 Justin Guadagni (6-1 235 So) PS#101LB. **WR** 10 Martin Frierson (6-2 200 rFr) PS#136.

WR 88 **James Johnson So.** 6-0 190 PS#115. 2 st rFr, 14 (13.2). 88 Chris Dunlap (5-11 200 Sr) PS#239. 5 Greg Smith (6-3 195 rFr) PS#121. 32 Tyler Davis (6-0 195 So) PS#189.

WR 21 **CALVIN JOHNSON JR.** 6-4 235 **PS#17.** 12 st true. 48 (17.4). **1st Tm ACC.** 12 st LY, 54 (16.4) **1st Tm AA.** 81 Xavier McGuire (6-4 215 Sr) 1 st in '03. 83 Andrew Smith (5-11 195 So).

TE 80 **GEORGE COOPER SR.** 6-5 260 PS#23. 7 st LY 8 (11.5). 48 Michael Matthews (6-4 270 Sr) PS#83. 5 st, 5 rec 2Y. 86 Wayne Riles (6-4 252 Jr). 84 Colin Peek (6-6 260 So) PS#84.

C 60 **KEVIN TUMINELLO JR.** 6-4 285 PS#298. 1 st rFr. 12 st at C LY. 74 Trey Dunmon (6-4 285 rFr) PS#182. 67 Travis Kelly (6-0 280 Sr) 6 gms, 2Y. 50 Bret White (5-11 240 So).

RG 73 **NATE McMANUS JR.** 6-3 295 PS#290. 4 gm true. 12 st RG LY. 62 Jacob Lonowski (6-5 290 So) PS#135. 9 games LY, backup. 70 Randall Cox (6-3 287 rFr) PS#188.

LG 61 **MATT RHODES JR.** 6-3 275 PS#251. Last 8 starts at LG as rFr. 12 sts LG LY. 78 LeShawn Newberry (6-0 320 Jr) PS#195DL. 8 gms LY. 77 Dan Voss (6-4 290 rFr).

RT 68 **MANSFIELD WROTTO SR.** 6-3 310 PS#280DL. 11 st, 14 tkl as true. 8 st, 18 tkl '04. 11 st, 3.5 sk LY. 66 Will Miller (6-5 290 rFr) PS#355. 75 Jason Hill (6-4 280 rFr) PS#222.

LT 64 **ANDREW GARDNER SO.** 6-6 290 PS#603. 12 st LT rFr, **1st Tm Fr AA.** Added 50 lbs s/enroll. 53 AJ Smith (6-7 280 So) PS#159DL. 3 gm LY. 71 Cord Howard (6-5 300 rFr) PS#527.

K 37 **TRAVIS BELL JR.** 6-0 210 15-17 FG, long 47 rFr. 11-21 LY, long 48. 27-27 xp's. 33 David Jordan (6-4 210 Sr). 31 Mohamed Yahiaoui (5-11 215 So) 12 TB on 32 KO's.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 42 **ADAMM OLIVER JR.** 6-4 265 PS#168. 3 st rFr, 27 tkl, 3 sk, 3 tfl. 12 st LY, 41 tkl, 3 sk. 91 Brad Sellers (6-2 265 rFr) PS#117OL. 51 Jon Morrison (6-5 245 So) PS#130TE.

DT 96 **JOE ANOAI SR.** 6-3 280 PS#232. 12 st '04, 34 tkl, 11 tfl. 11 st LY, 26 tkl, 3 sk. 98 Vance Walker (6-2 260 So) PS#344. 2 st, 15 tkl, 3 tfl as true. 65 Andrew Folkner (6-0 292 So).

DT 95 **Darryl Richard So.** 6-4 285 **PS#38.** 4 st true, 14 tkl, 4 sk, 3 tfl. Medical RS LY. 94 Elris Anyaibe (6-3 265 So) PS#263OL. 14 tkl rFr. 55 David Brown (6-3 255 So) **PS#43.**

DE 90 **Darrell Robertson Jr.** 6-5 240 **PS#53.** 5 tkl true. 4 st LY, 15 tkl, 1 sk. 93 Michael Johnson (6-7 240 So) PS#60TE, 6 tkl, 1 sk true, 12 gms. 69 Alex Paquette (6-2 245 rFr).

SLB 35 **KaMICHAEL HALL SR.** 6-0 225 PS#219. 8 st '04, 45 tkl, 4.5 sk. 11 st LY, 64 tkl, 4 sk, 10 tfl. 44 Taalib Tucker (6-1 238 So) PS#117. 7 tkl as true. 50 Carter Scurry (6-0 225 rFr) PS#461.

MLB 58 **Gary Guyton Jr.** 6-2 230 PS#196. 2 tkl true. 1 st, 19 tkl, 3 tfl, 12 gms. 52 Travis Chambers (5-11 232 Jr) PS#70. 10 tkl 2Y. 30 James Liipfert (6-0 230 So). 12 Anthony Barnes PS#73WR.

WLB 41 **PHILIP WHEELER JR.** 6-2 225 PS#202. 6 tkl as true. RS '04. 11 st LY, 64 tkl, 4 sk, 7.5 tfl, 4 int, 4 pbu. 17 Matt Braman (6-3 232 So) PS#230. 59 David Sanborn (6-1 222 Jr).

CB 2 **KENNY SCOTT SR.** 6-2 185 **PS#11.** 12 st '04, 43 tkl, 5 pbu. 12 st LY, 56 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. 32 Jahi Word-Daniels (6-0 180 So) PS#105. 2 tkl LY. 29 Sam Williams (5-11 200 Sr).

CB 6 **Pat Clark Jr.** 5-11 185 PS#233WR. 2 st at WR, 15 rec, 30 PR (6.4). Laurence Marius (5-11 175 Fr) PS#110. DeRon Jasper (6-2 195 Fr). Tyler Barrett (5-10 180 So).

SS 4 **Jamal Lewis Jr.** 6-0 190 PS#137. 23 tkl, 2 pbu, 2Y. 7 Tony Clark (6-1 190 So) PS#133. 1 tkl as true. 36 Jason Palmer (6-0 190 So). 46 Shane Bowen is PS#390LB.

FS 23 **Djay Jones Jr.** 6-1 200 PS#227. 14 tkl 2Y. Missed 2 LY, inj. 34 Avery Roberson (6-2 200 Jr) **PS#33.** 7 tkl rFr, 6 tkl LY. 47 Jake Blackwood (6-1 182 rFr) PS#417RB.

P 39 **Durant Brooks Jr.** 6-0 198 Avg 40.0 at GA Military. RS '05. 33 David Jordan (6-4 210 Sr) PS#12. 52 yd FG in HS. 10 KO last year. 31 Mohamed Yahiaoui (5-11 215 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Jamaal Evans 5-8 191 PS#36
LB	Osahon Tongo 6-2 225 PS#61
DL	Ben Anderson 6-2 265 PS#98
DL	Robert Hall 6-3 225 PS#104
WR	Demaryius Thomas 6-4 215 PS#81
DB	Laurence Marius 5-11 175 PS#110
QB	Byron Ingram 6-5 190 PS#83
WR	Correy Earls 6-0 185 PS#156
TE	Austin Barrick 6-3 240 PS#68
WR	Dominique Reese 5-11 175 PS#214
LB	Sedric Griffin 5-11 220 PS#230
DB	DeRon Jasper 6-2 195 PS#409
DB	Shane Bowen 6-1 215 PS#390LB
RB	Quincy Kelly 6-0 225 PS#390LB
RB	Trevor Bray 6-0 230 PS#419

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#30

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score GT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Notre Dame	G						Gailey is the only GT HC to guide the tms to 4 straight bowls in his 1st 4 yrs as coach. GT is 2-8 SU & ATS the last 5 years in the last 2 games of the reg season. Yellow Jackets are 3-13 ATS in home finales since 1990.
Sep. 9	Samford	G						ND last came to Atlanta in '80 when Tech scored a 3-3 tie w/the #1 ranked Irish. Georgia Tech is 0-5 SU & ATS their last 5 games as a home dog.
Sep. 16	Troy	G						The Bulldogs finished 5-6 LY as IAA Ohio Valley Conference members. GT has played Samford 6 times (6-0 SU) & have held them to just 7 pts total.
Sep. 21	Virginia (Thur)	G						Georgia Tech is 4-11 ATS the last 15 games after a SU win This will not only be GT's 1st game vs Troy but also 1st vs a current SBC team.
Sep. 30	at Virginia Tech	G						Georgia Tech is 3-8 ATS since 1998 in Thursday night games. Yellow Jackets are 6-14 ATS the last 5 years when hosting ACC foes.
Oct. 7	Maryland	G						GT is 0-3 ATS all-time vs VT being outscored 85-27 the last 2 years. Yellow Jackets are 13-6 ATS the last 19 games as an ACC AD.
Oct. 14								GT & Maryland have avg'd just 29.5 ppg the last 4 meetings ('01-'04). GT is 5-3 SU but 2-6 ATS the last 8 games before a bye week.
Oct. 21	at Clemson	G						Yellow Jackets are 8-19 ATS coming off a bye week since 1991. Nine of the L/10 gms in this series have been decided by 5 pts or less.
Oct. 28	Miami, Fl (HC)	G						GT had 7 sks & 2 late def stands to help pull the outright upset of then #3 Miami LY. Sr QB Ball is avg 113.5 ypg (34.5%) with a 0-3 ratio in his 2 starts vs UM.
Nov. 4	at NC State	G						Yellow Jackets are 18-35-1 ATS since 1991 in November. Georgia Tech is 10-3-1 ATS vs NC State since 1992.
Nov. 11	at North Carolina	G						LY vs NC, Ball passed for 320 yds (career-high) which is the most for a GT QB, since George Godsey threw for 486 yds against Virginia in 2001.
Nov. 18	Duke	G						The home team is 1-4 ATS the last 5 years in this series. Since 1976 the Yellow Jackets are 10-19-1 ATS vs the Blue Devils.
Nov. 25	at Georgia	G						This series 1st game was in 1893 & they have played every yr S/'25 (GA leads 57-38-5). Georgia Tech is 4-11 ATS in this in-state rivalry since 1991.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Joe Hamilton 8,882 1996-'99
Rushing: Robert Lavette 4,066 1981-'84 Receiving: Kelly Campbell 2,907 1998-'01

CHAN GAILEY (Career 28-22) (Div IAA 24-11)
5th Yr at Georgia Tech
Gailey's SU Bowl Record: 2-2

Gailey's records AT GEORGIA TECH

28-22	Straight Up	6-8	Home Favorite
20-24-1	Vs The Spread	3-6	Home Underdog
8-7-1	Off A SU Loss	2-4-1	Away Favorite
14-18	Vs Conference	9-6	Away Underdog
6-6-1	Vs Non-Conf	1-6	Off A Bye

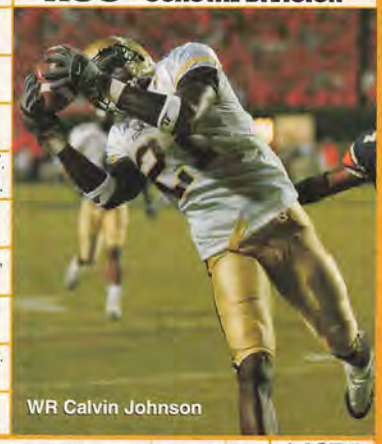
2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (23,21,3)
Lost: 18 (9,7,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 51,607

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION


WR Calvin Johnson

STADIUM: BOBBY DODD STADIUM (55,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	9-2	7-5	7-5	6-6	6-5	7-4	50-30
Home	6-0	5-1	3-3	4-2	4-2	3-3	4-2	29-13
Away	2-3	4-1	4-2	3-3	2-4	3-2	3-2	21-17
ATS	4-7	9-2	3-8	4-8	6-5-1	5-5	5-6	36-41-1
Home Fav	2-4	4-1	1-4	2-3	1-1	1-1	2-3	13-17
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	3-1	0-3	0-1	4-6
Away Fav	1-3	2-0	2-3	1-2	0-1-1	0-1	1-0	7-10-1
Away Dog	1-0	2-1	0-1	1-2	2-2	4-0	2-2	12-8
Favorite	3-7	6-1	3-7	3-5	1-2-1	1-2	3-3	20-27-1
Dog	1-0	3-1	0-1	1-3	5-3	4-3	2-3	16-14
Grass	4-7	9-2	3-8	4-8	6-5-1	5-5	5-6	36-41-1
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	2-6	7-1	2-6	3-5	5-3	3-5	3-5	25-31
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	1-2-1	2-0	2-1	11-10-1
Off SU Win	2-5	7-1	2-4	2-5	4-2	2-4	2-5	21-26
Off SU Loss	1-2	2-0	1-3	1-3	2-2-1	3-1	2-1	12-12-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
PJ Daniels	198	994	64	930	3	4.7
Tashard Choice	**117**	**543**	**30**	**513**	**6**	**4.4**
Reggie Ball	**104**	**498**	**117**	**381**	**4**	**3.7**
Rashaun Grant	**10**	**44**	**0**	**44**	**0**	**4.4**
Chris Woods	14	33	5	28	0	2.0
Taylor Bennett	**5**	**23**	**22**	**1**	**0**	**0.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Reggie Ball	**379**	**182**	**48.0**	**2165**	**11**	**12**
Taylor Bennett	**37**	**14**	**37.8**	**145**	**1**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Calvin Johnson	**54**	**888**	**16.4**	**6**	**59**
Damarius Bilbo	40	591	14.8	2	65
James Johnson	**14**	**185**	**13.2**	**2**	**29**
PJ Daniels	21	174	8.3	1	20
Pat Clark	**15**	**95**	**6.3**	**0**	**18**
George Cooper	**8**	**92**	**11.5**	**1**	**31**
Tashard Choice	**14**	**76**	**5.4**	**0**	**17**
Mike Cox	**13**	**72**	**5.5**	**0**	**17**
Chris Woods	7	63	9.0	0	14
Michael Matthews	**4**	**48**	**12.0**	**0**	**23**
Reggie Ball	**2**	**29**	**14.5**	**0**	**33**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ben Arndt	87	3433	39.5	22	36.0	0	29

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Travis Bell	**27-27**	**5-7**	**2-3**	**4-11**	**0-0**	**11-21**	**48**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Gerris Wilkinson	85	4	5	2	2
Chris Reis	84	0.5	6	2	2
Dawan Landry	76	0	4.5	5	4
KaMichael Hall	**64**	**4**	**10**	**3**	**2**
Philip Wheeler	**64**	**4**	**7.5**	**4**	**4**
Kenny Scott	**56**	**0**	**1**	**5**	**2**
Adamm Oliver	**41**	**3**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Dennis Davis	31	0.5	2	5	3
Eric Henderson	28	6	2.5	1	0
Joe Anoai	**26**	**3**	**3.5**	**0**	**0**
Gary Guyton	**19**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Vance Walker	**15**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Darrell Robertson	**15**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**1**
Elris Anyaibe	**14**	**1.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Joe Gaston	**14**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Mansfield Wrotto	**13**	**3.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Jamal Lewis	**13**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**1**
Djay Jones	**11**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Travis Chambers	**7**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Chris Dunlap	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Pat Clark	**30**	**191**	**6.4**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Woods	17	346	20.4	0
Rashaun Grant	**11**	**249**	**22.6**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Seattle	+6	Stanford - #11	24-14	W
02	Silicon Valley	-6'	Fresno St	21-30	L
03	Humanitarian	-7	Tulsa	52-10	W
04	Champs Sports	-5'	Syracuse	51-14	W
05	Emerald	-9	Utah	10-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Georgia Tech's **All-Time SU Bowl Record 22-12**

GEORGIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	18.5	20	154	4.0	195	47.1	18.9	+10	2005	9	20.1	17	104	3.0	214	53.4	15.8
7*	22.0	19	162	4.0	184	48.8	15.7	-13	2004	7	18.9	16	105	3.1	193	54.4	15.7
7*	21.1	18	160	4.1	170	52.5	15.7	+2	2003	5	20.5	17	101	2.9	222	60.5	15.7
5	21.5	20	164	4.3	211	54.9	17.4	-8	2002	9	20.5	18	135	3.6	221	53.4	17.3
7*	31.2	22	139	3.4	278	63.6	13.4	+1	2001	9	21.6	18	118	3.3	217	54.0	15.5
5	32.2	23	162	3.9	263	60.7	13.2	+13	2000	8	19.8	21	94	2.7	285	57.6	19.2

GT 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Auburn	23	39 - 139	3.6	17 - 36	174	1	24	23 - 50	2.2	22 - 44	342	3	+4
#17	North Carolina	20	33 - 122	3.7	25 - 48	353	0	15	26 - 61	2.3	18 - 39	280	2	+3
#16	Connecticut	23	54 - 165	3.1	11 - 30	142	2	6	33 - 129	3.9	7 - 25	67	3	+2
#15	at Virginia Tech	6	25 - 74	3.0	13 - 32	143	2	15	44 - 97	2.2	13 - 22	223	3	-2
#24	NC State	29	38 - 164	4.3	21 - 53	279	0	14	31 - 56	1.8	18 - 25	230	2	0
–	at Duke	25	49 - 257	5.2	17 - 27	147	0	13	42 - 181	4.3	9 - 30	90	3	+1
–	Clemson	16	39 - 182	4.7	14 - 23	126	0	18	35 - 145	4.1	19 - 30	180	3	+2
–	Wake Forest	17	42 - 187	4.5	12 - 27	200	1	16	35 - 100	2.9	19 - 33	160	2	+2
#24	at Virginia	21	27 - 136	5.0	20 - 39	207	0	24	45 - 161	3.6	21 - 29	205	3	0
–	at Miami, Fl	20	44 - 120	2.7	11 - 30	159	1	11	30 - 30	1.0	14 - 31	207	7	0
#20	Georgia	20	37 - 172	4.6	18 - 35	155	1	13	30 - 68	2.3	15 - 34	198	3	-2
#24	† Utah	20	37 - 127	3.4	18 - 38	258	2	31	35 - 169	4.8	30 - 42	381	2	0
TOTALS		240	464 - 1845	4.0	197 - 418	2343	10	200	409 - 1247	3.0	205 - 384	2563	36	+10
AVERAGES		20.0	39 - 154	4.0	16 - 35	195	0.8	16.7	34 - 104	3.0	17 - 32	214	3.0	0.8

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Syracuse	-8	13-7	L
The Citadel	NL	35-7	–
at Navy	-25'	70-7	W
Clemson	-12'	44-47 OT	L
at Duke	-24'	37-10	W
Maryland - #22	-8'	17-20 OT	L
NC State	-12	27-17	L
North Carolina - #22	-4	28-21	W
at Virginia	-14'	38-39	L
at Wake Forest	-8	38-33	L
Georgia - #19	-2'	17-31	L
at Florida St	+10	17-28	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Vanderbilt	-20'	45-3	W
at Connecticut	-23	31-14	L
at Clemson	-1	19-24	L
BYU	-9'	28-19	L
at North Carolina	-2'	21-13	W
Wake Forest	-13	21-24	L
at Maryland	+2	10-34	L
Virginia	-5	23-15	W
at NC State - #10	+11	24-17	W
Florida St - #17	+7	13-21	L
Duke	-16'	17-2	L
at Georgia - #5	+9	7-51	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+3'	13-24	L
Auburn - #17	+8'	17-3	W
at Florida St - #10	+23'	13-14	W
Clemson	-4	3-39	L
at Vanderbilt	-7	24-17 OT	T
NC State	+6'	29-21	W
at Wake Forest	+5	24-7	W
Maryland	+2'	7-3	W
at Duke	-13	17-41	L
North Carolina	-10	41-24	W
at Virginia	+7	17-29	L
Georgia - #5	+8'	17-34	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Samford	NL	28-7	–
at Clemson - #20	+7	28-24	W
at North Carolina	-8'	13-34	L
Miami, Fl - #4	+14	3-27	L
at Maryland - #23	+13	20-7	W
Duke	-18	24-7	L
Virginia Tech - #22	+6	20-34	L
at NC State	+7'	24-14	W
Connecticut	-9	30-10	W
Virginia - #18	+5	10-30	L
at Georgia - #8	+15	13-19	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Auburn - #16	+7'	23-14	W
North Carolina	-12	27-21	L
Connecticut	-14'	28-13	W
at Virginia Tech - #4	+11	7-51	L
NC State	-4'	14-17	L
at Duke	-21	35-10	W
Clemson	-2'	10-9	L
Wake Forest	-7'	30-17	W
at Virginia	+3'	17-27	L
at Miami, Fl - #3	+18	14-10	W
Georgia - #13	+4	7-14	L

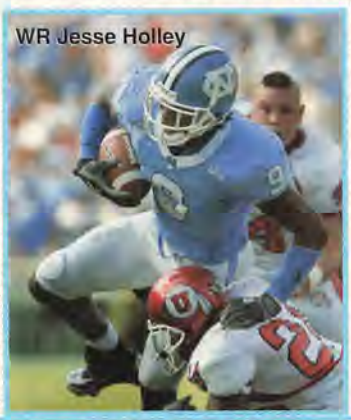
NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Heels had to replace Darian Durant who left with 51 school records and threw for 2,238 yards (59.5%) with a 17-9 ratio (309 rush) as a senior. Matt Baker played in 11 games in 3 years (623 yd, 56.6%). Baker was the clear cut starter in '05 and his backup Roger Heinz (6-2 195 Jr, PS#59) missed the year (back surgery) along with true frosh Cam Sexton (PS#31) who RS (ankle). That left walk-on Joey Bozich (6-2 228 So) the #2 and he played in 3 games hitting 3 of 9 for 12 yards with 1 int. Baker, who suffered through rib and ankle injuries, had the 4th best passing season in NC history throwing for 2,345 yards but completed just 52% with a 9-11 ratio. While those numbers are not inspiring, he didn't get a lot of help (7 dropped passes vs GT) and there were crucial dropped TD's vs Virg, Miami and VT. Baker (UFA HOU) departs so Sexton will battle Nebraska transfer Joe Dailey (PS#43). Dailey had 11 starts at NU throwing for 2,025 (49.4%) in the first year of the switch to the West Coast offense ('04). I was impressed with Baker last year, but this group (depending on who wins the starting job) could be more experienced and Bozich was moved to FB in the spring. If the receivers do a better job, the passing stats could improve.

RUNNING BACKS - NC used to be labeled "RB U". They have had twenty-four 1,000 yard rushers (most in NCAA until USC passed them LY). They had 12 straight 1,000 yard rushers from 1973-'84 but have had just one the last 12 years. True frosh Ronnie McGill (PS#123) led with 654 (5.1) in '03. Jacque Lewis (PS#32) was the #2 rusher with 374 (6.1) while Kentucky transfer Chad Scott had 182 rushing and 243 receiving. All 3 returned in '04 but McGill, in one six game stretch, had just 4 att's (ankle) but had 419 (5.3) on the year. Scott led with 796 (5.6) and Lewis added 557 (7.5) as the team avg 4.9 ypc. Lewis and Scott departed in '05. They brought in LSU VHT transfer Barrington Edwards (PS#9) who was the Scout Tm MVP in '04. Unfortunately McGill had a torn pec muscle and missed the first 4. The Heels opened with 61 yards rushing vs GT and then just 57 vs Wisky. Edwards had 129 vs NCSt and McGill returned vs L'ville. McGill led in rushing in each of the last six with a couple of 100 yard efforts and finished with just 530 (4.1). Edwards had 397 (3.5) but did not get a carry in the final two with walk-on Justin Warren rushing for 43 vs Duke. The Heels were last in the ACC in rushing (2.8 ypc). True frosh James "Cooter" Arnold (PS#111) who had 1 start (187 yds), will switch to DB. They also lose FB Rikki Cook (8 st, 10 ttl yd) but add Richie Rich (5-9 190 rFr, PS#39), Bobby Rome (5-11 240 rFr, PS#48QB), Antwain Carey (6-0 215 So, PS#54), EJ Wilson (6-2 260 rFr, PS#148QB) and Joey Bozich plus this year's true frosh. The Heels should have a vastly improved rushing attack in 2006.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 NC had to replace its top two WR's but the leading returnee, Jarwarski Pollock (4.3 spd) set a school record with 71 rec (10.5) which was twice as many as the #2 man. Bunting brought in an excellent crop of true frosh WR's. Mike Mason (PS#10) had 22 grabs in '03. The team struggled with drops in '04 including 8 vs WF. Pollock saw his numbers drop to 45 (9.1) while Jesse Holley (PS#15) led in receiving yards with 456 (15.2) starting just 5. Derrele Mitchell (PS#117) had 7 rec in the bowl in '04. In 2005 this unit was plagued by drops again with Mason dropping a TD vs Virginia, Pollock dropping a TD vs Miami (would have put them up 23-7) and Holley dropping one vs VT (would have put them up 7-6 at half). Holley led with 47 grabs (14.3). Pollock was inconsistent and finished with 30 (11.4) which was good enough to become the school's all-time career leader (177). Dangerous returnman Mike Mason (PS#10) had 22 (16.9). This year they lose Pollock (2 yr st'r), Mason (8 st, 4.28 spd), Mitchell (1 st, 12 rec), WR Wallace Wright (2 st, 12 rec) and TE Justin Phillips (2 st, 6 rec). Holley and TE Jon Hamlett return. This unit is not as experienced (4 of top 6 gone) but hopefully will gain some consistency catching the ball.


WR Jesse Holley

OFFENSIVE LINE - From 1995-'02 NC's best ypc rushing was just 3.6 and they have had just 3 OL's drafted since 1990. In 2003 all five starters returned and paved the way for 4.7 ypc rushing allowing just 23 sacks. They had to replace two starters and lost one returning starter in Wk 2, so basically had two starters back in 2004, but still paved the way for 4.9 ypc rushing. A mobile QB like Durant helped. Last year they lost two starters including a #4DC who was a 1st Tm AA C but had 8 of the top 10 returning. Ben Lemming was splitting snaps at C with Steven Bell but was lost for the year in the 1st game. Without a mobile QB, NC only avg'd 2.8 ypc and the sack total rose to 33 (9.3%). This year they lose C Bell (11 st), RG Kyle Ralph (11 st, 1st Tm ACC, 3 yr st'r), RT Skip Seagraves (11 st) and LG Arthur Smith (2nd string). They also lose their excellent OL Coach Hal Hunter who left for the SD Chargers. This could be the year that Calvin Darity (PS#5) emerges after having a foot injury and Lemming is back at C. This is not an overwhelming group but while less experienced, should pave the way for better numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tar Heels actually had one of the best D-lines in the country in both 2000 and '01 but the next three years, yielded 4.8, 4.9 and a ghastly 5.2 ypc rushing. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups but got back their top DL, Chase Page, who missed '04 with injury, so basically had 4 starters back. I called them one of the most improved DL's in the NCAA. The D-line was a big part of the reason they allowed 80 ypg less rushing and trimmed the ypc to 3.5 while the D increased the sack total to 31. This year they must replace Page (#7DC SD, 11 st, 27 tkl, 4 sk) and DE Tommy Davis (11 st, 40 tkl, 8 sk, HM ACC, UFA NO). DC Sanders rotated 4 DE's and 4 DT's and six of the top eight are back including six with starting experience. Injuries did hurt the unit last year and vs Duke, walk-on Bowen Chapman (6-3 245 Jr) played with 5 DL's out. Despite the loss of their top two DL's, the Tar Heel's should continue to improve.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 NC had to replace two starters and then returning starter Larry Edwards (2 sts) reported overweight and another starting LB was lost midyear. Last year they had to replace two players (10 starts) and five players returned with 9 or more career starts. Edwards regained his starting spot and tied for the lead w/91 tkls. Starting MLB Doug Justice was lost early but the unit helped the team to allow 26.2 ppg, their best total in four years. This year they lose LB Tommy Richardson (11 st, 91 tkl, 6 tfl, Def MVP), MLB Justice (PS#17, 2 st, 15 tkl) and Jeff Longhany (PS#81) who started 8 in '04 but was hampered by a hamstring injury and had just 5 tackles. Three players return with starting experience and they add in two VHT's in Jarrell Miller (PS#10) and DB Martel Thatch (PS#38DB).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Tar Heels finished #100 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and an inexperienced group finished dead last (#117), in '03 allowing an amazing 25 TD's with just 2 int. They had one starter back in 2004 but still they managed to improve their ratio to 14-8 and move up to #91. Last year they had to replace one starter (#5DC) and one backup. They lost starting CB Jacoby Watkins after 6 games (broke leg) and SS Mahlon Carey (PS#58RB) started the first 5 after moving from LB but then lost his spot to VHT SS Trimane Goddard (PS#20). NC still moved up to #49. This year they lose CB Cedrick Holt (PS#91, 11 st, 59 tkl, 10 pbu, UFA TEN) and SS Carey (5 st, 39 tkl, 2.5 tfl). Seven players return with starting experience and NC should continue their upward trend in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In HC Bunting's first two years, NC finished just #93 and #114 in my ST rankings. In 2002 they added Mich St transfer Dan Orner who tied an NCAA record with three 50+ FG's in the same game and the Tar Heels moved to #36. In 2004 they had to replace Orner but brought in PS#1K Connor Barth who hit 14 of 18 FG's (long 50) including a 42 yard FG on the final play vs Miami. P David Woolridge (PS#15) avg'd 45.1 starting the last 5 as a rFr but in '04 saw his avg dip to 41.7. NC finished #65 in 2004. Last year basically everyone returned. Outstanding KR Mike Mason (26.0 in '03) lost his job LY to true frosh Brandon Tate (25.8, HM ACC ST) and Wallace Wright (27.5), both getting a TD on an opening KO. Tate was the team's top PR (9.2). Woolridge has had nets of 37.3 and 35.1 the last 2 years. Barth hit just 3 of his first 11 FG's but hit 8 of his last 10(two misses from 50+). Everyone returns and NC (#49 in '05) looks like a Top 25 ST unit.

COACHES - John Bunting was an All-ACC LB for NC during the 1969-'71 seasons and played for the NFL Philadelphia Eagles. He's been an asst with 3 NFL teams and was HC at Div III Glassboro St from '88-'92 compiling a 12-1 record in his final season. He is in his 6th year here. His OC, Gary Tranquill, stepped down after 44 years of coaching. The new OC is Frank Cignetti, who was the OC at Fresno St the last four years (#5 scoring off in '04, #7 in '05) and the NFL Saints QB coach under Bunting in 2000. Last year the new DC was Marvin Sanders who was co-DC and DB coach in 2004. Sanders was given a contract extension after the team allowed 97 ypg less.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Bunting's first season almost everything went right and the team went 8-5 including a Peach Bowl win over Auburn. Unfortunately the next two seasons the team went 3-9 and 2-10. In 2003 Duke beat NC for the 1st time since 1989. That year NC was outgained in ACC play by a league worst 132 ypg and had a veteran D that yielded 38.3 ppg. In 2004 the D had 6 starters back but still gave up 31.8 ppg. After being -15 in turnovers in 2003 they still went from 2-10 to a bowl (see Turnovers=Turnaround) despite being picked 10th in the preseason ACC poll and facing the #2 toughest schedule. Bunting was all but fired after a loss to Utah put them at 3-4, but after landing a bowl was given a two year contract extension. Last year they had 15 returning starters but took on the #1 toughest schedule. A couple of tough losses cost them a bowl. They dropped a TD vs Miami, or they would have led 23-7 at the half. They lost in OT to Maryland 33-30 and a dropped TD pass cost them a 7-6 halftime lead vs VT. Bunting will be under some pressure as he is just 24-36 here in 5 years. Nine of their 12 opponents were in a bowl, and this year their schedule ranks #23. They also have just 12 returning starters (3rd fewest ACC). NC had the 6th best record in conf play of ACC teams (4-4). Last year the offense was breaking in a new QB and only avg'd 18 ppg, their worst since 1999. While they only return five offensive starters, they will be more potent. Last year BC Coach O'Brien said that personnel-wise NC had the best defense in the conference but played a tough non-conf schedule including L'ville on the road (69 pts). In the other 10 games they allowed just 21.9 ppg including holding Wisconsin to 14, when the Badgers came in avg 61.5 ppg in their first two. After being last in the ACC in defense in 2004 (446.5 ypg), NC improved to 349.2 ypg. While they lose four starters on defense, they return 16 players with starting experience, have good size and speed and should have their best ppg allowed in at least 5 years. While NC draws ND, their conf slate is more manageable as they avoid BC, Florida St and Maryland from the Atlantic. Four of my 7 sets of power ratings call for NC to be bowl eligible in '06.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 11 **Cam Sexton rFr.** 6-1 185 **PS#31.** 12 **Joe Dailey** (6-1 205 Jr) **PS#43. 11 st at Nebraska**, 2142 pass (50%), 19-21 ratio, 348 rush 2Y. BJ Phillips (6-5 230) is PS#55.
RB 25 **RONNIE McGILL SR.** 5-11 220 PS#123. 16 st 3Y, 1603 rush (4.8). 32 Barrington Edwards (6-0 230 Jr) **PS#9. LSU trans.** 5 st, 397 (3.5) LY. 21 Justin Warren (6-1 192 Jr).
FB 48 **Michael Briggs So.** 6-0 255 PS#73LB. Navy prep. 43 **Nick Starcevic** (6-2 235 So) PS#198. 38 Kennedy Tinsley (6-0 210 rFr) PS#247. 42 Joey Bozich (6-2 228 So) PS#482QB.
WR 9 **JESSE HOLLEY SR.** 6-3 208 **PS#15.** 5 st, 30 (15.2) '04. 11 st, 47 (14.3) LY. 87 Brandon Tate (6-1 193 So) PS#184. 809 ret yds as true, HM ACC. Deunta Williams **PS#30DB.**
WR 88 **Brooks Foster So.** 6-3 200 **PS#65.** 5 gm rFr, 0 rec. 3 Kenton Thornton (6-5 225 rFr) PS#64. 82 Dirk Engram (5-10 170 rFr) PS#160. 15 Justin Henderson (5-11 192 Jr) PS#162.
TE 89 **JON HAMLETT SR.** 6-4 260 PS#28. 2 st, 11 rec true. 4 st '04, 14 (13.1). 11 st LY, 21 (10.1). 81 Rock Wells (6-4 250 Jr) PS#289DL. 34.5" VL 83 Richard Quinn (6-4 235 So) PS#45.
C 62 **Ben Lemming So.** 6-5 301 PS#350. 2nd string, letter, 7 gm as true. Med RS LY. 61 Aaron Stahl (6-3 300 rFr) PS#174DL. 64 Scott Lenahan (6-1 285 Jr) PS#111.
RG 72 **Kyle Jolly rFr.** 6-6 302 PS#210DL. Added 22 lbs RS yr. 76 Bryon Bishop (6-3 315 So) PS#99DL. Back inj rFr. 70 Kenny Price (6-4 320 So) 4 tkl at DL as true. RS LY.
LG 77 **CHARLSTON GRAY JR.** 6-3 301 PS#305. 8 st rFr, 500+ snaps. 11 st LY, 769 snaps. 71 Kendall High (6-4 290 Sr) PS#55TE. 7 st at DT, 19 tkls '02. 55 Jock Moore (6-0 271 Jr)
RT 79 **Calvin Darity So.** 6-3 297 **PS#5.** RS LY. 73 Garrett Reynolds (6-7 300 So) PS#123DL. 9 gm as true. Added 25 lbs. 66 Wyatt Hicks (6-5 275 So) PS#235. Added 23 lbs.
LT 65 **BRIAN CHACOS SR.** 6-4 301 PS#19TE. 12 st LT '04, 700 snaps, 0 sks all'd. 11 st LY, 749 snaps. 63 Andre Barbour (6-6 290 rFr) PS#309. Zack Handerson (6-7 265 Fr) PS#166.
K 10 **CONNOR BARTH JR.** 6-1 192 **PS#1.** 14 of 18 FG's '04, long 50 as true, HM ACC. 11 of 21 FG's LY, long 45, 2 missed from 50+. 78 Lane Clemmons (6-0 200 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 42 **BRIAN RACKLEY SR.** 6-5 263 PS#198. 6 st '04, 23 tkl, 3 sk, 2 tfl. 8 st LY, 15 tkl, 2 sk (inj 3). 33 Hilee Taylor (6-3 230 Jr) PS#116. 13 tkl, 4.5 sk as true. 12 tkl, 1.5 tfl, 2 qbh LY.
DT 75 **Shelton Bynum Sr.** 6-5 295 PS#159. 3 st true, 7 tkl, 2 st '04, 19 tkl. 6 st LY, 22 tkl, 3 tfl. 94 Khalif Mitchell (6-6 315 Jr) PS#243. 2 st, 2Y. 15 tkl, 4.5 tfl '04. 13 tkl, 2 pbu '05.
DT 74 **KYNDRAUS GUY JR.** 6-2 282 PS#118. 11 st rFr, 14 tkl, 2 tfl. 5 st LY, 21 tkl, 3 sk, 2 tfl. 93 Cam Thomas (6-4 330 rFr) **PS#30.** Aleric Mullins is **PS#55.** Darrius Massenburg is PS#132 LY.
DE 90 **Kentwan Balmer Jr.** 6-5 285 PS#100. 3 st LY, 17 tkl, 5 tfl. 58 Melik Brown (6-2 260 Sr) **PS#58LB.** 8 st '03. 3 st '04. 40 tkl, 4 tfl 3Y. Darius Powell (6-4 220 Fr) PS#75LB.
SLB 32 **LARRY EDWARDS SR.** 6-2 230 PS#100. 8 st, 88 tkl as true. 2 st '04. 11 st, **#1 tkl'r,** 8 tfl LY. 21 Martel Thatch (6-2 223 Jr) **PS#38DB.** 4.5 spd. 56 Garrett White (6-2 235 So) 1 sk as true.
MLB 49 **DURELL MAPP JR.** 6-2 220 6 tkl as true. Last 6 st MLB LY, 46 tkl. 54 Victor Worsley (6-1 235 Sr) PS#63. 622 squat. 1 st, 22 tkl LY. 41 Mark Paschal (6-0 228 So) PS#148RB.
WLB 44 **Chase Rice So.** 6-3 220 PS#129. 4 tkl rFr. **Jarrell Miller** (6-3 235 Fr) **PS#10.** 47 Trey Brenner (6-0 225 So) PS#259. 1 tkl as true. Logan Buchanan is PS#100.
CB 16 **JACOBY WATKINS SR.** 6-0 190 PS#246. 4.21 spd. 12 st '04, 61 tkl, 2 int. 6 st until inj LY. 23 Jordan Hemby (5-10 175 rFr) PS#113. 36 Jermaine Strong (5-10 185 rFr) PS#412.
CB 3 **Quinton Person Jr.** 5-11 185 **PS#52RB.** 11 tkl rFr. 4 st LY, 36 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu, 1 blk P TD. 35 Bryan Bethea (5-10 185 Jr) PS#73RB. 2 st, 18 tkl, 2Y. Kendric Burney (5-9 170) **PS#60.**
SS 31 **TRIMANE GODDARD JR.** 5-11 185 **PS#20.** 16 tkl true. Last 6 st LY, 53 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu. 28 DJ Walker (6-0 185 Sr) PS#101RB. 2 st, 48 tkl, 3Y. 30 Bryan Dixon (5-11 205 rFr) PS#127.
FS 27 **KAREEN TAYLOR SR.** 6-0 200 PS#207LB. 8 st SS '04, 67 tkl. 11 st FS LY, 61 tkl, 2 int, 1 int TD, 3.5 sk. 20 Cooter Arnold (5-10 190 So) PS#111RB. 1 st RB, 216 yds as true.
P 45 **DAVID WOOLDRIDGE SR.** 6-2 200 PS#15. 27 (45.1) rFr. 48 (41.7) '04, **net 37.3!** 66 punts LY, 41.1. 17 John Choate (6-2 180 Jr) 34.8 avg in '04. 42 Shawn Lawson (5-11 180 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

LB	Jarrell Miller 6-3 235 PS#10
WR	Deunta Williams 6-3 195 PS#30DB
DL	Aleric Mullins 6-3 285 PS#55
RB	Anthony Elzy 5-10 205 PS#53
DL	Tavares Brown 6-0 260 PS#72
DB	Kendric Burney 5-9 170 PS#60
DB	Tavorris Jolly 5-11 180 PS#75RB
RB	Johnny White 5-10 190 PS#84
DL	Darius Powell 6-4 220 PS#75LB
QB	BJ Phillips 6-5 230 PS#55
RB	Bruce Carter 6-3 210 PS#95
DL	Greg Elleby 6-5 285 PS#114
LB	Logan Buchanan 6-1 220 PS#100
DB	Shaun Draughn 6-0 195 PS#129RB
DB	LeCount Fantroy 5-11 175 PS#133
TE	Ryan Taylor 6-4 210 PS#120WR
DL	Darrius Massenburg 6-4 265 PS#132 '05
OL	Zack Handerson 6-7 265 PS#166
TE	Vince Jacobs 6-7 220 PS#63
QB	TJ Yates 6-5 190 PS#119
WR	Hakeem Nicks 6-1 210 PS#164
TE	Ed Barham 6-4 235 PS#85
QB	Anthony Parker-Boyd 6-1 200 PS#150
OL	Morgan Randall 6-6 255 PS#87TE
LB	Wesley Flagg 6-0 215 PS#227
TE	Michael Ingersoll 6-4 260 PS#112
TE	Trevor Stuart 6-4 250 PS#120
OL	Alan Pelc 6-6 300 PS#452

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6th Year at N Carolina — Bunting's SU Bowl Record: 1-1

Bunting's records AT N CAROLINA

24-36	Straight Up	3-8	Home Favorite
28-29	Vs The Spread	8-10	Home Underdog
19-14	Off A SU Loss	2-1	Away Favorite
21-19	Vs Conference	15-10	Away Underdog
7-10	Vs Non-Conf	3-3	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (14,20,3)
Lost: 23 (12,10,1)

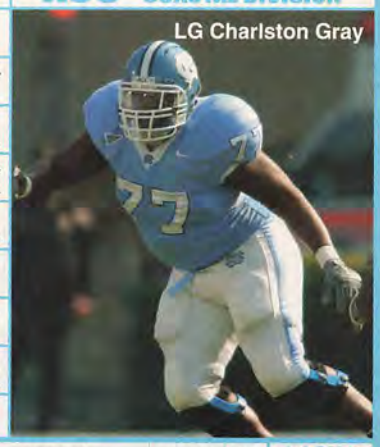
2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 51,667

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#23

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Rutgers	G						NC is 9-5 SU but 5-9 ATS as a favorite under Bunting. Including bowls, NC is 12-9 SU & 11-6 ATS vs current BE schools. North Carolina is 3-9 ATS in home finales since 1994.
Sep. 9	Virginia Tech	G						North Carolina is 6-6 SU but 3-8 ATS in home openers the last 12 years. Tar Heels are 5-12 ATS at home facing non-conference teams since '96.
Sep. 16	Furman	G						NC is 10-17 ATS the L7Y after a SU win & 8-2 ATS the L2Y after a SU loss. This will be just the 4th meeting between these teams since 1946.
Sep. 23	at Clemson	G						Paladins finished 11-3 LY (#3) while advancing to the IAA semi-finals. Furman beat NC 28-3 in 1999 (last meeting) with a 19-11 FD & 461-246 yd edges.
Sep. 30								Tar Heels are 4-10 SU but 10-4 ATS the last 14 ACC road games. NC is 0-4 SU & ATS the last 4 yrs before a bye giving up an avg of 54 ppg.
Oct. 7	at Miami, Fl	G						North Carolina is 4-7 ATS since 1997 after a bye week. The Tar Heels haven't won in Miami since 1957.
Oct. 14	South Florida	G						Last time NC hosted a "sunshine" state team they beat #4 Miami in 2004. This game will be the first meeting between the two programs.
Oct. 19	at Virginia (Thur)	G						This is billed as the South's oldest rivalry & is the 111th meeting. Last time in VA, NC allowed 549 off yds, the most ever in this rivalry (1st gm 1892).
Oct. 28	Wake Forest	G						The home team is just 2-12-1 ATS over the last 15 meetings in this series. Last year was the 1st time NC didn't play WF since 1943 (1st game 1888).
Nov. 4	at Notre Dame	G						NC last played ND in 1975 & have just one win vs the Irish (1960). Tar Heels are 9-6 SU & 10-5 ATS since 1997 in November away games.
Nov. 11	Georgia Tech (HC)	G						The dog is 8-4 ATS the last 12 years in this series. North Carolina is 4-8 SU & ATS vs Georgia Tech since 1994.
Nov. 18	NC State	G						The Tar Heels are 10-3 SU & ATS the last 13 games vs the Wolfpack. The visitor is 6-1 ATS since 1997 in this in-state series.
Nov. 25	at Duke	G						Tar Heels have covered 7 of the last 9 meetings with the Blue Devils. NC held the "Victory Bell" from '90-'02, Duke in '03 & NC again the L2Y.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Darian Durant 8,755 2001-'04
Rushing: Amos Lawrance 4,361 1977-'80 Receiving: Corey Holliday 2,447 1989-'93



STADIUM: KENAN MEMORIAL STADIUM (60,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	6-5	7-5	3-9	2-10	6-5	5-6	32-48
Home	1-5	3-3	5-1	0-6	1-5	4-2	4-2	18-24
Away	2-3	3-2	2-4	3-3	1-5	2-3	1-4	14-24
ATS	4-6	6-5	5-7	4-8	6-6	7-3	6-5	38-40
Home Fav	0-2	2-3	1-4	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-2	5-13
Home Dog	1-2	1-0	1-0	0-5	2-3	4-1	1-1	10-12
Away Fav	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	4-1
Away Dog	3-2	1-2	3-2	4-2	3-2	2-2	3-2	19-14
Favorite	0-2	4-3	1-5	0-1	1-1	1-0	2-2	9-14
Dog	4-4	2-2	4-2	4-7	5-5	6-3	4-3	29-26
Grass	4-6	5-5	5-7	3-8	5-6	7-2	6-4	35-38
Artificial	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	3-2
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	4-4	2-6	3-5	7-1	5-3	27-29
vs Non-Conf	1-1	3-0	1-3	2-2	3-1	0-2	1-2	11-11
Off SU Win	1-1	2-3	2-4	0-2	1-1	2-3	2-3	10-17
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-2	2-3	4-5	5-4	5-0	3-2	25-20

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ronnie McGill	130	581	51	530	5	4.1
Barrington Edwards	114	455	58	397	2	3.5
J "Cooter" Arnold	48	206	19	187	0	3.9
Justin Warren	17	93	7	86	0	5.1
Joey Bozich	1	2	0	2	0	2.0
Rikki Cook	1	2	0	2	0	2.0
Matt Baker	79	218	252	-34	2	-0.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Baker	346	180	52.0	2345	9	11
Joey Bozich	9	3	33.3	12	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jesse Holley	47	670	14.3	1	49	
Mike Mason	22	372	16.9	1	44	
Jarwarski Pollock	30	341	11.4	2	33	
Derrele Mitchell	12	261	21.8	2	87	
Jon Hamlett	21	212	10.1	1	23	
Wallace Wright	12	176	14.7	1	40	
Ronnie McGill	15	99	6.6	0	12	
Barrington Edwards	10	99	9.9	0	24	
Justin Phillips	6	86	14.3	0	19	
J "Cooter" Arnold	4	29	7.2	0	15	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
David Wooldridge	66	2713	41.1	14	35.1	1	13
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Connor Barth	23-23	6-7	1-4	4-8	0-2	11-21	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Larry Edwards	91	1.5	6.5	2	1
Tommy Richardson	91	1	5	4	1
Kareen Taylor	61	3.5	1	2	2
Cedrick Holt	59	1	5	10	2
Trimane Goddard	53	0	2.5	5	3
Durell Mapp	46	1	0.5	0	0
Tommy Davis	40	8	2	0	0
Mahlon Carey	39	1	1.5	2	0
Quinton Person	36	0	0.5	4	1
Chase Page	27	4	2.5	2	0
Shelton Bynum	22	1	2	1	0
Victor Worsley	22	0	0.5	0	0
Kyndraus Guy	21	3	2	1	1
Jacoby Watkins	19	0	0	3	0
Kentwan Balmer	17	1	4	1	0
Brian Rackley	15	2	1	0	0
Doug Justice	15	0	0.5	0	0
Bryan Bethea	14	0	0	2	0
Khalif Mitchell	13	0	0	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Brandon Tate	29	267	9.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Brandon Tate	21	542	25.8	1	
Wallace Wright	11	302	27.5	1	
Mike Mason	6	143	23.8	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Gator	-6'	West Virginia	20-13	W
97	Gator	-11'	Virginia Tech	42-3	W
98	Las Vegas	-7	San Diego St	20-13	T
01	Peach	-2	Auburn	16-10	W
04	Continental Tire	-1	Boston College - #25	24-37	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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NORTH CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	18.0	18	101	2.8	214	51.4	17.5	-1	2005	9	26.2	19	138	3.5	211	57.6	13.3
8*	26.6	19	176	4.9	214	59.6	14.7	-4	2004	6	31.8	23	218	5.2	228	61.5	14.0
8*	26.4	20	150	4.7	244	60.1	14.9	-15	2003	7	38.3	26	227	4.9	278	63.0	13.2
6	18.6	20	103	3.0	266	54.6	19.9	-15	2002	3	35.1	23	221	4.8	231	54.9	12.9
6*	25.9	19	130	3.2	230	56.8	13.9	-10	2001	7	20.8	17	118	3.3	178	51.3	14.2
3*	24.5	20	148	3.5	223	53.5	15.2	-12	2000	9	25.8	16	103	2.8	224	49.4	12.7

2005 STATS BY GAME

NC 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Georgia Tech	15	26-61	2.3	18-39	280	2	20	33-122	3.7	25-48	353	0	-3
–	Wisconsin	14	25-57	2.3	16-37	281	4	18	52-166	3.2	14-23	138	4	0
–	at NC State	22	49-144	2.9	13-23	177	5	16	28-13	0.5	21-35	257	6	0
–	Utah	20	39-85	2.2	16-31	267	2	22	38-167	4.4	22-34	211	4	+3
–	at Louisville	22	38-108	2.8	19-30	224	4	23	38-144	3.8	18-24	307	1	-4
–	Virginia	16	46-172	3.7	13-24	98	2	14	37-90	2.4	14-28	109	2	0
–	at Miami, Fl	15	44-102	2.3	13-25	86	5	20	38-210	5.5	11-19	111	1	+1
–	Boston College	19	40-99	2.5	20-32	211	1	20	30-100	3.3	26-41	237	2	-1
–	Maryland	18	28-89	3.2	25-40	335	0	24	49-150	3.1	19-31	374	3	+1
–	Duke	26	46-163	3.5	15-34	238	5	11	38-81	2.1	11-30	163	4	+1
–	at Virginia Tech	11	22-36	1.6	15-41	160	3	22	53-277	5.2	8-15	61	4	+1
TOTALS		198	403-1116	2.8	183-356	2357	33	210	434-1520	3.5	189-328	2321	31	-1
AVERAGES		18.0	37-101	2.8	17-32	214	3.0	19.1	39-138	3.5	17-30	211	2.8	-0.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma - #3	+20'	27-41	W
at Maryland	-2'	7-23	L
at Texas - #4	+22	14-44	L
Florida St - #6	+17	41-9	W
at NC State	+1'	17-9	W
East Carolina	-6	24-21	L
Virginia	-8'	30-24	L
at Clemson - #13	+6'	38-3	W
at Georgia Tech - #23	+4	21-28	L
Wake Forest	-13'	31-32	L
Duke	-27'	52-17	W
SMU	-23'	19-10	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Oh	-7	21-27	L
at Syracuse	+5'	30-22	W
Texas - #3	+13'	21-52	L
Georgia Tech	+2'	13-21	L
at Arizona St	+8'	38-35	W
NC State - #14	+6'	17-34	L
at Virginia	+5	27-37	L
at Wake Forest	+6	0-31	L
Maryland	+14	7-59	L
Clemson	+10	12-42	L
at Florida St - #15	+31'	14-40	W
at Duke	+3	23-21	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida St - #13	+16	0-37	L
Syracuse	+1'	47-49 (OT)	L
at Wisconsin	+14'	27-38	W
at NC State	+17'	34-47	W
Virginia	+8'	13-38	L
at East Carolina	-7'	28-17	W
Arizona St	+6	31-33	W
at Clemson	+13'	28-36	W
at Maryland	+16'	21-59	L
Wake Forest	+8'	42-34	W
at Georgia Tech	+10	24-41	L
Duke	-6	22-30	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
William & Mary	NL	49-38	–
at Virginia - #15	+21'	24-56	L
Georgia Tech	+8'	34-13	W
Louisville - #24	+7'	0-34	L
at Florida St - #9	+28'	16-38	W
NC State	+10'	30-24	W
at Utah - #11	+22	16-46	L
Miami, Fl - #4	+22	31-28	W
Virginia Tech - #18	+10	24-27	W
at Wake Forest	+5'	31-24	W
at Duke	-7	40-17	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia Tech - #17	+12	21-27	W
Wisconsin	+3'	5-14	L
at NC State	+11	31-24	W
Utah	-4	31-17	W
at Louisville - #23	+13'	14-69	L
Virginia - #23	E	7-5	W
at Miami, Fl - #6	+21	16-34	W
Boston College - #19	+5	16-14	W
Maryland	-3	30-33 (OT)	L
Duke	-21	24-21	L
at Virginia Tech - #5	+24'	3-30	L

VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Marques Hagans came off the bench against Colo St in the opener and started 1 game. Hagans (5-10 211) was moved to WR. Schaub was injured early in 2003 and Hagans started game 3 and had 68 yards rushing and 162 passing. Hagans also had 28 rec (9.4) but Schaub returned and threw for 2,952 (69.7%) as a senior. In 2004 Hagans beat out 3 VHT's including ND transfer Christian Olsen (PS#14) and Kevin McCabe (PS#16). Against four weak defenses he was #4 in the NCAA in pass efficiency hitting 76.1%. Hagans injured his hip vs Fla St and Olsen was impressive in limited action. Playing in five games he hit 10 of 12 (83.3%) for 88. McCabe hit 4 of 9 for 23 in 3. Hagans finished with 2,024 (62.8%) with a 9-5 ratio and was #2 in the ACC in pass efficiency. Last year Hagans had a memorable game vs Fla St when he hit 27 of 36 for 306 but injured his hamstring and was held to 109 passing (26 rush) vs NC. He was 100% for the bowl and had a career high 358 yards passing. For the season Hagans threw for 2,492 (62.1%) with a 14-12 ratio. Olsen played in just 3 and McCabe 1. Olsen and McCabe will have to battle rFr Jameel Sewell (PS#68) who in the 2H of the year was given six snaps every practice with the 1st string offense. Also in the mix is Scott Deke (6-3 219 So, PS#72), John Phillips (6-2 183 Jr, PS#167) and Joe Sanford (6-2 208 rFr). The player that most resembles Hagans is Vic Hall (PS#5) who is 5'9" 175 but was moved to DB. Having to replace Hagans (#5DC STL) will be tough but Olsen took command of the job in the spring.

FB Jason Snelling

RUNNING BACKS - In 2001 the RB's were beset with injuries and Alvin Pearman (first true frosh RB to start here since '88) led with just 371, the lowest for a Cavs top rusher since 1977. True frosh Wali Lundy (PS#21) led with 826 (4.2) in 2002, hauled in 58 rec (7.5) and was the bowl MVP. Michael Johnson (PS#5) had 133 (5.1) as a true frosh. They lost starting FB Jason Snelling to an injury in 2003. Lundy led with 929 (4.1). Pearman had 643 and another 518 receiving. VHT Johnson redshirted. In '04 Snelling missed 5. Lundy was the team's leading rusher early but Pearman took over with 223 vs Duke. Lundy had 17 TD's rushing finishing with 864 (4.9). Johnson, who could be the fastest player on the team, had just 381 but an impressive 6.0. They had to replace Pearman (#4DC JAX) in 2005. Lundy was not 100% until the Temple game and finished with just 574 (4.0) but leaves as the ACC's career leader for TD's (52). Snelling has averaged 5.9 ypc with 552 career rush yards. Johnson had some early season fumbles which got him in the doghouse and he had just 267 (5.3). RFr Cedric Peerman (PS#29) had 237 (3.4). They lose Lundy (#6DC HOU) but Snelling is back as is Johnson and Peerman. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Mikell Simpson (6-1 187 rFr, PS#31DB) along with FB's Cain Ringstaff (5-9 195 rFr) and Hall Simmons (5-9 197 rFr). Despite the loss of their top rusher, this unit should be healthier and more productive.

RECEIVERS - The Cavs had to replace two starters from this unit last year in John Mackey Award winner Heath Miller (#1DC PIT) and their top WR. The leading returnee was 6'3" Deyon Williams (6 st, 19 rec). Ottowa Anderson had 33 rec (12.3) in '03 but was suspended in 2004. He opened up 2005 with 3 rec for 109 yards vs WM but would have just 7 more grabs. Williams was by far the top receiver with more than double the rec and yards of the #2 man. Fontel Mines (PS#64) took over Anderson's starting job and was #3 with 28 (12.3). TE Tom Santi (PS#7) missed a game with an injury (19 rec, 18.8) and Jonathan Stupar (PS#6) had 24 (13.3). Not listed in the 3 deep below is Theirrien Davis (5-11 187 Jr, PS#113), Mike Robertson (6-2 199 Jr) and Simon Manka (6-0 175 Jr). The only loss is Anderson (5 st) so this unit is far more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Virginia started an undersized (265 lbs) true frosh in D'Brickashaw Ferguson at LT and for the bowl game had 3 frosh starters. The unit only paved the way for 3.7 ypc rush while allowing 22 sacks. With 4 starters back in 2003 they improved to 3.9 ypc with 12 sacks and RG Elton Brown won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy (Top ACC OL). All five starters returned in 2004 and as expected, it was a top-notch group paving the way for 5.3 ypc with just 16 sacks allowed. Last year they had to replace two starters, including Brown who won the Jacobs Trophy a second time. Ferguson, who would have been a Top 10 pick, turned down the NFL. The unit did get hit by injuries with Ferguson missing 2 full starts and parts of others and only one player started all 12 at the same position and that was "true" frosh Branden Albert who went to Hargrave in 2004. UVA only averaged 3.8 ypc and the OL allowed 33 sacks. This year they lose four year starter LT Ferguson (#1DC NYJ, 10 st, 1st Tm ACC), C Brian Barthelmes (10 st) and RT Brad Butler (#5DC BUF, 11 st). Despite losing some exceptional talent, last year's O-line underperformed due to injuries and this year's OL could surprise.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cavs had all 3 starters back on the D-line in 2004 and allowed just 3.4 ypc rush which was their best total since 1998. Last year they had to replace a #4 and #6 NFL DC and also lost DE Chris Johnson (last 4 st '04) in 2005 to academics. DE Brennan Schmidt set a school record with 51 straight starts (old record Mike Frederick 1991-'94). The less experienced unit allowed 4.0 ypc while accounting for 15 less sacks (19) than in '04. This year they lose Johnson, DE Schmidt (12 st, 66 tkl, 11 tfl), NT Kwakou Robinson (7 st, 30 tkl), NT Ron Darden (4 st, 20 tkl) and DE Vince Redd (16 tkl, 3 tfl). Chris Long (Howies' son) improved weekly and was one of the top DL's. This unit is slightly less experienced but could be as productive.

LINEBACKERS - The Cavs had to replace two starters and two backups last year and then star LB Ahmad Brooks played in just 6 games and only had 27 tackles. This year they unexpectedly lose ILB Kai Parham (1st Tm ACC, 12 st, 103 tkl, 15 tfl), who left for the NFL draft. Also gone is OLB Mark Miller (9 st, 38 tkl), Brooks (6 st) and Bryan White (1 st, 22 tkl). While they lose their top player this group is just as experienced as 2005.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishing #40 in my pass D rankings, the Cavs' 2004 secondary had four frosh, two soph and just three players with experience and slipped to #89. Last year they had to replace two starters and moved starting CB Tony Franklin to S. Nate Lyles was lost after 9 starts (head injury) and is questionable for the fall. Franklin was suspended for the bowl but could return. Seven have starting experience including 3 who had a combined 8 starts as true frosh last year. The Cavs moved up to #66 in my pass D rankings allowing a 15-15 ratio and have their most experienced secondary in years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cavs finished #48, #76, #39 and #47 in my ST rankings in Al Groh's first four years. In 2004 they were last in the ACC in net punting when they took the redshirt off of Chris Gould (PS#7) for the last 3. Last year Gould and star kicker Connor Hughes both were back as was top KR Michael Johnson (23.6 in '04). Hughes had another outstanding year and simply leaves as the career leader of FG's and scoring (332 pts) topping Gene Mayer's 90 year old record of 293 points set in 1915. He hit 21 of 24 with a long of 50. Noah Greenbaum hit his only att from 41. Kurt Smith handled the KO's for 4 years and had an outstanding 38 TB's, leading the ACC. Gould avg'd 40.0 (net 33.4). Cedric Peerman took over as the main KR (25.8) and Emmanuel Byers was the top PR (10.1). While Byers, Gould and Peerman return, they lose the excellent kicking combo of Hughes and Smith (#6DC SD) who were the main reasons the Cavs finished #7 in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Since a 5-7 record in Al Groh's debut season of 2001 (first losing season since 1986), he has coached the team to four straight bowls. Al Groh earned ACC Coach of the Year in his second year. Groh previously coached at Wake Forest from 1981 to 1986 and was HC of the NY Jets in 2000. Groh was given a new 5 year contract at $1.57 million per year that takes him through 2010. Last year's OC, Ron Prince, is the HC at Kansas St and his DC from last year, Al Golden, is the HC at Temple as both left prior to the bowl. The new OC is Groh's son Mike who is on his 6th year with the staff (WR coach). Mike was also one of the top QB's in school history. The new DC is Mike London who was the DL coach at Virginia from 2001-2004 and the Houston Texans' 2005 DL coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Al Groh is doing a solid job here both in recruiting and coaching. In 2002 he had just 6 seniors overall and 29 lettermen returning which was the school's lowest total since 1981. Of the 93 players on the roster 26 were walk-on's. They had five 2H comebacks earning a bowl bid and finished #22 after an impressive bowl win. Groh had 15 starters back in 2003 and the team went 8-5, their first back-to-back 8-win seasons since '94-'95. Just 17 lettermen departed in '04 and UVA had just 10 offensive turnovers that year, the lowest in the ACC since 1987. They blew out their first five opponents by 30.8 ppg and were 5-0, ranked #6, which was higher than Fla St when they travelled to Tallahassee and had it handed to them 36-3. They later lost a home game to #18 Miami and with a shot at an ACC co-Title, came up short in the finale vs VT. They also suffered a tough bowl loss in OT to Fresno St. UVA had just 11 starters returning in '05, the fewest in the ACC, and had to replace a school record 7 DC's. After outgaining ACC foes by an average of 63.4 ypg in 2004, they were outgained by 80.8 ypg. They had been in the Top 25 for 21 straight weeks but dropped out after a loss to BC. However, the next week, they stunned unbeaten #4 Fla St at home in a game they led 26-10 in front of 63,106, their 2nd largest crowd ever. With an outside shot at the ACC Title at 6-3, they were blown out by VT and beaten by Miami. UVA trailed Minnesota 21-7 in the bowl but rallied for a 34-31 win to finish with their 4th straight winning season at 7-5. They benefitted from +2 close wins (see pg 299). Groh has officially said this is a REBUILDING year. The Cavs have a killer final 3 games (Fla St, Miami, VT) so in reality must open at least 6-3 to get to a bowl but even in a "rebuilding" year, they should be able to accomplish that.

OFFENSE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN ORANGE

QB 11 Christian Olsen Sr. 6-3 216 **PS#14**. Notre Dame trans. 8 gm 2Y, 159 yd pass (74%) 0-1 ratio. 12 Kevin McCabe (6-2 213 Jr) **PS#16**. 10 Jameel Sewell (6-2 213 rFr) PS#68.

TB 2 Michael Johnson Sr. 5-9 199 **PS#5**. 781 (5.6) 3Y. 37 Cedric Peerman (5-10 198 So) PS#29. 1 st, 793 all-purp rFr. 38 Jason Snelling (5-11 233 Sr) PS#86. 11 st, 1045 ttl yds 3Y.

TE 88 JONATHAN STUPAR JR. 6-3 245 **PS#6TE**. 8 st, 24 (13.3) LY. **FB 40** Kevin Bradley (6-1 230 Jr) PS#132. 1 st LY. 43 Josh Zidenberg (6-0 212 Jr) PS#164. 9 tkl on ST.

WR 81 DEYON WILLIAMS SR. 6-3 185 PS#113. 6 starts (13.7) '04. 12 st LY, 58 (13.2). 21 **Andrew Pearman** (5-10 166 So) PS#47 **4.3 spd.** 80 Maurice Covington (6-4 212 So) PS#64LB. 5 rec '05.

WR 84 FONTEL MINES SR. 6-4 217 PS#64. 2 st, 13 (10.5) first 2Y. 6 st LY, 28 (12.3). 19 Emmanuel Byers (5-9 186 Jr) PS#83. 1 st, 21 (10.4). 20 Kevin Ogletree (6-2 184 So) PS#105.

TE 86 TOM SANTI JR. 6-5 238 **PS#7**. 3 st, 13 (11.9) as true. 7 sts LY, 19 (18.8). 85 John "JM" Phillips (6-6 241 So) PS#54DL. 3 st, 2 rec true. George Johnson (6-5 215 Fr) **PS#15**.

C 63 Jordy Lipsey Jr. 6-3 268 **PS#14**. 4 gm rFr. 2 st C LY. 77 Ian-Yates Cunningham (6-3 291 Jr) **PS#20**. 5 st true. Inj'd '04. 1 st LY (inj'd). **LS 46** Tyrus Garnder (6-1 237 Jr).

RG 78 MARSHAL AUSBERRY JR. 6-5 309 PS#101. 6 gm rFr. 11 st RG LY. 68 David Fairbrothers (6-3 294 Jr) 0 snaps first 2Y. 87 Jeff Schrad (6-4 289 Sr) E Mich trans. 3 gm 2 yrs.

LG 71 BRANDEN ALBERT SO. 6-7 306 PS#247. Hargrave '04. 12 st LG "true" frosh. Miss spg (acad). 79 Gordie Sammis (6-4 290 Sr) **PS#58**. 6 gm true. 7 gm the last 2 years.

RT 72 Eddie Pinigis Jr. 6-7 292 **PS#56**. 83" wingspan. 5 gm rFr. 3 st RT, 9 gm bkup LY. 81 Will Barker (6-7 265 rFr) PS#106. 74 Patrick Slebonick (6-5 277 rFr) PS#64.

LT 75 Eugene Monroe So. 6-6 318 **PS#1**. 560 squat. 12 gm as true. 76 Zak Stair (6-6 294 So) PS#132. 10 gm rFr. Also #3 C. BJ Cabbell (6-6 295 Fr) PS#172. Bily Cuffee (6-5 320 Fr) PS#395.

K 9 Chris Gould Jr. 6-1 216 **PS#7**. 103 pts, 54 yd FG Sr HS. 20 Noah Greenbaum (5-10 184 Sr) 41 yd FG vs Temple. 1 Dan Wellman (5-11 185 rFr) PS#89. 28 Chase Burns (5-10 181 So).

DE 91 CHRIS LONG JR. 6-4 278 **PS#31**. 5 tkl, 2 tfl true. 12 st LY, 46 tkl, 10 tfl, 7 pbu. 95 Jeffrey Fitzgerald (6-3 261 rFr) PS#41LB. MIP spring. 55 John Roberts (6-4 252 So).

NT 92 Keenan Carter Jr. 6-2 307 PS#63. 17 tkl, 3 tfl in '04. 1 st at NT LY, 25 tkl. 94 Allen Billyk (6-4 278 Jr) PS#82. 10 tkl, 1 sk, 2Y. 60 Kevin Crawford (6-3 272 rFr) PS#105OL.

DE 93 Alex Field So. 6-7 261 PS#32TE. 2 tkl true. 50 Jason Fuller (6-5 230 rFr) PS#125. Scout Tm POW 2x. Gavin Smith (6-2 270 Fr) PS#93. Sean Gottschalk is PS#135.

OLB 57 JERMAINE DIAS JR. 6-1 235 **PS#13**. 11 tkl as rFr. 6 st at LY (inj), 21 tkl, 1 sk. 56 Olu Hall (6-3 228 So) **PS#16**. 1 tkl true. 52 Marvin Richardson (6-3 236 Jr) PS#85. 2 tkl LY.

ILB 58 Antonio Appleby So. 6-4 244 **PS#45DL**. 2 st true, 27 tkl, 1 tfl. 49 Darren Childs (6-1 229 rFr) PS#233. John-Kevin Dolce (6-2 220 Fr) PS#87. Darnell Carter PS#164.

ILB 54 Jon Copper So. 6-0 226 PS#194. Fork Union. 10 tkl LY. 31 Rashawn Jackson (6-1 243 rFr) PS#96. Almondo Sewell (6-1 235 Fr) PS#72. 20 Bernie McKeever (6-3 219 So).

OLB 51 CLINT SINTIM SO. 6-3 242 PS#107DL. 12 st rFr, 53 tkl, 3 sk, 9 tfl. MIP spring. 41 Aaron Clark (6-5 234 So) PS#88DL. 10 tkl true. 45 Denzel Burrell (6-4 212 rFr) PS#87.

CB 3 MARCUS HAMILTON SR. 5-11 187 **PS#31**. 9 st, 54 tkl, 4 int '04. 12 st, 62 tkl, **6 int**, 7 pbu LY. 26 Chris Cook (6-2 197 So) PS#58. 1 st, 3 pd true. 4 **Vic Hall** (5-9 175 rFr) **PS#5QB**.

CB 39 CHRIS GORHAM JR. 6-0 188 PS#80. 8 st LY, 42 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. 28 Mike Brown (5-9 173 So) **PS#26**. 3 st true, 18 tkl, 2 pbu. 17 Brandon Woods (6-2 201 rFr) PS#60WR.

SS 30 NATE LYLES JR. 6-0 197 **PS#27**. 9 st LY (inj), 39 tkl, 2 int. 27 Jamaal Jackson (6-3 214 Jr) 1 st LY, 43 tkl. 36 Ryan Best (5-11 208 Jr) 14 tkl LY. '03 UVA soc goalie.

FS 21 Bryon Glaspy So. 5-11 195 4 st true, walk-on, 20 tkl. **Tony Franklin** (5-10 180 Sr) PS#55RB. 10 st LY, 55 tkl. Susp? Matt Leemhuis PS#178. 42 Lance Evans (6-4 198 Sr).

P 9 CHRIS GOULD JR. 6-1 216 **PS#7**. 18 punts (38.6) as true. 53 (40.0), 33.4 net LY. 16 **Ryan Weigand** (6-2 177 Jr) PS#208JC LY. 55 punts at JC '04, 40.5 average, 12 inside 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

TE	George Johnson 6-5 215 PS#15
TE	Joe Torchia 6-5 234 PS#26
QB	OC Wardlow 6-0 170 PS#46
RB	Keith Payne 6-3 195 PS#76
DL	Gavin Smith 6-2 270 PS#93
LB	Almondo Sewell 6-1 235 PS#72
LB	John-Kevin Dolce 6-2 220PS#87
TE	Jack Shields 6-5 254 PS#42
DB	Trey Womack 5-11 162 PS#120
DL	Sean Gottschalk 6-4 256 PS#135
WR	Chris Dalton 6-2 164 PS#115
DB	Rico Bell 5-10 181 PS#144
DL	Asa Chapman 6-5 330 PS#167
OL	BJ Cabbell 6-6 295 PS#172
QB	Mark Verica 6-2 186 PS#114RB
DB	Matt Leemhuis 6-1 187 PS#178
LB	Darnell Carter 6-3 223 PS#164
DL	Nate Collins 6-2 258 PS#170LB
DB	DeAndre Filer 5-10 168 PS#226
LB	John Bivens 6-2 210 PS#202
RB	Raynard Horne 6-0 200 PS#230
DB	Mike Parker 6-2 192 PS#284
WR	Ras-I Dowling 6-2 180 PS#247
OL	Billy Cuffee 6-5 320 PS#395
WR	Staton Jobe 6-0 175 PS#485

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6th Year at Virginia
Groh's SU Bowl Record: 3-1

Groh's records AT VIRGINIA

37-26	Straight Up	13-7	Home Favorite
32-26	Vs The Spread	9-2	Home Underdog
14-7	Off A SU Loss	4-7	Away Favorite
22-18	Vs Conference	6-10	Away Underdog
10-8	Vs Non-Conf	4-5	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 32 (16,13,3)
Lost: 17 (6,9,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 60,973

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#25

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score VA	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 2	at Pittsburgh	G					
Sep. 9	Wyoming	G					
Sep. 16	W Michigan	G					
Sep. 21	at Georgia Tech (Thur)	G					
Sep. 30	at Duke	G					
Oct. 7	at East Carolina	G					
Oct. 14	Maryland	G					
Oct. 19	North Carolina (Thur)	G					
Oct. 28	NC State	G					
Nov. 4	at Florida St	G					
Nov. 11							
Nov. 18	Miami, Fl	G					
Nov. 25	at Virginia Tech	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Virginia is 20-8 ATS off a SU loss since 1999.
Cavaliers are 12-5 ATS the last 17 games as an ACC home favorite.
Virginia is 8-1 ATS the last 9 games the wk prior to playing VT.

VA only had the ball for 22:55 despite a yd edge in '03's Continental Tire Bowl.
Virginia is 9-5 ATS in their 1st road game of the season since 1992.

Could apply: VA is 16-28 ATS (36%) after a SU victory since 1999.
Virginia is 12-3 SU but 5-8 ATS in home openers since 1991.

Cavaliers are 9-0-1 SU (3-4 ATS) all-time vs current MAC members.
The home team has lost the only 2 meetings ATS in this series ('03 & '05).

The home team has covered 7 of the last 8 games in this series.
This will mark the 4th time the schools will meet on a Thur night in Atlanta.

Since 1996 these 2 schools have only averaged 37 ppg.
Virginia is 2-8 ATS since 1996 in their 2nd consecutive road game.

Both the ACC & CUSA have added a championship game at the end of the season.
The last & only time these schools met was in 1975. EC won 61-10.

Groh & Friedgen returned to their alma maters in '01 & the visitor has lost all 5 SU & ATS.
The Cavaliers are now 10-20 ATS vs the Terrapins since 1976.

Al Groh served as the LB coach at NC from 1973-'77 coaching legendary Lawrence Taylor.
The visitor is 4-16 ATS their last 20 games in this series.

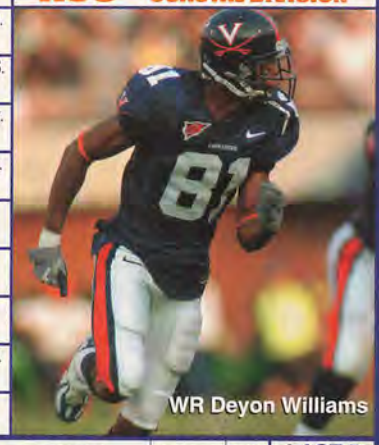
The home team is 7-2 ATS the last 9 games (since 1995) in this series.
Could apply: Virginia is 9-2 ATS as a home dog under HC Al Groh.

Virginia looks to win back-to-back games vs FSU for the 1st time ever.
Cavaliers are 1-6 ATS the last 7 games before a bye week.

Virginia is 7-11 ATS after a bye week since 1996.
Cavaliers have covered 7 of their last 10 home finales.

First game was in 1895 & these tms have played every yr S/'70, VT leads series 45-37-5.
The home team is 7-3 ATS in this in-state rivalry since 1996.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Matt Schaub 7,502 2000-'03
Rushing: Thomas Jones 3,998 1996-'99 Receiving: Billy McMullen 2,978 1999-'02


WR Deyon Williams

STADIUM: SCOTT STADIUM (61,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	5-7	8-5	7-5	8-3	6-5	47-34
Home	3-3	4-2	4-3	6-1	5-1	5-1	5-1	32-12
Away	4-1	2-3	1-4	2-4	2-4	3-2	1-4	15-22
ATS	5-6	3-7	7-4	7-6	7-5	6-5	5-6	40-39
Home Fav	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-2	4-1	4-2	3-1	15-11
Home Dog	1-2	1-1	3-1	4-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	11-5
Away Fav	1-2	1-1	0-0	0-1	2-3	2-1	0-2	6-10
Away Dog	2-0	0-3	3-2	2-3	0-1	0-2	1-2	8-13
Favorite	2-4	2-3	1-1	1-3	6-4	6-3	3-3	21-21
Dog	3-2	1-4	6-3	6-3	1-1	0-2	2-3	19-18
Grass	5-6	3-7	6-4	7-6	6-5	6-5	5-4	38-37
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-2	2-2
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	4-4	6-2	4-4	4-4	4-4	29-27
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-2	3-0	1-4	3-1	2-1	1-2	11-12
Off SU Win	1-5	0-6	3-1	4-4	2-4	4-4	2-4	16-28
Off SU Loss	3-1	3-0	3-3	3-1	4-1	1-1	3-1	20-8

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Wali Lundy	144	617	43	574	10	4.0
Jason Snelling	**58**	**331**	**6**	**325**	**2**	**5.6**
Marques Hagans	115	504	194	310	3	2.7
Michael Johnson	**50**	**278**	**11**	**267**	**2**	**5.3**
Cedric Peerman	**70**	**256**	**19**	**237**	**3**	**3.4**
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Marques Hagans	343	213	62.1	2492	14	12
Emmanuel Byers	**3**	**1**	**33.3**	**90**	**1**	**0**
Christian Olsen	**11**	**7**	**63.6**	**71**	**0**	**1**
Kevin McCabe	**5**	**3**	**60.0**	**31**	**0**	**0**
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Deyon Williams	**58**	**767**	**13.2**	**7**	**90**	
Tom Santi	**19**	**358**	**18.8**	**2**	**55**	
Fontel Mines	**28**	**345**	**12.3**	**2**	**59**	
Jonathan Stupar	**24**	**319**	**13.3**	**1**	**25**	
Emmanuel Byers	**21**	**219**	**10.4**	**0**	**28**	
Ottowa Anderson	10	210	21.0	0	57	
Jason Snelling	**19**	**140**	**7.4**	**0**	**19**	
Michael Johnson	**9**	**87**	**9.7**	**0**	**17**	
Wali Lundy	15	62	4.1	1	16	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Gould	**53**	**2122**	**40.0**	**1**	**33.4**	**0**	**11**
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Connor Hughes	36-36	5-5	11-13	4-4	1-2	21-24	50
Noah Greenbaum	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**1-1**	**41**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kai Parham	103	8.5	6.5	1	0
Brennan Schmidt	66	4	7	2	1
Marcus Hamilton	**63**	**0**	**5**	**7**	**6**
Tony Franklin	55	0	3	2	2
Clint Sintim	**53**	**3**	**6**	**0**	**0**
Chris Long	**46**	**1.5**	**8.5**	**7**	**0**
Jamaal Jackson	**43**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Chris Gorham	**42**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**2**
Nate Lyles	**39**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**2**
Mark Miller	38	0	2	1	1
Kwakou Robinson	30	0	0	1	0
Antonio Appleby	**27**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Ahmad Brooks	27	1	0	4	0
Keenan Carter	**25**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Bryan White	22	0	0	0	0
Jermaine Dias	**21**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Byron Glaspy	**20**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Ron Darden	20	0	0	0	0
Mike Brown	**18**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Emmanuel Byers	**8**	**81**	**10.1**	**0**
Michael Johnson	**11**	**56**	**5.1**	**0**
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cedric Peerman	**21**	**542**	**25.8**	**0**
Michael Johnson	**16**	**336**	**21.0**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Oahu	+9'	Georgia	14-37	L
02	Continental Tire	+6	West Virginia - #15	48-22	W
03	Continental Tire	-3	Pittsburgh	23-16	W
04	MPC Computers	-5	Fresno St (OT)	34-37	L
05	Music City	+6'	Minnesota	34-31	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Virginia's All-Time SU Bowl Record 7-9

VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	26.7	20	143	3.8	224	61.7	13.7	+3	2005	5	23.3	21	151	4.0	225	62.1	16.2
7	30.3	22	243	5.3	181	63.0	14.0	+6	2004	8	17.7	17	118	3.4	195	60.7	17.7
8*	28.0	20	130	3.9	256	67.8	13.8	+5	2003	7	20.4	20	162	4.2	223	56.6	18.9
6*	28.7	20	127	3.7	230	68.3	12.4	+15	2002	6	24.9	22	209	4.6	216	60.5	17.1
5	20.8	19	106	3.4	239	58.3	16.6	+4	2001	6	27.6	23	203	4.3	228	58.9	15.6
7*	20.2	18	162	4.0	198	54.1	17.9	0	2000	6	24.3	21	182	4.4	238	59.4	17.3

VA 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	2005 STATS BY GAME SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#25	W Michigan	19	41 - 188	4.6	17 - 25	252	4	22	37 - 86	2.3	33 - 49	271	3	-1
#25	at Syracuse	17	44 - 271	6.2	16 - 26	145	1	16	36 - 80	2.2	17 - 26	172	3	-3
#23	Duke	17	35 - 110	3.1	15 - 25	214	1	11	39 - 107	2.7	9 - 18	108	2	+3
#19	at Maryland	19	35 - 136	3.9	17 - 35	270	7	33	46 - 250	5.4	25 - 33	320	1	+2
–	at Boston College	26	39 - 145	3.7	21 - 35	195	2	24	37 - 196	5.3	25 - 37	301	1	0
–	Florida St	22	28 - 20	0.7	27 - 39	306	3	26	21 - 95	4.5	35 - 59	377	1	+3
#23	at N Carolina	14	37 - 90	2.4	14 - 28	109	2	16	46 - 172	3.7	13 - 24	98	2	0
–	Temple	23	45 - 262	5.8	17 - 29	187	1	11	27 - 10	0.4	16 - 37	160	5	+1
–	Georgia Tech	24	45 - 161	3.6	21 - 29	205	3	21	27 - 136	5.0	20 - 39	207	0	0
–	Virginia Tech	17	30 - 114	3.8	17 - 30	140	3	26	55 - 333	6.1	15 - 21	170	0	-2
–	at Miami, Fl	17	41 - 111	2.7	16 - 29	296	5	20	34 - 151	4.4	23 - 30	248	1	+1
–	† Minnesota	20	30 - 103	3.4	26 - 33	365	1	24	51 - 198	3.9	18 - 28	263	0	-1
TOTALS		235	450 - 1711	3.8	224 - 363	2684	33	250	456 - 1814	4.0	249 - 401	2695	19	+3
AVERAGES		19.6	38 - 143	3.8	19 - 30	224	2.8	20.8	38 - 151	4.0	21 - 33	225	1.6	0.3

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wisconsin - #22	+10'	17-26	W
Richmond	NL	17-16	–
at Clemson - #19	+11'	26-24	W
Duke	-17	31-10	W
at Maryland - #25	+7'	21-41	L
at North Carolina	+8'	24-30	W
Florida St - #21	+12'	7-43	L
at NC State	+7	0-24	L
Wake Forest	-3	30-34	L
Georgia Tech - #20	+14'	39-38	W
Virginia Tech - #18	+15	17-31	W
Penn St	+5'	20-14	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St	E	29-35	L
at Florida St - #5	+26'	19-40	W
South Carolina - #22	+4'	34-21	W
Akron	-23	48-29	L
at Wake Forest	+2	38-34	W
at Duke	-11	27-22	L
Clemson	+5'	22-17	W
North Carolina	-5	37-27	W
at Georgia Tech	+5	15-23	L
at Penn St - #19	+16	14-35	L
NC State - #22	+7	14-9	W
Maryland - #18	+9	48-13	W
at Virginia Tech - #22	+7	9-21	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Duke	-14'	27-0	W
at South Carolina	-3	7-31	L
at W Michigan	-7	59-16	W
Wake Forest	-7	27-24	L
at North Carolina	-8'	38-13	W
at Clemson	-4'	27-30 OT	L
Florida St - #7	+7'	14-19	W
Troy	-21	24-0	W
at NC State	-1	37-51	L
at Maryland	+6	17-27	L
Georgia Tech	-7	29-17	W
Virginia Tech - #21	-1	35-21	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Temple	-16	44-14	W
North Carolina	-21'	56-24	W
Akron	-31'	51-0	W
Syracuse	-26'	31-10	L
Clemson	-15'	30-10	W
at Florida St - #7	+3	3-36	L
at Duke	-25	37-16	L
Maryland	-14	16-0	W
Miami, Fl - #18	-3'	21-31	L
at Georgia Tech	-5	30-10	W
at Virginia Tech - #11	+4	10-24	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Michigan	-34	31-19	L
at Syracuse	-7	27-24	L
Duke	-24'	38-7	W
at Maryland	-3	33-45	L
at Boston College - #18	+7	17-28	L
Florida St - #4	+7	26-21	W
at North Carolina	E	5-7	L
Temple	-34	51-3	W
Georgia Tech - #24	-3'	27-17	W
Virginia Tech - #7	+7	14-52	L
at Miami, Fl - #10	+17'	17-25	W

DUKE BLUE DEVILS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Mike Schneider (PS#104), who turned down scholarship offers from Ohio St and Iowa, won the QB battle in 2003. In 8 starts he threw for 1,220 (46.6%) with a 4-6 ratio. In 2004 Roof alternated Schneider, Chris Dapolito (PS#48) and Nebraska transfer Curt Dukes (PS#18). Schneider saw the majority of the action and in ten starts finished 3rd in the ACC in completion % (59.3%) throwing for 1,527 yards with an 8-7 ratio. Schneider and Dukes battled three true frosh in 2005, while Gene Delle Donne (PS#16, 6' 5") redshirted. Zack Asack (PS#43) has a good pocket presence and Marcus Jones (PS#154) saw action at both WR and QB. Dukes had a nagging knee injury and had just 6 pass attempts. Schneider was the starter but Roof used 3 QB's in the 1Q vs Virginia and Asack led the team to a 4Q TD drive. Asack became the first true frosh to start (vs Navy) since Steve Slayden in 1984. He struggled in a road start at Miami going 4-15, 8 yds and also vs GT hitting just 9-28 for 90 yds. Schneider was injured for FSU but started vs WF going 7-10 for 59 but Asack saw the majority of the action after that. Schneider was brought in for the 2:00 offense. After the first 8 games, Duke averaged just 85.9 ypg passing but vs Clemson Asack threw for 328 and added 155 vs NC. Asack threw for 966 (50%) with a 5-8 ratio while rushing for 242. Schneider and Delle Donne elected to transfer, but I look for improved numbers by the Duke QB's in 2006.

RUNNING BACKS - Chris Douglas (4.3 speed) was a big reason why Duke averaged 172 ypg rushing in 2003. He left as Duke's career leader in all-purpose and rushing yards. The leading returning rusher in 2004 was Cedric Dargan (264, 3.8). Dargan had 114 yards vs Navy in the 1H but missed the 2H and the next 4 games, finishing with just 462 (3.7). True frosh Justin Boyle (PS#112) averaged 4.8 ypc. However, taking away an 83 yard run in the final seconds vs The Citadel, he averaged just 3.2. Ronnie Drummer (PS#121), an exciting returnman, had 186 total yards. All three returned last year and added at the FB spot was LB Malcolm Ruff (7 st '04). Dargan was injured and played in just 5 games with 150 (2.9). Boyle led in rushing in 5 of the first 7 and finished with 458 (3.4). Drummer averaged an outstanding 10.2 ypc with four long runs. True frosh Re'quan Boyette rushed for 123 vs Fla St including a 4Q 78 yard TD run. He had two starts finishing with 252 (4.2). This year they must replace Dargan and Ruff (5 st). The top 3 rushers all return and added to the mix is Army transfer Tielor Robinson who had 704 total yards as a starting FB in 2004. Not listed in the 3 deep below are FB's BJ Smith (5-10 225 Sr), Peter Shaheen (6-0 230 rFr), Segun Akande (5-11 215 Sr) and Beau Tooley (6-0 250 Sr). This is a deep, experienced and improved RB corps.

RECEIVERS - The Blue Devils returned their top 4 receivers in 2005 but suffered some injuries in the unit. Their top two WR's, Jomar Wright and Ronnie Elliott, missed 10 games combined. Wright averaged 19.4 on 8 rec in just 5 games and Elliott 9.3 on 19 rec in 7. TE Ben Patrick led the team with 30 (8.4). True frosh Eron Riley had just 5 yards less than Patrick on just 11 rec's (22.5). True frosh Marcus Jones, who alternated at QB and WR, had 11 (8.2). This year they lose Elliott (5 st), TE Andy Roland (9 st, 13, 13.5) and Patrick (8 st). This unit should remain healthier and has some decent speed at WR. Despite the loss of their top 3 receivers, this unit could be just as productive.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Blue Devils' 2004 O-line had 4 new starters and only opened holes for 2.7 ypc rush while allowing an ACC high 39 sacks. Last year they had to replace 4 starters again and then lost projected starting LG Bob Benion for the season. Despite the losses, Duke managed to improve to 3.2 ypc while allowing 31 sacks. They unexpectedly had two starters quit the team last December so once again 4 starters depart as gone are LG Jim Moravchik (11 st, 2 yr st'r), RT Demetrius Warrick (10 st), LT Lavdrim Bauta (11 st), RG Tyler Krieg (11 st, 2 yr st'r) and C Paul Campitelli (2nd string). There is some talent in the 3 deep that I list below but it is less experienced with just one starter back.

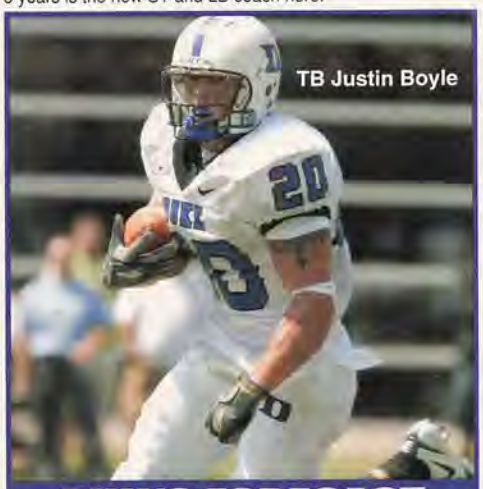
DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002, Duke surprisingly had the #1 rush D in the ACC allowing just 121 ypg (3.4). In 2003 their star DE opted to transfer to Fordham and despite having six of their top 8 back, they allowed 4.4 ypc with the sack total dropping from 30 to 19. In 2004 DE Phillip Alexander was forced to take a medical RS after finishing #3 in tfl in the ACC in '03, and they had just one starter back. The Blue Devils allowed 5.0 ypc with just 11 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter and not only got Alexander back, they also brought in VHT Vince Oghobaase (PS#18). Oghobaase redshirted due to injury and surprisingly the more experienced D-line allowed 5.1 ypc rush. This year they lose DE Phillip Alexander (11 st, 41 tkl, 6.5 tfl), DT Brian Sallee (10 st, 24 tkl, 3.5 tfl), DE Justin Kitchen (1 st, 24 tkl) and DT Joel East (7 tkl). Patrick Bailey returns to the DL after a stint at LB in 2005. Oghobaase could be Duke's best DL this decade and Duke should have its best defensive front since 2002.

LINEBACKERS - Duke had to replace two starters from the LB unit last year including their #1 tackler but slid DE Patrick Bailey, who Roof called "one of their best players" over to LB. Bailey was leading the team in tackles after 8 games when he went down with a season ending injury. True frosh Mike Brown (now Tauiliili) had some big games and led with 92 tackles adding 10 tfl. Codey Lowe started the opener and was injured, only playing in four. Duke allowed 37.1 ppg, the worst in the Roof era. This year they must replace LB Brendan Dewan (11 st, 69 tkl, 9.5 tfl), DeAndre White (46 tkl, 3 tfl) and 3rd stringer Kendral Felder (3 tkl). Bailey also moves to back to DE. This group has a little less experience but should be healthier.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Duke actually ranked #3 in the ACC in int in 2004 (15) but finished just #98 in my pass D rankings. CB John Talley (TM MVP) finished tied for #1 in the ACC in passes defended (14) that year. Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup but even with Talley returning, they finished #102. Talley earned 1st Tm ACC honors, had 5 more int and is #2 all-time in IR yards at Duke. This year the only losses are FS Brian Greene (11 st, 62 tkl) and CJ Woodard (11 tkl). Duke should have their highest finish in my pass D rankings under Roof.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2000 Duke's ST's were #15 in my rankings despite the team's 0-11 finish. In 2004 Duke had a lofty #27 finish but had to replace their P and K LY. Chris Davis saw his KR average drop from 25.8 to 21.2 but improved his PR average from 2.9 to 7.6. He returns this year along with explosive KR's Ronnie Drummer (23.9) and Eron Riley (23.7). Drummer had a 100 yard KR for a TD called back in '04 and returned 2005's opening KO 100 yards for a TD vs E Carolina. P Chris Sprague averaged a solid 41.4 with a net of 35.5 and had 20 punts inside the 20 with just one TB. He had 5 TB's on 38 KO's. Alex Feinberg (PS#24) was expected to be the starting K and P last year. He quit the team but now returns. Good sized true frosh Joe Surgan (6-4 210 So, PS#10) hit 6 of 8 FG's with a long of 49 (4 of 5 40+) and in the one game he was suspended, Randy DeSmyter hit 1 of 2 FG's with a long of 40 (4-4 xp). This year the only loss is Sprague which means the Blue Devils can improve upon their #41 ST finish of 2005.

COACHES - Ted Roof was the DC at GT from 1999-2001 and was the DC here in 2002-2003. He took over as interim HC for the final five games of 2003 after Carl Franks was fired. Roof did a tremendous job taking an underachieving team and getting them to win 2 of their last 3 with narrow losses to Tenn and NCSt. That earned him the HC job in 2004. Unfortunately he has had just one ACC win in the past two years. Last year they brought in Bill O'Brien as the OC. He had been the RB coach at Maryland and the OC at GT in '01 & '02. In 2004, Roof brought in co-DC's in Scott Brown (DL coach 7 yr) and Jerry Azzinaro who was a recruiting coordinator at Syracuse. Those two enter their 3rd season in that capacity. Larry Kerr who was UCLA's DC the last 3 years is the new ST and LB coach here.


TB Justin Boyle

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the past 42 years Duke has had just 3 seasons of winning more than 6 games. Those came in 1988 and 1989 with Steve Spurrier at the helm and in 1994 during Fred Goldsmith's first season here. Since their Hall of Fame Bowl game in 1994, the team is just 21-102 including 9-79 in ACC play with 6 winless ACC seasons the last 10 years and only 3 ACC wins the last six years. In 2002 the team had 5 losses by a total of 17 points. They had 20 starters back in 2003, but after they underachieved, Ted Roof took over as the interim HC and went 2-3 in his first 5 games breaking a 30 game losing streak in ACC play and beat N Carolina for the first time since 1989. They officially hired Roof after the team escaped the ACC basement for the first time in 3 years. The 2002 Duke team was only outgained by 17 ypg in ACC play and in 2003, just 47 ypg. 2004 looked like a rebuilding season with just 10 starters back and they played 13 true frosh, the 2nd most in the NCAA and went from 4-8 to 2-9. They did have a couple of close losses but were outgained by 196.8 ypg in league play. Last year they had just 13 starters back (3rd fewest ACC). This time their record dropped to 1-10 and were outgained in league play by 231 ypg. Low points were a loss in the opener to EC, gaining just 35 total yards vs VT, having their smallest crowd since 1966 (10,126) vs VMI, 5 FD's vs Miami and losing their final home game 44-6 to Wake. On the positive side, they were at the Navy 24 with :04 left but QB Schneider's pass was broken up in the EZ trailing by 7. They actually led GT 10-7 and had 181 yards rushing (the most Tech allowed to any foe during the year), had 191 yard rushing vs Fla St, trailing just 24-14 mid 3Q and led NC 21-17 in the 4Q with NC getting a couple of 4th down conversions on their final drive. This year they once again have 13 starters back but were -8 in turnovers (pg 312) and -3 net close losses (pg 299). Injuries hurt Duke LY, as at one point they were missing their top 3 RB's and top 3 WR's. Despite having just 4 starters back on offense, Duke only averaged 16.1 ppg last year and could improve upon that number. The D yielded 37.1 ppg, which was their worst since '01. With 7 starters back and the addition of rFr VHT Vince Oghobaase to the D-line, I look for solid improvement from the stop unit. While Duke is stronger and should improve upon last year's 1 win, they have a lot of ground to make up on the rest of the conf and playing teams like Fla St, BC, Alabama, VT and Miami doesn't make things much easier.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 13 ZACK ASACK SO. 6-4 200 **PS#43.** 6 st, 966 pass (50%), 5-8 ratio. **6 Marcus Jones** (6-3 210 So) PS#154QB. **4 st WR** true, 11 rec. **18** Steve Lattanzio (6-3 235 Jr) PS#177.

RB 20 JUSTIN BOYLE JR. 6-1 225 PS#112. 4 st, 2Y, 699 rush (3.8). **40 Ronnie Drummer** (5-9 185 Jr) PS#121. 1310 all-purp 2Y. **21** Re'quan Boyette (5-10 215 So) PS#116. 2 st, 252 rush.

FB 2 Tielor Robinson Jr. 5-11 245 PS#243. **9 st Army** '04, 457 rush (5.4), 22 rec (11.2). **4** Clifford Harris (5-10 220 So) PS#109. 1 st, 75 yd true. **32** Aaron Fryer (5-10 215 Sr) 2 sts LY.

WR 15 ERON RILEY SO. 6-3 200 PS#151. 4 st true, 11 (**22.5**). **9** Deon Adams (6-1 195 Sr) PS#224. 6 st, 225 yds 3Y. **87** Marvin Marcelin (6-2 185 rFr). **19** Kris Stubbs (6-1 185 So).

WR 81 Jomar Wright Jr. 6-1 200 PS#110. 3 st true, 18 (17.9). 2 st, 8 (19.4), Inj'd LY. **86** Raphael Chestnut (6-2 190 So). **82** Ryan Wood (6-1 190 So). Jeremy Ringfield PS#106.

TE 80 Nick Stefanow Jr. 6-4 235 **PS#17.** 3 rec LY. **83** Norman Gee (6-5 255 rFr). **85** Michael Cooper (6-2 215 Jr). Brett Huffman is PS#37. John Lubischer is PS#45.

C 68 MATT RUMSEY JR. 6-4 285 PS#152. 8 gm true, 1 rec. 11 st C LY. **67** Justin Freeman (6-1 270 So). **LS 59** Casey Hales (6-0 205 Jr) PS#224TE. 21 games in 2Y.

RG 73 Joe Suder rFr. 6-6 340 PS#291OL. Moved DT to OL in spring. Huge. **61** Rob Schirmann (6-5 285 So) 2nd string '04 but RS. Jeffrey Cowart (6-5 290 Fr) PS#374.

LG 76 Zach Maurides Jr. 6-6 290 PS#330. 2nd string all year. **72** Garrett Mason (6-5 300 Jr) PS#254. 1 tkl at DT LY. **71** Danny Bowling (6-7 255 Sr). Jarrod Holt is **PS#91**.

RT 70 Fred Roland So. 6-8 310 PS#158. 2nd string rFr, 11 gm. **66** Christopher Moore (6-6 260 Jr) PS#108DL. 9 tkl LY at DE. Mitchell Lederman (**6-8** 320 Fr) PS#173. Robert Drum PS#144.

LT 74 Cameron Goldberg So. 6-6 280 PS#179DL. 1 st RT rFr. Added 30 lbs. **78** Ben Loebner (6-9 305 rFr) PS#172. Robert Drum is PS#144. **60** Jonathan Terry (6-3 320 So) PS#115.

K 26 JOE SURGAN SO. 6-4 210 **PS#10.** Hit 6 of 8 FG's true, long 49, 4 of 5 from 40+. **98** Randy DeSmyter (6-1 210 Sr) 1 of 2 FG's, 4 of 4 xp. **34** Greg Meyers (5-8 150 Jr).

DE 52 ELI NICHOLS SR. 6-4 260 PS#159. 11 st '04, 47 tkl, 6 tfl. 10 st LY, 48 tkl, 8 tfl. **91** Ayanga Okpokowuruk (6-4 255 rFr) PS#136. **50** Ryan Radloff (6-4 260 rFr) PS#182.

DT 51 CASEY CAMERO SR. 6-5 280 3 st true. 11 st, 47 tkl, 2 tfl '04. 11 st LY, 39 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **42** Kinney Rucker (6-2 295 rFr) PS#204LB. Pontus Bondeson is from Sweden. PS#495.

DT 3 Vince Oghobaase rFr. 6-6 310 **PS#18!** Inj'd & RS LY. **97 Clifford Respress** (6-4 275 So) PS#150. 1 st true, 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl. Ifreke Okpokowuruk (6-1 270 Fr) PS#290.

DE 84 PATRICK BAILEY JR. 6-4 230 PS#99TE. 25 tkl, 3 tfl DE true. 8 st LB LY, 52 tkl, (#1 tkl'r when inj). **54** Greg Akinbiyi (6-2 250 So) 6 tkl true. **57** Paul Thornton (6-3 225 rFr) PS#166LB.

SLB 58 Codey Lowe Sr. 6-2 235 PS#155. 44 tkl, 4 tfl '04. 1 st inj LY, 19 tkl. **35** Tim Ball (6-1 225 So) **PS#66RB.** 88 yd true. **45** Charles Robinson (6-2 215 So) 7 tkl, 1 tfl as rFr.

MLB 34 MIKE BROWN TAUILILI SO. 5-11 235 10 st as true, 92 tkl, 10 tfl, team MVP, Frosh AA. **47** Zach Smith (5-11 215 Jr) PS#229DB. 13 tkl 2Y. **56** Alfred Williams (6-2 245 So) PS#155. 6 tkl rFr.

WLB 25 Jeramy Edwards Sr. 6-0 220 PS#91DB. 1 st, 14 tkl true CB. L/3 st LB LY, 47 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **43** Alex Williams (5-11 220 Sr) PS#122. 4 st, 62 tkl 3Y. **36** Brandon Tapps (5-11 215 Jr) PS#295DB. 11 tkl 2Y.

CB 11 JOHN TALLEY SR. 5-11 180 **1st Tm ACC.** 10 st, 4 int, 14 pbu '04. 11 st, 5 int, 8 pbu LY. **38** Evalio Harrell (5-9 170 Jr) 8 tkl LY. **37** Rodney Ezzard (5-11 180 Jr) PS#296. 1 tkl LY.

CB 10 DEONTO McCORMICK SR. 5-10 185 PS#302. 4 st (2WR, 2CB) '04, 14 rec, 8 tkl. 11 st LY, 41 tkl. **1** Jabari Marshall (5-11 200 So). **15** Patrick Chidnese (5-10 175 So). Matt Pridemore is PS#257.

SS 24 Glenn Williams So. 5-10 185 PS#156. RB in HS. 21 tackles, 2.5 tfl as a true. **16** Andreas Platt (6-2 200 So) PS#347. 15 tkl as rFr. Catron Gainey (6-2 195 Fr) PS#292.

FS 27 CHRIS DAVIS JR. 6-0 205 4.45 spd. 14 tkl as rue. 11 st LY, 46 tkl, 4 tfl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **39** Adrian Aye-Darko (6-2 205 So) PS#276. 9 tkl rFr. **44** Matt Rising (6-1 190 Sr).

P 12 Alex Feinberg Jr. 6-0 210 PS#24K. 2nd string punter '04. Did not play LY. Kevin Jones is PS#29. 39.1 avg SR in HS LY. 39.3 as JR, 9 of 11 FG's. Greg Meyers (5-8 150 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Wesley Oglesby 6-6 235 PS#65
OL	Jarrod Holt 6-6 300 PS#91
TE	Brett Huffman 6-5 235 PS#37
RB	Brandon King 6-2 240 PS#96
QB	Thaddeus Lewis 6-2 190 PS#71
TE	John Lubischer 6-4 250 PS#45
WR	Jeremy Ringfield 6-5 200 PS#106
OL	Robert Drum 6-6 275 PS#144
OL	Mitchell Lederman 6-8 320 PS#173
LB	Tyler Rice 6-3 245 PS#146
LB	Andrew Holoman 6-2 225 PS#195
K	Kevin Jones 6-3 185 PS#29
DB	Matt Pridemore 6-0 185 PS#257
TE	William Ball 6-3 230 PS#93
LB	Vincent Rey 6-0 255 PS#238
DB	Catron Gainey 6-2 195 PS#292
DL	Ifreke Okpokowuruk 6-1 270 PS#290
OL	Jeffrey Cowart 6-5 290 PS#374
DL	Patrick Egboh 6-4 230 PS#412
DB	Leon Wright 5-9 165 PS#477
WR	Sheldon Bell 6-4 190 PS#477JC
OL	Marcus Lind 6-4 285 PS#562
DL	Pontus Bondeson 6-6 290 PS#495
DL	Brandon Harper 6-3 285 PS#495
DB	Abraham Dukuly 6-1 205 PS#560
DB	Chris Rwabukamba 6-0 175 PS#560

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#16

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score DUKE	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Richmond	G						Duke was outscored 146-43 in the 3Q last season. Blue Devils are 3-7 SU & 1-7 ATS since 1996 in home openers. Duke is 1-11 ATS (2-10 SU) since 1996 as a favorite.
Sep. 9	at Wake Forest	A						Spiders finished 9-4 LY, ranked #8 in IAA & made it to the Quarterfinals. Richmond HC Dave Clawson was the IAA National COY in 2005.
Sep. 16	at Virginia Tech	G						Blue Devils are 3-8 ATS the last 7 years after a SU win. Duke is 4-16-1 SU, but 13-8 (62%) ATS since 1985 in their road opener.
Sep. 23								Duke is 4-2 ATS the L/6 games vs tms that held them scoreless the previous yr. Blue Devils are 1-8 SU & 3-5 ATS prior to a bye since 1997.
Sep. 30	Virginia	G						Blue Devils are 4-0 ATS the last 4 years after a bye week. Duke is 2-10 SU but 8-4 ATS vs Virginia the last 12 years.
Oct. 7	at Alabama	G						In '45 Duke beat UA in the Sugar Bowl on George Clark's 4Q 20 yd TD run. Duke is only 6-15 ATS the last 21 games facing non-conference teams.
Oct. 14	Florida St	G						The avg score in this series is FSU-53, Duke-16 (14 gms) & avg line FSU-33. The home team is 0-5 ATS during the last 5 years in this series.
Oct. 21	Miami, Fl	G						Duke did beat the Hurricanes in their 1st ever meeting in '76, 20-7 (+4'). LY Duke had just 5 FD's & 8 passing yds (both season lows) vs Miami.
Oct. 28	Vanderbilt	G						Duke is 3-6 SU & 2-7 ATS all-time vs Vanderbilt (1st gm was in '86). In their last game in '01, Duke had FD & yd edges, but also had 5 TO's (2 inside the V10).
Nov. 4	Navy	G						Duke is 9-3 ATS (3-9 SU) the last 4 years in November. In their L/6 gms S/'95, Duke has given up an avg of 303 (5.9) rushing ypg.
Nov. 11	at Boston College	A						Duke & BC last met in 1929 as this will be just their 4th meeting. This will be just the 6th time Duke (9/9) plays on art turf S/'95 (1-3 ATS).
Nov. 18	at Georgia Tech	G						Duke led 10-7 at the half LY, but GT scored on 4 straight 2H possessions. HC Ted Roof was a former All-ACC LB at Georgia Tech from 1985-'87.
Nov. 25	North Carolina	G						Duke was 7-0 ATS in home finales from '91-'97 but 2-6 ATS the last 8 yrs. The underdog is now 17-7 ATS in this "Victory Bell" clash since 1982.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Ben Bennett 9,614 1980-'83
Rushing: Chris Douglas 3,122 2000-'03 Receiving: Clarkston Hines 3,318 1986-'89

TED ROOF (Career 5-22)

4th Year at Duke — Roof's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Roof's records AT DUKE

5-22	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
13-12	Vs The Spread	4-7	Home Underdog
11-7	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
11-9	Vs Conference	9-4	Away Underdog
2-3	Vs Non-Conf	2-0	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (1-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (18,20,2)
Lost: 26 (14,10,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,486

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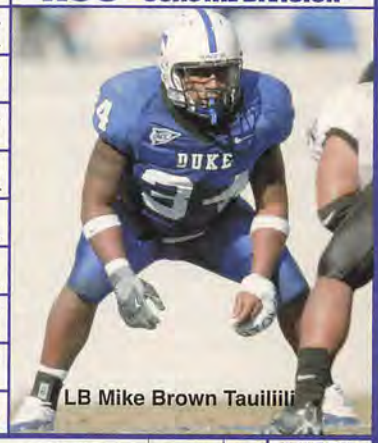

LB Mike Brown Tauiliili

STADIUM: WALLACE WADE STADIUM (33,941)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	0-11	0-11	2-10	4-8	2-9	1-10	12-67
Home	1-5	0-5	0-6	1-5	3-4	2-3	1-5	8-33
Away	2-3	0-6	0-5	1-5	1-4	0-6	0-5	4-34
ATS	5-6	5-6	2-9	8-4	5-6	7-3	2-8	34-42
Home Fav	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-6
Home Dog	3-0	3-2	1-5	3-2	2-2	2-2	0-5	14-18
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2
Away Dog	2-2	2-4	1-4	5-1	3-2	5-1	2-2	20-16
Favorite	0-4	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-8
Dog	5-2	5-6	2-9	8-3	5-4	7-3	2-7	34-34
Grass	5-6	5-6	1-9	8-4	5-6	7-3	2-8	33-42
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	1-7	5-3	4-4	6-2	2-6	28-28
vs Non-Conf	0-3	0-3	1-2	3-1	1-2	1-1	0-2	6-14
Off SU Win	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-3	1-1	0-1	3-8
Off SU Loss	4-3	5-5	2-8	6-3	5-2	6-1	2-6	30-28

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Justin Boyle	134	490	32	458	9	3.4
Ronnie Drummer	33	352	15	337	2	10.2
Re'quan Boyette	60	271	19	252	1	4.2
Cedric Dargan	52	160	10	150	2	2.9
Zack Asack	78	242	147	95	2	1.2
Clifford Harris	21	77	2	75	0	3.6
Curt Dukes	11	55	14	41	0	3.7
Marcus Jones	9	28	17	11	0	1.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Zack Asack	180	90	50.0	966	5	8
Mike Schneider	86	41	47.7	351	0	6
Marcus Jones	7	2	28.6	6	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ben Patrick	30	252	8.4	0	20
Eron Riley	11	247	22.5	2	66
Ronnie Elliott	19	176	9.3	0	20
Andy Roland	13	176	13.5	1	54
Jomar Wright	8	155	19.4	1	30
Deon Adams	10	100	10.0	0	26
Marcus Jones	11	90	8.2	1	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Sprague	76	3144	41.4	8	35.5	0	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joe Surgan	15-16	1-1	1-2	4-5	0-0	6-8	49
Randy DeSmyter	4-4	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-2	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Tauiliili	92	1	9	0	0
Brendan Dewan	69	2	7.5	0	0
Brian Greene	62	2	1	1	2
Patrick Bailey	52	0.5	1.5	0	0
John Talley	50	0	1.5	8	5
Eli Nichols	48	3	5	2	0
Jeramy Edwards	47	1.5	2	2	0
Chris Davis	46	1.5	2.5	3	2
DeAndre White	46	1	2	0	0
Deonto McCormick	41	0.5	0	4	0
Phillip Alexander	41	2.5	4	2	0
Casey Camero	39	1	3.5	0	0
Brian Sallee	24	1	2.5	1	0
Justin Kitchen	24	0	2.5	2	0
Glenn Williams	21	0	2.5	1	0
Alex Williams	20	0	1	0	0
Codey Lowe	19	0	1	0	0
Clifford Respress	18	1	1.5	0	0
Andreas Platt	15	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Davis	22	167	7.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Davis	20	425	21.2	0
Ronnie Drummer	16	382	23.9	1
Eron Riley	9	213	23.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
54	Orange	NL	Nebraska	34-7	–
57	Orange	NL	Oklahoma	21-48	–
60	Cotton	NL	Arkansas	7-6	–
89	All-American	-3	Texas Tech	21-49	L
94	Hall of Fame	+8	Wisconsin	20-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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DUKE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	16.1	14	127	3.2	121	47.2	15.4	-8	2005	6	37.1	21	207	5.1	204	59.5	11.1
4*	16.6	14	94	2.7	170	57.3	15.9	+2	2004	6	29.3	21	226	5.0	201	58.5	14.6
11*	17.6	20	172	3.8	171	49.0	19.5	+4	2003	9	28.6	19	158	4.4	217	59.0	13.1
5	18.9	18	158	3.9	200	53.4	18.9	+2	2002	7	29.4	20	121	3.4	255	60.2	12.8
7*	19.3	19	113	3.0	231	48.0	17.9	-14	2001	7	44.6	23	246	5.5	246	61.1	11.0
7*	14.1	17	82	2.4	198	48.6	19.9	-13	2000	3	39.1	22	185	4.6	272	63.7	11.7

2005 STATS BY GAME

DUKE 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at East Carolina	19	43 - 162	3.8	15 - 30	139	3	11	36 - 103	2.9	17 - 21	235	1	-2
–	Virginia Tech	5	35 - 13	0.4	5 - 18	22	5	22	44 - 180	4.1	13 - 22	182	2	0
–	VMI	21	45 - 235	5.2	13 - 23	116	1	12	34 - 70	2.1	14 - 22	109	5	0
–	at Virginia	11	39 - 107	2.7	9 - 18	108	1	17	35 - 110	3.1	15 - 25	214	2	-3
–	Navy	20	58 - 179	3.1	16 - 27	152	3	13	35 - 326	9.3	4 - 9	87	1	+1
–	at Miami, Fl	5	40 - 120	3.0	4 - 17	8	5	27	40 - 255	6.4	22 - 40	302	0	+2
–	Georgia Tech	13	42 - 181	4.3	9 - 30	90	3	25	49 - 257	5.2	17 - 27	147	0	-1
–	Florida St	15	36 - 191	5.3	9 - 19	52	1	32	33 - 163	4.9	34 - 49	376	0	-1
–	Wake Forest	14	31 - 50	1.6	17 - 29	153	3	23	51 - 419	8.2	11 - 23	138	0	-1
–	at Clemson	20	28 - 79	2.8	26 - 43	328	2	24	41 - 234	5.7	14 - 24	216	3	-2
–	at North Carolina	11	38 - 81	2.1	11 - 30	163	4	26	46 - 163	3.5	15 - 34	238	5	-1
	TOTALS	154	435 - 1398	3.2	134 - 284	1331	31	232	444 - 2280	5.1	176 - 296	2244	19	-8
	AVERAGES	14.0	40 - 127	3.2	12 - 26	121	2.8	21.1	40 - 207	5.1	16 - 27	204	1.7	-0.7

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida St - #6	+30	13-55	L
at Rice	+9	13-15	W
Northwestern - #16	+16	7-44	L
at Virginia	+17	10-31	L
Georgia Tech - #17	+24'	10-37	L
Wake Forest	+8'	35-42	W
at Maryland - #12	+25	17-59	L
Vanderbilt	+7'	28-42	L
NC State	+17	31-55	L
at North Carolina	+27'	17-52	L
at Clemson	+27	31-59	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
East Carolina	+14'	23-16	W
Louisville	+17'	3-40	L
at Northwestern	+6	21-26	W
at Florida St - #5	+44'	17-48	W
at Navy	+2	43-17	W
Virginia	+11	22-27	W
at Wake Forest	+11	10-36	L
at NC State #13	+23'	22-24	W
Maryland	+13'	12-45	L
Clemson	+10	31-34	W
at Georgia Tech	+16'	2-17	W
North Carolina	-3	21-23	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia - #18	+14'	0-27	L
W Carolina	NL	29-3	–
Rice	-11	27-24 OT	L
Northwestern	-3	10-28	L
Florida St - #6	+29'	7-56	L
at Maryland	+27'	20-33	W
Wake Forest	+10	13-42	L
NC State	+20'	21-28	W
at Tennessee - #19	+24	6-23	W
Georgia Tech	+13	41-17	W
at Clemson	+14	7-40	L
at North Carolina	+6	30-22	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Navy	+7	12-27	L
at Connecticut	+15	20-22	W
at Virginia Tech	+29	17-41	W
Maryland - #23	+16'	21-55	L
The Citadel	NL	28-10	–
at Georgia Tech	+18	7-24	W
Virginia - #14	+25	16-37	W
at Wake Forest	+17	22-24	W
at Florida St - #13	+30	7-29	W
Clemson	+12'	16-13	W
North Carolina	+7	17-40	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at East Carolina	-3	21-24	L
Virginia Tech - #7	+21	0-45	L
VMI	NL	40-14	–
at Virginia - #23	+24'	7-38	L
Navy	+6	21-28	L
at Miami, Fl - #9	+35'	7-52	L
Georgia Tech	+21	10-35	L
Florida St - #11	+30	24-55	L
Wake Forest	+12'	6-44	L
at Clemson	+30	20-49	W
at North Carolina	+21	21-24	W

FLORIDA ST SEMINOLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Last year FSU was replacing Chris Rix who threw for 865 yards (51%, 3-7 ratio). Wyatt Sexton (PS#23) took over for Rix during 2004 and threw for 1,661 (55.2%), 8-8 ratio. Rix did play the entire bowl. Sexton had some complications from Lyme disease and missed 2005 leaving the position to a pair of untested rFr. Xavier Lee (PS#2) battled Drew Weatherford (PS#15) but Lee developed a sore shoulder in August. Both struggled in the opener vs Miami but Weatherford hit 26 of 37 for 342 vs The Citadel and took command. After he led the comeback vs Maryland, LB Nicholson said "he is a ballplayer." Weatherford threw for 377 vs Virginia and QB'd most of the year although Lee replaced him vs NCSt and vs Clemson with both times hitting just 1 of 7. Weatherford set the ACC record for passing yards (3,208) as a frosh (Philip Rivers 3,054 NCSt). They both return but Lee missed the spring following shoulder surgery. Added to the mix are two VHT true frosh including Christian Ponder (PS#22) who was in for the spring. Not listed below are walk-ons Tommy Keane (6-2 205 Sr) and Jared Whipkey (6-3 211 Sr). This group is a lot more experienced and I look for Weatherford to have an outstanding soph season.

RUNNING BACKS - FSU has not had a RB top 1,000 yards rushing since Warrick Dunn ('96). Leon Washington (PS#8) rushed for 273 as a true but in '03 missed four games with an elbow injury and had just 387 (5.2). Washington was on his way to a 1,000 yard season in 2004 with 689 in the first 7 but was injured and had just 67 the last 4. He exploded for 195 and Lorenzo Booker (PS#1) added 101 in the bowl finishing with 887 (5.1). Both returned in '05 but FSU had their worst ypg rushing since 1947 (94). Jamaal Edwards (PS#5, 28 yd in '04) was redshirted and true frosh Antone Smith (PS#4), who has 4.36 speed, had 76 vs Duke and finished with 188 (5.2). Washington missed two full games with injury and finished with just 430 (4.4). Booker had 112 vs Clemson and finished with 552 (4.6). This year they must replace Washington (#4DC NYJ, 10 st), FB's James Coleman (8 st, 17 yd) and BJ Dean (7 yd). Booker turned down the NFL and joins Edwards, Smith, Russell Ball (5-7 176 rFr, PS#36) and this year's true frosh. FSU figures to have a much improved rushing attack in 2006.

RECEIVERS - Florida St had to replace their top 3 WR's last year who combined for 110 rec. The top returnees were Willie Reid (PS#21, 15 rec) and Chris Davis (PS#4QB) who had 228 yards (16.3) in '04. They brought in true frosh, PS#2 Fred Rouse. Reid sprained a knee (miss 2) but still finished with 50 rec (12.7). Davis led with 51 (13.1) and De'Cody Fagg (PS#74) missed 3 full games and parts of others and had 35 (11.5). The impact WR was 6'6" true frosh Greg Carr (PS#49) who had 9 TD's and 30 rec (20.6!). Rouse only had 6 (19.0) and was dismissed after the bowl. This year they must replace TE's Matt Henshaw (6 st, 21 rec), Donnie Carter (6 st, 6) and Matt Root (3 rec) plus WR's Reid (#3DC PIT, 11 st), Lorne Sam (6 in '04) and Rouse (transfer). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR Richard Goodman (6-0 179 So), Robert Hallback (5-9 182 Sr) and Chase Walker (6-2 197 So). This unit actually has more experience than 2005.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The last two years, this unit has been wracked by injuries. In 2004 they appeared to have all 5 starters back but only one OL was able to start all 12. They still paved the way for 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing 29 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters including #1 and #4 NFL DC's and then was hit hard by injuries again. At one point in the spring, they were down to a 6th string walk-on C foreshadowing the OL troubles to come in the regular season. John Frady (PS#29) and Matt Meinrod (PS#61) were both lost for the season after just five starts. When LG Cornelius Lewis (PS#99) was ejected vs Florida and had to miss the 1H vs Virg Tech, they were down to just six scholarship OL's. As you would expect, FSU avg'd just 3.3 ypc while allowing 32 sacks (6.1%). This year they must replace C David Castillo (11 st, HM ACC, 3 yr st'r), RG Matt Meinrod (2 yr st'r), G Cornelius Lewis (4 st) and RG Ron Lunford (3 st). Five players return with starting experience and they have 7 VHT's in the 2 deep. This group is more experienced and can only be healthier.

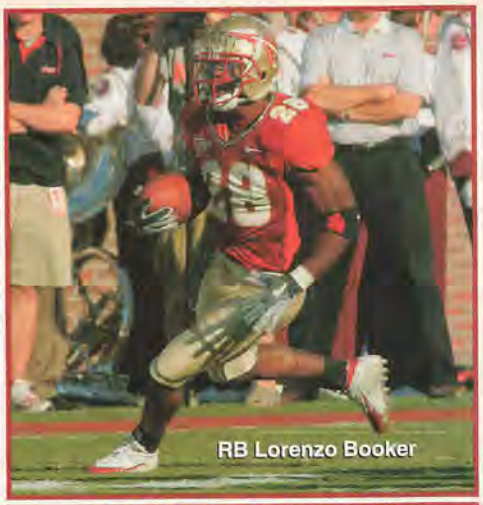
DEFENSIVE LINE - FSU always has a solid rush defense and it was surprising in 2002 when they allowed 3.7 ypc rushing, their worst total in over a decade. After trimming it to 3.3 ypc in 2003, they had to replace three starters from the front in '04 and were banged up, but still allowed just 2.4 ypc (#3 rush D NCAA). Last year they had to replace 3 starters who were #1, #4 and #6 NFL DC's and a backup. DE Kamerion Wimbley missed two games but was still 2nd Tm ACC. Surprisingly NG Brodrick Bunkley, who was 1st Tm AA (FWAA) with 9 sacks and 16 tfl, was, only 2nd Tm ACC. This year they do lose Wimbley (#1DC CLE, 10 st, 7.5 sk), Bunkley (#1DC PHI, 13 st, 66 tkl) and DE Willie Jones (1st, 5 tkl, 1 sk). FSU allowed just 2.9 ypc while recording 44 sacks and although the two top sack guys are gone, this unit has a little more experience than 2005.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 the Noles had to replace all 3 starters from this unit but last year had 7 of the top 8 back. WLB AJ Nicholson had a great year including a game vs BC in which he had 2 int's and returned one for a TD with 19 tackles. This year they must replace Nicholson (#5DC CIN, 12 st, 2nd Tm ACC, 100 tkl), SLB Ernie Sims (#1DC DET, 13 st, 72 tkl, 10 tfl), Marcello Church (26 tkl, 4.5 sk) and Sam McGrew (54 tkl, 4.5 tfl). Including this year's true frosh, there are 12 VHT's in this group, so it is very talented but less experienced than 2005.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - FSU has had four Top 2 finishes in my pass D rankings the past 12 years. In fact their lowest finish since 1994 had been #40. They finished #22 in 2004 and had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups including #2 and #4 NFL DC's in '05. They then lost projected starting CB Antonio Cromartie to an ACL inj and starting CB Gerard Ross went down at midyear with an injury. FSU had their lowest finish yet in my pass D rankings, all the way down to #74 as they allowed 200.8 ypg (15-12 ratio) vs a light slate of opposing QB's. This year they lose ROV Kyler Hall (13 st, 69 tkl), FS Pat Watkins (#5DC DAL, 10 st, 77 tkl), CB Ross (7 st, 16 tkl), Cromartie (#1DC SD) and Kenny Ingram (10 tkl). They add true frosh Myron Rolle (PS#2) who was in for the spring. FSU is much better off at CB heading into 2006 and should make significant improvement in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - FSU finished #18 in my ST rankings in 2003 and #21 in 2004. They returned their punter and outstanding returnman last season and moved into the Top 10 (#6). PR Willie Reid (4.3 spd) avg'd a super 17.5 including an Orange Bowl record 87 yard PR (old record by former FSU AD Cecil "Hootie" Ingram 1953, Alabama) and also had an 83 yard PR TD in the ACC Title game. After years of inconsistent kicking, Bowden opened up the FG job in August after Gary Cismesia hit 7 of 9 with a long of 44 yards in 2004. Last year Cismesia had a good year hitting 17 of 24 connecting on 6 from 40+ (long 49). P Chris Hall, who sometimes reached 4.9 hangtime, avg'd just 38.6 but with a net of 35.7. Kenny O'Neal led the team in KR's (24.0). As a team FSU has averaged at least 10.54 per PR in ten of the last 11 years. This year they must replace Hall and Reid and will likely drop some in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Bobby Bowden is now the 1A NCAA record holder for career wins (359) and is in his 31st season at FSU. His OC, Jeff Bowden, has been here for 13 years and enters his sixth year as OC, but caught a lot of flak last year from the fans. DC Mickey Andrews is now in his 23rd year.


RB Lorenzo Booker

PHIL'S FORECAST

FSU had an amazing run of 14 straight years of finishing in the Top 5 of the final polls but in 2001 saw numerous streaks end. For the first time they did not finish first in the ACC as their record fell to 8-4. 2002 was even worse as they dropped to 9-5 but at least they took home the ACC crown (7-1). In 2003 they won the crown again and outgained ACC foes by 97 ypg even though it was the first time since 1986 they were not in the preseason Top 10. In 2004 they came into the season ranked #5 but finished 2nd in the ACC. They won their bowl for a 9-3 season despite converting just 23.7% of their 3rd downs, the worst mark in the NCAA. Their 373 ypg was their lowest total since 1981. Last year it appeared they would have 11 starters back (fewest ACC) but then lost projected starters QB Sexton, RG Meinrod, CB Cromartie and NG Dickson prior to the season. They also had to replace 8 DC's (see pg 308). The team only had 60 players workout over the summer and then suffered a spate of injuries on the OL, WR, DL and DB units. While the defense recorded 9 sacks vs Miami, FSU was outgained 313-170 but somehow managed to win. They were outgained by BC 380-244 on the road but won and surprisingly opened 5-0 with talk of a National Title, rising to #4 in the AP poll. After a loss to Virginia on the road, they won their next two and were 7-1 but then suffered 3 straight losses for the first time since 1983, being outscored by an avg of 30-12. Their 3 ACC losses were their most ever but they still took home the Atlantic Division Title and earned a berth in the ACC Title game. They were a 14' point dog to VT but pulled the outright upset and gained their 12th ACC Title. FSU is the only team in the country to appear in a New Year's (or later) bowl every year for the last 15 years. In the bowl, Penn St kept them in the game and FSU could have won had they made a FG (sound familiar?). The offense last year was back to their good old days as they were the #1 ACC passing offense and they were #1 in the ACC in total offense until OL injuries hit. Despite being the ACC Champ, FSU only outgained ACC foes by 28.5 ypg, the 6th best mark. The offense loses 5 starters but now has a veteran QB, should have a healthier O-line which is more experienced than 2005 (4 starters back) and will easily top last year's 28.9 ppg. While the defense has just 5 starters returning, I look for them to improve solidly on 2005's 22 ppg allowed. FSU "earned" 39 points in my Draft Day Party Hangover (see pg 308). FSU had four players selected in the first round of the draft tying a school high set in 1997. Florida St has just 6 scholarship seniors but their 8 home games are the most in school history. If the Seminoles knocks off Miami in the opener, they have a shot at running the table and are a legitimate National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GARNET — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GARNET — DEFENSE

QB 11 DREW WEATHERFORD SO. 6-3 220 **PS#15**. 13 st rFr, ACC Fr record 3208 (59%), 18-18 ratio, 137 rush. **9 Xavier Lee** (6-4 228 So) **PS#2**. 466 pass (47%), 83 rush as rFr.

RB 28 LORENZO BOOKER SR. 5-11 193 **PS#1**. 5 sts, 3 years, 1773 (5.0), 81 rec (7.1). **23** Antone Smith (5-9 188 So) **PS#4. #5 ACC 60m. 33** Jamaal Edwards (6-0 215 So) PS#5.

FB NA Matt Dunham Fr. 6-2 255 PS#28DB. Georgia HS rush TD record. GS LY. **32** Joe Surratt (6-1 263 Jr) 6 yd true. Pat Davis (5-9 187 So). Sean Compton (6-0 238 Jr).

WR 89 Greg Carr So. 6-6 200 PS#49. 1 st true, 30 (20.6), 9 TD, **2nd Tm ACC. 81** De'Cody Fagg (6-3 221 Jr) PS#74. 5 st, 35 (11.5) LY. **80** Joslin Shaw (5-10 180 Jr) 8 rec LY.

WR 5 CHRIS DAVIS SR. 6-0 180 **PS#4QB**. 1 st, 37 rec 1st 2Y. 12 st LY, 51 (13.1). **4** Kenny O'Neal (6-1 195 So) PS#46. 3 st, 5 rec. Track sprinter, 4.3 spd. Rod Owens (6-0 170 So) PS#68.

TE NA Brandon Warren Fr. 6-2 230 **PS#4. 45** Charlie Graham (6-3 241 rFr) PS#92. Caz Piurowski **PS#7**. Edwin Pierre (6-3 262 Sr). Jonathan Person (6-2 238 So). In for spg.

C 58 Dumaka Atkins So. 6-4 310 **PS#27**. 2nd string rFr, 6 gm. **67 John Frady** (6-4 306 Jr) 1 st true. 2 st '04, Med RS. 5 st LY (2C, 3G) inj'd L/5. **69** Cory Brookins (6-3 292 Sr).

RG 62 CORY NIBLOCK SR. 6-4 300 PS#301. 11 st '04. 10 st at LT in '05, ACL, missed 3. **74** Geoff Berniard (6-8 342 So) **PS#71**. 13 gm rFr. **77** Jared Martin (6-2 340 Sr).

LG 68 JACKY CLAUDE JR. 6-4 308 **PS#62**. 9 gm true, 2nd string. 13 st LY. MIP offseason. **70** Philip Browning (6-5 282 rFr) Hargrave. Marcus Ford (6-3 280 Jr). Def Scout POY.

RT 79 DAVID OVERMYER JR. 6-5 303 **PS#78**. 1 st (bowl) at OT. 12 gms rFr. 13 st LY. Off MIP in '05. **73 Shannon Boatman** (6-7 309 Jr) **PS#15JC. In for spring. 1st Tm JCAA.**

LT 75 Mario Henderson Sr. 6-7 304 PS#152. 1 st true. 12 gm '04. 13 gm LY, last **2 st**. Matt Hardrick (6-5 340 Fr) **PS#8 in '05.** Hargrave. Daron Rose (6-5 310 Fr) PS#15.

K 12 GARY CISMESIA JR. 5-11 214 **PS#5**. 7 of 9 FG true, long 44. 17 of 24 LY, long 49. **43** Graham Gano (6-1 189 So) **PS#5**. 26 KO's LY. **37** Chase Goggans (5-9 170 Jr) **PS#1**.

DE 98 ALEX BOSTON JR. 6-3 264 **PS#59**. 8 st, 18 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **99** Everette Brown (6-4 240 rFr) **PS#23LB**. Justin Mincey (6-5 275 Fr) **PS#17** LY. Hargrave. Antoine Seay (6-1 209 rFr).

DT 96 ANDRE FLUELLEN JR. 6-4 286 PS#93. 6 tkl rFr. 12 st in '05, 26 tkl. 2.5 sk, 5 tfl. **93** Letroy Guion (6-4 286 So) PS#238. 1 st, 10 tkl true. **91** Emmanuel Dunbar (6-5 292 So) 7 tkl, 2 tfl true.

NG 56 Kendrick Stewart rFr. 6-2 271 **PS#35**. #1 in spg. **54 Paul Griffin PS#37JC. In for spring. 90** Aaron Jones (6-3 285 So) **PS#20**. 3 tkl, 6 games rFr. Ryan McMahon PS#89.

DE 59 Neefy Moffett So. 6-1 263 **PS#10LB**. 9 tkl, 3 tfl as true. **92** Darrell Burston (6-2 240 Sr) **PS#51LB**. 6 st LY, 15 tkl, 1 sk, 4 tfl. **82** DJ Norris (6-3 252 Jr) PS#27TE. 1 st, 20 tkl, 3.5 tfl.

SLB 83 Lawrence Timmons Jr. 6-3 230 **PS#11**. 47 tkl, 3 sk 2Y. **37** Rodney Gallon (6-0 200 So) PS#43. 2 tkl rFr. **41** Toddrick Verdell (6-3 215 So) **PS#22JC. In for spg.** Marcus Ball **PS#9.**

MLB 55 Derek Nicholson So. 6-2 223 **PS#7**. 21 tkl, 1.5 tfl, 13 gm true. **49** Anthony Kelly (6-3 253 Jr) **PS#7JC**. RS LY. **51** Jae Thaxton (6-3 246 So) **PS#27**. 19 tkl true. MED RS LY.

WLB 7 BUSTER DAVIS SR. 5-11 240 **PS#8**. 11 st '04, 60 tkl, 8 tfl. 13 st LY, 91 tkl, 10.5 tfl. **10** Geno Hayes (6-2 215 So) **PS#15**. 17 tkl as true. Jeremy Franklin (6-2 202 Sr) in Navy 5Y.

CB 15 TONY CARTER SO. 5-9 160 **PS#3DB**. 13 sts rFr, 41 tkl, 12 pbu, 1st Tm Fr AA. **29** Michael Ray Garvin (5-8 181 So) **PS#15. 4.37 spd**. 16 tkl, 1 sk as true. Patrick Robinson PS#52WR.

CB 18 JR BRYANT JR. 6-1 172 **PS#13**. Last 6 st LY, 35 tkl, 3 pbu. No spg (shoulder surg). **20** Jamie Robinson (6-2 187 rFr) **PS#27. 47** Korey Mangum (6-0 192 rFr) **PS#29.**

ROV 3 Myron Rolle Fr. 6-2 218 **PS#2**. In for spg. **46** Anthony Houllis (6-0 210 Jr) 25 tkl 2Y. **21** Trevor Ford (6-1 192 So) **PS#35**. 13 tkl rFr. 4.4 spd. **16** Mikhal Kornegay (5-8 181 Jr). 3 tkl LY.

FS 8 Roger Williams Jr. 6-1 200 24 tkl as rFr. 3 sts FS in '05, 39 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu. **24** Darius McClure (5-11 198 So) PS#171. 14 tkl LY. **30** Roosevelt Lawson (5-11 187 So) 5 tkl LY.

P NA Brent Moody Jr. 6-2 185 PS#16K. 51 punts at Louisville '03, 39.6 avg, 36.2 net as true. 26 punts '04, 40.8. **43** Graham Gano (6-1 189 So) **PS#5**. 42.0 avg HS, 65 yd FG in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DB	Myron Rolle 6-2 218 PS#2
LB	Marcus Ball 6-0 204 PS#9
OL	Matt Hardrick 6-5 340 PS#8 '05
RB	Marcus Sims 6-0 211 PS#13
TE	Brandon Warren 6-2 230 PS#4
OL	Daron Rose 6-5 310 PS#15
OL	Shannon Boatman 6-7 309 PS#15JC
DL	Justin Mincey 6-5 275 PS#17 '05
WR	Damon McDaniel 6-0 192 PS#13
LB	Toddrick Verdell 6-3 215 PS#22JC
TE	Caz Piurowski 6-7 234 PS#7
DL	Paul Griffin 6-1 287 PS#37JC
QB	Christian Ponder 6-2 202 PS#22
LB	Dekoda Watson 6-2 225 PS#48DL
QB	D'Vontrey Richardson 6-1 200 PS#29
LB	Tim Rawlinson 6-1 215 PS#35
DB	Ochuko Jenije 5-10 177 PS#47
DB	Patrick Robinson 5-11 169 PS#52WR
WR	Preston Parker 6-0 175 PS#62
DB	Mister Alexander 6-2 183 PS#72
DL	Ryan McMahon 6-3 280 PS#89
OL	Evan Bellamy 6-4 315 PS#107
LB	Recardo Wright 6-2 215 PS#85
DL	Douglas Thacker 6-2 275 PS#124
RB	Seddrick Holloway 5-10 245 PS#124
OL	Tyler Graves 6-6 272 PS#140
DB	Anthony Leon 6-4 215 PS#129
WR	Brent Brewer 6-2 187 PS#121
DL	Kevin McNeil 6-3 240 PS#214
OL	Brandon Davis 6-2 290 PS#294DL

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#44

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 4	at Miami, Fl (Mon)	G					
Sep. 9	Troy	G					
Sep. 16	Clemson	G					
Sep. 23	Rice	G					
Sep. 30							
Oct. 5	at NC State (Thur)	G					
Oct. 14	at Duke	G					
Oct. 21	Boston College	G					
Oct. 28	at Maryland	G					
Nov. 4	Virginia	G					
Nov. 11	Wake Forest	G					
Nov. 18	W Michigan (HC)	G					
Nov. 25	Florida	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Bowden's 359 career wins puts him 3rd on the all-time list, 1st in Div IA.
Last year Florida St lost 3 games in a row (1st time since 1983).
Florida St is 11-2-1 SU & 10-4 ATS in home finales since 1992.

From '93-'98 FSU was 5-1 SU & ATS vs UM, but over the L7Y are 2-6 SU & ATS.
Each yr S/'01 these rivals combined pt total has descended (76, 55, 36, 30, 26 & 17).

Florida St is 13-0 SU & 9-4 ATS since 1993 in home openers.
These schools haven't met since 1951, playing 5 games from '47-'51 (FSU 4-1 SU).

Seminoles are 14-1 SU & 5-10 ATS the last 4 years as an ACC home fav.
FSU is 55-2 SU & 32-23-2 ATS at Doak S. Campbell Stadium vs ACC tms S/'92.

Noles are 5-0 SU & 3-1 ATS outscoring current CUSA tms 233-49 S/'92.
The Seminoles are 6-11-1 ATS before a bye week since 1994.

Florida St is 4-1 SU & ATS since 1996 on Thursday night games.
FSU was 8-1 SU & 7-2 ATS from 1992-2000 vs NC St but just 2-3 SU & 1-4 ATS L5Y.

LY Duke amassed 191 yds rushing & were only down 24-14 mid-3Q in their best effort ever vs FSU.
FSU is 7-1 ATS vs Duke when favored by 32' or less, 1-5 ATS if 33 or more S/'92.

Both teams were ranked LY (FSU #8, BC #17) in BC's ACC debut.
LY was their 1st game S/'80 as FSU is 3-0 SU & ATS vs BC in their lined meetings.

Seminoles have outscored the Terrapins 635-220 in ACC play.
Florida St is 9-5 ATS vs Maryland since 1992.

FSU is 12-2 SU & 9-5 ATS vs Virginia since joining the ACC.
Seminoles are 14-8 ATS the L14Y in November HG's but 0-4 ATS L3Y.

FSU has outscored WF by an avg 43-13 in their ACC meetings since '92.
Florida St has not lost SU to WF since 1973 & the last time in Tallahassee S/'59.

FSU has outscored current MAC tms on avg 43-2 all-time (3 meetings).
In their only prior meeting, FSU whipped WMU 58-0 covering as 43' pt HF's in '91.

The 7 pts FSU scored LY was their lowest output since their 1981 encounter.
The home team is 13-5 ATS since 1988 in this in-state rivalry.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Chris Weinke 9,839 1997-'00
Rushing: Warrick Dunn 3,959 1993-'96 Receiving: Ron Sellers 3,598 1966-'68

Bowden's records AT FLORIDA ST

286-75-4	Straight Up	88-64-2	Home Favorite
175-136-2	Vs The Spread	6-4	Home Underdog
33-20	Off A SU Loss	60-51	Away Favorite
95-77-2	Vs Conference	21-17	Away Underdog
80-59	Vs Non-Conf	28-25	Off A Bye

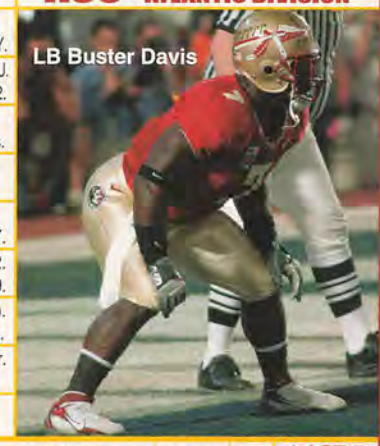
2005 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (24,23,3)
Lost: 27 (14,11,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 82,724

ACC - ATLANTIC DIVISION


LB Buster Davis

BOBBY BOWDEN FIELD at DOAK S. CAMPBELL STADIUM (82,300)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-0	11-1	7-4	9-4	10-2	8-3	8-4	64-18
Home	6-0	6-0	4-2	5-1	5-1	5-1	5-1	36-6
Away	5-0	5-1	3-2	4-3	5-1	3-2	3-3	28-12
ATS	5-6	8-4	5-6	6-7	7-5	4-7	5-6	40-41
Home Fav	2-5	5-1	2-3	2-4	3-3	3-3	1-3	18-22
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1
Away Fav	3-1	3-3	3-1	3-3	4-2	1-3	2-2	19-15
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	2-3
Favorite	5-6	8-4	5-4	5-7	7-5	4-6	3-5	37-37
Dog	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-1	3-4
Grass	5-6	8-4	5-6	6-7	7-5	4-6	4-6	39-40
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-1
vs Conf	4-4	6-2	5-3	4-4	4-4	3-5	4-5	30-27
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-2	0-3	2-3	3-1	1-2	1-1	10-14
Off SU Win	5-5	6-4	2-4	3-5	6-3	3-5	2-4	27-30
Off SU Loss	0-0	1-0	2-2	3-1	0-2	1-1	2-2	9-8

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lorenzo Booker	**119**	**596**	**44**	**552**	**4**	**4.6**
Leon Washington	97	459	29	430	3	4.4
Antone Smith	**36**	**200**	**12**	**188**	**3**	**5.2**
Lamar Lewis	9	51	1	50	1	5.6
Xavier Lee	**14**	**83**	**47**	**36**	**2**	**2.6**
Drew Weatherford	**67**	**137**	**165**	**-28**	**3**	**-0.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Drew Weatherford	**469**	**276**	**58.8**	**3208**	**18**	**18**
Xavier Lee	**57**	**27**	**47.4**	**466**	**3**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chris Davis	**51**	**666**	**13.1**	**5**	**56**
Willie Reid	50	634	12.7	1	43
Greg Carr	**30**	**618**	**20.6**	**9**	**63**
De'Cody Fagg	**35**	**404**	**11.5**	**1**	**51**
Lorenzo Booker	**38**	**329**	**8.7**	**2**	**71**
Leon Washington	25	267	10.7	1	61
Matt Henshaw	21	177	8.4	0	26
Fred Rouse	6	114	19.0	1	54
Rod Owens	**9**	**113**	**12.6**	**1**	**26**
Kenny O'Neal	**5**	**110**	**22.0**	**0**	**75**
Joslin Shaw	**8**	**93**	**11.6**	**0**	**21**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Hall	74	2859	38.6	15	35.7	0	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Gary Cismesia	42-43	2-3	9-12	6-9	0-0	17-24	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
AJ Nicholson	100	1	9	2	2
Buster Davis	**91**	**2**	**8.5**	**2**	**0**
Pat Watkins	77	0	2.5	5	3
Ernie Sims	72	2.5	7.5	4	2
Kyler Hall	69	2	0.5	6	3
Brodrick Bunkley	66	9	16	0	0
Sam McGrew	54	2.5	2	3	0
Tony Carter	**41**	**1**	**3**	**12**	**1**
Roger Williams	**39**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**1**
JR Bryant	**35**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**0**
Lawrence Timmons	**35**	**3**	**0.5**	**1**	**0**
Kamerion Wimbley	26	7.5	3.5	4	0
Marcello Church	26	4.5	3.5	2	0
Andre Fluellen	**26**	**2.5**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Derek Nicholson	**21**	**0.5**	**1**	**0**	**0**
DJ Norris	**20**	**0.5**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Alex Boston	**18**	**1**	**3.5**	**0**	**0**
Geno Hayes	**17**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Gerard Ross	16	0	0	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Willie Reid	31	541	17.5	3
Fred Rouse	11	97	8.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kenny O'Neal	**21**	**503**	**24.0**	**0**
Willie Reid	8	145	18.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Gator	+2	Virginia Tech - #15	30-17	W
02	Sugar	+8	Georgia - #4	13-26	L
03	Orange	-1'	Miami, Fl - #10	14-16	L
04	Gator	-10	West Virginia	30-18	W
05	Orange	+10	Penn St - #3 (3OT)	23-26	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Florida St's All-Time SU Bowl Record 19-13-2

FLORIDA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	28.9	19	94	3.3	283	57.6	13.0	-4	2005	5	22.0	17	108	2.9	201	59.2	14.1
8*	25.2	19	162	4.2	211	53.5	14.8	+7	2004	4	14.1	16	83	2.4	201	53.7	20.2
4*	32.2	21	133	3.7	270	56.8	12.5	+8	2003	10	16.7	17	119	3.3	213	55.0	19.9
6*	30.6	21	187	4.7	211	51.8	13.0	+11	2002	8	21.5	18	131	3.7	235	53.5	17.0
4	33.6	22	155	3.9	271	56.0	12.7	+4	2001	4	25.3	19	119	3.3	234	55.0	13.9
6*	39.3	25	154	4.3	376	60.5	13.5	+11	2000	7	10.5	16	73	2.2	204	50.4	26.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

FSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#14	Miami, Fl	9	33-96	2.9	8-26	74	1	21	44-81	1.8	16-28	232	9	+1
#11	The Citadel	25	32-144	4.5	31-45	485	2	5	32-26	0.8	16-27	65	1	-1
#8	at Boston College	14	19-13	0.7	20-38	231	3	24	48-140	2.9	27-42	240	0	-1
#6	Syracuse	18	36-116	3.2	22-36	396	4	12	31-45	1.5	14-25	189	7	+2
#4	Wake Forest	27	36-192	5.3	24-37	395	3	15	43-247	5.7	18-25	168	1	0
#4	at Virginia	26	21-95	4.5	35-59	377	1	22	28-20	0.7	27-39	306	3	-3
#11	at Duke	32	33-163	4.9	34-49	376	0	15	36-191	5.3	9-19	52	1	+1
#10	Maryland	22	33-136	4.1	27-37	264	1	19	33-119	3.6	16-30	206	3	0
#9	NC State	14	23-43	1.9	20-45	184	3	11	44-196	4.5	9-17	85	3	-3
#17	at Clemson	11	32-102	3.2	13-34	124	6	18	41-85	2.1	21-33	269	3	-1
#23	at Florida	19	28-49	1.8	24-42	285	5	17	33-73	2.2	19-28	211	2	-2
#22	† Virginia Tech	15	24-47	2.0	21-35	225	1	24	31-41	1.3	26-52	335	6	+2
#22	† Penn St	12	26-26	1.0	24-43	258	3	23	48-138	2.9	21-39	253	3	+1
TOTALS		243	376-1222	3.3	303-526	3674	32	226	492-1409	2.9	239-404	2611	44	-4
AVERAGES		18.7	29-94	3.3	23-40	283	2.5	17.4	38-108	2.9	18-31	201	3.4	-0.3

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Duke	-30	55-13	W
UAB	-29	29-7	L
at North Carolina	-17	9-41	L
Wake Forest	-26'	48-24	L
Miami, Fl - #2	+7'	27-49	L
at Virginia	-12'	43-7	W
Maryland - #10	-8	52-31	W
at Clemson	-8	41-27	W
NC State	-18	28-34	L
at Florida - #4	+16	13-37	L
Georgia Tech	-10	28-17	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Iowa St	-22	38-31	L
Virginia	-26'	40-19	L
at Maryland	-15	37-10	W
Duke	-44'	48-17	L
at Louisville	-14'	20-26 OT	L
Clemson	-14	48-31	W
at Miami, Fl - #1	+13	27-28	W
Notre Dame - #6	-10	24-34	L
at Wake Forest	-10	34-21	W
at Georgia Tech	-7	21-13	W
North Carolina	-31'	40-14	L
at NC State	-6	7-17	L
Florida - #15	-3'	31-14	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at North Carolina	-16	37-0	W
Maryland	-15	35-10	W
Georgia Tech	-23'	14-13	L
Colorado	-20	47-7	W
at Duke	-29'	56-7	W
Miami, Fl - #2	-7	14-22	L
at Virginia	-7'	19-14	L
Wake Forest	-18'	48-24	W
at Notre Dame	-12'	37-0	W
at Clemson	-17'	10-26	L
NC State	-13'	50-44 2OT	L
at Florida - #11	-1	38-34	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Miami, Fl - #5	+2	10-16 OT	L
UAB	-23	34-7	W
Clemson	-17'	41-22	W
North Carolina	-28'	38-16	L
at Syracuse	-19	17-13	L
Virginia - #6	-3	36-3	W
at Wake Forest	-13'	20-17	L
at Maryland	-11'	17-20	L
Duke	-30	29-7	L
at NC State	-6'	17-10	W
Florida	-7	13-20	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Fl - #9	+3	10-7	W
The Citadel	NL	62-10	–
at Boston College - #17	-1'	28-17	W
Syracuse	-21	38-14	W
Wake Forest	-21	41-24	L
at Virginia	-7	21-26	L
at Duke	-30	55-24	W
Maryland	-17	35-27	L
NC State	-13	15-20	L
at Clemson	-2	14-35	L
at Florida - #19	+3'	7-34	L
† Virginia Tech - #5	+14'	27-22	W

CLEMSON TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Charlie Whitehurst (PS#53) started the last 5 games. In his first start he set school records for completions (34) & yards (420). Whitehurst had an outstanding season in his first full year as a starter in 2003. He threw for 3,561 (61.9%) with a 21-13 ratio. Whitehurst, however, struggled mightily in 2004 and had 13 int's in his first 182 passes. He threw just 4 int's in his last 167 but only threw for 2,067 (50.7%) with a poor 7-17 ratio. Will Proctor (PS#47) played in just 3 games (0-3 passing). In 2005 New OC Rob Spence came in. He dealt with 3 first time starting QB's in his 4 years at Toledo. They all put up amazing stats so I expected Whitehurst to have a big senior season. He set a school record by completing 67.4% and departs with 42 school records. Whitehurst threw for 2,483 yards but with just an 11-10 ratio. He did have a sore arm midyear and had a streak of 37 straight starts snapped against Duke. Proctor had 201 yards passing and 31 rushing in his first start and also played the 4Q in the win vs A&M. Whitehurst had to take a shot before each of his last 4 games due to shoulder pain. Whitehurst is the first QB in the 103 year history of the Clemson/S Carolina rivalry to go 4-0 as a starter and is 3rd in the ACC in career passing yards with 9,665 (#3DC SD). Spence likes mobile QB's so Proctor is a good fit (but does lack Whitehurst's arm strength). Adding depth are Cullen Harper (PS#42) and Tribble Reese (PS#176). Replacing a 4 year starter is tough but Spence has proven that his offense is capable of producing solid stats with an inexperienced QB.

RUNNING BACKS - Duane Coleman (PS#77) led the team in rushing in 2003 with 615 yards (4.6). Reggie Merriweather (PS#73) had just 56 (3.5) and both returned in 2004. Merriweather rushed for 670 (4.9) including a couple of 100 yard efforts in his last 3 and Coleman had 284 (3.4). Those two returned again last year but true frosh James Davis (PS#21) emerged. In the opener vs A&M, Davis had 8 straight rushes on the game's winning FG drive and rushed for 183 in the first 2 games. The unit struggled vs Miami as taking away Whitehurst's 65 yard run, the team had 25 yards on 21 att's. Merriweather led with 75 vs BC, 92 vs WF and Davis had 143 vs NCSt until he was injured. Merriweather topped 100 in each of the next 3 games (Davis missed most of next 2) but when Davis returned he led vs Fla St (65), SC (145) and his 150 in the bowl was 2nd most in school history (1996 Raymond Priester, 151). Davis was the ACC Rookie of the Year (879, 5.3) while Merriweather had 715 (4.8). Coleman moved to DB in Week 3. This year they must replace Kyle Browning (106, 3.2) plus FB's Cliff Harrell (16 yd) and Steven Jackson (4 st, 36 rec yd). This year they add CJ Spiller (PS#10) who chose CU over Fla St. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Demerick Chancellor (6-1 195 rFr, PS#116DB), Paul Macko (5-10 190 Jr) and FB's Alex Pearson (6-2 255 So, PS#154LB) and Brent Smith (6-0 220 Sr). Davis should become the team's first 1,000 yard rusher since Woodrow Dantzler in 2001.

RECEIVERS - Airese Currie (PS#10), who runs a 10.22 in the 100m, was basically the team's lone deep threat in '04. He led the team with 61 rec's (14.2) and was the first Tiger to lead the ACC in receiving in 24 years. Currie (#5DC CHI) and starting TE Ben Hall both had to be replaced last year. The top returnees were Chansi Stuckey (PS#52QB) and Kelvin Grant (PS#19) who had 25 and 23 rec's respectively in '04. Grant got into the doghouse in August, then at midseason tore his ACL and after the year was dismissed. True frosh Rendrick Taylor (PS#12) looked like he would make a big impact but fractured his wrist vs BC (9 rec). Stuckey became the first CU player since the '40's to account for a TD four different ways (rush, pass, rec, PR) and ended up leading the ACC in rec's with 64. Bowden chose to recruit 6'5" Aaron Kelly over Gamecock Sidney Rice and Kelly was #2 on the team last year with 47. In Spence's offense, the 3 TE's had more rec's at midseason than the TE's had in any year under Bowden. This year they must replace WR Curtis Baham (11 st, 32, 15.6), TE Bobby Williamson (9 st, 9 rec), TE Cole Downer (1 st, 6 rec) and Grant (10 rec). With the top guys back and in the 2nd year of Spence's offense, I look for improved numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers avg'd 3.8 ypc rushing in 2003 and had 3 starters back in '04. They got the large addition of true frosh Barry Richardson (345 lbs) who became the first true frosh to start on the OL since Stacey Long in 1986 and moves very well for his size. Surprisingly the unit only paved the way for a school record low of 108 ypg rushing (3.1) allowing 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and a backup but showed a good sized improvement paving the way for 153 ypg rush (4.1) while allowing 23 sacks (6.1%). The last four times CU has had all 5 starters return to the O-line, their combined record has been 39-9 including their National Championship season of 1981 (12-0). This is an extremely deep unit as well. I list a talented 3 deep below that has 9 of their top 10 back and add's five VHT rFr. Roman Fry was actually 2nd Tm ACC despite only starting 7. Not listed below are Zach Green (6-7 265 Jr) and Jamarcus Grant (6-4 330 rFr, PS#52). The only loss is RG Chip Myrick (5 st). This will likely be the ACC's top OL.

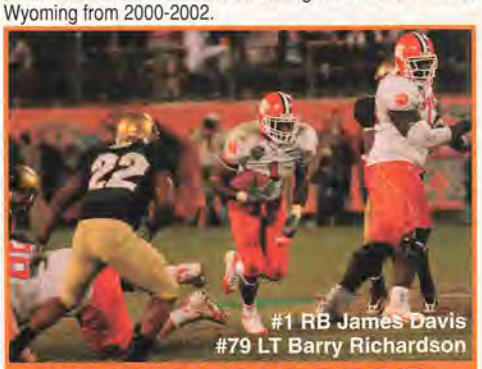
DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers always have a solid rush D as the 3.9 ypc they allowed in '02 was the worst in over a decade. In 2004 they had just 1 starter returning on the DL but still allowed just 3.2 ypc. Last year they had to replace two starters and 3 of the top 5 DT's were frosh with the unit being a bit undersized. The top player was DE Gaines Adams. He had 9.5 sacks and a CU DL record, of 9 pbu plus 29 qbh and despite being a potential 1st round pick, turned down the NFL. This year they lose 2 starters again in DE Charles Bennett (#7DC TB, 12 st, 53 tkl, 12.5 tfl) and DT Tre Tate (11 st, 19 tkl) as well as NG Cory Groover (5 st, 25 tkl, 5 tfl). They add 2 VHT true frosh in Ricky Sapp (PS#5LB) and Jamie Cumbie (PS#9). NG Donnell Clark, who missed the last 5 (ACL) also returns.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Tigers had to replace LB Leroy Hill, who was the ACC Def POY (#3DC SEA) and a backup who had five starts. This year they return all 3 starters and the 3 combined for 301 tackles in 2005, more than any other returning LB trio in the ACC this year. The only losses are David Dunham (26 tkl) and Lionel Richardson (27 tkl). Anthony Waters turned down a shot at the NFL and this has the makings of a very formidable group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Tigers finished #14 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and last year had to replace two starters including a #2 DC CB. They did have six of their top 8 back including their star CB Tye Hill. The Tigers finished a solid #25 allowing a 10-14 ratio but did have some rough games as they allowed Duke QB Asack, who was avg'ing 69 ypg, to throw for 328 and Temple to throw for 319. They moved RB Coleman to CB midyear and he started the last 3 and former QB CJ Gaddis had 5 starts at CAT. This year they lose CB Hill (#1DC STL, 2nd Tm AA, 54 tkl, 7 pbu), who was a Thorpe Finalist and FS Jamaal Fudge (12 st, 74 tkl, 6 pbu). CU once again returns six of their top 8 and add five VHT's to the mix (3 true, 1 rFr, 1 JC). This should be another solid Tigers' secondary and could even move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 CU's ST's finished #32 and in 2004 were an impressive #7. They did have to replace Justin Miller, who set the NCAA record for return yards in a game and avg'd an amazing 33.1 on KR's (13.0 PR). They did return their P and K. K Jad Dean was one of 3 finalists for the Lou Groza Award and set a school record with 24 FG's (old record 23, Obed Ariri). He also set the school record with 6 FG's in a game vs A&M (held by Nelson Welch, '91, '92 and '94) and hit 24 of 31 with a long of 49 with 2 misses from 50+. He had 26 TB's on 62 KO's. Aaron Kelly avg'd 26.6 on KR's and Chansi Stuckey 7.4 on PR's. P Cole Chason sprained his MCL vs Miami and the job was open but neither Furr or Maners earned playing time and Chason had an off year at less than 100% (36.4). With 5 blocks, they had a net of just 29.4. Chason did have a net of 36.2 in '04 when healthy and was on the Ray Guy Watch List. It was very surprising to see the unit plummet to #104. With all the key players back, I look for significant improvement. In Bowden's 7 years, they have had a negative TD/Blk ratio just twice and were actually +6 in 2004. They also add PS#2 K Richard Jackson who may take over at P. I call them THE most improved ST's in the NCAA in '06.

COACHES - Tommy Bowden looked like he would be fired in his 5th season when the team lost 45-17 to Wake Forest and fell to 5-4. Amazingly the Tigers rallied to upset Fla St, S Car and then Tennessee in the Peach Bowl and Bowden was named ACC Coach of the Year. He was awarded a three year contract extension through 2010. In 2004 Clemson was bowl eligible at 6-5 but Bowden changed coordinators. Both were outstanding hires. The new OC was Rob Spence who spent the four years prior at Toledo where the team produced big numbers despite having to replace their starting QB three times. The new DC was Vic Koenning who was the HC at Wyoming from 2000-2002.



PHIL'S FORECAST

Tommy Bowden's first season opened 8-0 but he's had a lot of highs and lows since (see Coaches). Facing a tough schedule in 2004, they finished 6-5 but did not go to a bowl due to a postgame brawl vs S Carolina. The team had to win 5 of its last six to finish with a winning record as Bowden was once again under heavy pressure. Last year it was status quo as Clemson, after a loss to WF, dropped to 2-3. Bowden became just the second CU coach since 1950 to lose two times in three years to WF and the other, Ken Hatfield, was fired after that season. They had a 3 game losing streak for the 2nd straight year and the last time that occurred was in 1973 but every time Bowden must win, he does and CU finished 8-4 including wins over ranked FSU and S Carolina (their 4th straight win over their rival) plus a bowl victory. They bagged 3 wins over Top 20 opponents for the first time since 1989. DC Vic Koenning enters his 2nd year and last year they played a ton of young players with the defense getting better as the season progressed. In fact, in six of the last 7 games they held their foes to 2 TD's or less and 11.4 ppg in that span (26.2 ppg first 5). The Tigers had an amazing 7 close games (3 wins when trailing in 4Q) and in my ACC regional magazine, I describe the best case and worst case scenarios. CU's season could have been as strong as 12-0 or as weak as 5-7. This team has had 3 Top 25 finishes the last six years. The team benefitted from +9 in turnovers last year. They do lose QB Whitehurst but return 5 OL starters and were a combined 39-9 the last 4 times they had all 5 back. They also are in the 2nd year of Spence's offense and he will be able to expand the offense this year. They should top LY's 26.3 ppg. The D was young in '05 and if they show the same improvement they did over the 2H of the year they will be one of the ACC's best. Clemson is the most experienced team in the ACC (pg 311) and one of my 7 sets of power ratings calls them the best team in the ACC. The Tigers do have 3 tough road games (BC, FSU, VT) but are capable of achieving their highest win total in the Bowden era.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 14 Will Proctor Sr. 6-2 210 PS#47. 8 gm, 1st 2Y, 3 passes. 1 st LY, 281 pass (58%). 57 rush. **10** Cullen Harper (6-3 215 So) PS#42, 2 pass LY. **11** Tribble Reese (6-4 200 So).

RB 1 JAMES DAVIS SO. 5-11 210 **PS#21**. 6 sts as true (inj 2). 879 (5.3), 19 rec. **37** Reggie Merriweather (5-8 215 Sr) PS#73. 1441 yds (4.8) 12 sts 3Y. CJ Spiller is **PS#10**.

WR 80 AARON KELLY SO. 6-5 185 PS#286. 4 st as rFr, #2 47 rec (12.2) 274 ret yd. **81** Jeffrey Ogren (6-3 200 Fr) PS#138. In for spg. **85** Andrew Diomande (6-1 250 So).

WR 2 CHANSI STUCKEY SR. 6-0 190 PS#52QB. 243 yd QB rFr. 9 st '04, 25 rec, **#1 ACC** LY 64 rec (12.0) 12 st. **6** Jacoby Ford (5-9 170 Fr) 4,126 spd. Fork Union. Nelson Faerber (5-10 175 Jr) PS#261.

WR 5 Rendrick Taylor So. 6-1 225 **PS#12**. 9 rec true (inj). **13** Tyler Grisham (5-10 175 So) PS#106. 10 rec true. **26** La'Donte Harris (5-11 180 Jr) PS#173. 1 st, 9 rec 2Y.

TE 89 Thomas Hunter Sr. 6-4 250 14 snap '04. 6 st LY, 13 rec. **84** Akeem Robinson (6-5 255 So) PS#172OL. 21 snaps. **87** Paul Muse (6-3 245 rFr) PS#53. **82** Durrell Barry PS#141.

C 62 DUSTIN FRY SR. 6-3 325 **PS#50**. 1 st rFr, 163 snap. 10 gm '04. 12 st LY, 820 snap, 72.5 kd. **55** Bobby Hutchinson (6-3 305 So) PS#102. 22 snaps. **71** Barry Humphries is **PS#91**.

RG 63 NATHAN BENNETT SR. 6-5 305 7 st, 575 play, bench 225 42x. 10 st '04. 8 st LY, 550 play. **74** Brandon Pilgrim (6-6 290 Jr) PS#141. 4 st at LG, 341 play. Taylor Tremel (6-5 290 So) PS#190.

LG 72 ROMAN FRY SR. 6-4 300 PS#98DL. 3 st 2Y. 7 sts LY, **2nd Tm ACC**, 528 plays. **68** Chris McDuffie (6-5 320 Jr) 220 plays 2Y. **65** Thomas Austin (6-3 300 rFr) **PS#40**.

RT 75 MARION DUKES SR. 6-4 320 **PS#92**. 97 play true. 11 sts '04, 61 kd. 12 sts LY, 809 play, 50 kd. **67** Christian Capote (6-4 295 Jr) PS#242. 55 plays LY. Quentez Ruffin (6-3 260 rFr) **PS#77**.

LT 79 BARRY RICHARDSON JR. 6-7 345 Last 8 st **true**, Frosh AA. 12 st LY, 733 play, 40 kd. **73** Tim DeBeer (6-6 275 Sr) PS#299. 261 plays 2Y. **76** Cory Lambert (6-5 290 rFr) **PS#19**.

K 7 JAD DEAN SR. 5-11 205 PS#25. 12 of 15 FG '04, long 48, **2nd Tm ACC** LY. **Groza Finalist**, 24 of 31 FG, long 49. 26 TB, 62 KO. Richard Jackson is **PS#2**. 64 yd FG HS LY.

DE 94 Phillip Merling So. 6-5 280 PS#35TE. Fork Union. 22 tkl, 4 tfl true. **95** Brandon Cannon (6-3 245 Sr) PS#150. 4 tkl, 2 sk. **Jamie Cumbie PS#9. 56** Elsmore Gabriel (6-3 270 rFr) PS#281.

DT 44 DONNELL CLARK SR. 6-3 270 PS#167LB. 17 tkl, 1 tfl '04. 6 st (ACL) LY, 11 tkl, 4 tfl. Jock McKissic (6-6 295 So) PS#122JC. 1 st, 18 tkl LY. Etta Etta-Tawo (6-4 300 rFr) PS#94. Bryan Baker (6-3 250 Jr).

DT 91 Rashaad Jackson So. 6-3 285 PS#117OL. 1 st LY, 39 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **97** Dorell Scott (6-3 310 So) PS#76. 18 tkl. 2 sk, 10 qbh rFr. **57** Antwon Murchison (6-5 265 rFr) PS#181. Nick Hayes (6-2 255 Sr).

DE 93 GAINES ADAMS SR. 6-5 265 1 st '04, 35 tkl, 5 sk. 12 sts LY, 56 tkl, 9.5 sk, 29 qbh, 9 pbu. **Turned down NFL**. **98** Kwam Williams (6-3 240 Jr) 4 tkl, 2Y. **Ricky Sapp PS#5LB**.

WLB 32 NICK WATKINS JR. 6-2 215 53 tkl, 7 tfl rFr. 12 sts LY, 99 tkl, 5 tfl. **43 Antonio Clay** (6-0 220 So) **PS#36**. 1 st, 27 tkl **true**, 12 gm. **34** Adrian Kindred (6-2 200 So) PS#104DB.

MLB 40 ANTHONY WATERS SR. 6-3 245 **PS#56**, 11 st '04. 70 tkl, 9 tfl. 11 st LY, 109 tkl, 13.5 tfl. Turned down NFL. **45** Cortney Vincent (6-1 235 So) PS#108. 6 tkl LY. Kavell Conner (6-2 215 rFr) PS#109.

SLB 20 TRAMAINE BILLIE SR. 6-1 200 **PS#50RB**. 6 st '04, 62 tkl, 9 tfl. 12 st LY, 93 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **47** Josh Miller (6-0 215 So) PS#65RB. 13 tkl true. **42** Maurice Nelson (6-2 215 Jr) **PS#19**. 10 tkl 2Y.

CB 3 DUANE COLEMAN SR. 5-10 190 PS#77RB. 1606 all-purp yd 3Y. Move CB mid yr L/3 sts, 35 tkl. **15** Sergio Gilliam (6-3 180 Sr) 9 st, 37 tkl LY. **9** Ray Ray McElrathbey (5-10 190 rFr) PS#96.

CB 12 CJ Gaddis Jr. 6-0 210 **PS#26QB**, 21 tkl rFr. 5 st CAT LY, 59 tkl, 3 int. **38 Chris Chancellor** (5-10 165 rFr) **PS#35**. Haydrian Lewis (5-11 175 So) PS#176. 6 tkl as true.

CAT 25 MICHAEL HAMLIN SO. 6-3 200 **PS#63**. L/7 st CAT LY, 55 tkl, 2 int. **27** Sadat Chambers (5-10 185 rFr). **21** Brandon Croley (6-0 185 So). DeAndre McDaniel is **PS#19**.

FS 22 Chris Clemons So. 6-1 200 PS#92. 33 tkl rFr at CB. 37" VL. **23 Chris Russell** (6-2 210 Jr) **PS#48** '03. Orig at **Colorado**. JUCO. **17** Roy Walker (6-3 205 Jr) PS#394.

P 30 COLE CHASON SR. 6-0 165 PS#22. 58 punt rFr, 38.6. 66 (40.2) '04. 50 (36.4) net 29.4 LY. Richard Jackson **PS#2**. 44.0 avg HS LY. Mark Buchholz (6-1 205 So). Jimmy Maners (6-0 190 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Ricky Sapp 6-5 225 PS#5LB
RB	CJ Spiller 5-11 190 PS#10
DL	Jamie Cumbie 6-7 255 PS#9
DB	DeAndre McDaniel 6-1 190 PS#19
K	Richard Jackson 5-11 185 PS#2
DB	Byron Maxwell 6-1 185 PS#33
RB	JoJo Cox 5-9 213 PS#48
DB	Crezdon Butler 6-0 180 PS#51
DB	Darius Gaither 6-0 195 PS#71
LB	Kevin Alexander 6-3 215 PS#103
DB	Chris Russell 6-2 210 PS#48 '03
WR	Jeffrey Ogren 6-3 200 PS#138
QB	Michael Wade 6-2 187 PS#123
WR	Kendrick Johnson 6-2 170 PS#177
WR	Jacoby Ford 5-9 170 PS#183
TE	Michael Palmer 6-4 228 PS#83
OL	Jamal Medlin 6-6 305 PS#242
LB	Jeremy Campbell 6-2 215 PS#216
OL	Chris Hairston 6-5 270 PS#414

CLEMSON TIGERS

Clemson, South Carolina
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TOMMY BOWDEN (Career 70-37)
8th Year at Clemson
Bowden's SU Bowl Record: 3-3

Bowden's records AT CLEMSON

52-33	Straight Up	11-15-1	Home Favorite
37-37-2	Vs The Spread	9-5	Home Underdog
14-13-2	Off A SU Loss	5-9-1	Away Favorite
26-28-2	Vs Conference	12-8	Away Underdog
11-9	Vs Non-Conf	3-5	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (21,22,4)
Lost: 20 (9,10,1)

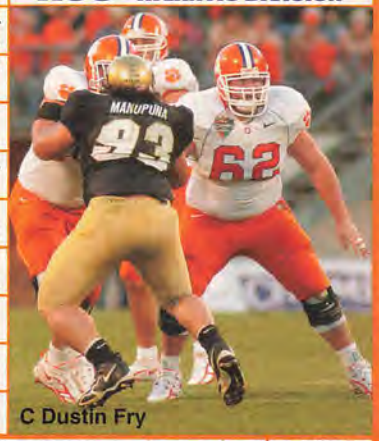
2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 78,232

ACC - ATLANTIC DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#53

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Florida Atlantic	G						CU is 32-12 (20-20-1 ATS) at Clemson Memorial Stadium under Bowden. Tigers have only been a DD home dog 6 times since 1977 & are 6-0 ATS. Clemson is 1-5-1 ATS prior to Florida St under Bowden.
Sep. 9	at Boston College	A						Tigers are 10-4 ATS in their last 14 non-conference matchups. CU is 23-4-1 SU in their home openers S/'78 but just 4-9 ATS in lined gms.
Sep. 16	at Florida St	G						The Tigers are 7-2 ATS since 1997 in their 1st road game of the season. CU is 7-6-2 SU & 0-3 ATS all-time vs BC, now a new ACC Atlantic rival.
Sep. 23	North Carolina	G						Tommy Bowden is the son of FSU HC Bobby Bowden & this is their 8th meeting. The home team in this series is 9-1-1 ATS the last 11 years.
Sep. 30	Louisiana Tech	G						In their last game in '03, NC & CU combined for 1,023 yds (3rd most in CU history). Clemson is 2-6 ATS since 1996 vs North Carolina.
Oct. 7	at Wake Forest	A						Tigers are 3-0 SU & ATS vs current WAC teams (avg score 39-14 & avg cover by 12 ppg). CU defeated LT 49-24 at the '01 Humanitarian Bowl & 33-13 in a '02 reg ssn gm.
Oct. 14	at Temple	G						Tigers fake FG (stopped) & WF's TD w/:33 left cost them LY's gm (end gm on WF3). CU is 24-5 SU in this series S/'77 but just 3-11-2 ATS the last 16 games.
Oct. 21	Georgia Tech (HC)	G						This will be the Owls last year as an Independent, next season they will join the MAC. Tigers are 2-11-1 ATS since 1990 as a double digit away favorite.
Oct. 26	at Virginia Tech (Thur)	G						The underdog is 16-1 ATS in this series the last 17 games. Clemson is 9-3 ATS the last 12 years vs Georgia Tech.
Nov. 4	Maryland	G						The 41 pts CU yielded in the '01 Gator Bowl was 2nd most VT has scored on them (1924-50 pts). Clemson is 7-3 SU all-time in Blacksburg, including a 7-1 run L/8 trips.
Nov. 11	NC State	G						Tigers are 10-3 SU & 9-4 ATS in their last 13 November games. Clemson is 15-4 SU vs Maryland the last 19 games but just 1-5 ATS L6Y.
Nov. 18								Visitor is 7-2 ATS the last 9 years in this series. CU RB Davis had 143 yds & 2 TD's before leaving w/a broken wrist in LY's game.
Nov. 25	South Carolina	G						The visitor is 13-4 ATS the last 17 games in this series. Clemson has won 4 in a row SU & 5 in a row ATS vs South Carolina.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Charlie Whitehurst 9,665 2001-'05
Rushing: Raymond Priester 3,966 1994-'97 Receiving: Terry Smith 2,681 1990-'93



C Dustin Fry

STADIUM: CLEMSON MEMORIAL STADIUM (81,473)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	9-2	6-5	7-5	8-4	6-5	7-4	49-30
Home	3-2	6-1	3-3	5-2	6-1	5-1	4-2	32-12
Away	3-3	3-1	3-2	2-3	2-3	1-4	3-2	17-18
ATS	7-4	3-7	4-5-1	5-6-1	7-4	4-7	7-4	37-37-2
Home Fav	2-0	2-4	1-3	2-1-1	2-1	2-3	0-3	11-15-1
Home Dog	2-1	0-0	0-1	1-2	2-1	1-0	3-0	9-5
Away Fav	1-2	1-2	1-0-1	1-2	0-0	0-2	1-1	5-9-1
Away Dog	2-1	0-1	2-1	1-1	3-2	1-2	3-0	12-8
Favorite	3-2	3-6	2-3-1	3-3-1	2-1	2-5	1-4	16-24-2
Dog	4-2	0-1	2-2	2-3	5-3	2-2	6-0	21-13
Grass	7-4	3-7	4-5-1	5-6-1	7-4	4-7	7-4	37-37-2
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	7-1	2-6	3-4-1	2-5-1	5-3	2-6	5-3	26-28-2
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-1	1-1	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	11-9
Off SU Win	3-2	3-5	1-3	2-4	5-2	2-3	5-1	21-20
Off SU Loss	4-1	0-2	3-1-1	2-2-1	2-1	2-3	1-3	14-13-2

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Davis	165	913	34	879	9	5.3
Reggie Merriweather	149	736	21	715	7	4.8
Kyle Browning	33	118	12	106	0	3.2
Chansi Stuckey	13	79	1	78	0	6.0
Will Proctor	14	57	8	49	1	3.5
Charlie Whitehurst	50	181	155	26	3	0.5
Duane Coleman	10	27	6	21	0	2.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Charlie Whitehurst	340	229	67.4	2483	11	10
Will Proctor	31	18	58.1	281	3	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Chansi Stuckey	64	770	12.0	4	40	
Aaron Kelly	47	575	12.2	2	41	
Curtis Baham	32	500	15.6	4	51	
James Davis	19	152	8.0	0	41	
Thomas Hunter	13	120	9.2	0	21	
Kelvin Grant	10	84	8.4	0	21	
Tyler Grisham	10	101	10.1	0	28	
Bobby Williamson	9	100	11.1	1	15	
Rendrick Taylor	9	69	7.7	0	21	
Reggie Merriweather	8	49	6.1	0	15	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Cole Chason	50	1822	36.4	–	29.4	5	13
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jad Dean	34-35	13-13	6-8	5-8	0-2	24-31	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Anthony Waters	109	1.5	12	7	0
Nick Watkins	99	1	4	1	1
Tramaine Billie	93	1	4.5	2	0
Jamaal Fudge	74	0	0	6	3
CJ Gaddis	59	0	3	3	3
Gaines Adams	56	9.5	5.5	9	0
Michael Hamlin	55	0	1	3	2
Tye Hill	54	1	4	7	3
Charles Bennett	53	3.5	9	0	1
Rashaad Jackson	39	1.5	7	2	0
Sergio Gilliam	37	0	3	4	1
Duane Coleman	35	1	1	2	0
Chris Clemons	33	0	0	0	0
Antonio Clay	27	1	1	0	0
Lionel Richardson	27	1	1	1	0
David Dunham	26	0	1	0	0
Cory Groover	25	1	4	1	0
Phillip Merling	22	2	2	2	0
Trey Tate	19	0	1	0	0
Dorell Scott	18	2	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Chansi Stuckey	27	199	7.4	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Aaron Kelly	10	266	26.6	0
Duane Coleman	12	249	20.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Gator	+6	Virginia Tech	20-41	L
01	Humanitarian	-6'	Louisiana Tech	49-24	W
02	Tangerine	+5	Texas Tech	15-55	L
03	Peach	+4'	Tennessee - #6	27-14	W
05	Champs Sports	-10'	Colorado	19-10	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Clemson's All-Time SU Bowl Record 15-13

CLEMSON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	26.3	21	153	4.1	232	65.8	14.6	+9	2005	6	17.6	17	121	3.4	196	56.6	18.0
7*	21.5	17	108	3.1	188	50.1	13.8	-8	2004	7	20.8	19	136	3.2	192	51.0	15.7
8*	28.1	23	137	3.8	284	61.2	15.0	+4	2003	4	19.2	19	132	3.5	204	56.2	17.5
3	25.4	20	121	3.4	243	58.0	14.3	+2	2002	8	26.8	19	159	3.9	197	59.8	13.2
6*	30.8	24	192	4.4	240	57.2	14.0	-5	2001	4	28.3	22	154	3.8	241	54.2	14.0
8*	34.7	23	224	4.5	213	52.9	12.6	+6	2000	8	21.1	17	111	3.0	236	49.9	16.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

CU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Texas A&M	24	51 - 183	3.6	16 - 24	213	1	15	33 - 248	7.5	8 - 17	110	0	+1
#25	at Maryland	19	40 - 114	2.9	18 - 22	178	1	19	38 - 56	1.5	18 - 28	288	3	+2
#20	Miami, Fl	24	22 - 90	4.1	31 - 55	288	1	18	52 - 195	3.8	16 - 26	152	5	0
–	Boston College	13	29 - 102	3.5	19 - 28	149	3	25	46 - 164	3.6	24 - 44	221	1	+2
–	at Wake Forest	28	38 - 150	3.9	28 - 42	304	1	17	41 - 133	3.2	20 - 25	222	3	0
–	at NC State	22	41 - 243	5.9	22 - 31	246	0	16	27 - 92	3.4	19 - 36	175	2	+1
–	Temple	23	34 - 155	4.6	22 - 33	359	3	20	33 - 12	0.4	26 - 44	319	6	+2
–	at Georgia Tech	18	35 - 145	4.1	19 - 30	180	3	16	39 - 182	4.7	14 - 23	126	0	-2
–	Duke	24	41 - 234	5.7	14 - 24	216	3	20	28 - 79	2.8	26 - 43	328	3	+2
–	Florida St	18	41 - 85	2.1	21 - 33	269	3	11	32 - 102	3.2	13 - 34	124	6	+1
–	at South Carolina	19	40 175	4.4	17 26	172	1	17	33 167	5.1	16 29	180	1	+1
#23	† Colorado	17	40 169	4.2	19 27	196	3	10	29 17	0.6	11 24	107	4	-1
TOTALS		249	450 - 1836	4.1	248 - 377	2779	23	204	431 - 1447	3.4	211 - 373	2352	34	+9
AVERAGES		20.8	38 - 153	4.1	21 - 31	232	1.9	17.0	36 - 121	3.4	18 - 31	196	2.8	0.8

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCF	-16	21-13	L
Wofford	NL	38-14	–
Virginia	-11'	24-26	L
at Georgia Tech - #9	+12'	47-44 OT	W
at NC State	-3	45-37	W
North Carolina	-6'	3-38	L
at Wake Forest	-7	21-14	T
Florida St - #14	+8	27-41	L
at Maryland - #13	+7'	20-37	L
at South Carolina - #22	+5'	15-20	W
Duke	-27	59-31	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia - #8	+8'	28-31	W
Louisiana Tech	-10'	33-13	W
Georgia Tech	+1	24-19	W
Ball St	-27'	30-7	L
at Florida St - #11	+14	31-48	L
at Virginia	-5'	17-22	L
Wake Forest	-8	31-23	T
NC State - #12	+2	6-38	L
at Duke	-10	34-31	L
at North Carolina	-10	42-12	W
Maryland - #19	+6'	12-30	L
South Carolina	-4	27-20	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Georgia - #11	+3	0-30	L
Furman	NL	28-17	–
Middle Tennessee	-14	37-14	W
at Georgia Tech	+4	39-3	W
at Maryland	+7'	7-21	L
Virginia - #25	+4'	30-27 OT	W
at NC State	+4'	15-17	W
North Carolina	-13'	36-28	L
at Wake Forest	E	17-45	L
Florida St - #3	+17'	26-10	W
Duke	-14	40-7	W
at South Carolina	+1	63-17	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	-11'	37-30 2OT	L
Georgia Tech	-7	24-28	L
at Texas A&M	E	6-27	L
at Florida St - #8	+17'	22-41	L
at Virginia - #10	+15'	10-30	L
Utah St	-22'	35-6	W
Maryland	-3'	10-7	L
NC State	+1'	26-20	W
at Miami, Fl - #11	+16'	24-17 OT	W
at Duke	-12'	13-16	L
South Carolina	-3	29-7	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas A&M - #17	+1'	25-24	W
at Maryland	+2	28-24	W
Miami, Fl - #13	+7	30-36 3OT	W
Boston College	-2'	13-16 OT	L
at Wake Forest	-6'	27-31	L
at NC State	+4	31-10	W
Temple	-36'	37-7	L
at Georgia Tech	+2'	9-10	W
Duke	-30	49-20	L
Florida St - #17	+2	35-14	W
at South Carolina - #19	-3	13-9	W

MARYLAND TERRAPINS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - It usually takes a while for a QB to master the Friedgen offense. In 2002 Scott McBrien was a first year starter and threw for just 127 ypg (50%) with a poor 1-4 ratio in his first 3 and was almost replaced. Two years later he threw for 2,672 (55%) with a 19-6 ratio (375 rush). Joel Statham (PS#143) played in 6 games in 2003 when McBrien was injured (156 yd). Statham had the edge coming into 2004 and they also added true frosh Jordan Steffy (PS#26), who has 4.5 speed and a strong arm. Sam Hollenbach (PS#67) was 4th string. Statham, in his first 4, had 7 int and 8 fumbles. He threw for 362 vs Duke but Steffy led a 4Q TD drive vs GT. Steffy was injured vs NCSt. Statham played the next 2 but was injured and Steffy returned and threw for 48 vs Virginia. Hollenbach started vs WF and hit 16 of 27 for 164 in the win. Hollenbach won the starting job last year and was #1 in the ACC in total offense and #2 in pass efficiency when he was injured in the 2Q vs VT and wasn't the same after. He did not start vs Fla St but came off the bench and in five plays hurt his back. They had a bye and he managed to start the final 3. For the season he threw for 2,539 (61%) with a 13-15 ratio (214 rush). Statham played in just 3 (201 yd) and opted to transfer while Steffy redshirted. Hollenbach will battle Steffy and also in the mix are Chris Turner (PS#56), W Virg trans Bobby Sheahin (6-1 170 So) and VHT true frosh Jeremy Ricker (PS#15). I look for improved numbers from the Terps QB's this year.

RUNNING BACKS - Bruce Perry rushed for 1,264 (5.5) in 2001 but suffered through an injured plagued 2002 and Josh Allen (PS#69) had 405 (6.8). Both returned in '03 but Perry was banged up and had just 713. Allen, in 8 starts, had 922 (5.0) including the 3rd best rushing game in Maryland history with 257 vs Virginia. Allen has break away speed and worked hard to improve his blocking and strength. Sammy Maldonado (PS#3, Ohio St trans) opened up 2004 with 358 yards in the first 4 but Allen started the last 9 and rushed for 533 (3.7). He tore his ACL in the season finale and redshirted in 2005. The top returnee was Mario Merrills (PS#43). In the opener, Merrills topped his 2004 season total (124 yd) with 149 vs Navy but surprisingly only topped 35 in one other game (66) and finished with 313 (3.8). Keon Lattimore (PS#41) led with 76 vs WF and started vs Virginia then Lance Ball (PS#20) took over. Ball had 163 vs Virginia, 120 vs Fla St, 161 vs NC and 135 vs BC and led with 903 (4.8). Lattimore missed the final 4. Both FB's Tim Cesa and Matt Deese were injured in August but returned and played well. Not listed in the 3 deep below are TD Callahan (6-0 227 Sr) and Kyle Fraser (6-0 230 rFr). A solid addition is "true" frosh Morgan Green (PS#23) who spent last year at Hargrave. This year they lose Merrills (5 st) and FB Ricardo Dickerson (5 st, 7 yd). With Allen's healthy return, this is an extremely deep group.

RB Lance Ball

RECEIVERS - At one point in the 2004 season, Friedgen said he was going to take an ad out in the school paper for WR's as his were rather inexperienced and dropped a lot of passes. The unit was much improved last year as the top 2 were back in TE Vernon Davis (27, 16.3) and WR Derrick Fenner (35,12.3). Davis, who is an amazing physical specimen with only 3% body fat, 4.41 speed and a 460 lb bench, led in '05 with 51 (17.1). Fenner was suspended for 2 and finished #4 with 34 (12.3). WR Coach Bossard said that Dan Melendez had the best hands on the team and despite not starting he had 40 (14.6). Top returnman Jo Jo Walker, who was #2 in the ACC in all-purp yards, had 35 (13.7). Terrell Skinner (6-3 190 rFr) adds depth and not listed in the 3 deep below are Emen Ifon (5-8 164 So), Greg Powell (6-0 188 Sr), Nolan Carroll (6-1 185 rFr), Matt Goldberg (6-2 182 So) and this year's true frosh. Unfortunately this year most of the unit departs as gone are Davis (11 st, 1st TM AA, #1DC SF), Fenner (9 st), Walker (8 st), Melendez (3 st) and Derek Miller who started the first 3 at LT but moved back to TE. This group is very inexperienced but Friedgen does have some VHT's like 6'3" Derrius Heyward-Bey who has 4.38 speed so it is not bereft of talent.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Terps' O-line surprisingly only opened holes for 2.9 ypc rushing in 2004 after having ypc's of 4.5, 4.7 and 4.5 in the Fridge's first three years. Last year they had to replace three starters and two backups from the front. They then lost starting LT Stephon Heyer (ACL) prior to the season so only had one starter returning. MD avg'd 3.4 ypc rush but the O-line allowed 31 sacks (8.8%). It's too bad the Terps are not in the NFL (could trade to strengthen other positions) as this is the deepest O-line they have had in years with some 3rd stringers capable of starting at other schools. The only losses are C Ryan McDonald (11 st) and RG Russell Bonham (2nd string). Not only do 4 starters return but they get Heyer (2 yr st'r) back from injury and bring in DT Jack Griffin (8 st). Also Scott Burley (PS#23) would have been more of a factor last year if not injured and there are 12 HT's in the 3 deep below.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Terps allowed 3.5 ypc rushing (highest in Friedgen era). In 2004 they had to replace their star DT Randy Starks and two other starters but surprisingly improved to 3.3 ypc. Last year they had to replace super DE Shawne Merrimen (#1DC SD) and six players altogether. They also lost projected starting DT Robert Armstrong for the year. The inexperienced unit had a new low in the Friedgen era and the D had just 21 sacks. This year the unit is in much better shape as basically the entire unit returns with the exception of Jake Griffin who moves to OL. DE Jeremy Navarre was a FB in the spring of '05 but started 10 games at DE after moving in August. I list the LEO LB in this unit as that position is more like a DE. The Fridge feels that the team is better at DL than they have been in his tenure. Seven players return with starting experience and they have 5 HT who were frosh last year.

LINEBACKERS - The Fridge has produced a star LB in each of his five years. EJ Henderson simply won the Butkus and Bednarik Awards and was ACC Def POY in 2003. D'Qwell Jackson was 1st Tm ACC in 2004 and 1st Tm AA in 2005 (ACC Def POY) leading the team with 137 tackles. Last year all 3 LB's returned but they did lose their top backup Erin Henderson (PS#51QB) to a torn ACL in August. This year they must replace Jackson (#2DC CLE, 10 st) and WLB William Kershaw (10 st, 76 tkl, 5.5 tfl) but 4 of the top 6 return. Wesley Jefferson, who is simply PS#1, will replace Jackson and if he lives up to his billing and performs like Maryland's top LB in past years, this will be another top-notch LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003 the Terps had all 4 starters returning to the secondary and finished #21 in my pass D rankings. In 2004 they had to replace 3 starters but still allowed the 6th best completion % in the NCAA (48.3%) and were #41. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and a backup including an NFL DC. As you would expect, the Terps dropped to #77 but allowed just a 4-9 ratio taking on a soft slate of opposing QB's. This year they lose CB Gerrick McPhearson (#7DC NYG, 10 st, 37 tkl, 6 pbu), who was All ACC on the track team and SS Milton Harris (11 st, #2 tkl'r , 82 tkl, 6 tfl, HM ACC). Not only do 6 of the top 8 return but the unit is loaded with VHT's (5). They also add in Navy transfer Hunter Reddick who had 10 starts and 3 int for the Middies as their top DB in 2004. The Terps should make a major jump in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2002 the Terps had super K Nick Novak, Steve Suter (set an NCAA record in total PR's and KR's) and P Brooks Barnard (37.3 net) as Maryland finished #6 in my ST rankings. Novak and Suter returned in '03 and Adam Podlesh (PS#13) stepped in as P (super 37.9 net) and was a Ray Guy finalist. Maryland finished #13. In 2004 they all returned and Novak hit 16 of 22 and departed as the ACC's all-time leading scorer. Suter surprisingly avg'd just 6.0 on PR's and left as the ACC's career leader in PR yardage (1,271). Thanks in part to poor KR coverage (allowed 25.3) the Terps surprisingly fell to #44 . They signed VHT K Obi Egekeze (PS#8) to replace Novak and WR Walker took over for Suter. Egekeze was injured late August and DNP. Walk-on Dan Ennis hit his first 11 FG's but unfortunately just 6 of his last 14 with some key misses. Walker was #2 in the ACC in all-purp yards. Chris Roberts had 11 TB's on 58 KO's and they improved slightly to #42. This year they must replace Walker but Podlesh is one of the best P's and Egekeze should be an upgrade at K so the Terps have a great shot at a Top 20 ST finish.

COACHES - The Fridge took over a team that had 5 straight losing seasons and led them to a 31-8 record in his first 3 years, the best start ever for a HC in ACC history. He was a consensus National Coach of the Year in his first season, leading the team to the ACC Title. OC Charlie Taaffe has stepped down after 5 seasons and the Fridge will handle the play calling and he is one of the best OC's in the game. This year they have a new DC in Chris Cosh who had been the LB coach at Kansas St the last 2 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Ralph Friedgen's first year ('01), I gave the Terps an excellent shot at having their first winning season in 6 years and getting to a bowl. The Terps did not disappoint, in fact they won the ACC Title outright despite being picked 7th in the league by the media. It was their first ACC Title since 1985 and first 10 win season since 1976. In 2002 I called for them to match the previous year's 10 win total but they started out 1-2 before winning 10 of their last 11 games including a 30-3 trouncing of Tenn in the Peach Bowl. In 2003, I called for them to have their 3rd straight 10 win season. With 15 starters back they once again started slowly at 0-2 but went 10-1 down the stretch including demolishing WV in the bowl 41-7. They were one of just 5 teams in the country to have 10 or more wins in each season from 2001-'03. 2004 was Friedgen's first inexperienced squad with just 9 starters returning and after averaging 34.4, 32.2 and 31.2 ppg offense in his first 3 years, they slumped to just 17.7. Last year they were young again with just 9 seniors in the 2 deep and were the least experienced team in the ACC. Unfortunately the team had 3 close losses and finished with their 2nd consecutive 5-6 season. They led Clemson 24-14 in the 4Q, only trailed WV (finished 11-1) 21-19 with 8:24 left, trailed #3 VT 7-3 at the half, led #9 Fla St 24-14 in the 3Q and were done in by a 94 yd fumble return for a TD vs BC. They also had a 265-186 yd edge vs NCSt but an IR for a TD did them in. Former DC Gary Blackney did a fine job in fact, the ppg allowed in his 5 years was just 22.2, 16.3, 15.8, 20.0 and 25.0 but retired after the season. This is the Fridge's most experienced team in 3 years. The defense has had just 4 and 5 returning starters the last 2 seasons but now has 7 back this year and plenty of talent and VHT's throughout the lineup. They will contend with Friedgen's 2003 defense (15.8 ppg, 308 ypg) as the best in the last decade. The schedule leaves the Terps little room for error as they have 5 road games vs teams that were in bowls last year and also have to host both Florida St and Miami, Fl. Despite the killer schedule, I'll call for Maryland to return to the post season in 2006.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 14 SAM HOLLENBACH SR. 6-5 218 PS#67. 11 st 2Y, 2768 (61%) 13-15 ratio, 224 rush. **19** Jordan Steffy (6-1 222 So) **PS#26**. 194 yd ttl true. RS LY. **10** Chris Turner (6-4 205 rFr) PS#56.

RB 44 LANCE BALL JR. 5-9 225 **PS#20**. 4 sts last year, 903 (4.8), **2nd Tm ACC. 33 Josh Allen** (5-11 207 Sr) PS#69. 17 st, 3Y, **1860 rush** (4.8). **7** JP Humber (6-0 225 Sr) PS#122.

FB 21 Keon Lattimore Jr. 6-0 235 PS#41WR. 2 st, 2Y, 196 rush (3.0). **32** Tim Cesa (6-1 243 Jr) PS#75LB. 4 st FB LY. **43** Matt Deese (5-11 253 So). **26** Chris Gronkowski (6-1 240 rFr).

WR 11 Drew Weatherly Sr. 6-4 210 **PS#36**. 2 st, 19 (9.8), 2Y. **8 Derrius Heyward-Bey** (6-3 195 rFr) **PS#28. 10.54 in 100m.** Da'Rel Scott (6-0 185 Fr) is PS#73. **85** Terrell Skinner.

WR 17 Danny Oquendo So. 6-3 175 **PS#48DB**. 7.46 in 55m hurds. 1 st, 3 rec as true. **81** Stephen Smalls (6-1 185 Fr) PS#77LY. In for spg. **84** Isaiah Williams (6-3 200 So) PS#85. 1 rec true.

TE 13 Dan Gronkowski So. 6-6 262 PS#88QB. 2 rec rFr. Drew Gloster **PS#14**. **15** Jason Goode (6-3 231 Jr) PS#209DL. 7 rec LY. Tommy Galt (6-5 235 rFr) PS#68. **80** Joey Haynos (6-8 260 Jr).

C 60 Edwin Williams So. 6-2 317 PS#110. 10 gm, 145 snap rFr. **72** Phil Costa (6-3 280 rFr) PS#171. **LS 53** Brendan McDermond (6-2 260 Jr). **31** Andrew Schmitt (6-1 226 So).

RG 63 ANDREW CRUMMEY JR. 6-5 294 PS#115. 5 st RG rFr. 11 st at RG LY, 684 plays. **67 Jack Griffin** (6-7 276 Jr) PS#165DL. 8 st DT, 11 tkl LY. **61** Lee Oliver (6-2 298 So).

LG 69 DONNIE WOODS JR. 6-3 291 **PS#26**. 1 st RG rFr, 177 snaps. 10 st LG LY. **76** Jaimie Thomas (6-4 327 So) **PS#88**. 1 st, 162 plays rFr. **66** Garrick Clig (6-3 298 Jr) PS#193.

RT 58 BRANDON NIXON JR. 6-6 314 **PS#81**. 1 st RT rFr, 6 gm. 11 st LY, 703 plays. **73 Scott Burley** (6-6 316 Jr) **PS#23**. 12 gm, 2Y. **79** Zach Marshall (6-7 285 rFr) **PS#86**.

LT 70 STEPHON HEYER SR. 6-7 319 13 st, 737 plays '03, 11 st LT '04, 651 plays. Med RS LY. **78 Jared Gaither** (6-9 330 So) PS#218DL. **8 st LT true. 75** Dane Randolph (6-5 274 So) **PS#34DL**.

K 39 OBI EGEKEZE SO. 6-3 205 **PS#8**. Two 54 yd FG in HS, 27 TB's on KO's. **22 Dan Ennis** (5-11 154 Sr) Hit 17 of 25 FG's (incl first 11) LY, long 45. 23-25 on xp's.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 40 JEREMY NAVARRE SO. 6-4 250 PS#63LB. 10 st true, 25 tkl. **98** Omarr Savage (6-5 262 Jr) PS#98. 1 st, 13 tkl, 2Y. **91** Mack Frost (6-5 264 So) **PS#36**. **57** Jared Harrell (6-6 230 rFr) PS#18TE.

NT 95 CONRAD BOLSTON SR. 6-3 285 **PS#35**. 10 st, 5.5 tfl '04. 11 st LY, 38 tkl, 5 sk. **68 Carlos Feliciano** (6-5 298 Jr) **PS#29OL**. 11 tkl LY. **96** Eric Levy (6-0 275 rFr). **56** Deege Galt (6-4 245 rFr) PS#133.

DT 92 DRE MOORE JR. 6-4 298 440 bench, 3 st, 30 tkl, 2Y. **99** Rob Armstrong (6-4 307 Jr) PS#140. 2 st, 28 tkl, 2Y. **97** Dennis Marsh (6-4 290 So) **PS#70OL. 90** Travis Ivey (6-4 278 rFr).

DE 55 TREY COVINGTON SO. 6-3 241 9 st as rFr, 39 tkl, 3 sk. **Melvin Alaeze PS#2LB LY. 50** Jermaine Lemons (6-3 250 Jr) PS#73LB. 2 st, 18 tkl rFr. **93** Barrod Heggs (6-3 245 rFr) PS#325.

SLB 54 DAVID HOLLOWAY SR. 6-2 220 405 bench, 4.7 spd. 11 st, 53 tkl '04. 11 st, 61 tkl, 3 sk LY. **34** Dave Philistin (6-2 218 So) PS#53. 7 tkl true. **47** Jeff Clement (6-2 235 rFr) PS#113.

MLB 35 Wesley Jefferson Jr. 6-2 236 **PS#1**. 22 tkl rFr. 2 st WLB LY, 57 tkl. **42** Chase Bullock (6-3 237 So) PS#45. **48** Chris Clinton PS#99 '05. **46** Marvin Peoples (6-2 230 rFr) PS#182.

WLB 1 Erin Henderson So. 6-3 233 **PS#51QB**. 510 squat. ACL as rFr. **49** Rick Costa (6-3 240 So) PS#203RB. Temple trans. Cory Jackson PS#59LB. **53** Moises Fokou (6-3 215 Jr).

CB 5 Isaiah Gardner Jr. 5-11 194 **PS#28RB**. 4.4 spd. **Notre Dame trans**. 1 st here, 15 tkl LY. **9** Richard Taylor (5-10 189 So) PS#98. 2 tkl rFr. **25** Jamari McCollough (6-0 175 rFr) PS#79.

CB 4 JOSH WILSON SR. 5-10 182 PS#72. 4.4 spd. 4 st '04, 27 tkl. 11 st LY, 73 tkl, 8 pbu. **6 Anthony Wiseman** (5-10 185 rFr) **PS#29RB. 2** Kevin Barnes (6-1 179 So) PS#101.

SS 12 Marcus Wimbush Sr. 5-11 205 **PS#34**. 4.6 spd. 20 tkl LY. **18 Hunter Reddick** (6-2 190 Jr) **10 st Navy** '04, 52 tkl, 3 int, 3 pbu. **23** Jeff Allen (6-1 190 So) PS#57RB. 9 tkl true.

FS 3 CHRISTIAN VARNER JR. 5-11 195 **PS#29**. 17 tkl true. 10 st FS in '05, 36 tkl, 3 int. **30** JJ Justice (6-2 217 Jr) **PS#30**. 1 st, 12 tkl, 2Y. **26** Landry Saha (5-11 199 Jr). 520 squat.

P 36 ADAM PODLESH SR. 6-0 192 PS#13. 53 (42.3) rFr, net 37.9. 63 (43.7) '04, **net 39.4!** 44 (43.6) LY. **2nd Tm ACC 3 straight yr. 49** Chris Roberts (6-2 189 So) 11 TB's on 58 KO's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Melvin Alaeze 6-2 280 PS#2 LB '05
DL	Bruce Campbell 6-7 285 PS#19
QB	Jeremy Ricker 6-2 201 PS#15
LB	Chris Clinton 6-3 240 PS#99 '05
TE	Drew Gloster 6-3 225 PS#14
WR	Adrian Cannon 6-3 200 PS#35
DL	Brian Whitmore 6-3 240 PS#71
WR	Stephen Smalls 6-1 185 PS#77 '05
LB	Cory Jackson 6-0 240 PS#59
DB	Pha'Terrell Washington 6-0 185 PS#64
LB	Alex Wujciak 6-3 235 PS#62
RB	Da'Rel Scott 6-0 185 PS#73
RB	Morgan Green 6-0 210 PS#23 '05
LB	Adrian Moten 6-1 210 PS#68
OL	Evan Eastburn 6-2 290 PS#95
WR	Ronnie Tyler 5-10 170 PS#75
DB	Brandon Jackson-Mills 5-11 160 PS#227
WR	Quintin McCree 6-3 200 PS#199
WR	Emani Lee 6-3 180 PS#205
QB	Jamarr Robinson 6-0 175 PS#208
DB	Taji Thornton 6-1 180 PS#560
DB	LaQuan Williams 6-1 175 PS#560

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#42

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MD	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	William & Mary	G					
Sep. 9	Middle Tenn	G					
Sep. 14	at West Virginia (Thur)	A					
Sep. 23	Florida Int'l	G					
Sep. 30							
Oct. 7	at Georgia Tech	G					
Oct. 14	at Virginia	G					
Oct. 21	NC State	G					
Oct. 28	Florida St	G					
Nov. 4	at Clemson	G					
Nov. 11	Miami, Fl	G					
Nov. 18	at Boston College	A					
Nov. 25	Wake Forest	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Under Friedgen MD is 24-7 SU & 18-11 ATS in College Park.
Only 3rd time in school history MD will have 7 HG's ('01 & '02 13-1 SU & 11-2 ATS).
Maryland is 11-6 SU & 9-5 ATS in the last 17 home openers.

This will be the 5th consecutive season W&M opens up with a IA opp.
The Tribe finished 5-6 LY as IAA Southern Division Atlantic 10 members.

Under Friedgen, Maryland is 21-13 (62%) ATS after a SU win.
Maryland is just 1-6 ATS the last 2 years as a home favorite.

Including the '03 Gator Bowl, Terrapins are 10-4 ATS the last 14 road gms.
These teams have played every year S/'80 & MD is 10-4-1 ATS since '92.

This will be the schools 1st ever meeting as the Panthers become bowl eligible TY.
Maryland is 6-2 ATS since 1999 before a bye week.

Bonus: Maryland has lost 11 times to West Virginia in the last 22 years &
went on to a losing record in each of those seasons!

Maryland is 21-11 ATS in ACC away games since 1998.
The visitor is 6-2 ATS since 1997 in this series.

Terrapins haven't won SU in Charlottesville since 1990 (0-7 SU).
The home team is 9-3 ATS the last 12 years in this series.

Maryland is 2-8 SU & 3-7 ATS in their 1st conf HG of the season S/'96.
The visitor is 7-3-1 ATS the last 11 years in this series.

Last game in College Park, MD beat FSU for the 1st time in school history (1-15 SU).
Maryland is 2-7-1 ATS since 1997 as a double digit home dog.

Terrapins are 14-7 SU & ATS in their last 21 November games.
The home team is 10-6-1 ATS the last 17 years in this series.

Last time these schools met was in 1987 as the series is tied 7-7.
Frank Reich led MD to a come-from-behind win (last victory over UM) in '84 in Miami.

The HT is 0-3 SU & ATS in their only 3 meetings in this new ACC series.
BC is the 7th straight team Maryland faces that was in a bowl game last yr.

Maryland is a perfect 7-0 SU & ATS the last 7 years vs Wake Forest.
The Terps are 10-4 ATS in their last 14 home finales.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Scott Milanovich 7,301 1992-'95
Rushing: LaMont Jordan 4,147 1997-'00 Receiving: Jermaine Lewis 2,932 1992-'95

RALPH FRIEDGEN (Career 41-20)
6th Year at Maryland
Friedgen's SU Bowl Record: 2-1

Friedgen's records AT MARYLAND

41-20	Straight Up	15-8	Home Favorite
34-22	Vs The Spread	3-3	Home Underdog
12-5	Off A SU Loss	8-5	Away Favorite
25-15	Vs Conference	8-6	Away Underdog
9-7	Vs Non-Conf	3-4	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (21,20,5)
Lost: 16 (12,4,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 52,426

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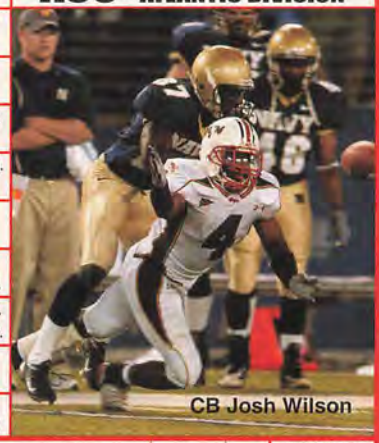
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STADIUM: BYRD STADIUM (51,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	5-6	10-1	10-3	9-3	5-6	5-6	49-31
Home	3-3	4-2	7-0	6-1	6-0	4-2	1-4	31-12
Away	2-3	1-4	3-1	4-2	3-3	1-4	4-2	18-19
ATS	6-4	5-6	10-1	8-4	6-5	5-6	5-6	45-32
Home Fav	1-2	1-2	6-0	4-1	4-1	1-4	0-2	17-12
Home Dog	2-0	1-2	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-2	6-5
Away Fav	2-1	0-1	2-0	3-1	1-3	1-0	1-1	10-7
Away Dog	1-1	3-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	3-1	12-8
Favorite	3-3	1-3	8-0	7-2	5-4	2-4	1-3	27-19
Dog	3-1	4-3	2-1	1-2	1-1	3-2	4-3	18-13
Grass	5-4	5-5	10-1	7-4	6-3	4-6	5-5	42-28
Artificial	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	0-1	3-4
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	7-1	5-3	5-3	4-4	4-4	34-22
vs Non-Conf	2-0	0-3	3-0	3-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	11-10
Off SU Win	2-2	2-3	8-1	5-3	5-3	1-3	2-3	25-18
Off SU Loss	3-2	3-2	1-0	3-0	1-1	4-2	3-2	18-9

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lance Ball	189	956	53	903	6	4.8
Mario Merrills	82	347	34	313	4	3.8
Keon Lattimore	58	211	30	181	3	3.1
Jo Jo Walker	14	66	11	55	0	3.9
JP Humber	4	53	0	53	0	13.2
Vernon Davis	1	7	0	7	0	7.0
Sam Hollenbach	72	214	232	-18	2	-0.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Sam Hollenbach	315	192	61.0	2539	13	15
Joel Statham	36	18	50.0	201	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Vernon Davis	51	871	17.1	6	73
Dan Melendez	40	584	14.6	2	80
Jo Jo Walker	35	480	13.7	3	67
Derrick Fenner	34	417	12.3	2	45
Lance Ball	18	153	8.5	0	24
Drew Weatherly	10	83	8.3	1	15
Jason Goode	7	40	5.7	0	9
Dan Gronkowski	2	37	18.5	0	25
Mario Merrills	1	21	21.0	0	21
Danny Oquendo	3	20	6.7	0	10

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Podlesh	44	1918	43.6	7	35.6	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Daniel Ennis	23-25	8-8	6-9	3-8	0-0	17-25	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
D'Qwell Jackson	137	4	2.5	1	2
Milton Harris	82	1	5	3	1
William Kershaw	76	1	4.5	0	1
Josh Wilson	73	2	1.5	8	1
David Holloway	61	3	1.5	3	1
Wesley Jefferson	57	1	2	0	0
Trey Covington	39	3	2.5	3	0
Conrad Bolston	38	5	0.5	0	0
Gerrick McPhearson	37	0	0.5	6	0
Christian Varner	36	0	1	3	3
Jeremy Navarre	25	0	2.5	1	0
Marcus Wimbush	20	0	0.5	0	0
Dre Moore	18	0	1	0	0
Jermaine Lemons	18	0	0	0	0
Isaiah Gardner	15	0	0	2	0
Jack Griffin	11	0	0	0	0
Carlos Feliciano	11	0	0	1	0
Danny Oquendo	10	0	0	0	0
JJ Justice	9	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jo Jo Walker	25	141	5.6	0
Josh Wilson	2	6	3.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jo Jo Walker	29	674	23.2	0
Vernon Davis	3	68	22.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
85	Cherry	-7'	Syracuse	35-18	W
90	Independence	-1	Louisiana Tech	34-34	L
01	Orange	+14	Florida - #5	23-56	L
02	Peach	-1	Tennessee	30-3	W
03	Gator	-3'	West Virginia - #20	41-7	W

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MARYLAND'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	24.5	22	135	3.4	249	59.8	15.6	-5	2005	5	25.0	18	166	4.0	185	61.3	14.0
5	17.7	17	120	2.9	178	52.8	16.8	-9	2004	4	20.0	18	143	3.3	172	48.3	15.8
6*	31.2	22	191	4.5	230	55.4	13.5	+1	2003	9	15.8	16	129	3.5	179	50.3	19.5
8	32.2	19	199	4.7	191	55.2	12.1	+1	2002	5	16.3	18	129	3.4	210	56.5	20.8
7	34.4	23	211	4.5	222	58.7	12.6	+18	2001	9	22.2	19	100	2.9	258	56.4	16.2
7*	22.5	17	124	3.6	211	54.5	14.9	+3	2000	6	25.8	23	186	4.1	254	58.2	17.0

MD 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	2005 STATS BY GAME SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	† Navy	29	40-210	5.3	19-30	217	1	17	49-246	5.0	5-12	97	1	-1
–	Clemson	19	38-56	1.5	18-28	288	3	19	40-114	2.9	18-22	178	1	-2
–	West Virginia	15	29-50	1.7	20-31	291	2	18	64-301	4.7	8-11	86	2	0
–	at Wake Forest	19	46-162	3.5	12-22	169	1	14	39-111	2.8	18-35	133	2	0
–	Virginia	33	46-250	5.4	25-33	320	1	19	35-136	3.9	17-35	270	6	-2
–	at Temple	26	46-220	4.8	22-35	252	2	11	37-110	3.0	8-16	116	1	+2
–	Virginia Tech	16	33-96	2.1	14-30	158	4	25	48-286	6.0	14-23	211	1	+2
–	at Florida St	19	33-126	3.8	16-30	206	3	22	33-136	4.1	27-37	264	1	0
–	at North Carolina	24	49-150	3.1	19-31	374	3	18	28-89	3.2	25-40	335	0	-1
–	Boston College	24	39-133	3.4	25-46	230	4	18	44-221	5.0	16-24	230	1	0
–	at NC State	18	33-30	0.9	20-35	235	7	14	42-73	1.7	12-19	113	5	-3
TOTALS		242	432-1483	3.4	210-351	2740	31	195	459-1823	4.0	168-274	2033	21	-5
AVERAGES		22.0	39-135	3.4	19-32	249	2.8	17.7	42-166	4.0	15-25	185	1.9	-0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
North Carolina	+2'	23-7	W
E Michigan	-25	50-3	W
at Wake Forest	-6	27-20	W
West Virginia	-10	32-20	W
Virginia	-7'	41-21	W
at Georgia Tech - #15	+8'	20-17 OT	W
Duke	-25	59-17	W
at Florida St - #19	+8	31-52	L
Troy	-22'	47-14	W
Clemson	-7'	37-20	W
at NC State	-3	23-19	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Notre Dame	+2	0-22	L
Akron	-21	44-14	W
Florida St - #5	+15	10-37	L
E Michigan	-34'	45-3	W
Wofford	NL	37-8	–
at West Virginia	+4	48-17	W
Georgia Tech	-2	34-10	W
at Duke	-13'	45-12	W
at North Carolina	-14	59-7	W
NC State - #14	-6	24-21	L
at Clemson	-6'	30-12	W
at Virginia	-9	13-48	L
Wake Forest	-13'	32-14	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Illinois	-8	13-20 OT	L
at Florida St - #11	+15	10-35	L
The Citadel	NL	61-0	–
West Virginia	-9'	34-7	W
at E Michigan	-34	37-13	L
Clemson	-7'	21-7	W
Duke	-27'	33-20	L
at Georgia Tech	-2'	3-7	L
North Carolina	-16'	59-21	W
Virginia	-6	27-17	W
at NC State	+1	26-24	W
at Wake Forest	-8	41-28	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Illinois	-14'	23-20	L
Temple	-26'	45-22	L
at West Virginia - #7	+6	16-19 OT	W
at Duke	-16'	55-21	W
Georgia Tech	-13	7-20	L
NC State	-2	3-13	L
at Clemson	+3'	7-10	W
Florida St - #5	+11'	20-17	W
at Virginia - #12	+14	0-16	L
at Virginia Tech - #16	+9'	6-55	L
Wake Forest	-5'	13-7	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Navy	-12'	23-20	L
Clemson - #25	-2	24-28	L
West Virginia	-3	19-31	L
at Wake Forest	+2'	22-12	W
Virginia - #19	+3	45-33	W
at Temple	-28	38-7	W
Virginia Tech - #3	+10	9-28	L
at Florida St - #10	+17	27-35	W
at North Carolina	+3	33-30 OT	W
Boston College - #23	+2'	16-31	L
at NC State	+3	14-20	L

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 Quinton Porter (PS#30, 82 career pass yd) took over as the starting QB as Brian St Pierre was the 5th round DC of PIT. Porter, who has NFL size (6-5 233) and an NFL arm, missed the spring with a broken collarbone but still won the starting job. His backup, Paul Peterson (PS#92JC), played the 2Q of each game early on. Porter threw for 1,764 yards (56%) with a solid 14-6 ratio. Peterson (6-0 184) guided the team to 3 wins. Peterson barely edged out Porter in 2004 and threw for 2,594 (62.3%) with an 18-10 ratio. Porter was redshirted so when Peterson broke his right hand vs Temple, Matt Ryan (PS#50) hit 8 of 15. Ryan struggled vs Syracuse (24 of 51) with 3 int's and BC lost its shot at the Fiesta Bowl. Ryan attempted just two 4Q passes in the bowl after Peterson broke his leg. Porter was the clear cut starter last year but was injured vs Fla St when BC was leading 17-14. Ryan generated little offense until the final drive and they lost. Ryan started in Death Valley vs Clemson and BC got the win in OT. Chris Crane (PS#65) hit 3 of 4 for 42 in the shutout vs Ball St. Porter had an excellent 25 of 37 for 301 vs Virginia but struggled in the wind and rain vs WF (20-41,184,3 int). Down by 9, Ryan came in with 3:29 left and guided the team to two TD's and the miracle win. Two weeks later vs NC, Ryan came off the bench and generated a late TD drive and Porter did not attempt another pass. While Porter departs, Ryan (1,514, 62.1%, 8-5 ratio) and Crane return and adding depth are David D'Ambrosio (6-2 200 Jr) and this year's true frosh including PS#53 Billy Flutie (Doug's nephew). Ryan should have a fine junior season.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 Derrick Knight almost set a school record with 1,721 yards rushing (5.4) and was the sixth straight BC 1,000 yard rusher. In '04 a pair of rFr alternated as the top backs with Andre Callender (PS#30) leading with 637 (4.6) and LV Whitworth (PS#82) having 623 (4.4) and 15 rec. True frosh AJ Brooks (PS#134) started 2 and rushed for 319 (5.6). Brooks redshirted in '05 and Callender was bothered by a groin injury in August so Whitworth was the #1 back. He led with 807 (4.3) but Callender averaged 5.0 with 708 yards and 22 rec. They used LB Brian "First-and-Toal" Toal (PS#4) near the goal line and in short yardage situations and he had 56 yards (2.4) with 6 TD's. J Survival Ross (6-0 207 Sr), who has 2 career starts, rushed for 71 (4.7) and worked at FB this spring. With everyone back, expect increased production and perhaps their first 1,000 yard rusher in three years.

RECEIVERS - BC had to replace all three starters from this unit last season and moved NFL caliber CB Will Blackmon (PS#7RB) to WR. Blackmon had 8 rec's for 100 yards in the opener, 151 yards on 3 rec's vs NCSt and 144 yards on 5 grabs in the bowl leading the team with 763 yards (15.0). The leading returning WR was Larry Lester (PS#57) who had 35 (14.7) in '04 and had 37 (10.6) last year. Tony Gonzalez was #2 in rec yards last year with 414 (14.8). This year they must replace Blackmon (#4DC GB, 12 st), Lester (12 st) and TE Chris Miller (12 st, 25 rec). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Will Adrian (6-0 175 Jr), Mike Makinde (5-11 196 Jr) and this year's true frosh. Drops plagued them last year including at least 10 vs WF. While this unit is just as experienced as the 2005 version, they do not add an NFL caliber player like Blackmon.

RB Andre Callender

OFFENSIVE LINE - BC could be called "O-line U" as they send a lot of players to the NFL from this position. They usually have outstanding numbers with the lowest ypc in O'Brien's tenure being 4.1 until a surprising 3.7 in 2004, a year in which they had to replace 3 starters. All 5 starters and all 5 backups returned last year and they had the biggest O-line in the ACC (6'6" 314). Surprisingly the unit paved the way for just 3.9 ypc rushing but only allowed 15 sacks (2nd best ACC). This year they lose two key three year starters who were both 2nd Tm ACC and Big East in LT Jeremy Trueblood (#2DC TB, 12 st, 2 yr st'r) and C Pat Ross (12 st, 2 yr st'r, 2nd Tm ACC). Eight of the top ten are back and BC has my #14 rated O-line in the country this year. LG James Marten and LT Gosder Cherilus both are 3rd Tm AA's on my Preseason AA Team. O'Brien will form another solid unit but this year's group looks a little weaker than 2005.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 and 2005 BC had to replace two starters from the defensive front but returned outstanding DE Mathias Kiwanuka each time. Kiwanuka, whose nickname is "The Freak", was the Big East Def POY in 2004 and 1st Tm AA last year. He had 37.5 sacks in his career. Last year BC allowed just 2.6 ypc rush while recording 35 sacks. This year they lose Kiwanuka (#1DC NYG) as well as DT Alvin Washington (11 st, 28 tkl, 5 sk), DE Jake Ottolini (1 st, 6 tkl, 3 sk), DE Jeff Burns (7 tkl) and DT Robert Ziminski (2 tkl). BC always fields an excellent DL and this group is talented including DE Jim Ramella, who had 15 tkl and 3 tfl as a true frosh, but with the loss of Kiwanuka, the unit looks to be down a few notches.

LINEBACKERS - BC's LB's have been plagued by inexperience and injuries but last year for the first time in O'Brien's tenure, BC returned all 3 starters including Brian Toal (PS#4) who took over the starting job as a true frosh. Toal is ranked as my #6 OLB this year. This year they lose WLB Ricky Brown (11 st, 51 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 2 yr st'r) and Ray Henderson (12 st, 75 tkl, 7.5 tfl, 3 yr st'r). This is a talented and solid LB corps but is clearly less experienced than the 2005 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2004 BC had seven of their top eight DB's back and finished #42 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 26 starts. BC finished #45 in my pass D rankings allowing (61%) but with a solid 10-11 ratio. This year the only loss is CB Jazzmen Williams (11 st, 46 tkl, 4 pbu). Seven of the top eight are back with five having starting experience. Not listed in the three deep below are Brian Young (6-1 195 Sr) and AJ Ajudua (6-1 205 Jr). BC should move up in my pass D rankings with a more experienced unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tom O'Brien is an outstanding coach and surprisingly his top finish in my special teams rankings was only #57 ('02) and in '03 they actually finished #114. In 2004 thanks to the emergence of super returnman Will Blackmon, the unit moved all the way up to #6. Everyone returned last year but surprisingly the ranking dropped to #97. P Johnny Ayers improved his average to 41.3, but with 4 blocks the net dropped to 31.5. Ryan Ohliger, who hit 13 of 19 FG's with a long of 47 in '04, hit just 6 of his first 11 FG's in '05 and lost his job to William Troost (PS#54). Troost hit 2 of 4 FG's and Ohliger was reinserted and hit his final 3. They must replace Blackmon who departs as the #2 career kick return yardage man in NCAA history. DeJuan Tribble (PS#49) has averaged 13.8 and 11.0 on PR's in his two years. Ohliger and Ayers return and are now upperclassmen. I look for improvement in my ST rankings as the team went from +5 in the TD/Blk category in '03 to -3 last year and should rebound.

COACHES - Tom O'Brien enters his 10th year here after coming from Virginia where he was the OC. After a couple of losing seasons in his first 2 years, he has now recorded 7 straight bowl seasons and 6 straight bowl wins. BC also upset unbeaten #4 ND (on the road) in 2002, their first win over a Top 5 team since '93. He is the first coach in school history to have 8+ wins 5 straight years. OC Dana Bible enters his 8th year here and was the OC for the Philadelphia Eagles previously. Frank Spaziani also enters his 8th year as DC here after holding that job at Virginia. O'Brien is two wins shy of the school record (68) set by Joe Yukica.

PHIL'S FORECAST

BC's six straight bowl wins is the longest streak in the NCAA. Tom O'Brien does a tremendous job building his team with the emphasis on line play and Bobby Ross said that last year's squad was the biggest team he'd faced including the NFL. In their final year of the Big East (2004), they had just 11 starters back and would have won the Big East Title had QB Paul Peterson not been injured. They only outgained BE foes by 28.8 ypg. Last year they moved to the ACC with the fewest lettermen lost (15) in their new league. BC opened up 2-0 and hosted #8 Florida St on National TV but QB Porter was injured and two crucial turnovers hurt them. They had a 24-14 FD edge and 380-256 yd edge but lost by 11. Backup QB Ryan led the team to a road win in Death Valley over Clemson in OT the next week. BC moved to 6-1 and was ranked #13 for their showdown vs Virginia Tech but were blasted 30-10. After losing the next week to N Carolina, they won their final 2 games and their bowl for a solid 9-3 season and actually tied for 1st in the Atlantic Division with FSU at 5-3. They became the first BC team since 1984 to rank in the Top 25 every week and recorded back-to-back 9 win seasons for the first time since 1983-'84. Their #18 finish in the AP poll was their highest since 1993 (#12). This year BC has just 12 starters back. Despite missing 4 defensive starters vs Wake Forest and yielding 212 yards rushing vs VT, BC allowed just 90.8 ypg rushing which was their best since 1990 (70.3). BC also had the #1 offense in the ACC at 387.8 ypg although in conf play they were only #4. With 6 starters back, including an improved QB Ryan, they should be just as potent. The D loses 5 starters including star DE Kiwanuka and will likely yield more than the 15.9 ppg they allowed in '05. While BC must play Florida St and Miami on the road and host powers Clemson and Virg Tech, Tom O'Brien always gets the most out of his talent and BC has a great shot at their 7th straight bowl win.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 12 MATT RYAN JR. 6-5 221 PS#50. 1 st rFr, 5 st LY. 1864 (59%) 10-8 ratio 2Y. **10** Chris Crane (6-5 228 So) PS#65. 42 yds rFr. Billy Flutie PS#53. **23** David D'Ambrosio (6-2 200).

RB 30 LV WHITWORTH JR. 6-0 220 PS#82. 18 st 2Y, 1430 (4.3), 38 rec. **32** Andre Callender (5-11 204 Jr) PS#30. 1345 (4.8) 38 rec 2Y. **28** AJ Brooks (6-0 199 So) PS#134. 319 (5.6) '04.

FB 49 MARK PALMER SR. 6-3 245 PS#305LB. Utah trans. 6 st, 144 yd '04. 6 st LY, 40 yd. **38** J Survival Ross (6-0 207 Sr) 195 career yds. **33** Tom Walls (6-1 232 So) PS#75LB.

WR 26 Tony Gonzalez Sr. 5-11 190 PS#122DB. 7 rec rFr. 11 rec '04. 28 rec (14.8) LY, 5 TD. **13** Taylor Sele (6-0 203 Sr) PS#80RB, 14 rec LY. **18** Rich Gunnell (5-11 200 rFr) PS#70.

WR 2 Brandon Robinson So. 5-11 191 **PS#20**. 7 rec rFr. **84** Kevin Challenger (5-9 177 Jr) PS#213. Canadian. 16 rec (11.5) '05. **11** Clarence Megwa (6-1 205 rFr) PS#83. Ryan Lindsey PS#57RB.

TE 96 Jonathan Loyte Jr. 6-5 261 **PS#38DL**. 4 st, 5 rec 2Y at Vandy. **80** Ryan Purvis (6-4 261 So) PS#20. Trey Koziol (6-5 259 So) PS#22. ACL LY. **85** Ryan Thompson (6-4 254 Jr) PS#138DL.

C 61 Kevin Sheridan Jr. 6-3 296 PS#314. 4 gm rFr. 10 gm, 109 snaps LY. **78** Ty Hall (6-5 296 Jr) **PS#31**. 1 st LT rFr. 133 snap RT LY. **LS** Jack Geiser (6-2 235 Fr). Dan Lennon (5-10 195 Sr).

RG 75 JOSH BEEKMAN SR. 6-2 325 **PS#65**. 2 st rFr. 12 st RG '04. 12 st RG, **2nd Tm ACC** LY. **63** Shadu Moore (6-2 280 Sr) **PS#18**. 3 gm, 47 snaps LY. **65** Matt Tennant (6-4 274 rFr) PS#131DL.

LG 70 JAMES MARTEN SR. 6-8 315 PS#52. 13 gm as bkup LT rFr. 12 sts LG '04. 12 st LG LY. **67** Tom Anevski (6-4 301 Jr) PS#116. 56 snaps. **73** Clif Ramsey (6-6 305 So).

RT 74 Ryan Poles Jr. 6-4 310 **PS#13**, 55 snaps LY. **76** Pat Sheil (6-6 270 rFr) PS#72DL. **71** Carlos Huggins (6-6 302 So) PS#165. 15 snaps. Richard Lapham PS#37.

LT 77 GOSDER CHERILUS JR. 6-7 320 **PS#52**. 12 st rFr, 12 st RT LY. **79** Justin Tougas (6-6 282 So) **PS#58**. **62** Bryan Murphy (6-3 284 So) 2 games. Nick Rossi (6-6 270)

K 20 RYAN OHLIGER JR. 5-9 197 **PS#17**. 13 of 19 FG's true, L/47. 4-5 from 40+. 9 of 14 FG LY, L/39, 0-2 from 40+. 19-20 xps, 12 TB's on 59 KO's. **83** Steve Aponavicius (5-10 165 So).

DE 86 Jim Ramella So. 6-4 244 **PS#24TE**. 15 tkl as true, 1 sk, 2 tfl. 263 snaps. **99** Jerry Willette (6-5 261 So) PS#71. 2 tkl rFr, 46 snaps. Josh Neubert (6-4 235) PS#39TE.

DT 90 BJ RAJI JR. 6-1 337 13 tkl true, 2 tfl. 12 st LY, 27 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **58** Justin Bell (6-3 316 Jr) PS#124. 10 tkl 1st 2Y. Inj LY. **95** Brendan Deska (6-5 243 rFr) PS#99.

DT 60 Ron Brace So. 6-3 343 PS#216. 1 st rFr, 11 tkl, 1 tfl. **93** Keith Willis (6-1 266 So) PS#117. 20 tkl, 5 tfl, 5 pbu rFr. Damik Scafe PS#59. Thomas Claiborne (6-3 340 Fr) PS#60OL.

DE 57 NICK LARKIN JR. 6-4 252 PS#66. 1 st as a rFr, 3 tkl, 1.5 sk. 12 sts last year, 38 tkl, 6 sk, 2.5 tfl. Michael Kozicz (6-0 234 rFr). **98** Marcel Marshall (5-11 269 rFr).

WLB 48 Tyronne Pruitt Jr. 5-11 218 PS#265DB. 23 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. 1 st LY, 37 tkl. **7** Kevin Akins (6-2 205 So) PS#217DB. 1 st rFr, 362 snap, 20 tkl. Mark Herzlich **PS#43**. Alex Albright PS#131DL.

MLB 40 Jolonn Dunbar Jr. 6-1 224 **PS#36RB**. 37 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. 1 st in '05, 50 tkl, 5 tfl. **34** Mike McLaughlin (6-0 245 rFr) PS#78. James McCluskey PS#27. Darius Bagan PS#90QB.

SLB 16 BRIAN TOAL JR. 6-1 238 **PS#4**. 8 st true, 77 tkl. 11 st LY, 53 tkl, 7 tfl, 6 TD at FB LY. **35** Robert Francois (6-2 235 So) PS#109. 28 tkl LY. **92** Allan Smith (6-1 207 rFr) PS#75DL.

CB 9 Larry Anam Sr. 6-0 192 PS#116. 6 st 3Y, 74 tkl. **21 Brad Mueller** (5-11 175 Jr) **PS#39**. 7 tkl rFr. **4.31 spd**. **17** Razzie Smith (5-9 174 rFr) 4.4 spd. **37** Gregory Anderson (5-6 149 So).

CB 27 DeJUAN TRIBBLE JR. 5-9 189 PS#49. 4 st rFr, 2 int, 3 pbu. 10 st LY, 57 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. **29** Taji Morris (5-10 184 Jr) **PS#65RB.** 2 st, 19 tkl LY. Chris Fox (5-11 185) PS#52.

SS 24 RYAN GLASPER SR. 6-0 207 PS#114. 1 st true, 52 tkl. 9 st '04, 57 tkl. 10 st LY. **19** Paul Anderson (6-1 207 So) PS#55LB. 7 tkl true. **39** Garrett Seeger (6-0 193 So) PS#58QB.

FS 44 JAMIE SILVA JR. 5-11 205 PS#115RB. 3 st rFr, 43 tkl. 9 st LY, **#1 tkl'r, HM ACC**. **8** Marcellus Bowman (6-1 194 rFr) PS#437. **37** Antonio Valverde (6-1 208 Sr) 1 tkl.

P 46 Johnny Ayers Jr. 6-0 186 PS#74. 42.0 avg as senior in HS. 63 punts as true, 39.3 avg, solid 36.5 net. 62 punts LY, 41.3 avg but 31.5 net, 4 blocked. Baseball team.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

LB	James McCluskey 6-2 240 PS#27
OL	Richard Lapham 6-8 315 PS#37
DL	Damik Scafe 6-2 290 PS#59
LB	Mark Herzlich 6-4 249 PS#43
DB	Chris Fox 5-11 185 PS#52
TE	Jordon McMichael 6-5 237 PS#25
DL	Thomas Claiborne 6-3 340 PS#60OL
WR	Ryan Lindsey 5-8 178 PS#57RB
RB	Jeff Smith 5-8 184 PS#58
WR	Warren Wilson 6-0 170 PS#71
DB	Roderick Rollins 6-0 170 PS#76
QB	Billy Flutie 6-2 176 PS#53
DL	Josh Neubert 6-4 235 PS#39TE
DB	Wes Davis 6-2 200 PS#107
LB	Alex Albright 6-5 225 PS#131DL
DB	Reshaude Goodwyn 5-11 175 PS#117
LB	Darius Bagan 6-2 225 PS#90QB
QB	Ross Applegate 6-6 200 PS#130LB
WR	Justin Jarvis 6-4 190 PS#192
OL	Jack Geiser 6-2 235 PS#562

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#51

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	at C Michigan (Thur)	A					
Sep. 9	Clemson	A					
Sep. 16	BYU	A					
Sep. 23	at NC State	G					
Sep. 30	Maine	A					
Oct. 7							
Oct. 12	Virginia Tech (Thur)	A					
Oct. 21	at Florida St	G					
Oct. 28	Buffalo	A					
Nov. 4	at Wake Forest	A					
Nov. 11	Duke	A					
Nov. 18	Maryland	A					
Nov. 23	at Miami, Fl (Thur)	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

BC went 5-3 SU (4-4 ATS) LY in their 1st season as ACC members.
Eagles are 16-6 ATS the last 7 years off a SU loss.
BC & WF are the only ACC schools to play their home games on art turf.

Including bowls, BC is 11-3 SU & 3-1-1 ATS vs current MAC schools.
Eagles are 14-7 SU & ATS in their last 21 road games.

BC led 10-0 LY & held off Clemson in OT for their 1st ever ACC victory.
Boston College is 31-10 SU & 24-14-1 ATS in Chestnut Hill the L/41 gms.

Eagles are 6-6 SU & 5-3 ATS all-time vs current MWC teams.
Boston College is 8-15-1 ATS since 1995 when hosting non-conf teams.

Could apply: Eagles are 8-4 ATS since '98 as conference away favorites.
Boston College is 13-6 ATS their last 19 games on grass.

The Black Bears are 1-3 all-time vs IA opponents (win vs Miss St in '04).
Maine finished 5-6 LY as IAA Atlantic 10 Conference members.

Eagles are 5-11 ATS the last 16 games after a bye week.
The visitor is 7-3-1 ATS since 1994 in this series.

Eagles are 7-2 ATS their last 9 games as an away dog.
Last & only time BC traveled to Tallahassee was in 1980 (41-7 loss, +17).

Eagles are 7-3-1 ATS since 1998 as a 20 pt or more home favorite.
Boston College is 5-2 SU all-time vs Buffalo, but last played them in 1970.

LY BC trailed 17-0 & 30-21 w/3:29 left before QB Ryan led them to the victory.
Eagles are 13-6-1 ATS the last 20 road games in November.

Last time BC was a 4 TD conf favorite they beat Rutgers 44-14 in 2002.
Boston College is 1-4 ATS in November home games the last 3 years.

LY BC scored twice on offense & defense overcoming 4 TO's in a win vs MD.
Boston College is 8-4 ATS in their last 12 home finales.

The visitor is just 2-8 ATS since 1994 in this series.
Boston College last beat Miami, Fl in 1984 (0-14 SU since).

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Doug Flutie 10,579 1981-'84
Rushing: Derrick Knight 3,725 2000-'03 Receiving: Pete Mitchell 2,388 1991-'94

TOM O'BRIEN (Career 66-42)

10th Year at Boston College (O'Brien's SU Bowl Record: 6-1)

O'Brien's records AT BOSTON COLLEGE

66-42	Straight Up	20-14-1	Home Favorite
53-44-2	Vs The Spread	9-7	Home Underdog
21-14	Off A SU Loss	11-11	Away Favorite
37-25-1	Vs Conference	13-12-1	Away Underdog
16-19-1	Vs Non-Conf	5-9	Off A Bye

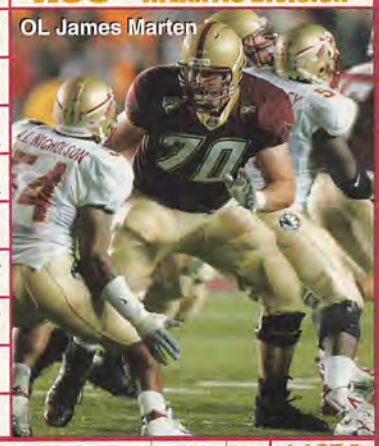
2005 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (17,18,2)
Lost: 16 (7,7,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,429

ACC - ATLANTIC DIVISION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STADIUM: ALUMNI STADIUM (44,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	6-5	7-4	8-4	7-5	8-3	8-3	52-27
Home	4-1	5-1	5-1	6-1	2-4	4-1	5-1	31-10
Away	4-2	1-4	2-3	2-3	5-1	4-2	3-2	21-17
ATS	6-3-1	7-4	7-4	7-5	6-6	5-5	6-4-1	44-31-2
Home Fav	1-1	5-0	4-1	3-3	1-3	1-2	3-1-1	18-11-1
Home Dog	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	0-1	6-3
Away Fav	1-2	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-1	1-3	2-1	10-8
Away Dog	2-0-1	0-4	1-2	2-2	2-0	2-0	1-1	10-9-1
Favorite	2-3	6-0	5-2	4-3	4-4	2-5	5-2-1	28-19-1
Dog	4-0-1	1-4	2-2	3-2	2-2	3-0	1-2	16-12-1
Grass	2-1-1	0-2	2-2	2-1	5-0	1-3	3-2	15-11-1
Artificial	4-2	7-2	5-2	5-4	1-6	4-2	3-2-1	29-20-1
vs Conf	5-1-1	4-3	6-1	5-2	3-4	3-3	4-4	30-18-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-1	1-3	2-3	3-2	2-2	2-0-1	14-13-1
Off SU Win	4-2-1	4-2	4-3	4-3	3-3	4-4	3-3-1	26-20-2
Off SU Loss	2-0	3-1	2-1	3-1	3-2	1-0	2-1	16-6

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
LV Whitworth	189	847	40	807	5	4.3
Andre Callender	142	731	23	708	3	5.0
Matt Ryan	37	136	42	94	5	2.5
J Survival Ross	15	74	3	71	2	4.7
Brian Toal	23	57	1	56	6	2.4
Quinton Porter	31	90	81	9	0	0.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Quinton Porter	214	136	63.6	1357	9	7
Matt Ryan	195	121	62.1	1514	8	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Will Blackmon	51	763	15.0	4	61
Tony Gonzalez	28	414	14.8	5	38
Larry Lester	37	392	10.6	2	43
LV Whitworth	23	244	10.6	0	34
Chris Miller	25	229	9.2	4	29
Kevin Challenger	16	184	11.5	1	37
Jason Lilly	11	162	14.7	0	35
Taylor Sele	14	142	10.1	0	26
Andre Callender	22	141	6.4	0	13
Brandon Robinson	7	94	13.4	1	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Johnny Ayers	62	2561	41.3	7	31.5	3	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Ohliger	19-20	5-5	4-7	0-2	0-0	9-14	39
William Troost	18-19	2-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-4	26

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jamie Silva	87	1	3.5	2	1
Ray Henderson	75	0	7.5	1	3
DeJuan Tribble	57	0	3	6	2
Brian Toal	53	2	5	1	0
Ricky Brown	51	0.5	4	1	0
Mathias Kiwanuka	51	9.5	7	4	0
JoLonn Dunbar	50	0.5	4.5	3	0
Jazzmen Williams	46	2	4	4	1
Ryan Glasper	43	1	1.5	3	2
Nick Larkin	38	6	2.5	3	0
Tyronne Pruitt	37	0	2	2	0
Larry Anam	36	0	0.5	0	0
Alvin Washington	28	5	4	2	0
Robert Francois	28	0	2	0	0
BJ Raji	27	1.5	5	1	0
Kevin Akins	20	1	0.5	0	1
Keith Willis	20	1	4	5	0
Taji Morris	19	0	0	0	0
Jim Ramella	15	1	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Will Blackmon	15	124	8.3	0
DeJuan Tribble	12	132	11.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Will Blackmon	22	489	22.2	0
DeJuan Tribble	8	150	18.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Music City	+4	Georgia - #16	20-16	W
02	Motor City	-4	Toledo	51-25	W
03	San Francisco	E	Colorado St	35-21	W
04	Continental Tire	+1	North Carolina	37-24	W
05	MPC Computers	-2'	Boise St	27-21	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Boston College's All-Time SU Bowl Record 11-6

BOSTON COLLEGE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	25.8	21	145	3.9	243	62.5	15.0	-4	2005	7	15.9	19	91	2.6	221	61.0	19.6
5*	24.7	20	140	3.7	245	60.1	15.6	0	2004	6	16.9	18	129	3.5	204	58.3	19.7
5	28.5	21	182	4.2	222	56.4	14.2	+3	2003	6	25.5	19	129	3.4	230	57.7	14.1
8*	30.2	21	159	4.2	232	58.7	13.0	+8	2002	8	19.5	18	167	3.9	172	53.9	17.4
6	28.1	19	207	5.0	182	52.4	13.8	+6	2001	8	18.9	19	151	3.4	183	50.0	17.7
7*	31.5	20	199	4.8	214	54.7	13.1	+14	2000	5	23.1	20	207	4.7	173	48.0	16.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

BC 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#22	at BYU	22	31 - 133	4.3	27 - 35	232	2	22	16 - 8	0.5	41 - 60	330	2	-1
#19	Army	27	41 - 175	4.3	22 - 28	289	0	18	35 - 96	2.7	17 - 32	154	1	+3
#17	Florida St	24	48 - 140	2.9	27 - 42	240	1	14	19 - 13	0.7	20 - 38	231	3	+1
–	at Clemson	25	46 - 164	3.6	24 - 44	221	1	13	29 - 102	3.5	19 - 28	149	3	-2
#21	Ball St	29	38 - 223	5.9	24 - 33	248	0	11	32 - 46	1.4	18 - 24	113	6	-2
#18	Virginia	24	37 - 196	5.3	25 - 37	301	1	25	39 - 145	3.7	21 - 35	195	2	0
#14	Wake Forest	24	28 - 84	3.0	27 - 50	318	0	17	51 - 134	2.6	21 - 32	193	1	-5
#13	at Virginia Tech	10	21 - 27	1.3	15 - 30	156	3	26	53 - 212	4.0	22 - 28	280	1	-1
#19	at North Carolina	20	30 - 100	3.3	26 - 41	237	2	19	40 - 99	2.5	20 - 32	211	1	+1
–	NC State	12	42 - 150	3.6	8 - 16	185	2	16	40 - 59	1.5	13 - 30	247	8	0
#23	at Maryland	18	44 - 221	5.0	16 - 24	230	1	24	39 - 133	3.4	25 - 46	230	4	0
#19	† Boise St	20	43 - 127	3.0	19 - 36	256	2	17	27 - 43	1.6	23 - 41	317	3	+2
TOTALS		255	449 - 1740	3.9	260 - 416	2913	15	222	420 - 1090	2.6	260 - 426	2650	35	-4
AVERAGES		21.3	37 - 145	3.9	22 - 35	243	1.3	18.5	35 - 91	2.6	22 - 36	221	2.9	-0.3

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
West Virginia	-4	34-10	W
at Stanford	+5'	22-38	L
at Navy	-20	38-21	L
Army	-23'	31-10	L
Temple	-13	33-10	W
at Virginia Tech - #6	+20	20-34	W
Pittsburgh	-11	45-7	W
Notre Dame	-3'	21-17	W
Miami, Fl - #1	+20	7-18	W
at Rutgers	-30	38-7	W
at Syracuse - #22	+3'	28-39	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Connecticut	-33	24-16	L
Stanford	-8'	34-27	L
at Miami, Fl - #1	+26	6-38	L
C Michigan	-20	43-0	W
Virginia Tech - #4	+9'	23-28	W
Navy	-28	46-21	L
at Pittsburgh	+4'	16-19	W
at Notre Dame - #4	+9	14-7	W
at West Virginia	+3'	14-24	L
Syracuse	-7	41-20	W
at Temple	-8'	36-14	W
Rutgers	-28	44-14	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	-12	28-32	L
at Penn St	+9	27-14	W
at Connecticut	-4	24-14	W
Miami, Fl - #2	+11'	14-33	L
Ball St	-22	53-29	W
at Temple	-9'	38-13	W
at Syracuse	-3'	14-39	L
Notre Dame	-4	27-25	L
Pittsburgh - #25	+1'	13-24	L
West Virginia	-3'	28-35	L
at Rutgers	-7'	35-25	W
at Virginia Tech - #12	+14'	34-27	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ball St	-17	19-11	L
Penn St	+3	21-7	W
Connecticut	-7	27-7	W
at Wake Forest	-1	14-17	L
Massachusetts	NL	29-7	–
at Pittsburgh	-8	17-20 OT	L
at Notre Dame - #24	+6'	24-23	W
Rutgers	-14'	21-10	L
at West Virginia - #13	+7	36-17	W
at Temple	-14	34-17	W
Syracuse	-12	17-43	L

2005 RESULTS

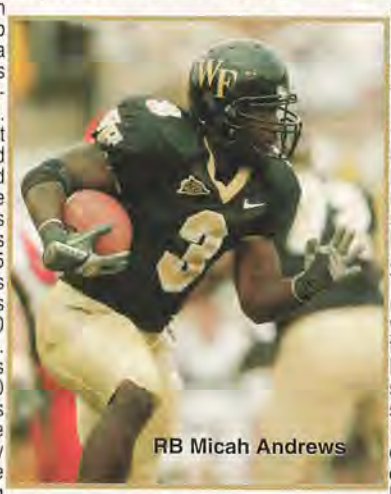
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	-2'	20-3	W
Army	-27'	44-7	W
Florida St - #8	+1'	17-28	L
at Clemson	+2'	16-13 OT	W
Ball St	-38	38-0	T
Virginia	-7	28-17	W
Wake Forest	-13'	35-30	L
at Virginia Tech - #3	+13'	10-30	L
at North Carolina	-5	14-16	L
NC State	-4'	30-10	W
at Maryland	-2'	31-16	W

WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - From 2000-2001 Grobe used two QB's with one being a passer in James MacPherson and the other being a runner in Anthony Young. In 2002 Young moved to WR and Cory Randolph became the backup. After playing 9 games in 2002 and throwing for 333 yards, Randolph had the starting duties to himself in '03. He threw for 1,773 (58.5%) with an 8-10 ratio (496 rush). The team signed Ben Mauk (PS#32) who simply set a national record with 6,540 yards passing and 76 TD's as a HS senior. In 2004, Mauk saw action in 10 games, starting the last 3. Randolph did become the first WF player to pass for 300 and rush for 100 in a single game (E Car). Randolph threw for 972 (53.1%) with a 3-4 ratio and Mauk threw for 572 (52.1%) with a 2-3 ratio and the two combined for 748 rush yards. In 2005 Randolph was moved to WR and the job was Mauk's but he had 3 int vs Nebraska including 2 returned for TD's and was plagued by dropped passes. Randolph moved back to QB the week of the Clemson game and ended up starting. Randolph hit 20 of 25 for 222 guiding the upset and took over the job. He did suffer a high ankle sprain vs BC in the 4Q and while he played the rest of the game, had he remained healthy, WF probably would have won. Mauk started the next 2 and had a solid 13 of 17 vs NCSt but struggled vs Duke hitting just 11 of 22. Randolph QB'd the final two but only threw for 137.5 ypg in those. For the season Randolph completed 64.9% throwing for 821 yards. Mauk had a poor 1-6 ratio throwing for 845 yards (53.8%). Allan Holland (6-1 230 So, PS#254) got in one pass. Randolph departs and added to the mix are Brett Hodges (PS#125), Riley Skinner (6-1 195 rFr, PS#304) and true frosh Zach MacDowall (PS#64) who was in for the spring. Mauk has an extra year of seasoning and should put up improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Tarence Williams rushed for 1,018 (4.1) in his junior year but broke his foot over the summer of 2002 which allowed Chris Barclay (PS#123, 4.4 spd) to emerge. He rushed for 703 (4.9) and was one of the few true frosh that has ever played under Grobe. In 2003 Barclay simply rushed for 1,192 (5.1). His 132.5 ypg in ACC play was a league high. In 2004 everyone returned except FB Damon McWhite who tore his ACL and FB Dan Callahan who moved to TE. The team added a VHT in rFr Micah Andrews (PS#43) but he was suspended for the first 2. Barclay became the first WF player to ever record two straight 1,000 yard seasons (1,010, 4.2). The #2 rusher was Andrews (264, 6.1). Barclay was suspended for the 2005 opener and Andrews rushed for 254 vs Vanderbilt and had 460 (153.3 ypg) in the first 3. Once Barclay retook his starting job, he had 210 vs EC while Andrews rushed for just 161 the rest of the year. Barclay became WF's all-time leading rusher topping James McDougald who had 3,811(1976-'79). Since bowl stats were not included in the official stats prior to 2005, Barclay actually led the ACC in rushing 3 straight years. He is a big loss (UFA CLE) but Grobe's offense produces top-notch RB's and Andrews is capable of carrying the load. The top three FB's all return and also in the mix are Travo Woods (5-10 190 Jr, PS#121), rFr Kevin Harris (6-1 230 rFr, PS#91), De'Angelo Bryant (6-0 245 Jr, PS#74DB) and two super true frosh in Josh Adams (PS#34) and Lucas Caparelli (PS#56). Not listed in the 2 deep below are FB's Mike Rinfrette (6-3 260 rFr, PS#210DL) and Alonzo Chisolm (5-8 180 Sr). With the loss of the school's all-time career leading rusher, I call this unit down a few notches.


RB Micah Andrews

RECEIVERS - In 2003 WIllie Idette was the #2 receiver with 32 (10.0). In 2004 he was banged up and Nate Morton led with 26 (15.0). Last year basically everyone returned and Morton led again with 39 (12.4). The unit was plagued by dropped passes early and QB Randolph moved to WR starting one game. When he moved back to QB vs Clemson, TE John Tereshinski, Demir Boldin (Anquan's brother) and Kenneth Moore (PS#98), who had combined for one rec in the first four, had 11 vs the Tigers. Tereshinski injured his knee and had just 3 more catches. WR Kevin Marion (PS#152) was suspended for the last 3 (3 rec). Chris Davis, who had 15 rec in '04, had 23 (9.6) in just 7 games. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Chip Brinkman (6-1 210 So, PS#168), Casey Hill (5-11 175 rFr, PS#295), Jonathan Jones (6-3 202 rFr, PS#200), Will Hollis (6-0 195 Sr), Max Opamuratawongse (6-1 165 Jr) and TE's Ted Randolph (6-4 255 rFr, PS#61) and Ben Wooster (6-5 220 rFr, PS#150). This year they do lose Davis (4 st) but should be a much improved receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - WF puts its strongest OL's on the inside to power the rush attack and uses the chop block like many other option teams do. Grobe usually fields a solid O-line but the '04 unit struggled allowing 25 sacks (10.3%). That entire OL was banged up and just one player started all 11 at the same position. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups and had 7 players back with starting experience. Surprisingly they only paved the way for 4.1 ypc but trimmed the sack percentage to 8.9%. This year they must replace LT's Wesley Bryant (7 st) and Greg Adkins (5 st) but have six players back with starting experience. WF should have its best production from the O-line in 3 years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Grobe's first 3 years, they played a 3-3-5 defense due to the lack of depth in the front 7. In 2002 WF actually had a #1DC from the DL, Calvin Pace, who was their first since 1961. WF switched to a 4-3 in '04 with 15 DL's on the roster in the fall. After allowing 4.5 ypc rushing and recording just 11 sacks in '03, a more experienced WF front with basically three starters back improved to 4.1 ypc with 21 sacks despite being plagued by injuries (no DL started all 11). Last year they had to replace one starter and three backups and lost starting DT Jyles Tucker at midseason. They also lost starting DE Jeremy Thompson to an ACL injury and VHT LB Bryan Andrews started the last three. They had their best defense vs the run under Grobe (133.5 ypg, 4.0) but only recorded 15 sacks. This year they must replace DT Goryal Scales (10 st, 26 tkl, 2 tfl) but 7 of the top 8 return and even though Matt Robinson, Zach Stukes and Thompson missed spring with injuries, this looks like the best defensive front since Grobe arrived.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 Wake got a significant addition in rFr Jon Abbate, who has been called a beast in the weight room. In just six starts he recorded 101 tackles and was runner-up for ACC Fr POY. Last year they had to replace two starters and Grobe said by adding 3 rFr the unit was deeper and stronger. Abbate (245 lbs, 4.5 spd) suffered a hamstring injury missing one game and parts of others so his tackle total dropped to 77. This year five of the top 6 are back with the only losses being Jason Pratt (4 st, 21 tkl) and Napoleon Sykes (1 st, 11 tkl). This is the deepest and strongest LB corps yet under Grobe.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Wake was #66 in my pass D rankings in 2004 but last year had to replace two outstanding CB's including a #5 DC and a productive FS. Starting FS Josh Gattis (PS#70) who had beaten out the returning starter for a spot in '04, suffered a concussion in August but did start the last 9. RFr CB Alphonso Smith was #11 in the ACC in pd's after NCSt (12). Starting CB Kevin Patterson missed the final five (appendix) and seven different players earned starts. Surprisingly WF moved up to #41 allowing just 54.9% completions. This year the only losses are SS Dominic Anderson (8 tkl, 1 sk) and FS Robert Simmons (6 tkl). I'll call for WF to achieve their highest pass D rankings finish yet under Grobe.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Wake was a very surprising #103 in my ST rankings in 2004 despite the presence of super P Ryan Plackemeier. I could write half a page on his accomplishments but we'll sum it up as he was the Ray Guy Award Winner and leaves as the NCAA's all-time career leading punter in terms of avg (see Hardcore). Plackemeier handled the kicking duties in 2004 but Grobe wanted to have him concentrate on punting so rFr Sam Swank (PS#33) took over and he simply was the only frosh semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award. Swank hit 19 of 24 with 2 from 50+ and tied a school record hitting 10 straight FG's. He also had 19 TB's on 55 KO's. Willie Idlette has handled the PR's for 3 years (7.0, 4.7, 4.0). Kevin Marion has been the top KR for 2 years (23.0, 18.6). Wake improved to #16 in my ST rankings and while the only loss is Plackemeier (#7DC SEA), they will likely drop quite a bit in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Jim Grobe has done a great job here and was awarded a ten-year contract extension after their 2002 bowl victory. He is just the fifth coach in school history to lead the Demon Deacons to a bowl and recorded back-to-back winning seasons in his first two years. Their OC Steed Lobotzke enters his fourth year here but they switched to the I-formation last year. DC Dean Hood is now in his sixth season here and previously was the Ohio DB Coach and the E Kentucky DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since the ACC was formed in 1953 WF has never had 3 straight finishes of .500 or better. They just missed that in 2003 losing their last three to finish 5-7. Jim Grobe had veteran teams his first two years and went 6-5 and 7-6. He had just 10 starters back in 2003 and they were outgained by 80.1 ypg, the second worst mark in the ACC. In 2004 they had 14 starters back but with the addition of Miami and VT to the conference, the schedule got even tougher and WF had just 10 scholarship seniors. They were outgained by 84.7 ypg in league play. At one point, Bobby Bowden commented after a narrow win over WF that with 4 more plays, WF could have been 7-0. Instead they started the season 3-4 and finished just 4-7. They actually set a school record with an avg attendance of 30,762 and six of their 7 losses were by a TD or less. They had 15 starters back last year (most ACC) but did have just 9 seniors in the 2 deep and 2 senior starters for the opener. On the bright side, they knocked off Clemson 31-27 and got 2 IR TD's to beat NCSt 27-19 despite being outgained 303-225. Unfortunately in the opener vs Vanderbilt, they blew a late lead and lost at home despite a 472-422 yd edge. The next week they held Nebraska to just 234 yards but lost 31-3 thanks to 3 defensive TD's. They also appeared to have BC beat leading them 17-0 and then 30-21 with just 3:36 left but amazingly blew that lead and any shot at a bowl. WF was still outgained by 53.8 ypg in ACC play. This year their 19 returning starters are the most in the ACC (9 Sr st). The offense loses its top RB and QB but counting Mauk as a starter (he had 6 st and led tm in pass yds) they have 9 starters back and should improve upon '05's 24.5 ppg. Over the last 3 years only VT has scored more TD's on defense (19) than Wake (13). This year 13 of their top 14 tacklers return on D and they will be much improved over 2005 (28.7 ppg). I give Wake a shot at opening the season 5-0 and if they do that, they will have much more confidence for league play. Three of my 7 sets of power ratings call for them to gain bowl eligibility this year.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 8 **BENJAMIN MAUK JR.** 6-1 200 PS#32. 3 sts rFr. 6 st LY. 1417 pass (53.2%), 3-9 ratio, 575 rush, 2Y. 6 Brett Hodges (6-1 180 rFr). 10 Zach MacDowall PS#64. In for spring.

RB 3 **Micah Andrews Jr.** 5-10 215 **PS#43.** 1 st rFr. 3 st LY. 885 rush (5.8), 11 rec, 2Y. Josh Adams is **PS#34.** 23 Kevin Harris (6-1 230 rFr) PS#91. 26 Travo Woods (5-10 190 Jr) PS#121.

FB 49 **DAMON McWHITE SR.** 6-1 255 PS#107DL. 7 st, 2Y, 88 ttl yd. 35 Richard Belton (6-1 250 So) PS#366. 2 st, 145 ttl yd rFr. 38 De'Angelo Bryant (6-0 245 Jr) PS#74DB. 284 ttl yds 2Y.

WR 82 **NATE MORTON SR.** 6-3 215 2 st, 14 rec rFr. 8 st, 26 (15.0) '04. 10 st, 39 (12.4) LY. 21 Kenneth Moore (6-0 195 Jr) PS#98. 1 st, 8 rec LY. 15 Delon Lowe (6-2 210 Jr) PS#187.

WR 4 **DEMIR BOLDIN SO.** 5-11 220 PS#153. 6 st rFr, 15 (14.9). 14 Kevin Marion (5-10 160 Jr) PS#152. 1 st, 2Y, 1237 all-purp yd. 82 **Willie Idlette** (5-10 175 Sr) **11 st**, 48 rec (10.8), 3Y.

TE 84 **ZAC SELMON JR.** 6-5 250 PS#78. 9 st, 3 (13.3) rFr. 6 st, 10 rec LY. 89 John Tereshinski (6-3 240 Jr) PS#183QB. 10 st 2Y, 16 (9.1). 37 Daniel Callahan (6-3 255 Sr) PS#112OL. 3 st 2Y.

C 74 **STEVE JUSTICE JR.** 6-4 280 **PS#94.** 30 snaps, bkup C in '04. 11 st at C LY. 67 Trey Bailey (6-2 290 rFr) PS#168. Added 30 lbs. **LS** 92 Nick Jarvis (6-3 250 Jr). 19 gm, 2Y.

RG 70 **Chris DeGeare So.** 6-4 360 **PS#110. 1 st true**, 11 gm as bkup. 71 Eric Gaskins (6-2 305 So) PS#238DL. Susp LY. Cleared '06. 60 Barrett McMillin (6-3 305 rFr) PS#307. Added 15 lbs.

LG 79 **MATTHEW BRIM JR.** 6-4 295 **PS#88.** 10 st at RT rFr, 478 snap, 65.5 kd. 9 st, at RG, 11 gm LY. 65 Gage Crews (6-4 310 rFr) PS#125. 77 Boomer Peterson (6-5 305 rFr) PS#164.

RT 75 **STEVE VALLOS SR.** 6-3 290 PS#290. 12 st rFr. 11 st, 766 plays '04, 144 kd's. 11 st LY, 715 plays, 146 plays. 64 Jeff Griffin (6-3 295 rFr) PS#295. 57 Russell Nenon is PS#452.

LT 61 **ARBY JONES SR.** 6-2 285 PS#261. 1 st rFr. 18 st LG L2Y. 76 Joseph Birdsong (6-4 290 rFr) **PS#92.** 78 Louis Frazier (6-4 302 Jr) PS#305. 1 st rFr, 8 gm, 228 snap. 3 gm LY (inj).

K 38 **SAM SWANK SO.** 6-2 206 PS#33. 19 of 24 FG's as rFr, long 52. 86 points, 29-29 xp's. Only frosh semifinalist for Groza Award. 20 Jon Temple (5-10 176 Jr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 42 **MATT ROBINSON JR.** 6-2 240 PS#130LB. 10 st rFr, 36 tkl, 10 tfl. 11 st '05, 36 tkl, 4.5 sk. 93 Anthony Davis (6-5 240 So) PS#79. 9 tkl rFr. 54 Antonio Wilson (6-1 255 So) PS#177LB. 1 tkl LY.

NT 95 **Zach Stukes Jr.** 6-2 260 PS#338. 3 st as rFr, 13 tkl. 5 st LY, 13 tkl, 3 tfl. 90 Jamil Smith (6-2 294 Sr) PS#146. 1 st, 7 tkl, 3Y. 96 Boo Robinson (6-2 325 rFr) PS#488OL.

DT 55 **JYLES TUCKER SR.** 6-3 268 PS#86. 17 tkl '03. 7 st. 18 tkl '04. 5 st LY (susp). 15 tkl, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. 99 Michael Lockett (6-0 260 rFr) PS#323. 58 Michael Carter is PS#242.

DE 98 **JEREMY THOMPSON JR.** 6-5 250 PS#119. 3 st true, 15 tkl, 3 tfl. 8 st LY (ACL), 21 tkl. 48 **Bryan Andrews** (6-5 263 Sr) **PS#15LB.** 7 st 3Y, 58 tkl. 51 John Russell (6-3 250 rFr) PS#146.

WLB 34 **PIERRE EASLEY SR.** 6-0 250 PS#190. 12 tkl rFr. 7 st '04, 27 tkl, 3 tfl. 3 st LY (miss 3 inj), 21 tkl. 43 **Stanley Arnoux** (6-1 245 So) PS#180. 4 st as rFr, 27 tkl. 46 Matt Woodlief is PS#89.

MLB 5 **JON ABBATE JR.** 5-11 245 4.5 spd. 6 st rFr, **101 tkl.** Beast. 10 st, 77 tkl, 6 ttl LY, 425 bench. 41 Eric Berry (6-1 260 So) PS#141. 1 st, 17 tkl rFr. Hunter Haynes is PS#123.

SLB 53 **AARON CURRY SO.** 6-3 240 PS#176. 4.6 speed. 10 st as rFr, 45 tkl, 7.5 tfl. 52 Dominique Midgett (6-2 235 rFr) PS#120DL. 39 Chantz McClinic (5-10 220 So) 5 tkl LY.

CB 7 **RILEY SWANSON SR.** 5-11 188 PS#129. 7 st 3Y, 127 tkl, 3 int, 12 pbu. 10 **Kevin Patterson** (5-10 182 So) is PS#356. 6 st rFr, 24 tkl, 3 pbu (inj). 29 Kerry Major (5-11 175 So) **4.38 spd.**

CB 2 **ALPHONSO SMITH SO.** 5-9 188 PS#109. 11 st rFr, 59 tkl, 8 tfl, 12 pd. 13 Johnny Edwards (5-10 185 Jr) PS#121. 17 Brandon Ghee (6-0 185 rFr). 24 Channing Schofield (5-11 180 rFr) PS#139RB.

SS 30 **PATRICK GHEE SR.** 6-1 211 PS#169LB. 17 tkl rFr. 11 st '04, 51 tkl. 11 st LY, 65 tkl. 32 Aaron Mason (5-9 200 Jr) PS#325WR. 6 tkl '04. 3 st, 15 tkl LY. 36 Jess Powell (6-0 207 Jr).

FS 22 **JOSH GATTIS SR.** 6-1 212 PS#70. 34 tkl rFr. 11 st FS '04, 71 tkl, 4 tfl. 9 st LY, 72 tkl, 5 int. 9 Chip Vaughn (6-2 215 So) PS#105WR. 1 st, 25 tkl rFr. 37 Alex Frye is PS#119.

P NR **Dan Caldwell Fr.** 6-2 235 PS#41. Avg 44.0 as Jr, 43.0 as Sr in HS. 3 time All-Alabama. 38 Sam Swank (6-2 206 So) 1 punt LY (30.0), 9 TB's on 55 KO's. Punter in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Josh Adams 6-0 170 PS#34
RB	Lucas Caparelli 5-11 180 PS#56
LB	Matt Woodlief 5-11 240 PS#89
QB	Zach MacDowall 6-2 200 PS#64
DB	Alex Frye 6-3 195 PS#119
LB	Hunter Haynes 6-2 218 PS#123
LB	Tripp Russell 6-3 230 PS#137
TE	Dennis Godfrey 6-3 265 PS#61
WR	Marshall Williams 6-1 165 PS#148
DL	Michael Carter 6-3 290 PS#242
K	Dan Caldwell 6-2 235 PS#47
RB	Marcus Williams 5-9 170 PS#330
OL	Cannon Gaskin 6-4 265 PS#398
OL	Russell Nenon 6-4 300 PS#452
DL	Teddy Tomlin 6-3 275 PS#434

WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Weather (336) 243-3000

JIM GROBE (Career 59-65-1)
6th Year at Wake Forest
Grobe's SU Bowl Record: 1-0

Grobe's records AT WAKE FOREST

26-32	Straight Up	3-12-1	Home Favorite
24-28-3	Vs The Spread	7-5-1	Home Underdog
12-15-1	Off A SU Loss	2-4	Away Favorite
20-18-2	Vs Conference	12-7-1	Away Underdog
4-10-1	Vs Non-Conf	1-4-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (20,26,2)
Lost: 10 (5,4,1)

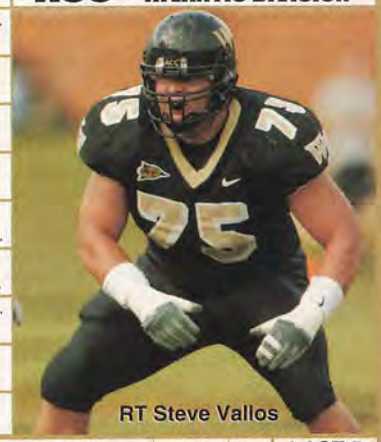
2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,924

ACC – ATLANTIC DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#59

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WF	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Syracuse	A						Demon Deacons are 3-10-1 ATS the last 14 games vs non-conf teams. Wake Forest is 6-18-1 ATS since 1993 as a home favorite. The Deacons are 10-17-2 ATS off a SU win the last 7 years.
Sep. 9	Duke	A						Demon Deacons are 8-2 SU & 4-1-1 ATS in their last 10 home openers. WF is 2-3 SU & 0-3 ATS all-time vs current Big East opponents.
Sep. 16	at Connecticut	G						Wake Forest is 5-10 ATS (2-13 SU) in conference openers since 1991. WF's 6 gm win streak vs Duke is the longest in this series that started in 1889.
Sep. 23	at Mississippi	A						In their only gm in '03, WF was upset 51-17 (-9'), being outFD'd 29-17 & outgained 536-284. Wake Forest is 6-10 ATS since 1990 in their road opener.
Sep. 30	Liberty	A						Deacons are 3-9 ATS the last 12 in their 2nd consecutive away game. Wake Forest is 31-60-2 (34%) SU all-time vs the SEC (12-11-1 ATS).
Oct. 7	Clemson	A						Liberty HC Danny Rocco graduated from WF in '84 & coached there from '84-'86. The Flames finished 1-10 LY as IAA Big South Conference members.
Oct. 14	at NC State	G						WF was 4-1 ATS vs the ACC Atlantic Div in its inaugural yr last season. The home team is 4-7-2 ATS the last 13 years in this series.
Oct. 21								Demon Deacons are 4-5 SU but 7-2 ATS vs the Wolfpack since 1997. Wake Forest is 2-9 ATS the last 11 before a bye week.
Oct. 28	at North Carolina	G						Wake Forest is 3-9-1 ATS the last 13 games after a bye. The favorite has covered once in the last 4 games in this series.
Nov. 4	Boston College	A						WF has covered the last 3 years vs BC including 2 outright upsets. Demon Deacons are 3-10 SU & 1-12 ATS the last 13 November games.
Nov. 11	at Florida St	G						WF is 1-15-1 SU in Tallahassee with their only win in 1959 (22-20). The Demon Deacons have covered 6 of the last 8 games vs the Noles.
Nov. 18	Virginia Tech	A						Since 1976 these teams have averaged just 31 ppg in the 10 meetings. Deacons are 4-9 SU & ATS since 1993 in home finales.
Nov. 25	at Maryland	G						Wake Forest is 0-7 SU & ATS vs Maryland the last 7 years. In the last 12 years, these schools have averaged just 40 ppg.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Brian Kuklick 8,017 1994-'98
Rushing: Chris Barclay 4,032 2002-'05 Receiving: Ricky Proehl 2,949 1986-'89


RT Steve Vallos

STADIUM: GROVES STADIUM (31,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf 1st yr)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	2-9	6-5	6-6	5-7	4-7	4-7	33-46
Home	4-2	1-5	2-4	4-2	3-4	3-3	3-3	20-23
Away	2-3	1-4	4-1	2-4	2-3	1-4	1-4	13-23
ATS	6-5	3-7	6-3-1	4-6-2	5-7	4-6	5-6	33-40-3
Home Fav	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-2-1	1-4	0-2	0-3	4-14-1
Home Dog	2-2	2-2	2-1-1	0-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	11-9-1
Away Fav	2-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	4-5
Away Dog	1-1	1-4	4-0	2-2-1	2-1	2-2	2-2	14-12-1
Favorite	3-2	0-1	0-2	2-3-1	2-5	0-3	1-3	8-19-1
Dog	3-3	3-6	6-1-1	2-3-1	3-2	4-3	4-3	25-21-2
Grass	5-5	3-7	6-3-1	4-5-2	4-7	4-6	4-5	30-38-3
Artificial	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	3-2
vs Conf	4-4	1-7	5-2-1	3-4-1	4-4	3-5	5-3	25-29-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-2-1	1-3	1-1	0-3	8-11-1
Off SU Win	0-5	1-1	2-1-1	1-4-1	2-3	2-1	2-2	10-17-2
Off SU Loss	5-0	2-6	3-2	3-1-1	2-4	1-5	3-3	19-21-1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
48	Dixie	NL	Baylor	7-20	–
79	Tangerine	+7	LSU	10-34	L
92	Independence	+3'	Oregon	39-35	W
99	Aloha Classic	+3	Arizona St	23-3	W
02	Seattle	+7	Oregon	38-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Wake Forest's All-Time SU Bowl Record 4-2

WAKE FOREST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	24.5	18	198	4.1	161	58.7	14.7	-2	2005	6	28.7	20	133	4.0	253	54.9	13.4
6*	20.9	18	206	4.3	145	52.7	16.8	+7	2004	8	23.0	20	158	4.1	235	55.4	17.1
3	27.9	19	203	4.3	152	58.6	12.7	+7	2003	7	28.9	25	174	4.5	280	61.9	15.7
8*	27.4	21	241	4.4	167	54.0	14.9	+18	2002	8	25.2	21	158	4.1	232	58.6	15.5
10*	26.5	22	222	4.0	169	52.0	14.7	-3	2001	8	28.3	20	140	3.7	245	61.8	13.6
3	16.5	18	150	3.6	176	52.5	19.8	-9	2000	1	32.9	21	206	4.7	227	58.0	13.2

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Barclay	218	1206	79	1127	10	5.2
Micah Andrews	110	649	28	621	1	5.6
Kevin Marion	6	92	3	89	2	14.8
De'Angelo Bryant	22	108	19	89	1	4.0
Nate Morton	13	84	15	69	2	5.3
Richard Belton	17	60	0	60	1	3.5
Cory Randolph	52	160	115	45	1	0.9
Ben Mauk	64	229	187	42	2	0.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ben Mauk	158	85	53.8	845	1	6
Cory Randolph	131	85	64.9	821	5	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Nate Morton	39	482	12.4	2	34
Demir Boldin	15	224	14.9	0	46
Chris Davis	23	220	9.6	1	71
Chris Barclay	26	159	6.1	0	29
Kenny Moore	8	127	15.9	1	74
Zac Selmon	10	120	12.0	0	36
Willie Idlette	10	86	8.6	0	23
Richard Belton	13	85	6.5	2	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Plackemeier	67	3165	47.2	3	41.4(T)	0	20
Sam Swank	1	30	30.0	0	–	0	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sam Swank	29-29	6-7	7-9	4-6	2-2	19-24	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jon Abbate	77	2	4	0	2
Josh Gattis	72	0	0	7	5
Patrick Ghee	65	0	0.5	3	1
Alphonso Smith	59	2	6	9	3
Aaron Curry	45	1	6.5	5	0
Riley Swanson	37	0	1	6	2
Matt Robinson	36	4.5	6	4	0
Stanley Arnoux	27	0	1.5	1	0
Bryan Andrews	27	0.5	4	2	0
Goryal Scales	26	1	1	0	0
Chip Vaughn	25	0	0.5	0	0
Kevin Patterson	24	0	0	3	0
Pierre Easley	21	0	1	0	0
Jeremy Thompson	21	0	2	1	0
Jason Pratt	21	0	2	1	0
Eric Berry	17	0	0.5	0	0
Jyles Tucker	15	1	2	3	0
Aaron Mason	15	0	0	0	0
Zachary Stukes	13	1	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Willie Idlette	24	96	4.0	0
Alphonso Smith	2	40	20.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kevin Marion	18	334	18.6	0
Chris Barclay	12	222	18.5	0

2005 STATS BY GAME

WF 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Vanderbilt	26	51 - 274	5.4	15 - 26	198	2	24	30 - 146	4.9	25 - 36	276	0	0
–	at Nebraska	19	52 - 130	2.5	12 - 28	117	5	13	30 - 120	4.0	14 - 33	114	1	-3
–	East Carolina	23	65 - 407	6.3	10 - 17	69	1	20	26 - 118	4.5	20 - 45	292	2	-1
–	Maryland	14	39 - 111	2.8	18 - 35	133	2	19	46 - 162	3.5	12 - 22	169	1	0
–	Clemson	17	41 - 133	3.2	20 - 25	222	2	28	38 - 150	3.9	28 - 42	304	1	0
–	at Florida St	15	43 - 247	5.7	18 - 25	168	1	27	36 - 192	5.3	24 - 37	395	3	0
–	at Boston College	17	51 - 134	2.6	21 - 33	193	3	24	28 - 84	3.0	27 - 50	318	0	+5
–	NC State	12	49 - 85	1.7	13 - 17	140	6	15	25 - 65	2.6	21 - 45	238	2	+2
–	at Duke	23	51 - 419	8.2	11 - 23	138	0	14	31 - 50	1.6	17 - 29	153	3	+1
–	at Georgia Tech	16	35 - 100	2.9	19 - 33	160	2	17	42 - 187	4.5	12 - 27	200	1	-2
–	Miami, Fl	19	48 - 133	2.8	15 - 31	236	2	20	37 - 194	5.2	18 - 31	321	1	-4
TOTALS		201	525 - 2173	4.1	172 - 293	1774	26	221	369 - 1468	4.0	218 - 397	2780	15	-2
AVERAGES		18.3	48 - 198	4.1	16 - 27	161	2.4	20.1	34 - 133	4.0	20 - 36	253	1.4	-0.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at East Carolina	+16	21-19	W
Appalachian St	NL	20-10	–
Maryland	+6	20-27	L
at Florida St - #18	+26'	24-48	W
NC State	+4	14-17	W
at Duke	-8'	42-35	L
Clemson	+7	14-21	T
at Virginia	+3	34-30	W
at North Carolina	+13'	32-31	W
Georgia Tech	+8	33-38	W
N Illinois	-10'	38-35	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Illinois	-1	41-42 OT	L
East Carolina	-5	27-22	T
at NC State - #19	+13'	13-32	L
at Purdue	+9'	24-21	W
Virginia	-2	34-38	L
at Georgia Tech	+13	24-21	W
Duke	-11	36-10	W
at Clemson	+8	23-31	T
North Carolina	-6	31-0	W
Florida St - #18	+10	21-34	L
Navy	-27	30-27	L
at Maryland - #25	+13'	14-32	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston College	+12	32-28	W
NC State - #14	+7'	38-24	W
Purdue	E	10-16	L
East Carolina	-19'	34-16	L
at Virginia	+7	24-27	W
Georgia Tech	-5	7-24	L
at Duke	-10	42-13	W
at Florida St - #6	+18'	24-48	L
Clemson	E	45-17	W
at North Carolina	-8'	34-42	L
Connecticut	-9'	17-51	L
Maryland	+8	28-41	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Clemson - #15	+11'	30-37 2OT	W
at East Carolina	-14'	31-17	L
N Carolina A&T	NL	42-3	–
Boston College	+1	17-14	W
at NC State	+10'	21-27 OT	W
Virginia Tech	+5'	10-17	L
Florida St - #5	+13'	17-20	W
Duke	-17	24-22	L
North Carolina	-5'	24-31	L
at Miami, Fl - #12	+18'	7-52	L
at Maryland	+5'	7-13	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Vanderbilt	-8	20-24	L
at Nebraska	+6'	3-31	L
East Carolina	-13	44-34	L
Maryland	-2'	12-22	L
Clemson	+6'	31-27	W
at Florida St - #4	+21	24-41	W
at Boston College - #14	+13'	30-35	W
NC State	+3	27-19	W
at Duke	-12'	44-6	W
at Georgia Tech	+7'	17-30	L
Miami, Fl - #3	+17	17-47	L

NC STATE WOLFPACK

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Chuck Amato started true frosh Philip Rivers in his first season and had a record breaking career, departing as the ACC's career leader in total offense (#3 in the NCAA). In his senior season he threw for 4,491 (72%) with a 34-7 ratio and was the ACC POY. In 2004, two VHT's battled for the job in Jay Davis (PS#21) and Marcus Stone (PS#11). Stone, who is built like a LB, only hit 49% as a senior in HS. Davis was booed at the start of the WF game (after every incompletion) but led a comeback win and took almost all the snaps over the final seven. For the season Davis threw for 2,104 (55.9%) with only a 12-15 ratio. Stone threw for 118 (53.3%). After 4 games in 2005 Davis was the #1 passer in the ACC in ypg. Davis, however, was 4-9 in his ACC starts and Stone, who has the stronger arm, took over vs WF. He hit just 6 of 16 with 2 int's including one ret'd for a TD, but the team had 3 scoring drives so he started the rest of the year with Davis not attempting another pass. Stone threw for just 130.8 ypg in his 6 starts but the team was 5-1 with him as the starter. For the season, Davis threw for 1,267 (60%) with a 6-8 ratio while Stone threw for 1,015 (48.7%) with an 8-6 ratio. Davis departs and backing up Stone is Mike Greco (PS#39) who is an athletic lefty, Daniel Evans (PS#92) and Michael Fedewa (6-2 193 Jr). Don't discount true frosh Justin Burke (PS#12) after all of the success Philip Rivers had as a true. Stone should have much better passing stats now that he is taking all of the snaps as the #1 man.

RUNNING BACKS - From 2002-2004 there were two different Wolfpack offenses. With a healthy TA McLendon, they were nearly unstoppable, but without him they struggled often. McLendon's injury-plagued career ended with him having 770 yards (4.6) and the #2 rusher, Reggie Davis, had just 227 (4.9). Last year the very talented RB corps featured 4 VHT's. Bobby Washington (PS#2) was a Miami Fl transfer and had 151 and 1 start in '04. They added a pair of true frosh in Andre Brown (PS#10) and Toney Baker (PS#7). Darrell Blackman (PS#6) had 1 start and 524 all purp yards in '04. While Blackman started, Baker led in rushing in four of the first six. The best RB was Brown who surprisingly had just 42 yards after six and came into the SM game as a 3rd stringer. With the top 2 backs struggling, Brown was finally given the ball and emerged with 248 yards, just 3 away from the school's single game rushing record (Ted Brown vs Penn St '77). Amato compared Brown to Herschel Walker and had 179 vs Fla St. Brown surprisingly had just 12 on 13 carries vs BC and didn't top 100 in the final 3 with Baker actually leading in rushing the final two (93 in bowl). Brown rushed for 667 (5.2) while Baker added 546 (4.4) and Blackman had 203 (4.4) with 15 rec's. Reggie Davis was moved to LB and had 7 tackles in the spring game. Blackman moved to WR but I look for the Brown/Baker combo to be the best in the ACC.

RECEIVERS - The Wolfpack had basically everyone back at this position last season with plenty of talent. TJ Williams (PS#64) became the first Wolfpack TE to lead the team in receptions since 1967 with 31 (12.3) in '04. In '05 he repeated that feat with 36 (11.3). Tramain Hall (PS#23RB) who had 69 rec's in 2003, was #2 with 28 (12.2). Brian Clark simply led the ACC in ypc (21.5) and the team in receiving yards (537). Unfortunately this year they must replace Williams (#6DC TB, 12 st, 2nd Tm ACC), Hall (10 st), Clark (8 st), Sterling Hicks (PS#28, 8, 17.0) and solid blocking TE John Ritcher (5 rec). I like the prospects at TE and Anthony Hill, who is 277 lbs, had 8 kd's vs Fla St and yet still snagged 15 rec's (9.3). They also add in RB Darrell Blackman (PS#6). This is a quality group and with more consistent play at QB, could put up bigger numbers but is less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Despite the presence of some fine RB's, the Wolfpack surprisingly has not avg 4.0 ypc since 1998. They had 4 starters back in 2004 but were injury-plagued and only avg'd 3.7 ypc while allowing 31 sacks. The OL coach said he'd never seen as many OL injuries in his 37 years of coaching. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 19 starts. They lost starting LG Kalani Heppe to injury, but the more experienced and healthier unit surprisingly saw the ypc drop to 3.4 and the sacks rise to 35. This year they lose super RT Derek Morris (PS#1, 11 st), RG Dwayne Herndon (11 st) and LG John McKeon (8 st). Despite the loss of 3 starters, C Leroy Harris was the top lineman and they should be able to improve upon last year's numbers.

DT DeMario Pressley

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Wolfpack have had one of the top D-lines in the country the last 4 years and allowed just 2.6 ypc in '04 and LY 2.8 ypc recording 41 sacks. They lost outstanding DT John McCargo to injury after six starts (11 tfl) who was the leading DL tackler at the time. DE Mario Williams (PS#10) set the school record for sacks in a season with 14.5 and was 3rd Tm AA. DE Manny Lawson added 11 sacks, was 1st Tm ACC and had 7 career blocked punts. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are Williams (10 st, 67 tkl, #2 NCAA tfl, #1 NFL pick!, HOU), Lawson (#1DC SF, 11 st, 75 tkl), McCargo (#1DC BUF, 6 st) and DE Renaldo Moses (2 st, 25 tkl, 3.5 sk). This has the makings of a good DL but will be nowhere near as dominating as the past two years, especially with the loss of an amazing three #1 DC's from the same position!!!

LINEBACKERS - The Wolfpack had to replace one starter (#2 tkl'r) and two backups last year but had a veteran unit. This year the losses are heavier. They lose their top tackler, Stephen Tulloch (#4DC TEN, 12 st, 21 tfl, 1st Tm ACC, Bowl MVP), MLB Oliver Hoyte (11 st, 99 tkl, 150 tkl, 12 tfl) and backup Marcus Howell (5 tkl). Three of the top 6 are back and Amato said that rFr Ray Michel is a bigger version of LaVar Fisher with a motor that doesn't stop and RB Reggie Davis was moved in. This unit is clearly less experienced and talented than 2005.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Wolfpack finished #4 in my pass D rankings with a veteran secondary in 2004. They had to replace four starters last year although they got back CB Marcus Hudson who had 19 starts the previous 2 years. SS Garland Heath did well in his first year as a starter snagging 5 int, the highest here since 1999. Backup SS DaJuan Morgan had 13 tackles vs MT and a blocked punt. The less experienced secondary still finished #4 allowing just 48.7% with a 10-13 ratio but some of that can be attributed to their outstanding defensive front 7. This year the secondary is in better shape with three full-time starters returning and 4 players with starting experience. The only loss is CB Marcus Hudson (#6DC SF, 12 st, 70 tkl, 20 pbu, HM ACC). This unit is strong but may drop in my pass D rankings with a weaker front 7.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Amato's ST units block a lot of punts and in fact the Wolfpack has finished #19 in my rankings in '02 thanks to an amazing +10 in the TD/Blk category. In '03 they had to replace Terrence Holt who holds the ACC record for most career blocked kicks (12). While they still blocked 3 punts, surprisingly they dropped to #78. In 2004 they moved up to #29 with the emergence of outstanding returnman Darrell Blackman (17.8 on PR) and strong legged K/P John Deraney. The Wolfpack blocked 4 more punts last year but surprisingly dropped to #57 despite Blackman leading the ACC in KR's (29.1). Part of the problem was that NCSt allowed 3 blocked punts and Deraney's net dropped to 32.8. He hammered home 26 TB's on 54 KO's. He and Blackman both return so I look for the Wolfpack, despite the loss of Manny Lawson (Schl rec 7 blk'd punts), to move back into the Top 25 in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Chuck Amato enters his seventh year here and his most impressive record is a 3-2 mark the last 5 vs Fla St, where he was an asst HC from 1986-'99. Unfortunately in ACC play, Amato is just 23-25 which happens to be the same exact record his predecessor Mike O' Cain had after six seasons. Last year the new OC was Mark Trestman, who was the asst HC with the Dolphins (17 yrs NFL coach) and prefers the West Coast offense. Amato was his own DC but hired Reggie Herring in 2004. Herring's defense allowed just 221 ypg, an amazing 200 ypg less than 2003, but left for Arkansas. Last year's DC was Steve Dunlap, who was the DC at W Virginia from 1991 to 2000 and Syracuse's LB coach from 2001-2004 (DC in '04). Dunlap's 1996 Mountaineer defense ranked 1st nationally and he was a finalist for the Broyles Award that year. They allowed 2.1 ppg less than '04 here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Philip Rivers started as a true frosh for first year HC Chuck Amato and that duo led NCSt to four straight winning years and four straight bowls. NCSt came into '03 ranked #16 in the preseason poll, but finished a disappointing 8-5. After being a high scoring team under Rivers, the team was turned into a defensive dominated squad the last 2 years. They led the NCAA in total defense in 2004 (221 ypg) but had three close losses including their controversial SOD at the NC goal line with :06 left. In 2004 NCSt actually outgained ACC foes by a league best 100.2 ypg but due to -17 turnovers actually finished 5-6. Last year they lost just 17 lettermen so big things were expected. Amazingly in the opener NCSt had a 438-232 yd edge vs VT and LOST. The team lacked discipline most of the year with many stupid penalties and turnovers. Amato was catching a lot of flak after the team opened 2-4 so AD Fowler posted seven paragraphs supporting his coach on their website. Their 5-1 record down the stretch was their best finish since 1973. They are the only ACC team to have beaten Florida St in Tallahassee and have done it twice. Five players left early for the NFL (see page 308) and they benefitted from 4 close wins. The offense was still a trouble spot for the Wolfpack as in four of their seven victories, they failed to top 300 yards offense. Despite having seven starters back on offense last year, the Wolfpack only avg'd 20.8 ppg which was their lowest since 1999. They lose some outstanding receivers and OL's but should be able to top that total. Despite having just 5 starters back on D last year, the front seven was loaded with talent. The Wolfpack allowed just 17.7 ppg, their best total since 2002 (17.0) and 2nd best total since 1992 (16.2). This year only 5 starters return but they have 15 players back that have at least one career start. Both Jimmy Sutton (4.4 spd) and Miguel Scott (4.49 spd) run the 60m for the track team, showing the unit's top-notch speed. They lose a ton of talent to the NFL including three 1st round DC's and will not be as dominant as the last two years. They "earned" 26 points in my Draft Day Party Hangover (see pg 308). The Wolfpack do not play either Miami Fl or VT out of the Coastal Div, giving them a great schedule. This year's team is not as talented as the underperforming 2005 version but is still capable of getting back to the post season.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 9 MARCUS STONE JR. 6-4 236 **PS#11**. 6 st, 101 5 (49%), 8-6 ratio, 169 rush LY. **7** Mike Greco (6-3 220 rFr) PS#39. Justin Burke PS#12. **19** Daniel Evans (6-2 191 So) PS#92.

RB 24 ANDRE BROWN SO. 6-0 232 **PS#10**. Hargrave. 5 st as true, 667 yds (5.2). **22** Toney Baker (5-10 228 So) **PS#7**. 2 st, 546 (4.4). **28** Jamelle Eugene (5-10 202 rFr) PS#90.

FB 89 Octavious Darby So. 6-2 256 **PS#8TE**. 10 gm, 161 snaps. Cedric Hickman (6-3 230 Fr) PS#150. 4.41 spd. 539 rush yds at Hargrave LY. John Kane (5-9 239 So).

WR 2 Darrell Blackman Jr. 5-10 209 **PS#6RB**. 6 st RB 2Y, 409 rush, 24 rec (10.0), 932 ret yds, 2nd Tm ACC. **85** Koyal George (5-11 165 So). **6** Andrew Evans (5-11 180 So) PS#149.

WR 13 Lamart Barrett Sr. 6-1 190 PS#242. 15 st 3Y, 50 rec (12.1). **1** John Dunlap (6-2 210 Jr) PS#97. 3 st, 10 rec 2Y. **88** Geron James (6-4 185 rFr) PS#141. 2 gm, inj RS.

TE 83 ANTHONY HILL JR. 6-6 277 PS#81. 17 plays true. 10 st LY, 15 rec (9.3). 440 plays. **84** Jamesley Jean (6-4 225 Jr) **PS#16**. **86** Kyle Newell (6-5 223 rFr) **PS#27DL**.

C 64 LEROY HARRIS SR. 6-3 300 PS#77DL. 13 st LG rFr. 7 st '04 (inj) 12 st C LY, MVP OL, 62 kd. **72** Luke Lathan (6-4 292 Jr) PS#87. 4 st C '04. **57** Andrew Redfern (6-2 288 So).

RG 76 Curtis Crouch So. 6-5 344 **PS#22**. 1 st at RG **true**, 8 games, 186 snaps, 9 kd. **61** Julian Williams (6-5 292 rFr) **PS#54**. **74** Andy Barbee (6-3 290 rFr) is **PS#114**.

LG 69 Kalani Heppe Jr. 6-3 300 PS#168. 400 bench. 4 gm rFr. 5 st LG LY until inj. 7 gm LY. **68** Yomi Ojo (6-4 320 Jr) **PS#91**. DNP LY. **60** Meares Green (6-4 295 So) 1 gm.

RT 68 Garrett Kline Jr. 6-7 299 **PS#39JC**. RS LY. JC AA So. **79** Jon Holt (6-6 296 Sr) PS#468. 1 st '04, 277 snaps. 6 gm, 83 snaps LY. **50** Jeraill McCuller (6-7 342 rFr).

LT 78 JAMES NEWBY SR. 6-5 295 PS#172DL. 6 st, 480 snaps '04. 12 st LT LY, 766 snaps, 26 kd. **54** Merci Falaise (6-5 292 Sr) **PS#41JC** 1 gm. **61** Matthew White (6-7 355 So).

K 12 JOHN DERANEY SR. 6-4 224 **PS#23**. 40 TB KO rFr. 13 of 22 FG '04, **long 53**. 15 of 20 FG's '05, long 48. **26** Bradley Pierson (5-9 163 Jr) PS#56. Josh Czajkowski PS#39.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 97 Willie Young rFr. 6-5 230 PS#63. Hargrave, RS. **33** Raymond Brooks (6-3 261 Jr) **PS#43LB**. 27 tkl, 4 tfl '04. Ineligible LY. **99** Quentin Brown (6-5 245 rFr) PS#192.

DT 92 DeMARIO PRESSLEY JR. 6-4 293 **PS#1**. 4.8 speed. 1 st, 15 tkl true. 12 st LY, 43 tkl, 6 tfl. **93** John Bedics (6-4 283 So) PS#234. 3 gm LY. **73** Gerard Miller (6-3 292 So) PS#56. 4.67 spd.

NT 72 DeMarcus "Tank" Tyler Sr. 6-2 305 PS#115, 13 tkl true. **11 st**, 33 tkl, 6 tfl '04. 6 st LY, 41 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **41** Martrel Brown (6-2 290 Jr) PS#192LB. 10 tkl. **49** Alan Michael Cash (6-0 291 rFr) PS#158.

DE 55 John Amanchukwu Sr. 6-4 283 PS#51TE. St Augustine trans. 1 tkl. **98** Littleton Wright (6-6 244 Jr) JUCO. RS LY. **58** Matt Kushner (6-4 241 rFr). **70** Ted Larsen (6-2 265 rFr). **48** Avery Vogt (6-2 225 rFr) PS#140. **53** Kendrick Hays (5-11 207 So). John Ware PS#237.

MLB 42 Patrick Lowery Sr. 6-1 242 PS#65. 1 st, 40 tkl, 6 tfl '04. 2 st LY, 39 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **95** James Martin (6-1 236 Jr) PS#119. 2 st true, 27 tkl, 4 tfl. 1 st, 8 tkl LY. **44** Ray Michel (6-0 224 rFr).

WLB 5 Ernest Jones Jr. 6-2 217 **PS#40**. 26 tkl 2Y. **20 Reggie Davis** (6-0 246 Sr) PS#93RB. 2 st 3Y, 414 rush (4.1). **34** Guerlin Dervil (6-2 214 Jr). **52** Orick Quick (6-0 229 Sr).

CB 3 AJ DAVIS SR. 5-10 191 **PS#3**. 9 pbu rFr. 1 st, 6 pbu '04. 12 st LY, 9 pbu. **6** Levin Neal (5-10 191 So) PS#112WR. 10 tkl as true. **31** Dustin Lyerly (5-10 229 Sr).

CB 8 Jimmy "Third" Sutton Jr. 5-11 181 **PS#21**. 7.01 60m on track tm here. 1 sk, 23 tkl, 6 pbu LY. **24** Phillip Holloman (5-11 194 Jr) PS#277. 6 tkl, 1 pbu. Jeremy Gray (6-2 190 So) PS#155.

ROV 19 GARLAND HEATH SR. 6-2 225 PS#74. 36 tkl true. 18 tkl '04. 12 st LY, 84 tkl, 5 int, 6 pbu. **7** DaJuan Morgan (6-2 207 So) PS#77WR. 46 tkl rFr. **12** Vance Proctor (6-0 196 Jr).

FS 25 MIGUEL SCOTT JR. 6-0 203 PS#65. 7.02 in 60m on track tm. 10 st LY, 53 tkl, 3 pbu. **14** JC Neal (6-0 191 So) PS#61RB. 13 tkl as true. **47** Benjamin Bradsher (6-0 182 So).

P 12 JOHN DERANEY SR. 6-4 224 60 punts '04, 41.9 avg, net 35.6, 72 punts LY, 40.1 avg, net of 32.8. 26 TB on 54 KO. Nathan Franklin PS#44. Avg 45 yd in HS, 90% KO's on TB's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

TE	Jonathan Hannah 6-3 251 PS#4 '05
QB	Justin Burke 6-2 195 PS#12
WR	LaMarcus Bond 5-10 175 PS#109
WR	Jarvis Williams 6-4 200 PS#123
DL	Audi Augustin 6-2 235 PS#159
WR	Carlos Everett 6-2 185 PS#130
WR	Owen Spencer 6-2 165 PS#151
RB	Cedric Hickman 6-3 230 PS#150 '05
LB	Nathaniel Irving 6-3 210 PS#163
WR	Darrell Davis 6-5 195 PS#173
DB	DeAndre Morgan 5-10 160 PS#244
WR	Donald Bowens 6-3 195 PS#232
K	Josh Czajkowski 5-10 PS#39
LB	John Ware 5-11 210 PS#237
K	Nathan Franklin 5-11 160 PS#44
TE	Rashad Phillips 6-4 210 PS#100
OL	Gary Gregory 6-5 295 PS#379
DB	Jordan Delegal 6-1 195 PS#444
DB	Jevon Walker 6-0 195 PS#444
DB	Everett Lewis 5-11 175 PS#560

NC STATE WOLFPACK

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CHUCK AMATO (Career 46-28)
7th Year at NC State
Amato's SU Bowl Record: 4-1

Amato's records AT NC STATE

46-28	Straight Up	10-16	Home Favorite
30-34	Vs The Spread	2-6	Home Underdog
13-12	Off A SU Loss	5-11	Away Favorite
20-28	Vs Conference	13-1	Away Underdog
10-6	Vs Non-Conf	5-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (26,23,4)
Lost: 19 (10,9,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 53,039

ACC - ATLANTIC DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#29

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NCS	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss
Sep. 2	Appalachian St	G						
Sep. 9	Akron	G						
Sep. 16	at S Mississippi	A						
Sep. 23	Boston College	G						
Sep. 30								
Oct. 5	Florida St (Thur)	G						
Oct. 14	Wake Forest	G						
Oct. 21	at Maryland	G						
Oct. 28	at Virginia	G						
Nov. 4	Georgia Tech	G						
Nov. 11	at Clemson	G						
Nov. 18	at North Carolina	G						
Nov. 25	East Carolina	G						

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Amato is 13-1 ATS (8-6 SU) as an away dog.
NC State is 5-11 SU vs ranked teams under Amato.
Wolfpack is 23-3 SU & 13-7 ATS in their last 26 non-conference games.

Mountaineers were IAA National Champs LY going 12-3 from the Southern Conf.
ASU has had at least 1 IA opponent on its schedule since '81 (5-29 SU).

Wolfpack is just 4-12 ATS after a SU win the last 3 years.
NC State is 8-1 SU but 2-4 ATS all-time vs current MAC teams.

Wolfpack is 11-4 SU & 10-5 ATS S/'91 in the 1st road game of the season.
NC State has played on art turf just 9 times S/'92 in reg season play going 6-3 ATS.

Wolfpack is just 6-17 ATS in Raleigh vs ACC foes over the L/23 games.
NC State is 3-10 ATS prior to a bye week since 1996.

The Wolfpack is 9-2 ATS the last 11 games after a bye week.
The home team is 1-5 ATS the last 6 years in this series.

First gm was in 1895 as these schools have played every yr S/'10 (NCSt leads 60-33-6).
The home team has covered 8 of the last 10 games.

NC State is 3-13 ATS in their last 16 games as an ACC away favorite.
The favorite is 4-16-1 ATS the last 21 games in this series.

In their last game in '03, 88 pts were scored which is the most ever in this 53 gm series.
NC State is 6-6 SU & 8-4 ATS vs Virginia since 1992.

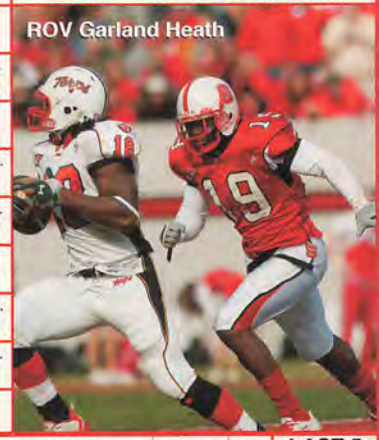
NC State had an 80 yd TD pass & int GT w/:26 left to hold on for the upset LY.
The visitor is 8-4-1 ATS the last 13 years in this series.

NC State is 6-2 ATS the last 5 years in November road games.
Amato & CU HC Bowden coached together at Florida St for 18 yrs.

These in-state schools are 26 miles apart as NC holds a 62-27-6 advantage.
The favorite is 4-10 ATS since 1992 in this in-state rivalry.

These schools played every yr from 1970-'87 & are about 93 miles apart.
NC State is 9-5 ATS since 1992 in home finales.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Philip Rivers 13,484 2000-'03
Rushing: Ted Brown 4,602 1975-'78 Receiving: Torry Holt 3,379 1995-'98



STADIUM: CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM (57,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	7-4	7-4	10-3	7-5	5-6	6-5	48-33
Home	4-1	5-1	3-3	6-1	6-1	2-4	4-3	30-14
Away	2-5	2-3	4-1	4-2	1-4	3-2	2-2	18-19
ATS	5-6	6-5	5-6	8-3	4-7	3-7	4-6	35-40
Home Fav	1-0	3-2	2-2	2-2	1-4	0-3	2-3	11-16
Home Dog	2-1	0-1	0-2	1-0	1-0	0-2	0-1	4-7
Away Fav	0-2	0-2	1-2	3-1	0-3	1-2	0-1	5-13
Away Dog	2-3	3-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-1	15-4
Favorite	1-2	3-4	3-4	5-3	1-7	1-5	2-4	16-29
Dog	4-4	3-1	2-2	3-0	3-0	2-2	2-2	19-11
Grass	5-6	6-5	5-6	7-3	4-7	3-7	4-5	34-39
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	2-6	2-6	3-5	23-33
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-2	3-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	12-7
Off SU Win	1-4	4-2	2-4	5-2	2-5	0-4	2-3	16-24
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	3-3	2-2	16-14

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	MicronPC	+3'	Minnesota	38-30	W
01	Tangerine	E	Pittsburgh	19-34	L
02	Gator	-1	Notre Dame	28-6	W
03	Tangerine	-12	Kansas	56-26	W
05	Car Care	-3'	USF	14-0	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NC State's All-Time SU Bowl Record 12-10-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Andre Brown	129	721	54	667	6	5.2
Toney Baker	124	596	50	546	5	4.4
Darrell Blackman	46	216	13	203	2	4.4
Reggie Davis	27	81	4	77	0	2.9
DaJuan Morgan	2	44	1	43	0	21.5
Bobby Washington	8	40	6	34	0	4.2
Marcus Stone	71	169	161	8	0	0.1
Jay Davis	23	19	122	-103	0	-4.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jay Davis	180	108	60.0	1267	6	8
Marcus Stone	154	75	48.7	1015	8	6
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brian Clark	25	537	21.5	6	96	
TJ Williams	36	407	11.3	2	39	
Tramain Hall	28	343	12.2	2	36	
Lamart Barrett	21	248	11.8	0	29	
Darrell Blackman	15	151	10.1	1	70	
Anthony Hill	15	140	9.3	1	26	
Sterling Hicks	8	136	17.0	0	30	
Toney Baker	13	106	8.2	1	36	
Andre Brown	7	76	10.9	0	23	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
John Deraney	72	2884	40.1	12	32.8	2	23
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
John Deraney	28-28	7-7	6-8	2-4	0-1	15-20	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Stephen Tulloch	150	6	15	2	1
Oliver Hoyte	99	1	11	0	0
Garland Heath	85	0	1	6	5
Manny Lawson	75	11	10	4	0
Marcus Hudson	70	0	2	20	2
Mario Williams	67	14.5	9.5	5	0
LeRue Rumph	61	0	1	0	0
Miguel Scott	56	0	0.5	3	1
AJ Davis	53	1	1	10	2
DaJuan Morgan	51	0	2.5	2	1
De Mario Pressley	43	1	5	1	0
Tank Tyler	41	2	2.5	0	0
Patrick Lowery	40	1	4.5	0	0
John McCargo	38	1	10	2	0
Renaldo Moses	25	3.5	5.5	1	0
JJ Jones	24	1	0	1	0
Ernest Jones	22	1	0	0	0
Jimmie Sutton III	20	1	0	5	0
JC Neal	13	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Darrell Blackman	21	122	5.8	0	
Tramain Hall	11	85	7.7	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Darrell Blackman	20	582	29.1	0	
Andre Brown	9	197	21.9	0	

NC STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	20.8	15	124	3.4	190	54.6	15.2	0	2005	5	17.7	17	107	2.8	192	48.7	16.9
8	24.0	19	147	3.7	202	55.7	14.5	-17	2004	9	19.8	12	102	2.6	119	43.4	11.2
6*	37.6	24	101	3.3	352	72.0	12.0	+2	2003	4	29.6	23	137	3.8	284	59.1	14.2
6*	32.9	20	144	3.9	248	61.1	11.9	+7	2002	6	17.0	18	125	3.3	176	49.7	17.7
7*	26.6	20	111	3.5	242	64.5	13.3	+8	2001	6	21.4	21	142	3.4	222	58.6	17.0
4	31.6	21	104	3.3	294	53.8	12.6	+4	2000	8	28.2	22	200	4.2	186	55.2	13.7

2005 STATS BY GAME

NCS 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Virginia Tech	21	29 - 127	4.4	27 - 44	311	2	16	41 - 124	3.0	10 - 21	108	3	-3
–	E Kentucky	20	42 - 189	4.5	18 - 28	286	0	13	31 - 48	1.5	10 - 37	180	2	+1
–	North Carolina	16	28 - 13	0.5	21 - 35	257	6	22	49 - 144	2.9	13 - 23	177	5	0
–	at Georgia Tech	14	31 - 56	1.8	18 - 25	230	2	29	38 - 164	4.3	21 - 53	279	0	0
–	Clemson	16	27 - 92	3.4	19 - 36	175	2	23	41 - 243	5.9	22 - 31	246	0	-1
–	at Wake Forest	15	25 - 65	2.6	21 - 45	238	2	12	49 - 85	1.7	13 - 17	140	6	-2
–	S Mississippi	20	54 - 297	5.5	10 - 26	128	1	13	31 - 69	2.2	15 - 35	177	5	-3
–	at Florida St	11	44 - 196	4.5	9 - 17	85	3	14	23 - 43	1.9	20 - 45	184	3	+3
–	at Boston College	16	40 - 59	1.5	13 - 30	247	8	12	42 - 150	3.6	8 - 16	185	1	0
–	Middle Tenn	8	31 - 153	4.9	6 - 11	85	1	18	39 - 50	1.3	23 - 37	228	3	0
–	Maryland	14	42 - 73	1.7	12 - 19	113	5	18	33 - 30	0.9	20 - 35	235	7	+3
–	† South Florida	14	47 - 173	3.7	9 - 19	127	3	15	44 - 136	3.1	10 - 30	159	6	+2
TOTALS		185	440 - 1493	3.4	183 - 335	2282	35	205	461 - 1286	2.8	185 - 380	2298	41	0
AVERAGES		15.4	37 - 124	3.4	15 - 28	190	2.9	17.1	38 - 107	2.8	15 - 32	192	3.4	0.0

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana	-7	35-14	W
at SMU	-15'	26-17	L
North Carolina	-1'	9-17	L
at Wake Forest	-4	17-14	L
Clemson - #16	+3	37-45	L
at Georgia Tech - #23	+12	17-27	W
Virginia	-7	24-0	W
at Duke	-17	55-31	W
at Florida St - #10	+18	34-28	W
Maryland - #10	+3	19-23	L
Ohio	-24'	27-7	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico	-13'	34-14	W
E Tennessee St	NL	34-0	–
at Navy	-17'	65-19	W
Wake Forest	-13'	32-13	W
at Texas Tech	+1'	51-48 OT	W
Massachusetts	NL	56-24	–
at North Carolina	-6'	34-17	W
Duke	-23'	24-22	L
at Clemson	-2	38-6	W
Georgia Tech	-11	17-24	L
at Maryland	+6	21-24	W
at Virginia	-7	9-14	L
Florida St - #14	+6	17-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Carolina	NL	59-20	–
at Wake Forest	-7'	24-38	L
at Ohio St - #3	+9'	38-44 3OT	W
Texas Tech	-6'	49-21	W
North Carolina	-17'	47-34	L
at Georgia Tech	-6'	21-29	L
Connecticut	-15'	31-24	L
Clemson	-4'	17-15	L
at Duke	-20'	28-21	L
Virginia	+1	51-37	W
at Florida St - #13	+13'	44-50 2OT	W
Maryland	-1	24-26	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Richmond	NL	42-0	–
Ohio St - #9	-2'	14-22	L
at Virginia Tech	+7'	17-16	W
Wake Forest	-10'	27-21 OT	L
at North Carolina	-10'	24-30	L
at Maryland	+2	13-3	W
Miami, Fl - #4	+7	31-45	L
at Clemson	-1'	20-26	L
Georgia Tech	-7'	14-24	L
Florida St - #11	+6'	10-17	L
† East Carolina	-21	52-14	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Virginia Tech - #8	+3'	16-20	L
E Kentucky	NL	54-10	–
North Carolina	-11	24-31	L
at Georgia Tech - #24	+4'	17-14	W
Clemson	-4	10-31	L
at Wake Forest	-3	19-27	L
S Mississippi	-6'	21-17	L
at Florida St - #9	+13	20-15	W
at Boston College	+4'	10-30	L
Middle Tennessee	-18	24-3	W
Maryland	-3	20-14	W

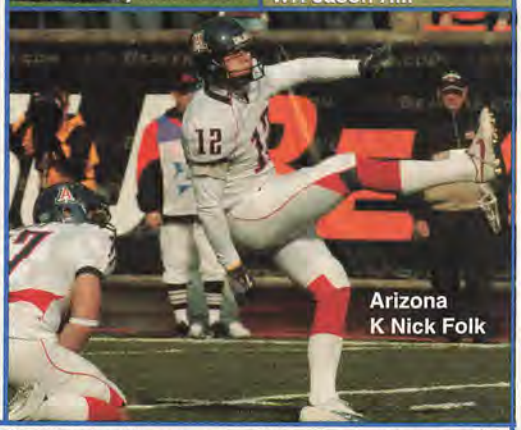
PAC 10 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 PAC 10 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Sam Keller, Arizona St	Trent Edwards, Stanford	Isaiah Stanback, Wash	Dennis Dixon, Oregon
RB	Marshawn Lynch, California	Yvenson Bernard, Oregon St	Kenny James, Washington	Chris Henry, Arizona
RB	Jonathan Stewart, Oregon	Keegan Herring, Arizona St	Chris Markey, UCLA	Justin Forsett, California
WR	Dwayne Jarrett, USC	Mark Bradford, Stanford	Michael Thomas, Arizona	Rudy Burgess, Ariz St
WR	Steve Smith, USC	DeSean Jackson, California	Michael Bumpus, Wash St	Terry Richardson, Ariz St
WR	Jason Hill, Washington St	James Finley, Oregon	Cameron Colvin, Oregon	Patrick Turner, USC
TE	Zach Miller, Arizona St	Joe Newton, Oregon St	Fred Davis, USC	Craig Stevens, California
C	Ryan Kalil, USC	Enoka Lucas, Oregon	Mike Pollak, Arizona St	Robert Chai, UCLA
G	Alex Fletcher, Stanford	Shannon Tevaga, UCLA	Jeremy Perry, Oregon St	Josiah Vinson, Stanford
G	Roy Schuening, Oregon St	Jeff Byers, USC	Palauni Ma Sun, Oregon	Chilo Rachal, USC
T	Andrew Carnahan, Ariz St	Max Unger, Oregon	Geoff Schwartz, Oregon	Adam Koets, Oregon St
T	Sam Baker, USC	Bobby Byrd, Washington St	Brandon Rodd, Arizona St	Brian Abraham, UCLA
DL	Mkristo Bruce, Wash St	Kyle Caldwell, Arizona St	Jeff Schweiger, USC	Phillip Mbakogu, California
DL	Sedrick Ellis, USC	Brigham Harwell, UCLA	Chase Moline, UCLA	Matthew Malele, California
DL	Brandon Mebane, California	Kevin Brown, UCLA	Jordan Hill, Arizona St	Fevaea'i Ahmu, Wash St
DL	Lawrence Jackson, USC	Loren Howard, Arizona St	Nu'u Tafisi, California	Justin Hickman, UCLA
LB	Keith Rivers, USC	Oscar Lua, USC	Steve Dildine, Wash St	Blair Phillips, Oregon
LB	Desmond Bishop, California	Scott White, Washington	Ronnie Palmer, Arizona	Andy Darkins, Oregon St
LB	Brian Cushing, USC	Anthony Felder, California	Mike Nixon, Arizona St	Greg Trent, Wash St
CB	Antoine Cason, Arizona	Keenan Lewis, Oregon St	Kevin Thomas, USC	Tim Mixon, California
CB	Daymeion Hughes, California	Josh Pinkard, USC	Jackie Bates, Oregon	Tyron Brackenridge, Wash St
SS	Sabby Piscitelli, Oregon St	Dallas Sartz, USC	CJ Wallace, Washington	Michael Johnson, Arizona
FS	Zach Catanese, Arizona St	Dashon Goldson, Washington	Dennis Keyes, UCLA	JD Nelson, Oregon
K	Paul Martinez, Oregon	Alexis Serna, Oregon St	Justin Medlock, UCLA	Nick Folk, Arizona
P	Jay Ottovegio, Stanford	Aaron Perez, UCLA	Sean Douglas, Washington	Nick Folk, Arizona
PR	Terry Richardson, Ariz St	Tim Mixon, California	Michael Bumpus, Wash St	Syndric Steptoe, Arizona
KR	Terry Richardson, Ariz St	Jonathan Stewart, Oregon	Syndric Steptoe, Arizona	Lorenzo Bursey, Wash St

Arizona St
PR/WR Terry Richardson

Washington St
WR Jason Hill


Arizona
K Nick Folk

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 PAC 10 FORECAST

1. USC - The Trojans had some amazing losses to the NFL draft earning 45 points in my NFL Draft Day Party Hangover article (pg. 308) and team's earning 35 points or more have had a weaker record the next year **10 out of 10 times!** USC also benefitted from +21 in turnovers and have the fewest amount of returning starters (10) in the Pac 10. They also lost some legendary players, including Bush, Leinart and White. Those factors would have mere mortal teams in a rebuilding season, but Pete Carroll has done an excellent job here and has plenty of talent throughout. Keep in mind, last year they outgained league foes by 274.5 ypg, which was nearly 200 yards better than the #2 team (Oregon, 77.8). While the top half of the Pac 10 is closer to the Trojans and USC does have 5 road games, they get their toughest contenders (Cal, Oreg, Ariz St) all at home and 5 of my 7 sets of power ratings call for them to have a 3rd straight unbeaten regular season.

2. CALIFORNIA - It's not often that 8-4 teams are one of the more improved schools in the country but Cal fits that category this season. Last year they only had 8 returning starters and this year have 15. Cal was -6 in turnovers, the first negative TO ratio of the Tedford era, and offensively struggled with a 13.0 ypp, meaning better things for this season. They bring in OC Kevin Wilson who was highly successful at Northwestern. The Golden Bears are not only a clear Pac 10 contender but, also, a National Title contender.

3. ARIZONA ST - I could make a good case against Ariz St this year, as last year they were +2 net close wins, and despite their 4-4 Pac 10 record they were actually outgained by 40 ypg, benefitted from +7 in turnovers and their 12 returning starters are the 2nd fewest in the conference. On the positive side, they have 2 quality starting QB's and the defense, despite having just 4 starters back, has some outstanding additions and a good amount of VHT's in the 2 deep. The Sun Devils do have to play Cal and USC on the road but are a stronger team and will improve upon last year's 4 conference wins.

3. OREGON - Last year I had the Ducks as my #4 Most Improved Team in the country and they very nearly went to a BCS bowl game after being just 5-6 in 2004. They gave USC a battle at home, but despite finishing 10-1 and being #6, they did not receive a bid to a BCS bowl. The Ducks outgained their Pac 10 foes by 77.8 ypg (2nd best) and this year are strong on both sides of the ball. On the negative side for UO is they benefitted from +13 in TO's last year (see pg 312) and were +3 net close wins. They also "earned" 16 points in the NFL draft. After having a senior laden team last year, they have just six senior starters. The final factor which has me calling the Ducks lower in the standings is that they must face the top 3 teams, all on the road.

5. ARIZONA - This Arizona team has me excited this year, as they are my #2 Most Improved Team in the country. This should mean they have one of the highest improved records. Their 17 returning starters are the most in the Pac 10 and they almost qualified for my Turnovers=Turnaround (-9 LY). They were also -4 in net close losses (see pg 299). The Cats were outgained by 82.9 ypg in league play but were a much more potent team with Tuitama at QB (27.2 ppg) and they have my #3 rated D in the Pac 10. Stoops has not met the fans' high expectations in his first 2 years but will this season, as they get back to a bowl for the first time since 1998.

6. WASHINGTON ST - The Cougars were a snakebitten team last season that could have had 9 or 10 victories. They were hit hard by injuries and blew some huge leads, like 30-16 vs Oreg St, 38-21 vs UCLA and 38-12 vs Cal. Despite finishing 1-7 in Pac 10 play, they had the 5th best ypg in the league and this season benefit from 5 home games. They are the 2nd most experienced team in the Pac 10 (see pg 311) and had 4 net close losses last year (pg 299). Provided this year's Cougar team stays healthier, they will be a surprise. If they were given UCLA's schedule, I would definitely call for them to have a winning season in the Pac 10 but unlike the Bruins, most of the Cougars winnable games are on the road as they host teams like USC, Cal and Oregon. I still give the Cougars an excellent shot at becoming bowl eligible.

7. WASHINGTON - The Huskies had 3 net close losses last year, which is good news for this season (pg 299). They should have one of the most improved defenses in the NCAA, as I rate it the #5 D in the Pac 10. Last year they were outgained by 82.6 ypg in Pac 10 play, so they do have a lot of ground to make up but, also, come in with the most experienced team in the Pac 10 (see pg 311). While they only get 4 home games in Pac 10 play, I think the Huskies will at least triple last year's Pac 10 win total and QB Stanback will be one of the most improved in the country.

7. UCLA - The Bruins were an extremely fortunate team last season, as they were actually outgained by 72.9 ypg in league play and trailed most games big. With a series of huge comebacks, the Bruins managed a 6-2 Pac 10 record. This year they have just 12 returning starters, (2nd fewest Pac 10) and they benefitted from +4 net close wins last year (see pg 299). UCLA also makes my Draft Day Party Hangover list (pg 308). The lower teams in the Pac 10 are much improved this year but fortunately for the Bruins they have a lot of winnable home games (Stan, Arizona, Wash St, Oreg St). With the schedule, they will not finish in the basement but will at least double last year's 2 Pac 10 losses.

9. OREGON ST - The Beavers have a lot of things in their favor this season. Last year they just missed out on a bowl at 5-6 but outgained Pac 10 foes by 13.7 ypg in league play (4th best). OSU is a classic Turnovers=Turnaround team (-14). The Beavers have 16 returning starters and last year the D didn't have a lot of luck, as due to the TO's, they yielded a 12.3 ypp but that bodes well for this year (pg 299). Unfortunately, they draw a killer schedule. You like to have your winnable conf games at home but they host the league's top 4 teams (Cal, USC, ASU and UO) and could be dogs in all 4. Their winnable Pac 10 games take place on the road. I give the Beavers a shot at sweeping their non-conf schedule, so a bowl is not out of the question and I would have picked OSU much higher had they had a more favorable schedule.

9. STANFORD - The Cardinal were fairly fortunate last year, as they benefitted from 2 net close wins but also could have easily had a winning season, as they gave up late scores vs ND, UC Davis and UCLA. This is a Stanford team that actually started 3-1 in the Pac 10 last year and led UCLA 24-3 with 8:26 left. They also have 16 returning starters (2nd most league). On the negative side, last year they were 4-4 in Pac 10 play but for the 3rd straight year were outgained by the largest margin in the conf (105.6 ypg). They come in with one of my bottom rated defenses and have to play 5 Pac 10 road games. With their tremendous offense they have a shot at some surprises but will lose more games in league play than they did last year.

Pac 10 Notes: WR Mike Hass of Oregon St set a Pac 10 record with 1,532 yards receiving on the season, breaking Johnny Morton's (USC) 1993 record of 1,520 yards. He finishes #2 in Pac 10 career yards receiving with 3,924, as Troy Walters (Stanford) 4,047 remains #1. Derek Hagan set a Pac 10 record with 258 career rec's, breaking Troy Walter's mark of 248 from 1996-1999. The Pac 10 is loaded with VHT signal callers that have great promise and unlike any other teams, it's the first time I've actually tied six teams for the same spot all at QB. In 2004 only ONE Pac 10 team qualified for my Most Improved List (pg 19) and that was Ariz St. The Sun Devils went from 5-7 to 9-3. In 2005, three teams from the Pac 10 made my top 16 of 2005's Most Improved Teams. While all 3 improved their record, two of them made huge strides, as Oregon went from 5-6 to 10-2 and UCLA went from 6-6 to 10-2. This year, in my top 18 MIT, the Pac 10 has 2 teams. This year the Pac 10 went to a 9-game conf schedule, which means everybody plays everybody and that is extremely fair. The only difficulty is some teams get 5 home games and others just 4. The Pac 10 was 23-8 in non-conf play and had a 57.1 win % vs BCS conferences (B10 #1). The Pac 10 was 3-2 in their bowl games and had 4 teams finish in the Top 25 and their 32 players drafted was the 4th best of the conferences.

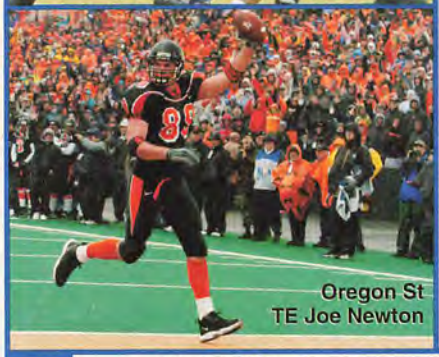
2005 PAC 10 vs PAC 10 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
1	USC	47.9	1	590.6	1	277.5	1	6.3	1	313.1	2	64.6	1	12.3	10	11	1	9	1
8	Arizona St	31.4	4	457.3	3	105.9	9	2.9	9	351.4	1	62.7	5	14.6	5	13	4	34	10
10	UCLA	33.9	3	424.4	5	136.4	6	3.9	5	288.0	4	63.1	3	12.5	8	12	2	19	5
13	Wash St	28.4	6	487.1	2	209.4	3	5.3	3	277.8	5	55.4	8	17.2	2	18	7	16	4
17	Oregon	34.8	2	433.4	4	134.4	7	3.8	6	299.0	3	63.9	2	12.5	9	15	5	13	2
31	California	30.4	5	407.6	7	220.6	2	5.5	2	187.0	10	51.3	9	13.4	7	23	9	21	6
50	Oregon St	24.4	7	418.6	6	143.3	4	3.5	8	275.4	6	56.6	7	17.2	1	30	10	21	6
63	Washington	21.1	10	347.3	8	140.6	5	3.9	4	206.6	9	51.0	10	16.4	3	15	5	24	8
65	Arizona	21.6	9	341.9	9	129.8	8	3.7	7	212.1	8	56.9	6	15.8	4	20	8	14	3
75	Stanford	22.5	8	316.8	10	96.4	10	2.6	10	220.4	7	62.8	4	14.1	6	12	2	30	9

2005 PAC 10 vs PAC 10 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
11	USC	18.6	1	316.1	1	111.0	2	3.5	3	205.1	2	58.0	4	17.0	10	25	1	21	4
25	California	23.8	3	375.0	3	122.6	3	3.4	2	252.4	5	56.9	3	15.8	8	14	7	25	1
26	Oregon	23.6	2	355.6	2	154.0	6	4.4	6	201.6	1	54.7	2	15.1	6	24	2	25	1
32	Washington	34.4	8	429.9	7	141.3	4	3.9	4	288.6	7	67.2	10	12.5	2	13	9	17	9
39	Arizona	27.5	4	424.8	6	176.9	7	4.4	7	247.9	4	61.4	8	15.4	7	16	5	18	6
44	Stanford	30.1	5	422.4	5	145.6	5	4.1	5	276.8	6	62.5	9	14.0	5	14	7	25	1
52	Oregon St	32.6	7	404.9	4	98.5	1	2.8	1	306.4	9	50.9	1	12.4	1	17	4	19	5
59	Arizona St	30.9	6	497.3	8	195.9	9	4.5	9	301.4	8	60.0	6	16.1	9	19	3	18	6
67	Wash St	36.5	9	501.6	10	183.4	8	4.4	8	318.3	10	61.4	7	13.7	4	15	6	18	6
86	UCLA	38.3	10	497.3	8	265.0	10	6.1	10	232.3	3	59.2	5	13.0	3	12	10	15	10

California
DT Brandon Mebane


Oregon St
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2005 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2005	2004	2003
USC	8	0	383	149	12	1	638	297	+274.5	+151.0	+128.7
Oregon	7	1	278	189	10	2	414	278	+77.8	+33.1	+4.2
UCLA	6	2	271	306	10	2	469	410	-72.9	-26.0	-12.4
California	4	4	243	190	8	4	395	254	+32.6	+158.5	+112.2
Arizona St	4	4	251	247	7	5	442	359	-40.0	+19.2	-45.8
Stanford	4	4	180	241	5	6	269	337	-105.6	-118.9	-185.0
Oregon St	3	5	195	261	5	6	293	365	+13.7	+52.3	+141.8
Arizona	2	6	173	220	3	8	252	290	-82.9	-118.1	-144.1
Wash St	1	7	227	292	4	7	368	346	-14.5	-43.0	+53.0
Washington	1	7	169	275	2	9	237	337	-82.6	-108.1	-52.4

Co-Coaches of the Year: Pete Carroll, USC & Karl Dorrell, UCLA

2004 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
USC	8	0	285	117	13	0	496	169
California	7	1	287	102	10	2	441	192
Arizona St	5	3	216	234	9	3	358	294
Oregon St	5	3	210	191	7	5	320	294
UCLA	4	4	252	227	6	6	361	309
Oregon	4	4	203	211	5	6	282	282
Wash St	3	5	193	262	5	6	275	307
Stanford	2	6	147	197	4	7	243	233
Arizona	2	6	130	240	3	8	164	275
Washington	0	8	114	255	1	10	154	334

Coach of the Year: Jeff Tedford, California

2003 PAC 10 STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
USC	7	1	342	161	12	1	534	239
Wash St	6	2	245	169	10	3	394	257
Oregon	5	3	209	216	8	5	356	348
California	5	3	267	170	8	6	457	341
Oregon St	4	4	270	224	8	5	433	301
Washington	4	4	203	233	6	6	312	316
UCLA	4	4	175	200	6	7	248	305
Arizona St	2	6	203	246	5	7	298	328
Stanford	2	6	130	243	4	7	186	324
Arizona	1	7	109	291	2	10	181	429

Co-Coach of the Year: Pete Carroll, USC/Bill Doba, WSU

UCLA
OG Shannon Tevaga

2005 PAC 10 LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Rudy Carpenter, Ariz St	**228**	**156**	**68.4**	**2**	**2273**	**10.0**	**17**	**175.0**
Drew Olson, UCLA	378	242	64.0	6	3198	8.5	34	161.6
Matt Leinart, USC	431	283	65.7	8	3815	8.9	28	157.7
Alex Brink, Wash St	**357**	**204**	**57.1**	**13**	**2890**	**8.1**	**24**	**140.0**
Trent Edwards, Stanford	**268**	**168**	**62.7**	**7**	**1934**	**7.2**	**17**	**139.0**
Isaiah Stanback, Wash	**264**	**143**	**54.2**	**6**	**2136**	**8.1**	**9**	**128.8**
Matt Moore, Oregon St	**355**	**211**	**59.4**	**19**	**2711**	**7.6**	**11**	**123.1**
Joe Ayoob, California	**254**	**125**	**49.2**	**14**	**1707**	**6.7**	**15**	**114.1**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Mike Hass, Oregon St	11	90	1532	6	139.3	8.2	17.0
Jason Hill, Wash St	**10**	**62**	**1097**	**13**	**109.7**	**6.2**	**17.7**
Derek Hagan, Arizona St	12	77	1210	8	100.8	6.4	15.7
Dwayne Jarrett, USC	**13**	**91**	**1274**	**16**	**98.0**	**7.0**	**14.0**
Demetrius Williams, Oregon	12	59	1059	10	88.3	4.9	17.9
Steve Smith, USC	**13**	**60**	**957**	**5**	**73.6**	**4.6**	**16.0**
Michael Thomas, Arizona	**11**	**52**	**771**	**5**	**70.1**	**4.7**	**14.8**
Marcedes Lewis, UCLA	12	58	741	10	61.8	4.8	12.8
Mark Bradford, Stanford	**10**	**37**	**609**	**6**	**60.9**	**3.7**	**16.5**
Justin McCullum, Stanford	9	36	539	5	59.9	4.0	15.0
Rudy Burgess, Arizona St	**12**	**59**	**655**	**4**	**54.6**	**4.9**	**11.1**
DeSean Jackson, California	**11**	**38**	**601**	**7**	**54.6**	**3.5**	**15.8**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Jerome Harrison, Wash St	11	308	1900	6.2	16	172.7
Reggie Bush, USC	13	200	1740	8.7	16	133.8
Marshawn Lynch, California	**10**	**196**	**1246**	**6.4**	**10**	**124.6**
Yvenson Bernard, Oregon St	**11**	**299**	**1321**	**4.4**	**13**	**120.1**
LenDale White, USC	13	197	1302	6.6	24	100.2
Mike Bell, Arizona	11	200	952	4.8	5	86.5
Justin Forsett, California	**12**	**132**	**999**	**7.6**	**6**	**83.3**
Maurice Drew, UCLA	12	186	914	4.9	13	76.2
Keegan Herring, Arizona St	**12**	**158**	**870**	**5.5**	**6**	**72.5**
Terrence Whitehead, Oregon	11	156	679	4.4	4	61.7

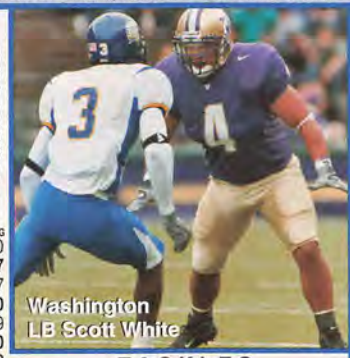
TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Matt Leinart, USC	13	51	36	431	3815	3851	296.2
Alex Brink, Wash St	**11**	**56**	**106**	**358**	**2891**	**2997**	**272.5**
Drew Olson, UCLA	12	50	-48	378	3198	3150	262.5
Matt Moore, Oregon St	**10**	**61**	**-100**	**355**	**2711**	**2611**	**261.1**
Rudy Carpenter, Ariz St	**9**	**42**	**-9**	**228**	**2273**	**2264**	**251.6**
Isaiah Stanback, Wash	**11**	**100**	**353**	**264**	**2136**	**2489**	**226.3**
Trent Edwards, Stanford	**11**	**84**	**153**	**268**	**1934**	**2087**	**189.7**
Jerome Harrison, Wash St	11	308	1900	0	0	1900	172.7
Joe Ayoob, California	**11**	**58**	**58**	**254**	**1707**	**1765**	**160.5**
Reggie Bush, USC	13	200	1740	2	0	1740	133.8

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Anthony Trucks, Oregon	11	60
Lawrence Jackson, USC	**10**	**60**
Mkristo Bruce, Wash St	**10**	**52**
Copeland Bryan, Arizona	7.5	33
Julian Jenkins, Stanford	7	47
Brandon Mebane, Cal	**7**	**44**
Frostee Rucker, USC	6.5	45
Jon Alston, Stanford	6.5	39
Adam Braidwood, Wash St	6.5	21
DeWayne Hollyfield, Ariz St	5.5	38

Numbers come from Pac 10 final statistics.


Washington
LB Scott White

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Trent Bray, Oregon St	11	38	78	116	10.5
Evan Benjamin, Wash	11	65	44	109	9.9
Dale Robinson, Ariz St	12	74	41	115	9.6
Keith Ellison, Oregon St	11	56	43	99	9.0
Zach Catanese, Ariz St	**12**	**62**	**45**	**107**	**8.9**
Darrell Brooks, Arizona	11	62	31	93	8.5
Joe Lobendahn, Wash	9	46	30	76	8.4
Spencer Havner, UCLA	12	66	33	99	8.3
Anthony Trucks, Oregon	12	62	37	99	8.3
Eric Frampton, Wash St	**11**	**52**	**35**	**87**	**7.9**
Kevin Schimmelmann, Stan	11	53	33	86	7.8
CJ Wallace, Washington	**11**	**59**	**27**	**86**	**7.8**
Patrick Chung, Oregon	**12**	**58**	**33**	**91**	**7.6**
Desmond Bishop, Cal	**12**	**62**	**27**	**89**	**7.4**
Dashon Goldson, Wash	**11**	**42**	**38**	**80**	**7.3**
Scott White, Washington	**11**	**47**	**32**	**79**	**7.2**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Anthony Trucks, Oregon	15.5	78
Mkristo Bruce, Wash St	**15**	**59**
Dale Robinson, Arizona St	15	45
Spencer Havner, UCLA	15	28
Keith Ellison, Oregon St	14.5	55
Frostee Rucker, USC	14	61
Devan Long, Oregon	14	51
Lawrence Jackson, USC	**13**	**76**
Sir Henry Anderson, Oreg St	11.5	45
Brigham Harwell, UCLA	**11.5**	**43**
DeWayne Hollyfield, Ariz St	11	54
Copeland Bryan, Arizona	10.5	40

Oregon
C Enoka Lucas

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Mario Danelo, USC	13	11	12	91.7	43
Alexis Serna, Oregon St	11	23	28	82.1	47
Jesse Ainsworth, Ariz St	12	9	11	81.8	34
Paul Martinez, Oregon	9	19	24	79.2	51
Justin Medlock, UCLA	11	13	17	76.5	51
Evan Knudson, Wash	11	11	15	73.3	46
Michael Sgroi, Stanford	11	15	23	65.2	48
Loren Langley, Wash St	11	14	22	63.6	48
Nick Folk, Arizona	11	7	11	63.6	51
Tom Schneider, California	12	9	16	56.3	49

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Jonathan Stewart, Oregon	12	404	2	33.7
TJ Rushing, Stanford	21	575	2	27.4
Terry Richardson, Ariz St	**23**	**629**	**0**	**27.3**
Syndric Steptoe, Arizona	**19**	**484**	**0**	**25.5**
Lamar Herron, Oregon St	**22**	**534**	**0**	**24.3**
Lorenzo Bursey, Wash St	**19**	**446**	**0**	**23.5**
Jeremiah Johnson, Oregon	**13**	**298**	**0**	**22.9**
Chris Markey, UCLA	**17**	**383**	**0**	**22.5**
Roy Lewis, Washington	**12**	**257**	**0**	**21.4**
Marshawn Lynch, California	**13**	**271**	**0**	**20.8**
Marcus McCutcheon, Stan	**15**	**285**	**0**	**19.0**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Danny Baugher, Arizona	7	37	1758	47.5
Nick Folk, Arizona	**11**	**22**	**983**	**44.7**
Sam Paulescu, Oreg St	11	56	2406	43.0
Sean Douglas, Wash	**11**	**51**	**2175**	**42.6**
David Lonie, California	12	61	2559	42.0
Tom Malone, USC	12	32	1335	41.7
Jay Ottovegio, Stan	**11**	**67**	**2723**	**40.6**
Kyle Basler, Wash St	11	50	2029	40.6
Aaron Perez, UCLA	**12**	**54**	**2157**	**39.9**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Maurice Drew, UCLA	15	427	3	28.5
Terry Richardson, Ariz St	**22**	**337**	**2**	**15.3**
Tim Mixon, California	**24**	**357**	**1**	**14.9**
Justin Phinisee, Oregon	25	289	1	11.6
Syndric Steptoe, Arizona	**20**	**221**	**1**	**11.1**
Reggie Bush, USC	18	179	1	9.9
TJ Rushing, Stanford	14	128	0	9.1
Sammie Stroughter, Oreg St	**26**	**170**	**0**	**6.5**

Stanford
QB Trent Edwards

PHIL'S PAC 10 UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
USC	5	3	1	2	2	1	1	6	1
California	5	1	4	5	1	2	3	7	2
Arizona St	1	3	3	3	2	7	8	1	7
Oregon	4	2	4	1	8	4	6	2	3
Arizona	5	7	9	8	6	3	2	4	9
Washington St	5	8	2	4	4	6	7	5	9
Washington	3	5	9	10	5	5	5	10	5
UCLA	5	6	6	8	9	10	9	3	7
Oregon St	5	9	6	5	7	8	3	8	4
Stanford	2	10	6	5	10	9	10	9	5

USC TROJANS

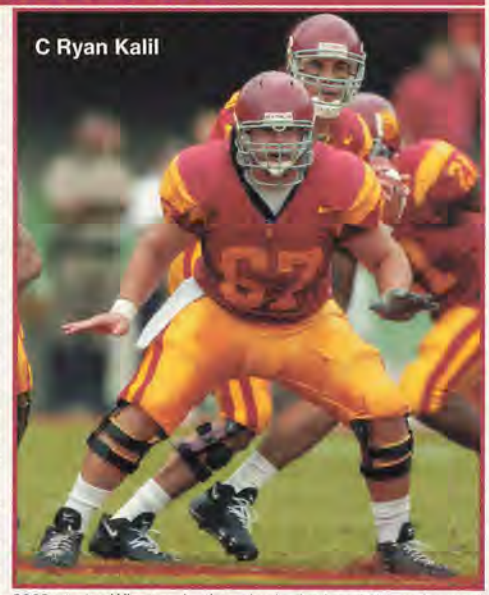
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In his first four years Carson Palmer (PS#7) had a ratio of 39-39. As a senior and in the second year of the Norm Chow system he blossomed throwing for 3,942 (63.2%) with a 33-10 ratio, won the Heisman Trophy and was the NFL's #1 pick. Lefty Matt Leinart won a 4-way battle for the job in '03. Leinart had almost identical stats to Palmer throwing for 3,556 (63.4%) with an outstanding 38-9 ratio. They signed John David Booty (PS#1), who left HS early, and he played as a true frosh. In 2004 Leinart threw for 3,322 (65.3%) with a 33-6 ratio and won the Heisman Trophy. Leinart turned down a shot to be the top pick in the NFL draft and as a senior threw for more yards (3,815) completing a higher % (65.7) with a 28-8 ratio guiding the team to the National Title game. Booty played in 10 games but didn't get as much action as the coaches had hoped due to close games. Booty threw for 327 (64.3%). Paul McDonald's son, Michael, played in 4 and his only pass went for a TD. Mark Sanchez (PS#2) was redshirted but was named Scout Tm Off MVP. Booty experienced back spasms in the spring which required surgery but coaches are optimistic he will be ready for fall while Sanchez was susp'd at the end of spring. The Trojans hope the new QB has as much success as Leinart (#1DC ARZ) did in his first season.

RUNNING BACKS - This is a school known for its RB's with five Heisman Trophy winners in Mike Garrett, OJ Simpson, Charles White, Marcus Allen and Reggie Bush. Power runner LenDale White (PS#7) led in '03 with 754 (5.3). Hershel Dennis (PS#10) added 661 (4.8) and Reggie Bush had 521 (5.8). Dennis was suspended early in '04 and tore his ACL prior to the bowl. Bush (sprinter on USC track tm) had 908 (6.3) and 43 rec (11.8) while White powered his way to 1,103 (5.4) and 15 TD's. Desmond Reed (PS#45DB) had 173 and was the ST POY. Dennis sat out '05 and the "Thunder and Lightning" combo were the best set of RB's since I have started writing my magazine. Bush rushed for 1,740 (8.7), had 37 rec (12.9) and even added 672 in returns. He had a Pac 10 record 513 all-purp yards vs Fresno St and became the 2nd pick in the NFL draft. White and Bush combined for 98 career TD's which set an NCAA record (1943-'46 Army's combination of 'Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside' Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis). Both White (#2DC TEN) and Bush (#1DC NO) opted to leave early for the NFL and also departing is underrated (#5DC SEA) FB David Kirtman (see Hardcore). Dennis tore his ACL this spring and is expected to miss the '06 season. Desmond Reed (5-9 180 Jr), who has 725 career all-purp yards, is also questionable for the year with a knee inj. Former LB Ryan Powdrell was a standout in spring and Chauncey Washington (6-1 205 Jr, PS#12) could win the starting job if he remains eligible in the fall. Walk-on John Griffin (6-0 195 Jr) was one of the few healthy RB's in spring.

RECEIVERS - USC had an inexperienced receiving corps in '04 but basically everyone returned in '05. Dwayne Jarrett (PS#4) led as a true frosh and in 8 starts had 55 rec (15.4). Last year he again led with 91 (14.0) with 16 TD's and already has 29 career TD's, just 3 away from the P10 record. Steve Smith (PS#3) had 42 (15.7) in '04 and 60 (15.9) last year. TE Dominique Byrd (PS#3) had 37 rec in '04 and 29 (10.6) last year. Not listed in the 2 deep below are TE Nick Vanderboom (6-4 245 Sr, 1 rec) and this year's true frosh. The only losses are Byrd (#3DC STL, 9 st), WR's William Buchanon and Greig Carlson (1 rec). This is easily one of, if not the top, receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - USC's O-line has always been loaded with VHT's but surprisingly had topped 4.0 ypc rushing just once between 1996-'02. They improved to 4.5 and 4.7 the next two years. I agree with Mike Bellotti's assessment last year when he said that the Trojan OL was as good as any OL he'd ever seen. It avg'd 6'5" 312 and not only returned four starters but added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2003 starter Winston Justice who had missed '04 and moved starting RT Taitusi Lutui to LG. The awesome OL paved the way for 6.4 ypc rushing and allowed a minuscule 17 (3.5%) sacks. This year they lose Lutui (#2DC ARZ, PS#4JC, #13 st, 1st Tm AA) and two starters who left early for the NFL draft, RT Justice (#2DC PHI, PS#3, 13 st) and RG Fred Matua (#7DC DET, 13 st, PS#12, 2nd Tm AA). They also lose backup C Ross Burruel. Naturally the 2 deep is loaded with VHT's, and although this will be a solid unit, it will be tough to come close to last year's phenomenal O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Trojans' defense allowed just 1.8 ypc rush in 2003 and 2.6 (50 sk) in '04 with their 'Wild Bunch II' D-line. Last year they had to replace the first pair of DL AA's (#1 and #2 DC's) since 1969. Five of the top 8 returned but with the loss of their tremendous DT's, they allowed 3.8 ypc rushing, their worst in 4 years and the sack total dropped to 32. This year they must replace DE Frostee Rucker (#3DC CIN, 13 st, 56 tkl, 6.5 sk, 1st Tm P10) and DT LaJuan Ramsey (#6DC PHI, 11 st, 40 tkl, 6.5 tfl, HM P10). Six of the top 8 are back and they should have an improved defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - The Trojans had to replace two starters last year including MLB Lofa Tatupu, who was a standout as a rookie in the NFL. They then lost their only returning starter, Dallas Sartz, to injury after two games and later lost starting SLB Thomas Williams for the final three. After being lightly experienced last year, this unit has great talent, depth and experience in 2006 as the only loss is Collin Ashton (2 st, 54 tkl) and I project that LB Sartz will move to SS in the fall.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Under Pete Carroll, the Trojans have finished #16, #12, #7, #1 and #9 in my pass D rankings. The most inexperienced group was '03 (lost 3 st'r). Last year just one starter and a backup were lost. This year they must replace CB Justin Wyatt (13 st, 34 tkl, 3 pbu), SS Darnell Bing (#4DC OAK, 12 st, 50 tkl, 1st Tm AA), FS Scott Ware (13 st, 2nd Tm P10) and CB John Walker (5 st, 31 tkl). The unit was hit hard by injuries at CB. I project LB Sartz moving to S and there are plenty of VHT's so you can expect another high finish in my pass D, but this group is clearly less experienced than '05.

SPECIAL TEAMS - With star P Tom Malone, USC finished #35 in my ST rankings in 2003 and #15 in 2004. Outstanding returnman Reggie Bush surprisingly only avg'd 17.6 on KR's and 9.9 on PR's last year. Malone avg'd 41.7 but had a net of just 29.1 as the return D struggled. In the first 3 games he had an injured hip flexor but the team only punted 4 times. Mario Danelo handled the FG's and hit 11 of 12 but had just 2 att from 40+ with a long of 43. Troy Van Blarcom (strong leg) had zero att's as the long FG man. Van Blarcom had 31 TB's on 110 KO's. Surprisingly USC dropped to #87 in my ST rankings. Despite the loss of the only AA punter in its history and super returnman Bush, this unit can only improve. This year Carroll brings in Coach Al Everest as ST Coordinator and he was the 2002 NFL ST Coach of the Year.

COACHES - Pete Carroll had been the HC of the NY Jets and New England. When he was hired, not too many Trojan fans were happy. When he opened up 2-5, Trojan faithful began to countdown the days until his departure. Since then, USC has simply gone 52-5 with two National Titles. Carroll had coached the defense himself but this year wants to spend more time with the offense. He hired DC Nick Holt who has been the Idaho HC the last 2 years and an asst for Carroll previously. Last year the big question was how would they replace OC Norm Chow. Carroll went with Lane Kiffin who joined the Trojan staff in 2001 and was the passing game coordinator in '04. Steve Sarkisian was asst HC overseeing the offense. The system worked pretty well as they avg'd 10.9 ppg and 131 ypg more than 2004. USC was the first team in NCAA history to have a 3,000 yard passer, two 1,000 yard rushers and a 1,000 yard receiver.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1950-1989 USC had only 8 seasons in which they lost 5 games or more. In the next 12 years they reached that 5 loss total 9 times and were one of the most underachieving teams in the country. Pete Carroll has officially brought the Trojans back. In 2002 they faced 11 bowl teams (#1 toughest schedule) but still finished 11-2. In 2003 they had to replace Heisman winner Carson Palmer but won the AP National Title (12-1). They outscored their foes 41.1-18.4 and their only defeat was a 3 OT loss to Cal. In 2004 USC returned 12 starters and became just the 2nd team ever to be #1 in the AP poll for the entire season. They outscored foes 38.2-13 and had their 5th ever perfect regular season (1st since 1972). They demolished Oklahoma 55-19 in the National Title game, but did have four close calls (Cal, Stan, Ore St, UCLA). The Trojans nearly got the vaunted three-peat in 2005 and broke Miami's record of 21 straight weeks as the AP's #1 team (33). The Trojans' D allowed 22.8 ppg, the highest in 5 years but the offense was almost unstoppable (49.1 ppg). For the 5th consecutive year, the Trojans benefitted from plus double-digit turnovers (+21) but again had some narrow escapes (Ariz St, ND, Fresno). In the National Title game, they were stopped short by 2 inches on a 4th & 2 which would have clinched it allowing a TD with :19 left. Prior to the Title game, ESPN had run a series of how USC would stack up against the greatest teams of all-time and that loss in the Rose Bowl stopped a streak of 34 straight wins. They hold the P10 record (current) for most consecutive P10 wins (23) and have produced three of the last four Heisman winners. The losses this year are mind-numbing with Bush, Leinart, White and 11 NFL DC's overall departing. They "earn" 44 points in my NFL Draft Day Party Hangover (see pg 308) but surprisingly 3 schools had more 1st round DC's than they did [at 2]. USC outgained league foes by an amazing 274.5 ypg, almost twice as much as their National Title team of 2004 (151 ypg). They have the fewest returning starters in the Pac 10 (10). The offense returns just 4 starters and loses five AA's, so it will be weaker but still potent. None of Pete Carroll's defenses have returned more than six starters and this year's group has an outstanding front 7 and should greatly improve upon last year's 22.8 ppg allowed. Due to injuries and suspensions, there are additional question marks at QB and RB but 5 of my 7 sets of power ratings call for USC to go unbeaten for the 3rd consecutive regular season making them a National Title contender again.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 10 John David Booty Jr. 6-3 195 **PS#1.** 15 gm 2Y, 417 pass (61%) 3-2 ratio, 2 yds rush. **6 Mark Sanchez** (6-4 215 rFr) **PS#2. 16** Michael McDonald (6-2 185 Jr). 1 TD LY.

RB 23 Chauncey Washington Jr. 6-1 205 PS#12. **37** Ryan Powdrell (6-0 250 Sr) **PS#6JC.** 10 tkl LB LY. Michael Coleman (6-1 235 So) PS#46DB. Emmanuel Moody **PS#6.** CJ Gable **PS#9.**

FB 40 Brandon Hancock Sr. 6-1 230 PS#19LB. 9 st, 24 rec 3Y. **35** Jody Adewale (6-0 230 Jr) PS#119. 7 gm LY. **30** Mike Brittingham (6-1 205 Sr) Walk-on 13 games last year.

WR 8 DWAYNE JARRETT JR. 6-5 210 **PS#4.** 8 st, 55 (15.4) as true. **1st Tm AA** LY, 91 (14.0), 16 TD. 1 Patrick Turner (6-5 220 So) **PS#3.** 12 rec true. Ryan Ting (5-10 180 Sr) PS#58DB moved from FS.

WR 2 STEVE SMITH SR. 6-0 195 **PS#3.** 7 st, 42 (15.7) '04. 8 st at LY 60 (15.9). **82** Chris McFoy (6-1 200 Sr) PS#76. 16 st, 3Y, 40 (11.7). Vidal Hazelton **PS#6.** Hargrave.

TE 83 Fred Davis Jr. 6-4 245 PS#3WR. 3 st, 17 rec 2Y. **89** Dale Thompson (6-4 255 Jr) **PS#3.** 1 st, 1 rec LY. **81** Gerald Washington PS#3JC. **88** Jimmy Miller (6-5 250 So) **PS#39DL.**

C 67 RYAN KALIL SR. 6-3 285 **PS#34.** 6 gm true, 13 st C '04. 13 st C LY, **2nd Tm AA. 63** Travis Draper (6-4 295 So) **PS#73.** 2 tkl DT LY. **LS 50** Will Collins (6-2 220 Jr).

RG 66 Chilo Rachal So. 6-5 300 **PS#12.** 13 games as bkup G and ST as rFr. **70** Alatini Malu (6-4 340 Jr) PS#222JC. 9 games in '05. **62** Dominique Wise (6-4 250 Sr).

LG 53 Jeff Byers So. 6-3 300 **PS#1.** 4 st true, **P10 Fr Tm.** Hip RS LY. **69** Matt Spanos (6-5 300 Jr) PS#73DL. 21 gm 2Y. **60** Drew Radovich (6-5 300 Jr) **PS#5.** 2nd strg '04. Inj LY.

RT 78 Kyle Williams Sr. 6-6 295 **PS#13.** 12 gm rFr. 12 gm '04. 12 gms in '05. **71** Charles Brown (6-6 250 rFr) PS#17TE. In for spg. Zack Heberer (6-5 285 Fr) is PS#71.

LT 79 SAM BAKER JR. 6-5 305 **PS#15.** 13 st rFr, 2nd Tm P10. 13 st LT LY, **1st Tm AA. 77** Thomas Herring (6-6 335 rFr) **PS#5DL. 76** Nick Howell (6-6 265 rFr) PS#72.

K 19 MARIO DANELO JR. 5-10 185 11 of 12 FG's LY, long 43, only 2 att from 40+. NCAA records 83 xp's & 86 xp att, **HM P10. 17** Troy Van Blarcom is **PS#4.** 13 games '05.

DE 54 Jeff Schweiger Jr. 6-4 260 **PS#3.** 18 tkl, 2 sk true. 11 tkl LY (inj). **84** Kyle Moore (6-7 265 So) **PS#12.** 6 tkl as true. **44** Rashaad Goodrum PS#38JC. **65** Jeff Tola (6-0 220 Jr).

NT 49 SEDRICK ELLIS JR. 6-1 285 **PS#8.** 13 st LY, 50 tkl, 4.5 sk, **HM P10. 95** Travis Tofi (6-4 255 Sr) 16 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **93** Lawrence Miles (6-2 265 So) PS#32. Butch Lewis **PS#20OL.**

DT 91 Chris Barrett Jr. 6-5 265 **PS#10.** 5 tkl LY (inj). **75** Fili Moala (6-4 300 So) PS#59. 2 st, 8 tkl rFr. **99** Averell Spicer (6-2 265 rFr) **PS#15. 94** Walker Lee Ashley PS#21 LY.

DE 96 LAWRENCE JACKSON JR. 6-5 265 **PS#6.** 12 st, 6 sk rFr. 13 st LY, **3rd Tm AA,** 46 tkl, 10 sk, 6 pbu. **97** Alex Morrow (6-6 265 Jr) PS#83. 7 tkl, 2Y. Derek Simmons PS#60.

WLB 55 KEITH RIVERS JR. 6-3 220 **PS#2.** 25 tkl, 2.5 sk as true. 11 st LY, 52 tkl, **HM P10. 43** Kaluka Maiava (6-0 220 So) PS#35. 1 st, 20 tkl as true. Michael Morgan **PS#12.**

MLB 45 OSCAR LUA SR. 6-1 240 PS#66. 26 tkl 1st 3Y. 11 st LY, 66 tkl. **58 Rey Maualuga** (6-3 250 So) **PS#1.** 37 tkl, 4.5 tfl as true. **52** Luthur Brown (6-3 235 rFr) **PS#6.**

SLB 10 BRIAN CUSHING SO. 6-4 235 **PS#5.** 4 st true, 23 tkl, 3 pbu. **41 Thomas Williams** (6-3 230 Jr) **PS#8.** 14 tkl rFr. 8 st LY until inj. 29 tkl. **47** Clay Matthews (6-3 225 So) 8 tkl.

CB 7 Cary Harris So. 6-1 180 **PS#25.** 9 tkl, 1 pbu as true. **28 Terrell Thomas** (6-1 195 Jr) PS#55. **2 st LY** until ACL. **9** Mozique McCurtis (6-1 225 So) 10 pbu at JC '04.

CB 15 Kevin Thomas So. 6-1 190 **PS#23.** 7 tkl true. Shareece Wright PS#56. **CJ Gable is PS#9RB. 31** Jamel Williams and **30** Jerry Williams are both 5-10 170 Jr's.

SS 42 Dallas Sartz Sr. 6-5 240 **PS#23. 21 st** at SLB 3Y, 116 tkl, 11 pbu (inj LY). **38** Brandon Ting (5-10 180 Sr) PS#56. 12 tkl LY. **4** Kevin Ellison (6-1 220 So) PS#64RB. 6 tkl true. Fr P10 Tm.

FS 36 JOSH PINKARD JR. 6-1 200 PS#60. 4.33 speed. 7 st in '05, 54 tkl, 7 pbu. **6 Antwine Perez PS#3.** In for spg. **26** Will Harris (6-2 200 So) **PS#21. Taylor Mays PS#1.**

P 16 Taylor Odegard So. 5-9 170 1 punt as rFr last year, 38.0. **17** Troy Van Blarcom (6-3 210 So) PS#4. 31 TB on KO's as true. Strong leg. 54 yd FG in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DB	Taylor Mays 6-4 225 PS#1
DB	Allen Bradford 6-0 230 PS#3LB
DB	Antwine Perez 6-2 205 PS#3
WR	David Ausberry 6-5 215 PS#2
RB	Stafon Johnson 6-1 210 PS#3
LB	Joshua Tatum 6-1 225 PS#8
RB	Emmanuel Moody 6-1 195 PS#6
WR	Jamere Holland 6-1 180 PS#4
RB	CJ Gable 6-1 190 PS#9
WR	Vidal Hazelton 6-3 200 PS#6
LB	Michael Morgan 6-2 200 PS#12
TE	Gerald Washington 6-6 255 PS#9JC
DL	Walker Lee Ashley 6-5 295 PS#21 '05
DL	Butch Lewis 6-7 300 PS#20OL
RB	Stanley Havili 6-1 220 PS#39
TE	Anthony McCoy 6-5 240 PS#16
DL	Derek Simmons 6-4 275 PS#60
WR	Travon Patterson 5-11 180 PS#57
DB	Shareece Wright 6-0 185 PS#56
OL	Zack Heberer 6-5 285 PS#71
QB	Garrett Green 6-2 200 PS#42
DL	Alex Parsons 6-4 260 PS#88
RB	Kenny Ashley 5-9 210 PS#82
DB	Vincent Joseph 5-10 185 PS#87
DB	Alfred Rowe 6-2 210 PS#131

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#1

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score USC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at Arkansas	G					
Sep. 9							
Sep. 16	Nebraska	G					
Sep. 23	at Arizona	G					
Sep. 30	at Washington St	A					
Oct. 7	Washington	G					
Oct. 14	Arizona St	G					
Oct. 21							
Oct. 28	at Oregon St	A					
Nov. 4	at Stanford	G					
Nov. 11	Oregon	G					
Nov. 18	California	G					
Nov. 25	Notre Dame	G					
Dec. 2	at UCLA	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

USC has won 27 straight HG's, last loss was 9/2001 to Stanford.
Trojans are 27-14 ATS after a SU win the last 4 years.
USC's 10 losses under Carroll have been by a combined 45 pts (4.5).

Including bowls, USC is 16-10-1 SU but 4-11 ATS vs SEC members.
Trojans are 8-1 SU & ATS in their 1st road game fo the season the L9Y.

Trojans are 8-2 ATS off a bye week under HC Pete Carroll.
USC is 27-9-2 SU all-time vs current Big 12 teams, but just 3-5 ATS S/'94.

USC is 27-13 ATS (35-5 SU) vs the Pac 10 under Pete Carroll.
The favorite is 8-3 ATS in the last 11 games in this series.

This series has been dominated by USC as they lead 53-8-4 overall.
The visitor is 7-4 ATS the last 11 games in this series.

USC is 14-6 ATS at home vs Pac 10 opponents under Carroll.
Trojans are 9-4 ATS vs the Huskies since 1991.

Southern Cal is 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS vs Arizona St since 1998.
The visitor is 3-8 ATS the last 11 games in this series.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Carson Palmer 11,818 1998-'02
Rushing: Charles White 6,245 1976-'79 Receiving: Johnnie Morton 3,201 1990-'93

The visitor is 3-6 ATS in their last 9 meetings (0-3 ATS L/3).
USC was down 13-0 in heavy fog conditions in their last visit ('04) to Corvallis.

The Trojans are 16-6 ATS in November the last 22 games.
USC's 51 pts LY was its most ever vs Stanford at home & most S/'52 (54 pts).

Ducks lead 13-0 (#24 ranked) in 2Q LY, but USC dominated scoring 45 unanswered pts.
The visitor is 8-1 ATS since 1993 in this series.

Coming into 2006: USC's last regular season loss (9/27/03) was at the hands of Cal.
The visitor is 8-2 ATS the last 10 years in this series.

Trojans are 7-3 ATS vs the Fighting Irish since 1996.
USC has covered 9 of their last 10 home finales.

Trojans have held UCLA to just 341 combined rushing yds (1.6) over the L/7 gms.
The home team is 17-7 ATS since 1982 in this in-city rivalry.

PETE CARROLL (Career 54-10)

6th Year at USC

Carroll's SU Bowl Record: 3-2

Carroll's records AT USC

54-10	Straight Up	18-10	Home Favorite
37-22	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Underdog
6-2	Off A SU Loss	14-10	Away Favorite
27-13	Vs Conference	4-1	Away Underdog
10-9	Vs Non-Conf	8-2	Off A Bye

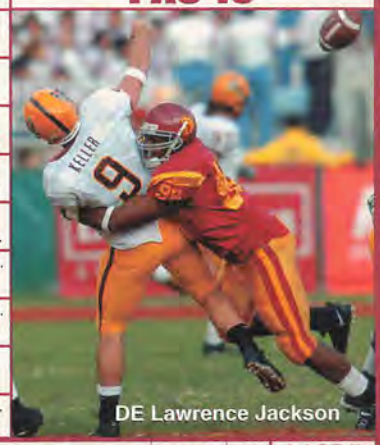
2005 RECORD: (12-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 56 (27,26,3)
Lost: 24 (14,9,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 90,812

PAC 10


DE Lawrence Jackson

STADIUM: LA MEMORIAL COLISEUM (92,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	5-7	6-5	10-2	11-1	12-0	12-0	62-21
Home	4-2	2-5	4-2	6-0	6-0	6-0	6-0	34-9
Away	2-4	3-2	2-3	4-2	5-1	6-0	6-0	28-12
ATS	4-8	3-9	6-5	8-4	10-2	7-5	6-6	44-39
Home Fav	2-4	0-5	1-3	4-2	5-1	5-1	3-3	20-19
Home Dog	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
Away Fav	1-2	0-2	2-1	3-1	4-1	2-4	3-3	15-14
Away Dog	1-2	3-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	8-3
Favorite	3-6	0-7	3-4	7-3	9-2	7-5	6-6	35-33
Dog	1-2	3-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	9-6
Grass	3-6	3-8	4-5	7-2	9-1	6-4	3-5	35-31
Artificial	1-2	0-1	2-0	1-2	1-1	1-1	3-1	9-8
vs Conf	1-7	2-6	6-2	6-2	7-1	4-4	4-4	30-26
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-3	0-3	2-2	3-1	3-1	2-2	14-13
Off SU Win	2-3	0-5	2-3	7-2	8-2	7-4	5-6	31-25
Off SU Loss	1-5	2-4	4-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	9-11

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Las Vegas	-3'	Utah	6-10	L
02	Orange	-4'	Iowa - #3	38-17	W
03	Rose	-7	Michigan - #4	28-14	W
04	Orange	-1	Oklahoma - #2	55-19	W
05	Rose	-7	Texas - #2	38-41	L

USC's All-Time SU Bowl Record 28-16

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Reggie Bush	200	1777	37	1740	16	8.7
LenDale White	197	1319	17	1302	24	6.6
Desmond Reed	**19**	**141**	**4**	**137**	**1**	**7.2**
Michael Coleman	**20**	**96**	**1**	**95**	**1**	**4.8**
Matt Leinart	51	157	121	36	6	0.7
JD Booty	**4**	**2**	**13**	**-11**	**0**	**-2.8**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Matt Leinart	431	283	65.7	3815	28	8
JD Booty	**42**	**27**	**64.3**	**327**	**3**	**2**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dwayne Jarrett	**91**	**1274**	**14.0**	**16**	**61**
Steve Smith	**60**	**957**	**15.9**	**5**	**67**
Reggie Bush	37	478	12.9	2	43
Dominique Byrd	29	306	10.6	0	52
David Kirtman	22	281	12.8	1	42
LenDale White	14	219	15.6	2	49
Chris McFoy	**17**	**172**	**10.1**	**0**	**16**
Patrick Turner	**12**	**170**	**14.2**	**2**	**31**
Fred Davis	**13**	**145**	**11.2**	**2**	**24**
Brandon Hancock	**9**	**102**	**11.3**	**0**	**21**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tom Malone	32	1335	41.7	2	29.1(T)	0	7
Taylor Odegard	**1**	**38**	**38.0**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**1**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mario Danelo	**83-86**	**5-5**	**5-5**	**1-2**	**0-0**	**11-12**	**43**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Oscar Lua	**66**	**0.5**	**0**	**2**	**1**
Frostee Rucker	56	6.5	7.5	1	1
Collin Ashton	54	0.5	1.5	2	1
Josh Pinkard	**54**	**0.5**	**1**	**7**	**2**
Keith Rivers	**52**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**1**
Scott Ware	51	0	1	2	1
Sedrick Ellis	**50**	**4.5**	**3.5**	**3**	**0**
Darnell Bing	50	0	2.5	6	4
Lawrence Jackson	**46**	**10**	**3**	**6**	**0**
LaJuan Ramsey	40	1	5.5	0	0
Rey Maualuga	**37**	**1**	**3.5**	**2**	**1**
Justin Wyatt	34	1	1.5	3	1
John Walker	31	0	0	4	2
Thomas Williams	**29**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**1**
Ryan Ting	**25**	**0**	**0.5**	**2**	**2**
Brian Cushing	**23**	**0**	**0.5**	**3**	**0**
Kaluka Maiava	**20**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**
Travis Tofi	**16**	**1.5**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Brandon Ting	**12**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Reggie Bush	18	179	9.9	1
Ryan Ting	**2**	**5**	**2.5**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Reggie Bush	28	493	17.6	0
Desmond Reed	**5**	**194**	**38.8**	**0**

USC'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	49.1	29	260	6.4	320	64.9	11.8	+21	2005	5	22.8	20	131	3.8	230	59.7	15.8
6*	38.2	23	177	4.7	272	65.6	11.8	+19	2004	6	13.0	16	79	2.6	200	53.8	21.5
5	41.1	22	156	4.5	292	62.0	10.9	+20	2003	6	18.4	20	60	1.8	276	55.0	18.3
9*	35.8	24	142	3.6	307	63.4	12.6	+18	2002	5	18.5	16	83	2.8	202	49.8	15.4
8*	24.8	15	88	2.6	227	58.6	12.7	+16	2001	6	17.3	18	155	3.9	176	54.7	19.2
6*	25.8	22	154	4.1	262	54.9	16.2	-19	2000	9	28.1	18	126	3.1	217	51.3	12.2

2005 STATS BY GAME

USC 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
#1	at Hawaii	24	33-177	5.4	20-29	341	1	23	21-60	2.9	33-49	377	3	+2
#1	Arkansas	32	33-291	8.8	23-34	445	1	21	52-197	3.8	12-26	129	3	+2
#1	at Oregon	31	42-278	6.6	23-39	315	1	16	29-65	2.2	21-37	197	3	-1
#1	at Arizona St	27	49-373	7.6	23-39	258	2	20	32-68	2.1	26-45	347	5	+4
#1	Arizona	39	52-337	6.5	29-44	387	1	12	23-64	2.8	16-25	181	1	-1
#1	at Notre Dame	20	31-175	5.6	17-33	301	2	28	52-153	2.9	19-35	264	3	0
#1	at Washington	20	32-118	3.7	25-32	272	1	16	35-59	1.7	21-29	270	5	+1
#1	Washington St	40	50-312	6.2	29-43	433	1	13	33-195	5.9	13-25	89	0	0
#1	Stanford	27	28-184	6.6	29-38	345	0	24	35-141	4.0	25-41	279	1	+5
#1	at California	26	47-188	4.0	20-32	246	2	17	31-167	5.4	13-23	132	1	+5
#1	Fresno St	25	36-308	8.6	22-33	200	2	26	32-110	3.4	27-45	317	1	+4
#1	UCLA	35	51-430	8.4	23-44	249	1	19	33-129	3.9	14-32	146	5	+1
#1	† Texas	30	41-209	5.1	29-41	365	3	30	36-289	8.0	30-40	267	0	-1
TOTALS		376	525-3380	6.4	312-481	4157	17	265	444-1697	3.8	270-452	2995	32	+21
AVERAGES		28.9	40-260	6.4	24-37	320	1.3	20.4	34-131	3.8	21-35	230	2.5	1.6

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-15	21-10	L
Kansas St - #12	+3	6-10	L
at Oregon - #7	+6'	22-24	W
Stanford	-1'	16-21	L
at Washington - #11	+5'	24-27	W
Arizona St	-2	48-17	W
at Notre Dame	-1	16-27	L
at Arizona	-6'	41-34	W
Oregon St	-6'	16-13 OT	L
at California	-13	55-14	W
UCLA - #20	+3'	27-0	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Auburn	-7'	24-17	L
at Colorado - #18	+3	40-3	W
at Kansas St - #25	+2'	20-27	L
Oregon St - #23	-3'	22-0	W
at Washington St - #17	-3	27-30 OT	L
California	-12'	30-28	L
Washington - #22	-7'	41-21	W
at Oregon - #14	-1	44-33	W
at Stanford	-18'	49-17	W
Arizona St	-15'	34-13	W
at UCLA - #25	-5'	52-21	W
Notre Dame - #7	-11	44-13	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Auburn - #6	+3'	23-0	W
BYU	-21'	35-18	L
Hawaii	-21	61-32	W
at California	-13'	31-34 3OT	L
at Arizona St	-12	37-17	W
Stanford	-21	44-21	W
at Notre Dame	-8	45-14	W
at Washington	-10'	43-23	W
Washington St - #6	-11'	43-16	W
at Arizona	-28'	45-0	W
UCLA	-23	47-22	W
Oregon St	-21'	52-28	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Virginia Tech	-17	24-13	L
Colorado St	-24'	49-0	W
at BYU	-26'	42-10	W
at Stanford	-22	31-28	L
California - #7	-7'	23-17	L
Arizona St - #15	-10'	45-7	W
Washington	-35	38-0	W
at Washington St	-24'	42-12	W
at Oregon St	-18	28-20	L
Arizona	-35	49-9	W
Notre Dame	-23'	41-10	W
at UCLA	-22'	29-24	L

2005 RESULTS

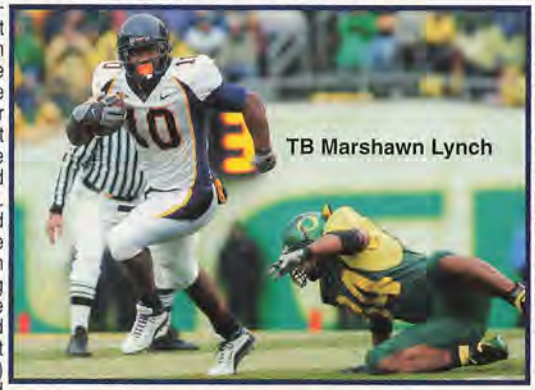
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Hawaii	-36	63-17	W
Arkansas	-30	70-17	W
at Oregon - #24	-21	45-13	W
at Arizona St - #14	-16	38-28	L
Arizona	-38	42-21	L
at Notre Dame - #9	-12	34-31	L
at Washington	-30	51-24	L
Washington St	-29'	55-13	W
Stanford	-34	51-21	L
at California	-18	35-10	W
Fresno St - #16	-23	50-42	L
UCLA - #11	-21	66-19	W

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Cal has had 7 QB's selected in the NFL draft since 1979 including three 1st rounders. As a QB coach, Jeff Tedford has had 7 QB's go on to start an NFL game including six 1st round DC's. When Tedford took over here, he inherited an underachieving Kyle Boller (career 47%). In his only season under Tedford, he threw for 2,815 (53.4%) with a 28-10 ratio (#1DC BAL). Aaron Rodgers won the starting job the next year and left as a #1DC of the Packers. I thought that Joseph Ayoob (PS#6JC), who had thrown for 5,790 yards and 55 TD's in two years at JC, would inherit the starting job. He was beat out by rFr VHT Nate Longshore (PS#18) but Longshore broke his leg in the opener. Ayoob misfired on all 10 passes vs Sac St and walk-on Steve Levy, who played FB in 2004, hit 2 of 7 for 52 yards and led 2 TD drives. Ayoob started the next 9 but struggled and was often booed at home. In his last 4 he completed 42.9% with 11 int's. He actually hit just 1 of his first 19 in Memorial Stadium and threw for 1,707 (49.2%) with a 15-14 ratio (175 rush). Levy started vs Stanford and in the bowl for two wins and finished with 439 (61.5%) with a 4-2 ratio. Bryan Van Meter (6-2 195 So) was 3rd string. This year everyone returns. Longshore was #1 out of spring and has excellent size and good footwork. If Joe Ayoob wins the job, he ran the exact same offense at JUCO and was very successful. Kyle Reed (6-2 228 rFr, PS#18) was impressive in bowl practices. This should be one of the most improved QB positions in the NCAA.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year Cal had to replace JJ Arrington who rushed for 2,018 yards (7.0) in 2004 and set a Pac 10 record with 12 straight 100+ yd games. VHT Marshawn Lynch (PS#23) had an excellent true frosh season and would have topped 1,000 himself if he wasn't the backup, as he rushed for 628 and a sensational 8.8 ypc. VHT's Marcus O'Keith (PS#26) and Terrell Williams (PS#46) were Lynch's backups going into 2005. Diminutive Justin Forsett (5-8 183) emerged in August as an elusive Barry Sanders-type RB. Lynch rushed for 147 in the opener but then broke his pinkie finger vs UW and missed 2 games. Forsett had 187 and 235 in consecutive starts. Marshawn Lynch rushed for an avg of 150.6 ypg over the final five and finished with 1,246 (6.4) Forsett was #2 with 999 (7.6) and #3 O'Keith added 243 and a super 11.0 ypc. The only losses are TB Williams (82 yd, 4.3) and FB Chris Manderino (8 st, 256 yd, 4 yr st'r). Not only do the three star TB's return, but they add another VHT in true frosh James Montgomery (PS#22). I list the FB's below and not listed are TB Bryan Schutte (6-1 190 rFr) and Brian Holley (5-10 229 rFr). This is one of the best RB corps in the country.


TB Marshawn Lynch

RECEIVERS - Cal's receiving corps was extremely banged up in 2004 and Robert Jordan (PS#108) took off his redshirt to start 6 games and finished 2nd with 29 rec's (11.4). Last year they had to replace their top WR, Geoff McArthur, who set a Cal single season record with 1,504 yards in 2003 as well as their top 3 receivers yardage-wise. While the group was younger, it was more talented with the addition of VHT true frosh DeSean Jackson (PS#1) and JUCO Lavelle Hawkins (PS#5). Jordan and Hawkins each missed two games with injuries. TE Craig Stevens (PS#36) started all 12 and had 13 (12.7). Jackson led with 38 (15.8) and Jordan added 34 (13.4). Walk-on LaReylle Cunningham (6-2 193 So) had a huge 57 yd TD rec vs Wash St but just 4 other rec. Noah Smith (PS#54) broke his ankle in the opener (5 gm). The only loss this year is TE John Rust (0 rec). This unit should stay healthier and is more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 a veteran O-line helped Cal improve to 4.3 ypc rushing with 29 sacks. In 2004 they had to replace four players who combined for 40 starts. Surprisingly, the inexperienced O-line paved the way for 6.1 ypc rushing (25 sk). Last year they only had to replace one starter and one backup. The line opened holes for 5.8 ypc while allowing 23 sacks. RT Ryan O'Callaghan simply won the Morris Trophy (Top OL P10). Four of the 5 OL's missed starts and nine different players started. With the loss of LT Andrew Cameron after 3 starts (ACL), they really only had 3 starters back. This year the losses are heavier. Departing are RT O'Callaghan (#5DC NE, 1st Tm P10, 3 yr st'r), RG Aaron Merz (#7DC BUF, 10 st, 2nd Tm P10, 3 yr st'r), C Marvin Philip (#6DC PIT, 12 st, 1st Tm P10, 3 yr st'r), OT Jonathan Murphy (2 st) and LT Cameron (3 st). Four players return with starting experience and if the unit stays healthy, they should come close to the last two year's standards.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Cal's defensive strength over the past 8 years has been their D-line play. In 2003, they had to replace 5 players who combined for 35 starts and allowed 3.7 ypc but recorded 38 sacks. In 2004, only one starter returned but it was DT Lorenzo Alexander and the unit allowed just 2.7 ypc rushing with 37 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters including two All-Pac 10 players and 2 backups. The unit slipped a little as they allowed 3.3 ypc rush and the sack total dropped to 32. This year the only loss is DE Tosh Lupoi (6 st, inj'd, 15 tkl). Not only do eight players return with starting experience, but all four of my projected starters are VHT's and they add 2 more VHT's plus 3 HT's this year. This may be the most physical D-line in the Pac 10, avg 291 lbs.

LINEBACKERS - Cal's LB corps was very inexperienced heading into last year losing five players who had combined for 36 starts. I did mention the unit may have been upgraded athletically with the addition of two super JUCO's. Desmond Bishop (PS#3JC) lived up to his billing and became one of the Pac 10's best LB's. Mickey Pimentel (PS#24JC) did not arrive until the fall but contributed more as the season went on. Two frosh VHT's combined for 9 starts. This year they lose OLB Ryan Foltz (12 st, 55 tkl, 4.5 tfl) but have 5 of the top 6 back. This looks like one of the best LB corps in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Cal was #10 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and last year had to replace two starters and two backups. They did return ROV Donnie McCleskey who was the #1 tackler in 2003 (102) but only started 2 in '04 (inj), so they basically had 3 starters returning. Cal had another solid year ranking #11. This year they must replace FS Harrison Smith (12 st, 72 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu), ROV McCleskey (12 st, 73 tkl, 8.5 tfl, 2nd Tm P10) and Jason Honey (2 tkl). There are plenty of VHT's in the 3 deep below and both starting CB's are back. Cal should have one of the top pass D's in the country once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Tedford's first two seasons Cal finished #33 and #47 in my ST rankings. In 2004, they had to replace their P, FG and KO man (all one player - Tyler Fredrickson) as well as their top PR and KR and dropped to #69. They did bring in Aussie JUCO P David Lonie but despite a booming leg, he only averaged 40.0 (net 35.8). Cal is a directional punting team which causes the punt avg to generally be lower. The team's top KR in 2004 was RB Marshawn Lynch (24.8) but since he became the feature back in '05, he was taken off of KR duties. Lonie improved to 42.0 (34.4 net). At midseason Tedford reevaluated his kick and punt coverage units and also brought Lynch back on KR's (20.8). Top PR Tim Mixon (14.9) and DeSean Jackson both had PR TD's. SS Thomas DeCoud has blocked 6 kicks in his career and has 4.4 speed with a 37"VL. K Tom Schneider hit 9 of 16 (long 49) with 2 misses from 50+. Lonie had 27 TB's on 68 KO's and Schneider 1 TB on 4 KO's. I list the replacement P's below. Overall this unit moved back up to #34. If a solid new punter emerges, this group has Top 20 potential.

COACHES - Jeff Tedford has done an outstanding job here. He was the Pac 10 Coach of the Year in his first season and then became the first Cal coach to receive the honor more than once by winning it again in 2004. He had previously been the OC at both Oregon and Fresno St and has produced many fine NFL QB's. His OC Mike Dunbar ,who is in his first year here, did a GREAT job as the OC at Northwestern the last 4 years. 5th year DC Bob Gregory was Boise St's DC in 2001 and Oregon's secondary coach from 1998-2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2004, I called Cal my #2 surprise team in the country and forecasted that they would go from 8-6 to a potential 10 or 11 win season. The Golden Bears were nearly *the* surprise team in the country in 2004 as in a road trip to USC, Cal had 28-12 FD and 424-205 yard edges but came up short failing to score on 1st & goal from the 9. They fell 6 points short of winning the Pac 10 Title and getting to the National Title game. The Bears amazingly outgained Pac 10 foes in 2004 by 158.5 ypg and outscored them by 23 ppg, even better marks than the Trojans! Tedford's first 3 years were the most successful 3 year run for a Bears HC since Pappy Waldorf took them to 3 straight Rose Bowls in '48, '49 and '50. They had 8 players make 1st Tm Pac 10 in '04 and Tedford was given a 5 year contract extension. At one point they were #4, their best ranking in 52 years. Cal was very inexperienced last season with just 8 starters back and had to replace 1st and 2nd round DC's, their top 3 receivers and top 6 tacklers. Having to replace Aaron Rodgers was expected to be tough but Tedford had signed PS#6JC Joe Ayoob. Unfortunately he did not live up to his VHT billing. Nate Longshore won the starting QB job but was lost in the opener and Ayoob and former FB Steve Levy took turns at QB. They trailed Illinois after 3Q's but rallied for the win and got off to their first 5-0 start since 1996. They were ranked #10 vs UCLA and Cal had a 26-17 FD and 545-395 yd edges but lost, Cal did not recover from that loss the next week and were outgained by Oreg St 377-315 in Berkeley and lost. They trailed Wash St 38-28 in the 4Q but managed a win. However, vs an Oregon team without their starting QB, they lost in OT, 27-20. When they beat BYU in the bowl, they finished 8-4, their 2nd best mark under Tedford, despite their first negative TO margin (-6) under him. They finished #25 in the polls (#9 in '04) which was the first time since '50-'51 that Cal has finished the season ranked in back-to-back years. Last year Cal avg'd 32.9 ppg which was the 4th highest scoring average in school history but just the 3rd best in Tedford's four years. With 7 starters back, including all of their top RB's and WR's, and much better play from the QB position, Cal will be more potent in 2006. In 2004 Cal had 8 starters back on D and allowed just 16.0 ppg, their best since 1979 (reg ssn). Last year with just 3 starters back, they played better than expected (21.2 ppg). This year, with a fierce defensive front 7 and both starting CB's back, Cal may have their best D yet under Tedford. Cal will be favored in 10 of their 12 games this year and despite tough road trips to Tennessee and USC, Cal must be considered not only a Pac 10 contender, but a National Title contender as well.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 9 NATE LONGSHORE SO. 6-5 230 PS#18. 1 st rFr, inj. **18** Joe Ayoob (6-3 216 Sr) **PS#6JC.** 1707 pass. **8** Kyle Reed (6-2 228 rFr) **PS#18. 3** Steve Levy (6-1 229 Sr) 542, yds 2 st, 2Y.
RB 10 MARSHAWN LYNCH JR. 5-11 223 **PS#23.** 9 sts, 1874 rush (7.0), 34 rec (8.0), 2Y. **20** Justin Forsett (5-8 183 Jr) 3 st, 999 (**7.6**) LY. **2** Marcus O'Keith (6-1 194 Sr) PS#26. 569 rush 3Y.
WR 7 Lavelle Hawkins Jr. 5-11 183 PS#5. 6 st, 18 (9.5). Jesse Canada (6-3 190 rFr) PS#46. **FB 38** Byron Storer (6-1 227 Sr) 111 yd 3Y. **36** Will Ta'ufo'ou (6-0 250 So) PS#93. 11 gms.
WR 11 ROBERT JORDAN JR. 5-11 166 PS#108. 6 st true, 29 (11.4). 8 st LY, 34 (13.4). **5** Noah Smith (5-11 188 Jr) PS#54. **4.29 spd.** 5 rec 2Y. **85** LaReylle Cunningham (6-2 193 So).
WR 1 DeSEAN JACKSON SO. 6-0 160 **PS#1.** 10 st true. 38 (15.8). **86** Sam DeSa (5-11 199 Jr) PS#59. 1 st, 4 rec LY. **88** Sean Young (5-10 178 Jr) PS#134. **81** Cameron Toler (6-0 174 rFr).
TE 82 CRAIG STEVENS JR. 6-5 255 PS#36. 13 st, 2Y, 17 (13.3). **83** Eric Beegun (6-3 251 Sr) 1 st, 6 rec. **4** David Gray (6-3 232 Sr) PS#69WR. 18 rec (15.1), 4Y. Cameron Morrah (6-5 244 rFr) PS#63DL
C 62 Alex Mack So. 6-5 295 PS#201. 2nd string as rFr. Lettered. Great spg. **73** Mark Gray (6-2 275 Jr) PS#221JC. In for spring. **LS 68** Nick Sundberg (6-1 252 So).
RG 55 Noris Malele So. 6-4 298 **PS#42.** 1 st LG rFr, 2nd string. **63** Brian De La Puente (6-4 301 Jr) PS#481. Mike Gibson (6-5 290 Jr) PS#65JC. Isaac Leatiota PS#122.
LG 75 ERIK ROBERTSON SR. 6-2 311 PS#360. 550 squat. 1 st LG '04. 11 st LG LY. **66** Bryan Deemer (6-4 305 Sr) PS#96JC. 2 st RG LY. **70** Jeff Fritch (6-4 297 So) 0 letters.
RT 79 Mike Tepper So. 6-6 334 PS#189. Battled for starting job LY until an injury. **90** Chet Teofilo (6-3 295 So) PS#535DL. DE LY. **76** Matt Laird (6-7 299 rFr) PS#273.
LT 52 SCOTT SMITH SR. 6-4 276 PS#356. 5 games as So, 2nd string. 8 st at LT (missed 2 games). **51 Kevin Bemoll** (6-5 310 rFr) **PS#33.** Justin Prueitt is PS#156.
K 15 TOM SCHNEIDER JR. 6-0 194 52 yd FG HS. 9 of 16 FG's rFr. 3 of 5 from 40+, long 48. 9 of 16 FG's LY, long 49, 2 misses 50+. **34** Jordan Kay (6-0 193 So) PS#28.

DE 99 PHILLIP MBAKOGU JR. 6-3 265 **PS#11.** 5 st LY, 40 tkl, 5.5 sk, 4.5 tfl. **43** Abu Ma'Afala (6-4 281 Sr) PS#192. 5 st 3Y, 39 tkl. **54** Steve Kelly (6-1 238 Sr) 3 st, 6 tkl in '04.
DT 69 MATTHEW MALELE JR. 6-3 333 **PS#14.** 8 st, 13 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **Derrick Hill PS#22.** Jason Miller (6-4 267 Sr). **92** Tad Smith (6-6 254 rFr) PS#168. Michael Costanzo **PS#49OL.**
DT 52 BRANDON MEBANE SR. 6-3 306 **PS#49.** 8 st, 6.5 tfl '04. **1st tm P10 LY,** 29 tkl, 7 sk. **98** Mika Kane (6-3 303 So) 1 st true, 1.5 tfl. Rulon Davis **PS#94JC.** Tyson Alualu in for spg.
DE 53 NU'U TAFISI SR. 6-2 260 **PS#21JC.** 12 st LY, **2nd Tm P10,** 38 tkl, **10 tfl. 45** Fahim Abd Allah (6-3 236 Sr) PS#109JC. 1 st, 8 tkl. **91** Cody Jones (6-5 282 rFr) PS#78.
OLB 1 Worrell Williams So. 6-0 257 **PS#26.** 1 st rFr, 26 tkl, 4 tfl. 10 games. **56** Zack Follett (6-2 230 So) PS#85. 32 tkl, 2 sk, 12 games true. **16** Justin Moye (6-1 228 Jr) 7 tkl, 12 games.
MLB 10 DESMOND BISHOP SR. 6-2 243 **PS#3JC.** 12 st in '05, **2nd Tm P10,** 89 tkl, 6 tfl. **55** Greg Van Hoesen (6-3 231 Jr) PS#204. 3 st, 16 tkl, 3 tfl. **88** Eddie Young (6-3 243 rFr) PS#59TE.
OLB 15 ANTHONY FELDER SO. 6-3 229 **PS#32.** 8 st true, 39 tkl, 1 sk. **8 Mickey Pimentel** (6-2 226 Sr) **PS#24JC.** 420 bench. 34 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **44** Chris Purtz (6-2 215 Sr) PS#51. 6 tkl.
CB 13 DAYMEION HUGHES SR. 6-2 188 **PS#78.** 11 st, 26 tkl, 6 pbu '04. 12 st LY, **1st Tm P10,** 5 int, 12 pbu. **9** Virdell Larkins (5-11 191 rFr) PS#36. **17** Randy Bundy (6-0 159 Sr) PS#145WR. 2 pbu.
CB 22 TIM MIXON SR. 5-10 187 5 st first 2Y, 45 tkl, 12 pbu. 12 st LY, 3 int, 10 pbu, HM P10. **19** Syd'Quan Thompson (5-11 180 rFr) **PS#20. 20** Jesse Brooks (6-1 186 rFr) PS#184RB.
SS 7 Robert Peele rFr. 5-11 182 **PS#43.** 3 tkl true but RS. **3** Brandon Hampton (5-10 187 Jr) 12 tkl. **28** Kenny Frank (6-0 193 Jr) PS#85RB. **25** Brett Johnson (6-2 188 rFr). **Darian Hagan PS#23.**
FS 5 Thomas DeCoud Jr. 6-3 200 PS#172. 37 tkl 2Y. **9** Bernard Hicks (6-1 203 So) PS#139. **29 Marcus Ezeff** (6-1 202 rFr) **PS#50. 30** Gary Doxy (6-2 186 rFr). **42** Delo Hilton (6-1 203 Sr).
P NA Andrew Larson Jr. 6-1 190 PS#100JC. 30 punts, 43.1 avg '04 at JUCO. 49 punts, 42.6 avg at JC LY. Orig signed with Wyoming '03. **34** Jordan Kay (6-0 193 So) PS#28.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	James Montgomery 6-0 205 PS#22
DL	Derrick Hill 6-2 280 PS#22
DB	Darian Hagan 5-11 180 PS#23
OL	Chris Guarnero 6-4 270 PS#41
OL	Mike Gibson 6-5 290 PS#65JC
DL	Keith Browner 6-6 235 PS#46
RB	Tracy Slocum 5-11 195 PS#47
OL	Mike Costanzo 6-2 300 PS#49
WR	Daniel Lofton 6-2 190 PS#47
QB	Kevin Riley 6-2 200 PS#33
DL	Rulon Davis 6-5 275 PS#94JC
K	Andrew Larson 6-1 190 PS#100JC
DB	Brandon Jones 5-9 175 PS#80
OL	Isaac Leatiota 6-4 295 PS#122
DL	Tyson Alualu 6-2 270 PS#113 in '05
OL	Mark Gray 6-2 275 PS#221JC
RB	RJ Garrett 5-11 220 PS#142
OL	Justin Prueitt 6-5 275 PS#156
WR	Jeremy Ross 5-11 185 PS#254
DB	Charles Amadi 5-11 175 PS#306
LB	Mike Mohamed 6-3 200 #271WR

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#10

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CAL	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at Tennessee	G					
Sep. 9	Minnesota	A					
Sep. 16	Portland St	A					
Sep. 23	Arizona St	A					
Sep. 30	at Oregon St	A					
Oct. 7	Oregon	A					
Oct. 14	at Washington St	A					
Oct. 21	Washington	A					
Oct. 28							
Nov. 4	UCLA	A					
Nov. 11	at Arizona	G					
Nov. 18	at USC	G					
Nov. 25							
Dec. 2	Stanford	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

California is 10-5-1 ATS off a SU loss under HC Tedford.
Bears are 16-26 ATS (38%) as a home favorite their last 42 games.
The Golden Bears are 14-5-1 ATS on grass the past 4 seasons.

The Golden Bears are 16-9-1 ATS in their last 26 road games.
California is 7-2 ATS in their road openers the last 9 years.

The Golden Bears are 9-3 SU but 4-7 ATS in home openers since 1994.
Cal is 19-31 SU (7-6 ATS) all-time vs the Big 10 Conference.

This is the 1st ever meeting between these 2 schools.
The Vikings were 6-5 last year losing to Oregon St 41-14.

The underdog is 6-4 ATS since 1994.
Cal is 20-12 SU & 19-12-1 ATS in Pac 10 play under Tedford.

These teams combined for 9 TO's in last year's game.
Cal is 6-12 ATS vs Oregon St in their last 18 meetings.

LY's game was in rainy, windy conditions as Cal missed a FG at end of reg.
California is 2-9 SU & ATS vs Oregon since 1992.

SU winner is 20-5 ATS all-time in their lined games.
The home team is 11-4 ATS since 1986 in this series.

Cal has beaten Washington 4 straight for the1st time since 1976. Cal had actually lost NINETEEN in a row to Washington prior to Tedford.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Troy Taylor 8,126 1986-'89
Rushing: Russell White 3,367 1990-'92 Receiving: Geoff McArthur 3,188 2000-'04

These schools are about 370 miles apart as UCLA leads all-time 47-28-1.
The Golden Bears are 13-5-1 ATS vs the Bruins since 1987.

LY marked the 1st time Cal held an opp scoreless in B2B yrs S/'69 & '70 (WSU).
Cal is 14-4 ATS vs Arizona since 1986.

California is 7-3-1 ATS their last 11 games as a Pac 10 away dog.
Bears are 5-6 SU but 8-3 ATS the last 11 games vs the Trojans (all as dogs).

Bonus: Tedford is the 1st Cal HC to start 4-0 vs Stanford since 1921.

Under Tedford, Cal has won 4 gms SU & ATS by an avg score of 32-8 vs Stanford.
The 4 gms won in a row by Cal is the longest winning streak S/'36-'39 vs SU.

JEFF TEDFORD (Career 33-17)

5th Year at California

Tedford's SU Bowl Record: 2-1

Tedford's records AT CALIFORNIA

33-17	Straight Up	10-9	Home Favorite
26-19-1	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Underdog
10-5-1	Off A SU Loss	6-4	Away Favorite
19-12-1	Vs Conference	8-4-1	Away Underdog
7-7	Vs Non-Conf	2-2-1	Off A Bye

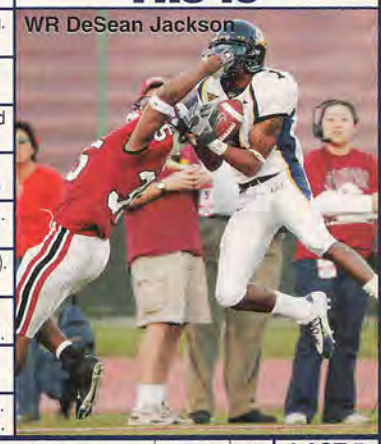
2005 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (25,25,3)
Lost: 20 (8,7,5)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 57,474

PAC 10


WR DeSean Jackson

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (67,537)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Momentum Turf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-8	1-10	7-5	7-6	10-1	7-4	39-41
Home	3-2	2-3	0-6	4-3	4-2	5-0	4-2	22-18
Away	1-5	1-5	1-4	3-2	3-4	5-1	3-2	17-23
ATS	5-6	7-4	3-8	8-4	8-4-1	7-4	3-7	41-37-1
Home Fav	0-1	0-2	0-1	3-2	3-2	3-2	1-3	10-13
Home Dog	3-1	3-0	1-4	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	9-7
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	3-2	2-1	6-6
Away Dog	2-3	4-2	2-2	4-1	3-1-1	1-0	0-2	16-11-1
Favorite	0-2	0-2	0-2	3-2	4-3	6-4	3-4	16-19
Dog	5-4	7-2	3-6	5-2	4-1-1	1-0	0-3	25-18-1
Grass	5-3	4-4	2-7	7-3	3-0-1	3-0	1-2	25-19-1
Artificial	0-3	3-0	1-1	1-1	5-4	4-4	2-5	16-18
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	3-5	5-3	5-2-1	6-2	3-5	31-24-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	0-3	3-1	3-2	1-2	0-2	10-13
Off SU Win	0-4	3-0	0-0	3-3	3-3	5-4	2-4	16-18
Off SU Loss	5-1	3-4	3-7	4-1	4-1-1	1-0	1-3	21-17-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marshawn Lynch	196	1281	35	1246	10	6.4
Justin Forsett	132	1028	29	999	6	7.6
Marcus O'Keith	22	246	3	243	3	11.0
Terrell Williams	19	84	2	82	1	4.3
Chris Manderino	17	68	0	68	2	4.0
Steve Levy	16	91	27	64	0	4.0
Joe Ayoob	58	175	117	58	5	1.0
DeSean Jackson	8	53	5	48	0	6.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Joe Ayoob	254	125	49.2	1707	15	14
Steve Levy	52	32	61.5	439	4	2
Nate Longshore	11	8	72.7	131	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
DeSean Jackson	38	601	15.8	7	56
Robert Jordan	34	455	13.4	4	58
Chris Manderino	13	188	14.5	2	54
Lavelle Hawkins	18	171	9.5	1	33
Craig Stevens	13	165	12.7	2	26
Marshawn Lynch	15	125	8.3	0	25
David Gray	7	116	16.6	2	22
LaReylle Cunningham	5	112	22.4	1	57

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
David Lonie	61	2559	42.0	11	34.4	0	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tom Schneider	50-52	4-5	2-4	3-5	0-2	9-16	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Desmond Bishop	89	0	6	2	0
Donnie McCleskey	73	3	5.5	4	1
Harrison Smith	72	1	2	8	2
Daymeion Hughes	62	0	1.5	12	5
Ryan Foltz	55	0	4.5	2	0
Tim Mixon	46	0	3	10	3
Phillip Mbakogu	40	5.5	4.5	0	0
Anthony Felder	39	1	0.5	1	0
Nu'u Tafisi	38	3.5	6.5	0	0
Mickey Pimentel	34	3.5	5	3	2
Zack Follett	32	2	1	3	0
Brandon Mebane	29	7	2.5	1	0
Thomas DeCoud	28	0	1	0	0
Worrell Williams	26	0.5	3.5	1	0
Abu Ma'afala	17	1.5	2	0	0
Greg Van Hoesen	16	0	3	0	1
Tosh Lupoi	15	1	1	0	0
Matthew Malele	13	0.5	2	0	0
Brandon Hampton	12	0.5	0	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tim Mixon	24	357	14.9	1
DeSean Jackson	1	49	49.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marshawn Lynch	13	271	20.8	0
Lavelle Hawkins	7	129	18.4	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
93	Alamo	-11'	Iowa	37-3	W
96	Aloha	+1	Navy	38-42	L
03	Insight	+3	Virginia Tech	52-49	W
04	Holiday	-11	Texas Tech - #23	31-45	L
05	Las Vegas	-8	BYU	35-28	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

California's All-Time SU Bowl Record 7-8-1

CALIFORNIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	32.9	21	235	5.8	193	52.0	13.0	-6	2005	3	21.2	19	119	3.3	240	55.9	17.0
6*	36.8	24	257	6.1	236	66.2	13.4	+2	2004	8	16.0	17	83	2.7	238	51.9	20.1
6	32.6	23	168	4.3	265	61.5	13.3	+3	2003	2	24.4	20	134	3.7	251	55.9	15.8
7*	35.6	19	108	3.3	248	53.7	10.0	+18	2002	8	26.5	21	114	3.0	279	58.2	14.8
8*	18.3	20	121	3.4	229	47.8	19.1	-18	2001	8	39.2	22	150	3.8	296	54.8	11.4
7*	22.4	16	124	3.4	194	46.6	14.2	-4	2000	4	26.8	20	111	2.7	255	49.6	13.6

2005 STATS BY GAME

CAL 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#19	Sacramento St	16	41-212	5.2	10-28	183	0	9	32-68	2.1	16-37	121	1	-1
#16	at Washington	26	39-286	7.3	17-27	271	3	18	27-68	2.5	22-39	301	4	0
#15	Illinois	18	35-294	8.4	8-18	121	0	20	43-109	2.5	21-37	228	3	0
#13	at New Mexico St	29	45-311	6.9	17-26	284	1	22	36-178	4.9	18-39	164	2	+2
#12	Arizona	18	44-194	4.4	14-21	137	5	13	28-37	1.3	19-36	169	1	+1
#10	at UCLA	26	41-330	8.0	18-35	215	1	17	31-170	5.5	17-33	225	1	0
#18	Oregon St	18	34-75	2.2	14-40	240	3	19	45-181	4.0	21-34	196	2	-1
#25	Washington St	24	48-274	5.7	19-35	274	3	20	38-178	4.7	17-38	422	4	-1
#23	at Oregon	14	39-213	5.5	10-26	88	3	19	37-143	3.9	24-39	232	2	-3
–	USC	17	31-167	5.4	13-23	132	1	26	47-188	4.0	20-32	246	2	-5
–	at Stanford	19	43-226	5.3	11-19	139	2	18	37-16	0.4	24-37	228	9	0
–	† BYU	26	43-241	5.6	16-23	228	1	27	27-94	3.5	35-53	352	1	+2
TOTALS		251	483-2823	5.8	167-321	2312	23	228	428-1430	3.3	254-454	2884	32	-6
AVERAGES		20.9	40-235	5.8	14-27	193	1.9	19.0	36-119	3.3	21-38	240	2.7	-0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois	-2'	17-44	L
BYU	+3'	16-44	L
at Washington St	+14	20-51	L
Washington - #13	+15'	28-31	W
Oregon - #5	+13'	7-48	L
at UCLA - #4	+30'	17-56	L
at Oregon St	+19'	10-19	W
Arizona	+3'	24-38	L
USC	+13	14-55	L
at Stanford - #13	+24	28-35	W
at Rutgers	-11	20-10	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Baylor	-7'	70-22	W
New Mexico St	-12'	34-13	W
at Michigan St - #15	+13'	46-22	W
Air Force	-9'	21-23	L
Wash St - #16	+2'	38-48	L
at Washington - #12	+11	34-27	W
at USC - #20	+12'	28-30	W
UCLA	+3'	17-12	W
at Oregon St	+5'	13-24	L
at Arizona St - #25	+4'	55-38	W
Arizona	-16'	41-52	L
Stanford	-10'	30-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Kansas St	+28	28-42	W
S Mississippi	-4	34-2	W
Colorado St	-2'	21-23	L
at Utah	+1	24-31	L
at Illinois	+3	31-24	W
USC - #3	+13'	34-31 3OT	W
Oregon St	-1	21-35	L
at UCLA	+3	20-23 OT	T
Arizona	-17	42-14	W
at Arizona St	+3	51-23	W
at Oregon	-2	17-21	L
Washington	-6	54-7	W
at Stanford	-10	28-16	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Air Force	-14	56-14	W
New Mexico St	-34'	41-14	L
at Oregon St	-7	49-7	W
at USC - #1	+7'	17-23	W
UCLA	-16'	45-28	W
at Arizona	-22'	38-0	W
Arizona St - #20	-17	27-0	W
Oregon	-20	28-27	L
at Washington	-30'	42-12	L
Stanford	-24'	41-6	W
at S Mississippi	-24'	26-16	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sacramento St	NL	41-3	–
at Washington	-9	56-17	W
Illinois	-21'	35-20	L
at New Mexico St	-29	41-13	L
Arizona	-16'	28-0	W
at UCLA - #20	+1'	40-47	L
Oregon St	-15'	20-23	L
Washington St	-12	42-38	L
at Oregon	+2'	20-27 OT	L
USC - #1	+18	10-35	L
at Stanford	-5'	27-3	W

ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Chad Christensen (PS#49) won the starting job in 2002 but after four starts Andrew Walter took over and easily beat Danny White's school record of 2,878 yards in a season (3,877). Walter went on to break John Elway's Pac 10 record for career TD passes (85) and left as the school's all-time leading passer throwing for 3,150 (57.3%) with a 30-9 ratio as a senior in '04. He was injured vs Arizona and missed the bowl. Sam Keller, in his first start, hit 25 of 45 for 370 in the bowl and led the game winning TD drive (Bowl MVP). Keller won the starting job in 2005 and hit 35 of 56 for 461 vs LSU and threw for 409 vs NW. After suffering a thumb injury vs Oregon he struggled through his worst game (98 yd) vs Stanford and was lost for the year. He still threw for 2,165 (58.7%) with a 20-9 ratio. Rudy Carpenter threw for 401 vs UW in his first start and later just like Keller, was the Bowl MVP (467 yds). He broke Ryan Kealy's ASU frosh record (2,137, 1997) by throwing for 2,273 (68.4%) with an amazing 17-2 ratio. He was 4-1 as a starter and led the NCAA in pass efficiency. Christensen showed great character by sticking with the program and even got a TD on a QB draw vs UCLA. I said it would be tough to match Walter's numbers but Keller and Carpenter combined beat him throwing for 4,438 (63.2%) with a 37-11 ratio. Both return while Brett Boon (6-1 174 rFr), Nate Mortensen (6-1 205 rFr) and true frosh Danny Sullivan add depth. Koetter has one of the best QB situations in the country.

RUNNING BACKS - At the start of 2004 the big question of this position was who, if anyone, would take charge of the feature RB spot as the returning top four each had over 2,000 career yards. At the end, the biggest question was would any of the RB's be left to carry the ball as the unit was hit hard by injuries and defections. Rudy Burgess, a WR (5-10 181), had 186 in his first start and accounted for over 200 yards of total offense in the bowl. He still won the starting RB job in '05 despite the emergence of true frosh Keegan Herring. Herring had 134 vs Temple, the best debut ever for a RB in school history. In 1971 soph Woody Green had 117 in his debut and went on to become the school's all-time career leading rusher. Herring went on to break Loren Wade's frosh rushing record (774) with 870 (5.5). Burgess rushed for 644 (4.4) and was the team's #2 receiver with 655 (11.1). Herring, who was a HS sprint champ and has 4.3 speed, figures to be the feature, Burgess wants to play WR and could be ASU's version of Reggie Bush. Koetter signed JUCO Ryan Torain and also available is Shaun DeWitty (6-2 216 So, PS#49). Herring should become the Sun Devils first 1,000 yard rusher since Delvon Flowers in 2001.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 Shaun McDonald (PS#27) was one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award and broke Morris Owens' school record (1,144) with 1,405 yards. He left early for the NFL. Derek Hagan, who had been termed a possession receiver, led in '03 with 66 grabs and in 2004 he led again with 83 (15.0). True frosh TE Zach Miller (PS#1) had 56 (9.9) and was the Pac 10 Off Newcomer of the Year. Hagan, who benches 300 and has 4.4 speed, simply became the Pac 10's all-time career leading receiver with 258 topping Troy Walters (Stanford '96-'99). He also topped John Jefferson's ASU records for career yards and rec (1974-'77) beating the record by 70 catches. True frosh Brandon Smith (10.6 100m, 36" VL) redshirted. Koetter called HB Lee Burghgraeff "a Guard wearing #83" showing his blocking skills. Jamaal Lewis (PS#28TE) dropped 25 lbs and had 17 rec in the first 6 but missed 3 of the final 6. Zach Miller missed two and had 38 (12.5). This year they must replace Hagan (#3DC MIA), Burghgraeff (12 st), WR Matt Miller (24, 23.5, 2 st) and WR Moey Mutz (1 st, 21 rec, 15.8). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Jeff Gray (5-10 186 Jr. PS#118), KC Clapsaddle (5-10 174 So) and Alex King (6-0 186 Sr). Even with the loss of their top guy, this is still one of the top receiving corps in the Pac 10.

OFFENSIVE LINE - 2004's O-line was injury-plagued and paved the way for just 3.3 ypc rushing while allowing 39 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter and coming into the year Koetter called it perhaps the best unit on the team. Some felt it was comparable to their Rose Bowl O-lines. I personally did not put the unit in my preseason Top 27 O-lines and while the unit did improve, they still only paved the way for 3.9 ypc while allowing 36 sacks (7.3%). Their top OL, C Grayling Love, was injured after 7 starts but was still 2nd Tm P10. Due to injuries, no player started all 12 at the same spot. This year they lose C Love (7 st) and OT Chaz White (7 st). Seven players return with starting experience and this looks like the best ASU O-line in years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Sun Devils had 52 sacks in 2002, thanks to Terrell Suggs who set a Pac 10 record with 24, and the team allowed 3.8 ypc rushing. They had to replace two starters in 2004 and improved to 3.5 ypc with 36 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups. Their star DE, Kyle Caldwell, missed the first two games and was not 100% all year. He saw his sack total drop from 7 to zero. DT DeWayne Hollyfield missed the first four. ASU allowed 4.4 ypc, their worst since 1995 and the D had just 22 sacks. It would appear this year that they are in about the same shape as they lose 2 starters in DT Quency Darley (9 st, 22 tkl) and DT Hollyfield (8 st, 19 tkl, 5.5 sk) as well as DE Mike Talbot (4 st, 22 tkl, 5.5 tfl). In reality, this should be one of the most improved DL's in the country as Caldwell should be back to 100%. They get some big-time transfers in DT Loren Howard who was HM Big 10 at Northwestern, Florida transfer Tranell Morant, BYU transfer Michael Marquardt (PS#108DL) who was the Scout Tm MVP last year, also JUCO's Alex Fa'agai, Martin Tevaseu and VHT true frosh Jermaine Williams. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Mike Meritet (6-1 241 Jr), Tashaka Merriweather (6-4 293 Jr) and Leo Montt (6-1 264 rFr).

LINEBACKERS - ASU returned two starters last year and they were two of the top defensive players on the team. MLB Dale Robinson (Pac 10 co-Def POY) led with 115 tackles and 15 tfl and had the memorable stop of RB Harrison on 4th & 1 vs Wash St to preserve the win. SLB Jamar Williams (#4DC ATL, 70 tkl, 10 st) was the Bowl Def MVP. Unfortunately this year, those two quality LB's depart along with Nick Clapp (2 st, 14 tkl). While two players return with starting experience, this is a very young group (2 seniors) and all five true frosh have a shot at playing. They did move 2 VHT's into the unit in the spring and therefore could surprise.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ASU finished #3 in my pass D rankings in 2004 despite having just two starters returning. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a 1st Tm Pac 10 SS but did get back CB RJ Oliver (30 career st) who missed '04. ASU stumbled to #75 . Oliver was never 100% (2 st). This year they lose CB Josh Golden (12 st, 51 tkl, 6 pbu), CB Mike Davis (9 st, 42 tkl, 11 pbu), SS Maurice London (12 st, 55 tkl, 6 pbu) and CB Oliver (2 st, 21 tkl). Despite the big losses, this group is just as experienced and will likely improve in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - ST coordinator Tom Osborne (no, not that one) uses many starters on his units and had great success in his tenure at Oregon. His 2003 unit here finished #31 in my ST rankings. Surprisingly in '04 they fell to #83 with punt blocks (4) and returns being the culprits. Chris MacDonald had an average of 43.1 as a frosh but a net of just 32.4, at times he outkicks the coverage. MacDonald averaged 42.3 last year but suffered 4 more blocks and was benched midseason for K Jesse Ainsworth (35.0). The team's net was a disastrous 30.3. Ainsworth hit 9 of 11 FG's with a long of 34 but showed his leg strength by booming 46 of 78 KO's for TB's. Part of the punting problems came when LS Jason Burke was injured vs Stanford. Rudy Burgess averaged 22.5 on KR's and 7.5 on PR's in '04 but WR Terry Richardson avg'd 27.3 on KR's and 15.3 on PR's last year including his game changing PR TD vs Arizona. A possible returnman this year is rFr Brandon Smith (10.6 100m). They add in JUCO Jonathan Johnson who hit 9 of 13 FG's (long 49) and avg'd 40.2 on punts as a frosh at JC. With the punting woes, ASU finished just #58 but should find themselves in the Top 25 this year.

COACHES - Dirk Koetter was 26-10 as the HC at Boise St and is now 33-28 in five years here. Koetter was his own OC the first five years but this year brings in Roy Wittke to handle those duties (Arkansas OC). DC Bill Miller enters his 2nd year here. In his 27 years of coaching he has 17 years as a DC including stops at Okla St, Mich St, Miami (FL) and Florida, where he was at in 2004.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Dirk Koetter's first three seasons the Sun Devils were just 17-20. In 2004 I called them one of the most improved teams in the country. They rose as high as 8-2 with their only two losses to #1 ranked USC and #7 Cal (lost by 72-7 margin). They were stunned by Arizona in the season finale but a late TD got them past Purdue in the Sun Bowl for an outstanding 9-3 finish which included a 44-7 win over a Top 20 Iowa team. Last year they only had to replace 11 lettermen, the fewest in the Pac 10. They hosted LSU in a game that was moved due to the hurricane and nearly pulled off the win with a 560-434 yd edge but lost 35-31. They were 3-1 and Koetter was the darling of Tempe when they hosted USC and appeared on their way to the upset. They led 24-3 at the half and 28-24 with 5:57 left but came up short. The next week vs Oregon, QB Keller injured his thumb and the Sun Devils would drop their next two games including a stunning loss to Stanford (ASU 528-369 yard edge). After two wins they lost at UCLA giving up 660 yards offense and appeared headed for a losing season. They trailed Arizona 20-5 but benefitted from the Cats losing their starting QB, top RB and top WR to injury and rallied for the win on a FG with :03 left. ASU also rallied in the bowl as Koetter said they were lucky to be down by just one TD at the half. ASU benefitted from +7 turnovers and were +2 in the close games. On offense, they lose 3rd Tm AA WR Derek Hagan but have 8 starters back and are extremely deep at QB and could even top last year's 36.8 ppg. Normally when a team only returns 4 starters on defense, you would expect the unit to be weaker but ASU has a solidly fortified defensive front and the secondary is just as experienced as the 2005 version. After allowing 29.9 ppg (2nd worst of the Koetter era), the D should actually be stronger. With a stronger team overall, I'll call for the Sun Devils to improve upon their win total in 2006.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 9 SAM KELLER SR. 6-4 240 PS#42. **Bowl MVP '04.** 7 st until inj LY. 3018 career pass (58%) 26-11 ratio. **12 Rudy Carpenter** (6-2 204 So) **PS#39.** 5 st, 2273 (68%) **17-2 ratio LY!**

RB 24 KEEGAN HERRING SO. 5-10 190 PS#44. 2 st true, #1 w/870 (5.5). 4.3 spd. Ryan Torain PS#107JC. **36** Shaun DeWitty PS#49. **37** Preston Jones (5-8 181 Jr) 2 st 2Y, 344 (4.0).

HB 87 Brent Miller Jr. 6-5 236 PS#53QB. 2 st, 10 rec 2Y. **82** Jamaal Lewis (6-4 230 Sr) PS#28TE. 10 rec rFr. 6 rec '04. 1 st, 23 (19.4) LY. **88** Andrew Pettes (6-4 262 So) **PS#13TE.**

WR 17 Terry Richardson Sr. 6-1 187 **PS#38.** 9 st '04, 45 rec (15.1). 7 st LY, 37 (13.4), 966 ret yd. 1 Michael Jones (6-3 200 So) PS#99. 4 (5.5) LY. **13** Chris McGaha (6-1 185 rFr) PS#61.

WR 3 RUDY BURGESS JR. 5-10 181 PS#99. 14 st 2Y, 1048 rush, 81 rec (11.1), 730 ret yd. **16** Nate Kimbrough (6-1 178 So) PS#64. 7 (10.9) rFr. **2** Brandon Smith (6-1 192 rFr) PS#115.

TE 86 ZACH MILLER JR. 6-5 258 **PS#1.** 12 st true, **P10 Fr Yr,** 56 (9.9). 10 st LY, 38 rec (13.4). **80** Dane Guthrie (6-3 274 So) **PS#15.** Fla trans. **84** Jovon Williams (6-3 228 rFr).

C 76 MIKE POLLAK JR. 6-4 300 **PS#35.** 5 st rFr (4 C, 1 RG). 6 st LY, last 5 at C. **69** Thomas Altieri (6-2 294 rFr) **PS#96. 67** Shawn Lauvao (6-3 314 rFr) Scout Tm MVP LY.

RG 70 Leo Talavou So. 6-4 371 **PS#66.** 3 st RG rFr. **78 Zach Krula** (6-7 339 Sr) 5 st at RG in '04. First 3 st at RG LY until inj (broke ankle). Saia Falahola is PS#241.

LG 66 STEPHEN BERG SR. 6-5 309 **PS#89.** 4 gm rFr, 11 st LG '04. 11 st LY (8 LG, 3 RG). **73** Robert Gustavis (6-4 312 Jr) **PS#70.** 2 st RG LY. **61** Beau Bandura (6-7 259 Jr).

RT 52 ANDREW CARNAHAN SR. 6-8 300 PS#453. 12 st LT rFr. 12 st RT '04, **2nd Tm P10.** 9 st RT LY (inj), Top OL Award. **75** Richard Tuitu'u (6-5 362 rFr) **PS#95. 63** Paul Fanaika (6-6 355 So).

LT 62 BRANDON RODD JR. 6-4 300 PS#252. 1st LG rFr, inj MedRS. 12 st LY (8 LT, 4 LG), **HM P10. 79** Julius Orieukwu (6-7 311 Jr) **PS#61. 53** JD Walton (6-2 306 rFr) PS#439.

K 20 JESSE AINSWORTH SR. 6-3 220 PS#14. 10 of 15 FG's as true, long of 47. 18 of 28 FG's in '04, long 48, 3 miss 50+. 9 of 11 FG's LY, 46 TB's on 78 KO's. **28** Mark Merrill (5-11 177 Sr).

DE 50 KYLE CALDWELL SR. 6-3 261 **PS#15.** 12 sts, 26 tkl, **7 sk** in '04. 8 sts LY (inj). **57** Tranell Morant (6-5 280 So) PS#115. **12 tkl Florida '04. 58** Dexter Davis (6-2 250 rFr) PS#147.

DT 1 JORDAN HILL SR. 6-2 298 PS#133LB. BYU, mission in '00. 10 st '04, 47 tkl, 7 sk. 11 st LY, 31 tkl, 6 tfl. **90** David Smith (6-3 268 So) PS#137. **92** Brett Palmer (6-2 295 Jr) PS#53.

DT 77 Michael Marquardt Jr. 6-4 288 BYU trans. **91** Will Kofe (6-2 290 Sr) PS#129JC. 7 st LY, 23 tkl LY. **98** Shannon Jones (6-2 314 Sr) PS#128JC LY. **Alex Fa'agai 12 sk 6 gm JC LY.**

DE 66 Loren Howard Sr. 6-4 280 **PS#33.** 13 st N'wstrn '03, 8 sk, 8 tfl, 68 tkl. 5 st (inj) '04. **Jermaine Williams PS#5. 85** Kellen Mills (6-3 250 Jr) 10 tkl. **81** Tyrice Thompson (6-5 221 Jr).

SLB 29 ROBERT JAMES JR. 5-11 225 PS#161DB. 6 tkl as rFr. 6 st LY, 36 tkl, 1 sk. 4 tfl, 5 pbu. **14** Derron Ware (6-4 220 Sr) **PS#42DB.** 1 st '03, 28 tkl. Gerald Munns PS#63. Wes Evans (6-3 245 So) PS#382.

MLB 25 Mike Nixon Fr. 6-2 216 **PS#13QB.** '02 Baseball. **51** Beau Manutai (6-1 262 Sr) PS#139JC. #1 tkl'r JC 2Y. 2 st LY, 36 tkl, 3 tfl. **54** Adam Vincent (6-2 239 So) PS#107. 13 tkl LY.

DLB NA Garrett Judah Jr. 6-3 232 **PS#50JC.** 4.6 spd. 102 tkl, 8 sk JC LY. **48** Chad Lindsey (6-0 224 So) PS#163. 5 tkl, 1 sk true. **39** Brett Nenaber (6-1 220 Jr). Antone Saulsberry (6-2 230 So) PS#78.

CB 10 Justin Tryon Jr. 5-9 178 PS#54JC. **21** Chad Green (5-10 190 Jr) PS#83. 15 tkl 2Y. **6** Grant Crunkleton (5-10 184 rFr) PS#65. **32** Travis Smith (5-11 173 rFr) PS#134.

CB 8 Keno Walter-White Sr. 5-11 185 PS#145JC. 3 st, 26 tkl, 3 pbu here LY. Chris Baloney PS#139JC LY. Re-signed. **18** Troy Nolan PS#203JC. **9** Littrele Jones (5-9 181 Jr) 4 tkl, 2Y.

SS 19 Josh Barrett Jr. 6-2 220 6 st, 2Y, 54 tkl, 2 int. **22** Rodney Cox (6-1 213 So) PS#197. 3tkl as true in '04. RS LY. **15** Angelo Fobbs-Valentino (6-0 197 So) PS#226.

FS 5 ZACH CATANESE SR. 6-2 219 PS#78JC. 12 st, 107 tkl, **HM P10** LY. **7** Jeremy Payton (6-1 208 So) PS#65. 2 st, 25 tkl LY. **30** Uriah Marshall (5-11 188 So) **PS#33.** 1 tkl LY.

P 20 JESSE AINSWORTH SR. 6-3 220 PS#42TE. 21 punts (35.0) 2H of LY. **37** Chris MacDonald (6-3 218 Jr) 64 punts '04, 43.1 avg, net 32.4. 33 punts, 42.3 avg LY. **Jonathan Johnson PS#477JC.**

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Jermaine Williams 6-4 255 PS#5
WR	Angelo Richardson 6-1 185 PS#18JC
LB	Garrett Judah 6-3 232 PS#50JC
DB	Justin Tryon 5-9 178 PS#54JC
DL	Jon Hargis 6-3 285 PS#73
RB	Ryan Torain 6-0 205 PS#107JC
RB	Rodney Glass 5-10 175 PS#67
LB	Gerald Munns 6-3 225 PS#63
DL	Alex Fa'agai 6-3 286 PS#133JC
LB	Travis Goethel 6-2 215 PS#66
DB	Brantwon Bowser 6-1 185 PS#84
DB	Chris Baloney 6-0 185 PS#139JC '05
LB	Jamarr Robinson 6-3 235 PS#106
DB	Troy Nolan 6-1 196 PS#203JC
DL	Zach Niusulu 6-3 305 PS#140
WR	Kyle Williams 5-10 185 PS#136RB
RB	Dimitri Nance 5-10 205 PS#141
DB	Ryan McFoy 6-1 190 PS#188
LB	Jeff Bereuter 6-3 225 PS#175
TE	Lance Evbuomwan 6-4 235 PS#84
OL	Saia Falahola 6-2 310 PS#241
DL	Martin Tevaseu 6-3 320 PS#411JC
QB	Danny Sullivan 6-4 200 PS#222
P	Jonathan Johnson 6-1 205 PS#477JC
OL	Marcus Duffie 6-5 240 PS#477JC

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#20

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	Northern Arizona (Thur)	G					
Sep. 9	Nevada	G					
Sep. 16	at Colorado	G					
Sep. 23	at California	A					
Sep. 30	Oregon	G					
Oct. 7							
Oct. 14	at USC	G					
Oct. 21	Stanford (HC)	G					
Oct. 28	at Washington	A					
Nov. 4	at Oregon St	A					
Nov. 11	Washington St	G					
Nov. 18	UCLA	G					
Nov. 25	at Arizona	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

ASU is 33-3 SU & 31-3-2 ATS since 1992 when scoring 40+ pts.
Sun Devils are 7-15 ATS as a dog under HC Koetter.
Arizona St is 7-0 SU & 5-0 ATS in their last 7 Tempe openers.

Lumberjacks finished 3-8 LY as IAA Big Sky Conference members.
These in-state schools have met 35 times, dating back to when they were Border Conf members.

ASU has been outscored 107-15 in their 2 gms vs UN, but last gm was in 1947.
ASU is 11-4 ATS at home vs non-conference foes since 1999.

First meeting vs Colorado as ASU is just 4-9 ATS in non-Pac 10 RG's S/'92.
Arizona St is 3-5 SU & 2-6 ATS in road openers since 1998.

Sun Devils are 3-4 SU & 2-5 ATS since 1997 vs the Golden Bears.
Arizona St is 6-14 ATS the last 5 years in Pac 10 road games.

Sun Devils are 10-2-1 ATS as a home dog since 1995.
Arizona St is 4-9 ATS the week before a bye the last 8 years.

ASU is 12-8 ATS since 1994 after a bye but just 2-5 ATS under Koetter.
Arizona St has been sacked 22 times the last 4 years vs USC.

Arizona St is 8-4-1 ATS the last 13 years on Homecoming.
These 2 schools have avg'd 72 ppg in their last 8 games (since 1998).

ASU is 3-7 SU (6-4 ATS) all-time in Seattle being outscored on avg by 10 ppg.
Sun Devils are 4-5 SU but 5-2-2 ATS since 1995 vs the Huskies.

Arizona St is 7-13 SU & 5-15 ATS the last 6 years in November.
The visitor is 1-7 ATS since 1996 in this series.

ASU was up 24-7 in the 2Q at one point, but needed 2 def stands in the 4Q LY.
Arizona St is 11-7-1 SU & 12-6-1 ATS since 1985 vs Washington St.

The Sun Devils are 7-4-1 ATS vs UCLA since 1991.
The dog is 4-1-1 ATS since 1999 in this series.

ASU was down 17-5 at HT but held UA to just 3 pts in the 2H for the bowl clinching win LY.
Eightieth meeting (61 straight) between ASU & UA Wildcats lead 44-34-1 all-time.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Andrew Walter 10,617 2001-'04
Rushing: Woody Green 4,188 1971-'73 Receiving: Derek Hagan 3,939 2002-'05

DIRK KOETTER (Career 59-38)

6th Year at Arizona St — Koetter's SU Bowl Record: 4-1

Koetter's records AT ARIZONA STATE

33-28	Straight Up	15-11	Home Favorite
26-30	Vs The Spread	3-2	Home Underdog
9-15	Off A SU Loss	4-4	Away Favorite
16-24	Vs Conference	4-13	Away Underdog
10-6	Vs Non-Conf	2-5	Off A Bye

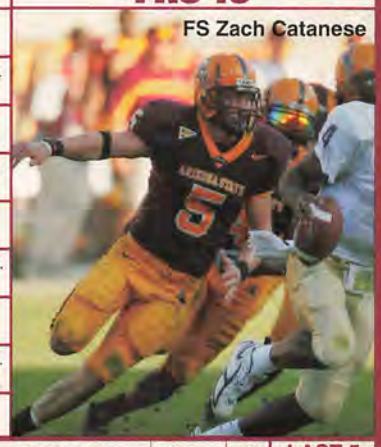
2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (27,21,3)
Lost: 19 (9,10,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 61,157

PAC 10


FS Zach Catanese

STADIUM: SUN DEVIL STADIUM (71,706)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	6-5	4-7	8-5	5-7	8-3	6-5	43-37
Home	4-2	3-3	4-3	5-2	4-2	6-0	4-3	30-15
Away	2-3	3-2	0-4	3-3	1-5	2-3	2-2	13-22
ATS	7-4	6-3-2	5-6	7-5	2-9	6-5	6-5	39-37-2
Home Fav	2-2	2-1	4-2	3-2	1-2	4-2	3-3	19-14
Home Dog	2-0	2-0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	7-2-1
Away Fav	0-1	1-1	0-0	2-0	0-2	0-1	2-1	5-6
Away Dog	3-1	1-1-1	1-3	1-3	0-4	2-2	0-1	8-15-1
Favorite	2-3	3-2	4-2	5-2	1-4	4-3	5-4	24-20
Dog	5-1	3-1-2	1-4	2-3	1-5	2-2	1-1	15-17-2
Grass	5-4	5-3-2	5-5	6-3	2-7	5-4	4-5	32-31-2
Artificial	2-0	1-0	0-1	1-2	0-2	1-1	2-0	7-6
vs Conf	6-2	4-2-2	2-6	5-3	2-6	3-5	4-4	26-28-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	3-0	2-2	0-3	3-0	2-1	13-9
Off SU Win	2-3	3-0-2	1-3	5-2	0-4	5-3	3-2	19-17-2
Off SU Loss	4-1	3-2	3-3	2-2	2-5	0-2	2-3	16-18

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Keegan Herring	158	917	47	870	6	5.5
Rudy Burgess	145	667	23	644	6	4.4
Preston Jones	39	194	7	187	2	4.8
Terry Richardson	7	56	0	56	0	8.0
Antone Saulsberry	10	36	0	36	1	3.6
Rudy Carpenter	42	116	125	-9	1	-0.2
Sam Keller	20	12	106	-94	1	-4.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Rudy Carpenter	228	156	68.4	2273	17	2
Sam Keller	264	155	58.7	2165	20	9

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Derek Hagan	77	1210	15.7	8	59
Rudy Burgess	59	655	11.1	4	49
Matt Miller	24	563	23.5	7	69
Terry Richardson	37	495	13.4	5	38
Zach Miller	38	476	12.5	4	34
Jamaal Lewis	23	446	19.4	5	42
Moey Mutz	21	331	15.8	1	38
Brent Miller	7	111	15.9	2	41
Nate Kimbrough	7	76	10.9	1	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris MacDonald	33	1396	42.3	5	30.3(T)	4	10
Jesse Ainsworth	21	734	35.0	6	–	0	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jesse Ainsworth	53-53	6-6	3-3	0-2	0-0	9-11	34

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dale Robinson	115	4	11	1	0
Zach Catanese	107	2	1	4	1
Jamar Williams	70	2	2	0	3
Maurice London	55	0	3	6	0
Josh Golden	51	0	1	6	2
Mike Davis	42	1	0	11	1
Josh Barrett	37	1	2	4	1
Robert James	36	1	4	5	1
Beau Manutai	36	0	3	1	0
Jordan Hill	31	1	5	3	0
Keno Walter-White	26	0	1	3	0
Jeremy Payton	25	1	1	3	0
Will Kofe	23	0	3	1	0
Quency Darley	22	0	0	0	0
Mike Talbot	22	1	4.5	0	0
RJ Oliver	21	0	0	2	1
DeWayne Hollyfield	19	5.5	5.5	2	1
Kyle Caldwell	17	0	3	0	0
Nick Clapp	14	0	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terry Richardson	22	337	15.3	2
Nate Kimbrough	4	52	13.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terry Richardson	23	629	27.3	0
Rudy Burgess	9	160	17.8	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Aloha Classic	-3	Wake Forest	3-23	L
00	Aloha Classic	-3'	Boston College	17-31	L
02	Holiday	+18'	Kansas St - #6	27-34	W
04	Sun	+8	Purdue	27-23	W
05	Insight	-9	Rutgers	45-40	L

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ARIZONA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	36.8	26	146	3.9	373	63.3	14.1	+7	2005	5	29.9	24	180	4.4	289	59.6	15.7
7*	29.8	22	118	3.3	317	57.6	14.6	+5	2004	6	24.5	18	123	3.5	236	53.7	14.6
9*	24.8	19	117	3.5	274	52.5	15.8	-4	2003	7	27.3	21	151	3.8	254	55.0	14.8
4	32.3	20	89	2.5	304	54.8	12.2	+4	2002	8	29.1	18	119	3.4	244	49.9	12.5
7*	34.0	19	167	4.3	259	51.1	12.5	-8	2001	7	32.8	21	138	3.6	261	55.6	12.2
7*	26.1	20	116	2.8	263	47.2	14.5	+8	2000	6	25.3	19	168	4.3	232	49.0	15.9

2005 STATS BY GAME

ASU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
#20	Temple	27	44-300	6.8	19-31	259	1	18	35-62	1.8	18-37	203	0	0
#15	LSU	29	25-99	4.0	35-56	461	0	24	47-190	4.0	17-30	244	4	+1
#18	Northwestern	30	45-290	6.4	27-39	483	0	24	32-180	5.6	25-38	236	0	0
#18	at Oregon St	20	32-95	3.0	21-38	380	2	31	47-144	3.1	29-49	381	8	+6
#14	USC	20	32-68	2.1	26-45	347	5	27	49-373	7.6	23-39	258	2	-4
#17	Oregon	21	25-53	2.1	31-56	277	4	23	47-234	5.0	20-40	278	0	+1
–	at Stanford	27	42-126	3.0	29-41	402	7	20	33-66	2.0	19-27	303	3	-1
–	Washington	26	43-77	1.8	27-34	401	7	23	40-213	5.3	10-26	185	1	+4
–	at Washington St	31	39-124	3.2	29-44	424	3	28	42-223	5.3	21-35	283	2	0
–	at UCLA	29	45-181	4.0	27-37	334	5	23	39-150	3.8	22-27	510	1	-1
–	Arizona	20	30-123	4.1	18-37	246	1	22	50-164	3.3	18-27	213	1	+1
–	† Rutgers	33	45-212	4.7	23-35	467	1	24	32-158	4.9	24-38	374	0	0
TOTALS		313	447-1748	3.9	312-493	4481	36	287	493-2157	4.4	246-413	3468	22	+7
AVERAGES		26.1	37-146	3.9	26-41	373	3.0	23.9	41-180	4.4	21-34	289	1.8	0.6

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Diego St	-7	38-7	W
at Stanford	+3'	28-51	L
San Jose St	-15'	53-15	W
Louisiana-Lft	-33	63-27	W
at USC	+2	17-48	L
Oregon St	-3	41-24	W
Washington - #13	-3	31-33	L
at Oregon - #8	+11	24-42	L
Washington St - #11	+2'	16-28	L
Arizona	-7'	21-34	L
at UCLA	+10'	42-52	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska - #10	+22	10-48	L
E Washington	NL	38-2	–
UCF	-3	46-13	W
at San Diego St	-6	39-28	W
Stanford	-1	65-24	W
North Carolina	-8'	35-38	L
Oregon St	+3	13-9	W
at Oregon - #6	+10	45-42	W
Washington	-3'	27-16	W
at Washington St - #8	+7	22-44	L
California	-4'	38-55	L
at USC - #8	+15'	13-34	L
at Arizona	-6'	34-20	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Arizona	NL	34-14	–
Utah St	-27'	26-16	L
at Iowa - #18	+7'	2-21	L
at Oregon St	+6	17-45	L
USC - #10	+12	17-37	L
Oregon	+2'	59-14	W
at North Carolina	-6	33-31	L
at UCLA	+2'	13-20	L
California	-3	23-51	L
at Stanford	-2'	27-38	L
at Washington St - #8	+13	19-34	L
Arizona	-15	28-7	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-24'	41-9	W
at Northwestern	+2	30-21	W
Iowa - #16	-1'	44-7	W
Oregon St	-7'	27-14	W
at Oregon	+2'	28-13	W
at USC - #1	+10'	7-45	L
UCLA	-7'	48-42	L
at California - #7	+17	0-27	L
Stanford	-10'	34-31	L
Washington St	-13	45-28	W
at Arizona	-14	27-34	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Temple	-31'	63-16	W
LSU - #5	-1	31-35	L
Northwestern	-14'	52-21	W
at Oregon St	-6'	42-24	W
USC - #1	+16	28-38	W
Oregon - #25	-10	17-31	L
at Stanford	-10'	35-45	L
Washington	-17	44-20	W
at Washington St	-2'	27-24	W
at UCLA - #14	+3'	35-45	L
Arizona	-10	23-20	L

OREGON DUCKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - The Ducks have had three 1st round DC's since 1979 at QB in Chris Miller, Akili Smith and Joey Harrington. In 2002, the Ducks had to replace Harrington who was simply 25-3 as a starter. VHT Kellen Clemens (PS#7) played in the last 4 of 2002 and shared duties with Jason Fife early in '03. Clemens started the 2H of the year and threw for 2,400 (60%) with an 18-9 ratio. In 2004 Clemens threw for 2,548 (60%) with a 22-10 ratio while VHT Dennis Dixon (PS#10) had 15 passes in six games wasting a redshirt year. Clemens, who was just 13-11 as a starter coming into 2005, adapted to Gary Crowton's offense like a duck to water. Clemens had set the school record for most passes without an int in 2004 (178) and started the year with 162. In just 8 starts, Clemens threw for 2,406 (64%), a super 19-4 ratio and avg'd 301 ypg despite missing the final 2Q's vs Arizona. He probably would have become the career passing leader here if not for the injury. In the 7 games that Clemens (#2DC NYJ) started and finished, the team avg'd 487.3 ypg and in the 5 he did not, just 371 ypg. In the Arizona game, backup Dixon was also injured and Brady Leaf (Ryan's brother), who was primarily used as a holder, hit just 5 of 10 for 53. Dixon and Leaf split snaps in the final 4 and Dixon threw for 777 (66.3%) with a 6-3 ratio while Leaf threw for 467 (58.5%) with a 3-3 ratio. Dixon had 174 gross yards rushing and Leaf 25. Adding depth are Kyle Bennett (6-4 200 So) and this year's true frosh. I expect Dixon to take command of the offense this year and they could have stats comparable to 2005.

RUNNING BACKS - Mike Bellotti has had a lot of success with JC transfers at RB such as Maurice Morris and Onterrio Smith who combined for four 1,000-yard seasons. In 2003 and 2004 Bellotti did not have a VHT JC transfer. Terrence Whitehead led in '03 with 737 yards but just a pedestrian 3.8 ypc. Whitehead bulked up to 220 and got a little quicker in 2004. Bellotti told him to quit trying for the big play every time and at least get a solid 4 yards. Those factors had a profound effect on Whitehead (HM P10) as he rushed for 1,144 (5.7) and was the #2 receiver with 44 (9.2). True frosh VHT Terrell Jackson (PS#17) redshirted. Last year they simply added Jonathan Stewart (PS#1). Whitehead missed a lot of August with injuries and got off to a slow start in the new offense (18-36 vs Montana). Stewart led the NCAA in KR's (33.7) but was bothered by an ankle injury most of the year. He did score a TD once every 8 times he touched the ball but had just 188 yards rushing. Whitehead led with 679 (4.4). In the 5th week they took the redshirt off Jeremiah Johnson (PS#68), who was the fastest frosh RB, and he rushed for 147. Terrell Jackson played in just 7 with 107 (4.0). While Whitehead departs, this is the 2nd year of the new offense and Stewart can easily become the top RB in the Pac 10 this year if he remains healthy. Stewart trimmed his 40 time to 4.34, has a 410 bench and 38.5" VL. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Andiel Brown (5-10 198 Jr, 139 yd 2Y). I look for increased rushing production despite the loss of the school's #2 career leading rusher (2,832).

RECEIVERS - The Ducks had their top 2 receivers back last year. Star WR Demetrius Williams (PS#50) who in 2003 had 51 rec (18.3) but missed 3 starts in 2004, led with 47 (12.6). Also back was 2nd Tm P10 TE Tim Day (35, 13.1). They added Jordan Kent, who is 6'5" yet runs the 100m in 10.2 and plays on the basketball team. James Finley came in as PS#1JC and has outstanding hands. He missed most of August but had 10 rec's in the opener. Jaison Williams (PS#57) is 6'5" 243 but runs the 100m in 10.65. A healthy Demetrius Williams was by far the team's top receiver with 1,059 yards (17.9). Finley was #2 with 571 (10.0). Day had 25 rec (8.6). Soph VHT Cameron Colvin (PS#6) added 22 (15.1) and Jaison Williams emerged down the stretch with 15 (16.3). This year they lose Demetrius Williams (#4DC BAL, 12 st) and Day (10 st). The receivers have excellent size and speed and there shouldn't be too much of a dropoff even with the loss of their top 2 guys.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Ducks usually have a strong O-line and from 1999-2001 led the Pac 10 in the fewest amount of QB sacks allowed. In 2003 they had 4 starters returning but surprisingly only paved the way for 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing 35 sacks, their weakest totals in nearly a decade. In 2004 they had 9 of their top 10 returning and improved to 4.1 ypc but the Ducks OL led the Pac 10 , this time for the MOST sacks allowed (41). Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 36 starts. One of their two returning starters, Ian Reynoso (back inj), lost his spot and two other projected starters missed most of August with injury. The inexperienced O-line only opened holes for 3.8 ypc but trimmed the sack total to just 20. This year the unit is in great shape as all 5 starters return. The only losses are Reynoso (2 st), RT Jermaine Randolph and RG Shawn Flanagan. They also add in some top-notch JUCO's. This experienced unit should remind Duck fans of the O-lines from 1999-2001.

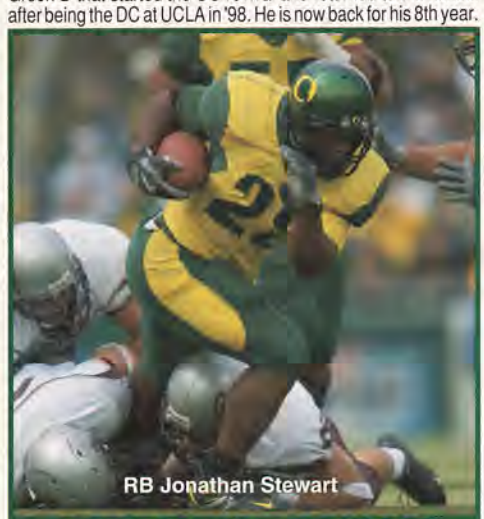
DEFENSIVE LINE - Bellotti always does a great job with the D-line. In 2001 they had only one starter back and avg'd just 259 lbs per man but only allowed 3.3 ypc rushing. They yielded 3.0, 3.1 and 3.3 ypc the next 3 seasons. Last year they had to replace two starters but had six of their top 8 back including super DT Haloti Ngata (PS#1), who was one of the best Duck players of all time. Ngata earned 1st Tm AA honors and was Pac 10 co-Def POY occupying many triple teams. Unfortunately Ngata left early for the NFL draft (#1DC BAL). Also gone is DE Devan Long who leaves as the Ducks' career leader in tfl (10 st, 40 tkl, 14 tfl). Surprisingly with those two on hand, UO yielded 134 ypg rushing (3.9), their worst totals since 1998. Bellotti has gone the JUCO route to shore up the DL with 3 VHT JC's coming in but unfortunately none will be in until the fall. This is another solid Bellotti D-line that could improve upon last year's numbers vs the rush, but is clearly down a few notches with the loss of their top 2 players.

LINEBACKERS - The Ducks list themselves as a 4-2-5 but I count the SS in the LB unit. In each of the last 4 years, the Ducks have had to replace two starters from this unit including last year when they lost their #1 tackler. This year they have their most experienced unit in five years and must replace SS Anthony Trucks (11 st, #1 tkl'r with 99, 11 sk, 2nd Tm P10) and MLB Justin Andrews (8 tkl). Not only are 4 of the top 6 back, but they also have 3 VHT's. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jon Pope (6-1 223 Sr, 5 tkl), Erik Elshire (6-0 225 So) and Tucker Callahan (6-1 223 rFr, PS#221).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Ducks were #30 in my pass D rankings in 2003 and had just one starter returning in 2004 but still managed to finish #12. Last year all 4 starters returned and the Ducks were #14 snagging 23 int's. This year they lose both CB's in 1st Tm Pac 10 Justin Phinisee (#7DC TB, 12 st, 66 tkl, 4 int, 8 pbu) and 2nd Tm Pac 10 Aaron Gipson (42 tkl, 7 int, 7 pbu) as well as backups Rodney Woods (11 tkl, 3 int) and Demetrius Spates (7 tkl). Both safeties are back and they could have a pair of starting VHT CB's with one being Jackie Bates (PS#39), who has 8 starts under his belt. This has the makings of a solid unit despite the losses.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bellotti has finished in the Top 35 in my ST rankings in nine of his 11 years but surprisingly in 2004 slipped to #89. Last year the Ducks had to replace their P, K and top KR and had some rough games like Stanford where they fumbled a pair of returns and had a punt blocked. K Paul Martinez hit 5 FG's in the opener and set a school record with 6 FG's vs Montana. He suffered a strained thigh muscle and missed 3. Matt Evensen hit a 51 yard FG vs Ariz St and hit 3 FG's despite having a 55 yarder blocked. Martinez hit 19 of 24 FG's including 8 of 9 from 40+ but missed 4 xp's. Evensen hit just 4 of 9 with 4 of his misses from 40+. P Matt Dragich avg'd just 29.3 vs Fresno and lost his job to Aaron Knowles. Knowles averaged 40.0 on 14 punts. Dragich reclaimed his job and set Holiday Bowl records with 361 yards (45.1) and also ran on a fake punt for a FD. Jonathan Stewart (PS#1) simply led the NCAA in KR's (33.7, 2 TD) and Justin Phinisee avg'd 11.6 on PR's (15.4 in '04). The unit moved up to #18. This year the only loss is Phinisee and it should be another Top 25 finish.

COACHES - Mike Bellotti has the best record (90-42) in the Pac 10 since he arrived here. Last year they brought in a new OC in Gary Crowton who was the HC at BYU. In Crowton's final season at BYU, his offense piled up 524 ypg and 44.1 ppg. He was one of 6 finalists for the Broyles Award in '05 as UO went from 25.6 ppg to 34.5. DC Nick Aliotti was the architect of the Gang Green D that started the UO revival and returned to the school after being the DC at UCLA in '98. He is now back for his 8th year.



RB Jonathan Stewart

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2001 the Ducks were ranked in the preseason AP poll for the first time and went 11-1 narrowly missing out on playing in the BCS Title game. The next 2 years, despite starting 6-0 and 4-0, they finished just 7-5 and 8-4. In 2004 the first game set the tone for the season as UO outgained Indiana 495-198 but due to 7 turnovers came up short 30-24, their first non-conf home loss in 21 games. The Ducks bottomed out when they needed a win in the season finale to become bowl eligible, and were waxed by Oregon St, 50-21. It broke a streak of 10 straight winning years for the Ducks. Last year I had UO as the #4 most improved team in the country and also listed them as one of my 2005 surprise teams. The Ducks nearly made it to a BCS bowl despite losing their starting QB. In fact, with a healthy Clemens starting, they avg'd 487.3 ypg but without him, just 371. This was a senior-laden team, the most experienced since their 2001 Fiesta Bowl berth. They led USC at the half in the battle of unbeatens but came up short. They rebounded by blasting Arizona St on the road, 31-17, getting past Cal in OT and then paying back Oregon St by knocking them out of a bowl with a 56-14 thrashing in the season finale. The Ducks benefitted from +13 in turnovers and had 4 close wins. They lobbied hard for the open BCS spot but were relegated to the Holiday Bowl. Their 10-1 team, which was ranked #6, lost to Oklahoma in a thrilling Holiday Bowl with a leaping int with :33 left sealing the Sooners' win. Despite losing their top two rushers, their top receiver and starting QB, the Ducks' offense should be potent once again with VHT replacements at the skill positions and their best O-line in at least 4 years. The Ducks lose some outstanding players on defense including their top DL and both starting CB's. Last year they allowed just 23.2 ppg, their lowest total in 5 years, but should have one of the Pac 10's better D's once again this season. Unfortunately the Ducks' road to a Pac 10 Title is tough as they take on the top 3 contenders, all on the road. It should still be another successful season for the Ducks.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

QB 10 Dennis Dixon Jr. 6-4 196 **PS#10.** 4 st 2Y, 850 pass (63%), 6-3 ratio, 216 rush. Drafted MLB '03 CIN. **16 Brady Leaf** (6-5 231 Jr) PS#147. 467 yd pass (59%), 3-3 ratio LY.

RB 28 Jonathan Stewart So. 5-11 234 **PS#1.** 4.34 spd. 410 bench. 12 KR (33.7) true, 188 rush. **24** Jeremiah Johnson (5-9 213 So) PS#68. 475 all-purp. **21 Terrell Jackson** (5-9 190 So) **PS#17.**

WR 4 Jaison Williams So. 6-5 243 PS#57. 1 st rFr, 15 (16.3). **19** Brian Paysinger (6-2 208 Jr) **4.34 spd.** 8 rec 2Y. **HB 82** Dan Kause (6-4 252 Sr) PS#70TE. **83** Ed Dickson (6-5 230 rFr) PS#21TE.

WR 18 JAMES FINLEY SR. 6-2 204 **PS#30 in '02. PS#1JC.** 10 st, 57 (10.0) in '05. **1** Garren Strong (6-3 200 Jr) 1 st, 25 rec 2Y. **2** Jordan Kent (6-5 210 Sr) **4.3 spd.** Basketball tm.

WR 3 CAMERON COLVIN JR. 6-2 205 **PS#6.** 13 starts in 2 years, 36 (14.5). **26** Kyle Weatherspoon (6-1 204 Sr) 3 st, 22 (12.4) 3Y. **6 Derrick Jones** (6-1 180 Fr) **PS#9.** USC trans.

TE 44 Dante Rosario Sr. 6-4 250 **PS#87LB.** 13 st FB 2Y, 84 rush yd. TE LY. 52 rec (11.1) 3Y. **81** Ryan Keeling (6-5 247 So) PS#43. **88** Brandon Bair (6-7 235 Fr) PS#95 '03.

C 55 ENOKA LUCAS SR. 6-4 299 PS#174. 8 st rFr. 420 bench. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm P10. 51** Jeff Kendall (6-3 280 So) PS#196. 3 gm as rFr. **67** Sean Cullen (6-3 290 Jr).

RG 77 PALAUNI MA SUN SR. 6-6 335 **PS#26JC.** 11 st LY. Trim 30 lbs. **50** Simi Toeaina (6-4 308 rFr) PS#488DL. Moved from DT spg. **63** Jon Teague (6-2 293 So) 3 gm rFr.

LG 61 JOSH TSCHIRGI JR. 6-4 311 PS#110. 7 games as rFr. 11 st LG LY. Added 22 lbs. **66** Pat So'oalo (6-5 355 Jr) PS#191 in 2003. JUCO. **69** William "Bo" Thran is PS#182.

RT 75 GEOFF SCHWARTZ JR. 6-7 359 PS#104. 4 gm as rFr. 12 st RT LY. **78** Jacob Hucko (6-7 307 So) **PS#30.** 2nd string rFr. **71** Mark Lewis (6-4 292 So) PS#227. Bkup LY.

LT 60 MAX UNGER SO. 6-5 296 PS#268. 12 st rFr LT, **HM Pac 10.** Every snap. **57 Fenuki Tupou PS#13JC.** In for spg. **72** Levi Horn (6-7 299 rFr) PS#220TE. Move OL LY.

K 36 PAUL MARTINEZ SR. 6-2 210 PS#29. Hit 19 of 24 FG LY, long 51. 8 of 9 from 40+. **85** Matt Evensen (6-1 191 So) 4 of 9 FG, long 51. **40** Luke Bellotti (5-9 168 Jr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

DE 93 DEXTER MANLEY II JR. 6-2 266 **PS#40JC. 4.48 spd! 95** Darius Sanders (6-5 269 Sr) PS#139TE. 6 tkl 1st 2Y. 7 st, **6.5 tfl** LY. **43** Michael Speed (6-4 254 So) 7 games rFr.

DT 90 David Faaeteete Jr. 6-2 307 **PS#33. 500 bench.** 10 tkl, 5.5 tfl 2Y. **94** Thor Pili (6-4 283 So) PS#134. 1 gm rFr. **49** Nick Reed (6-3 259 So) PS#108. 5 tkl, 11 gms as true.

DT 97 Cole Linehan So. 6-4 295 **PS#54.** 2 st rFr. 10 tkl, 1 tfl. **Jeremy Gibbs** (6-2 280 Jr) **PS#57JC. 91** Ra'Shon Harris (6-5 305 So) PS#217. **98** Nuvraj Bassi (6-6 290 Sr).

DE 45 MATT TOEAINA SR. 6-3 301 2 st, 10 tkl DT '04. 12 st LY, 30 tkl, 3 sk. **56** Victor Filipe (6-2 290 Sr) PS#165. 5 st, 9 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. **92 Micah Howeth** (6-3 252 Jr) is **PS#77JC.**

WLB 34 AJ TUITELE JR. 5-11 213 **PS#42DB.** 6 st 2Y, 48 tkl, 2 tfl. **42 Brent Haberly** (6-0 228 Sr) 4 tkl 1st 2Y. 12 st, 63 tkl, 5 tfl. **25** Kevin Garrett (5-11 215 rFr) PS#83.

MLB 33 BLAIR PHILLIPS SR. 6-2 246 PS#270JC. 8 st, 45 tkl, 9 tfl. **38** Chris Mulvanny (6-0 226 Sr) PS#152JC. **47** Jason Turner (6-2 221 Jr) PS#106. **40** John Bacon (6-3 235 So) PS#190.

SS 30 Kwame Agyeman Jr. 5-11 205 **PS#48DB.** 1 st, 12 tkl rFr. **13 Jerome Boyd** (6-2 211 So) **PS#54DB.** 7 tkl rFr. **22 Chris Vincent** (6-1 230 Sr) **4.35 spd.** 2 st TB, 163 yd '03.

CB 8 Jackie Bates Jr. 5-10 180 **PS#39.** 4.31 speed. 6 st true, 29 tkl, 4 pbu. 2 st LY, 30 tkl, 3 tfl, 4 pbu. **2** Terrell Ward (5-10 189 rFr). **7** Chad Peppars (5-10 178 Fr) PS#377RB.

CB 17 Willie Glasper rFr. 5-11 175 **PS#7.** GS '04, RS LY. **6** Walter Thurmond III (6-0 175 rFr) PS#165. **31 Jameel Dowling** (6-2 184 Jr) PS#92JC, in spring. 48.02 in 400m.

ROV 15 PATRICK CHUNG SO. 5-11 205 PS#147. 4.56 spd. 12 st rFr. 91 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **32** Jarius Byrd (5-11 208 rFr) PS#167. **29** Parris Moore (6-0 190 Sr) PS#144. 8 gms LY.

FS 28 JD NELSON SR. 5-11 219 11 st, 66 tkl '04. 12 sts, **2nd Tm P10**, 64 tkl in '05. **20 Matthew Harper PS#40JC** in spg. **27** Titus Jackson (6-0 196 rFr) PS#220. Ryan DePalo (6-1 199 Jr).

P 14 MATT DRAGICH SR. 6-1 213 PS#276JC. 32 punts in '05 (38.9). 40.3 in the bowl. **98** Aaron Knowles (6-0 182 Sr) 14 (40.0). Drew Larson (6-2 212 Sr). **23** Morgan Flint (5-8 160 rFr) PS#92.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	Derrick Jones 6-1 180 PS#9 '04
OL	Fenuki Tupou 6-6 322 PS#13JC
DB	Matthew Harper 6-0 177 PS#40JC
DL	Dexter Manley II 6-2 266 PS#42JC
DL	Jeremy Gibbs 6-2 280 PS#57JC
DL	Micah Howeth 6-3 252 PS#77JC
DB	Jameel Dowling 6-2 184 PS#92JC
QB	Nathan Costa 6-1 198 PS#56
QB	Cody Kempt 6-2 193 PS#78
QB	Justin Roper 6-6 195 PS#91
RB	Remene Alston 5-9 183 PS#149
RB	Andre Crenshaw 5-10 188 PS#152
DB	Marvin Johnson 5-10 188 PS#167
OL	William "Bo" Thran 6-5 272 PS#182
OL	Jordan Holmes 6-4 276 PS#194
OL	CE Kaiser 6-4 259 PS#205
TE	Brandon Bair 6-7 235 PS#95 '03
DB	Chad Peppars 5-10 178 PS#377RB
WR	Antwaun Harris 6-0 195 PS#373
OL	Pat So'oalo 6-5 355 PS#477JC
WR	Derrick Jones 6-1 180 PS#485
WR	Spencer Paysinger 6-3 210 PS#485
TE	Brandon Bair 6-7 235 PS#95 '03
DB	Devin Mays 5-10 161 PS#560

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#5

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UO	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Stanford	A						Oregon is 53-15 SU at Autzen Stadium under Bellotti. UO has scored a TD or more in 82 straight regular season games. The Ducks are 6-1 SU & 1-5 ATS in their home opener since 1999.
Sep. 9	at Fresno St	G						Oregon is 15-4 ATS in their 1st Pac 10 game of the year since 1987. The Ducks are 5-1 SU & ATS the last 6 games (S/'98) vs the Cardinal.
Sep. 16	Oklahoma	A						Oregon is 15-3 ATS on grass the last 6 years. Ducks are 24-5 ATS the last 30 years in their road opener.
Sep. 23								Including LY's Holiday Bowl, UO is 0-6 SU all-time vs Oklahoma being outscored 201-31. Oregon is 11-25-1 SU but 11-7 ATS all-time vs current Big 12 schools.
Sep. 30	at Arizona St	G						Bonus: Ducks are 5-9 ATS since 1991 the week before a bye. Bonus: Oregon is 12-3 ATS the last 15 games after a bye week.
Oct. 7	at California	A						Oregon is 13-7 ATS the last 5 years in Pac 10 road games. The Ducks are 3-8 ATS vs the Sun Devils the last 11 years.
Oct. 14	UCLA	A						Third string QB Brady Leaf threw a TD pass in OT as #15 UO beat #23 Cal LY. Five of the last 6 games in this series have been decided by 8 pts or less.
Oct. 21	at Washington St	A						Oregon has scored at least 21 or more pts in their last 10 gms vs UCLA. The home team is 3-11 ATS since 1989 in this series.
Oct. 28	Portland St	A						In the last 10 years, these 2 schools have avg'd 64 ppg combined. Ducks are 5-1 SU but 3-3 ATS since 1998 in Pullman.
Nov. 4	Washington (HC)	A						This will be the Vikings 3rd IA team they face this year. The Ducks held IAA Big Sky Conf member Montana to just 144 total yds LY.
Nov. 11	at USC	G						Oregon is 12-2 SU & 9-5 ATS in their last 14 Homecoming games. The favorite is 5-1 ATS since 1999 in this series.
Nov. 18	Arizona	A						Oregon is 5-8 SU & 3-10 ATS the last 13 November road games. The Ducks are 4-8 ATS since 1988 vs the Trojans.
Nov. 25	at Oregon St	A						UA knocked UO's 1st & 2nd string QB's out LY as UO needed a 34 yd fum ret to win. The last time Oregon lost to Arizona in Eugene was in 1986.
								OSU QB Gunderson made his 1st college start LY as the Ducks compiled 4 int's. Oregon is 5-13 ATS vs arch rival Oregon St since 1988.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Bill Musgrave 8,343 1987-'90
Rushing: Derek Loville 3,296 1986-'89 Receiving: Samie Parker 2,761 2000-'03

Bellotti's records AT OREGON

90-42	Straight Up	28-25	Home Favorite
68-52	Vs The Spread	7-5	Home Underdog
18-15	Off A SU Loss	15-10	Away Favorite
48-40	Vs Conference	18-12	Away Underdog
20-12	Vs Non-Conf	9-3	Off A Bye

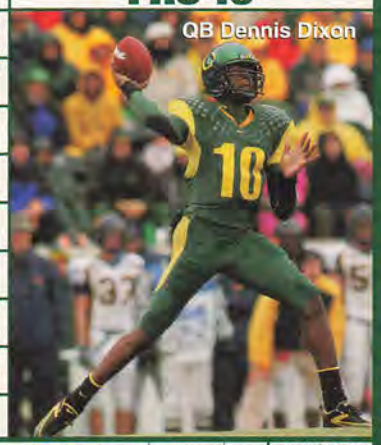
2005 RECORD: (10-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (24,21,5)
Lost: 16 (6,10,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 58,434

PAC 10



STADIUM: AUTZEN STADIUM (54,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	9-2	10-1	7-5	8-4	5-6	10-1	57-22
Home	6-0	6-0	5-1	5-3	5-1	3-3	5-1	35-9
Away	2-3	3-2	5-0	2-2	3-3	2-3	5-0	22-13
ATS	6-5	5-6	6-5	5-6	7-5	7-4	7-3	43-34
Home Fav	4-2	3-3	1-5	3-3	1-2	3-3	4-0	19-18
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-0	0-0	0-1	3-2
Away Fav	0-1	1-2	3-0	1-0	2-2	0-0	2-2	9-7
Away Dog	2-2	1-1	2-0	1-2	1-1	4-1	1-0	12-7
Favorite	4-3	4-5	4-5	4-3	3-4	3-3	6-2	28-25
Dog	2-2	1-1	2-0	1-3	4-1	4-1	1-1	15-9
Grass	1-2	1-1	4-0	2-0	3-1	2-0	3-1	16-5
Artificial	5-3	4-5	2-5	3-6	4-4	5-4	4-2	27-29
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	5-3	3-5	5-3	5-3	5-3	30-26
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-0	13-8
Off SU Win	4-3	4-5	5-4	3-3	4-3	4-1	5-3	29-22
Off SU Loss	1-2	1-0	1-0	1-3	2-2	3-2	1-0	10-9

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Terrence Whitehead	156	742	63	679	4	4.4
Kellen Clemens	69	301	73	228	0	3.3
Jonathan Stewart	**53**	**210**	**22**	**188**	**6**	**3.5**
Jeremiah Johnson	**24**	**147**	**0**	**147**	**2**	**6.1**
Dennis Dixon	**49**	**174**	**31**	**143**	**1**	**2.9**
Terrell Jackson	**27**	**111**	**4**	**107**	**0**	**4.0**
Brady Leaf	**14**	**25**	**44**	**-19**	**0**	**-1.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kellen Clemens	289	185	64.0	2406	19	4
Dennis Dixon	**104**	**69**	**66.3**	**777**	**6**	**3**
Brady Leaf	**82**	**48**	**58.5**	**467**	**3**	**3**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Demetrius Williams	59	1059	17.9	10	61
James Finley	**57**	**571**	**10.0**	**2**	**30**
Terrence Whitehead	52	490	9.4	4	42
Cameron Colvin	**22**	**332**	**15.1**	**3**	**54**
Jaison Williams	**15**	**245**	**16.3**	**3**	**66**
Tim Day	25	215	8.6	1	23
Dante Rosario	**15**	**168**	**11.2**	**2**	**18**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Dragich	**32**	**1246**	**38.9**	**7**	**31.8(T)**	**0**	**8**
Aaron Knowles	**14**	**560**	**40.0**	**6**	**–**	**1**	**1**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Paul Martinez	**26-30**	**7-8**	**4-7**	**7-8**	**1-1**	**19-24**	**51**
Matt Evensen	**13-13**	**0-0**	**1-2**	**2-5**	**1-2**	**4-9**	**51**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Anthony Trucks	99	11	4.5	3	1
Patrick Chung	**91**	**0**	**1.5**	**3**	**2**
Justin Phinisee	66	0	1	8	4
JD Nelson	**64**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**1**
Brent Haberly	**63**	**0.5**	**5**	**4**	**0**
Haloti Ngata	61	3	6	5	0
Blair Phillips	**45**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**2**
Aaron Gipson	42	0	3.5	7	7
Devan Long	40	5	9.5	3	0
AJ Tuitele	**37**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Matt Toeaina	**30**	**3**	**3**	**4**	**0**
Jackie Bates	**30**	**0**	**3**	**4**	**1**
Ryan DePalo	**17**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Darius Sanders	**17**	**2.5**	**6.5**	**1**	**1**
Chris Vincent	**13**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Kwame Agyeman	**12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Rodney Woods	11	0	1	0	3
Cole Linehan	**10**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**
Justin Andrews	8	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Justin Phinisee	25	289	11.6	1
Nick Reed	**1**	**27**	**27.0**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jonathan Stewart	**12**	**404**	**33.7**	**2**
Jeremiah Johnson	**13**	**298**	**22.9**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Holiday	+7'	Texas	35-30	W
01	Fiesta	+3	Colorado - #3	38-16	W
02	Seattle	-7	Wake Forest	17-38	L
03	Sun	+4'	Minnesota - #24	30-31	W
05	Holiday	-3	Oklahoma	14-17	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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OREGON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	34.5	23	134	3.8	305	62.9	12.7	+13	2005	7	23.2	19	134	3.9	224	56.9	15.4
8*	25.6	22	159	4.1	238	59.0	15.5	-2	2004	5	25.6	19	122	3.3	217	52.9	13.2
7*	27.4	20	132	3.5	253	57.8	14.1	-5	2003	6	26.8	19	107	3.1	260	52.2	13.7
6	32.1	18	146	4.0	228	51.9	11.6	+5	2002	6	27.8	21	118	3.0	291	57.3	14.7
8*	34.3	22	193	5.2	243	58.9	12.7	+16	2001	4	21.3	20	115	3.3	285	50.4	18.7
5*	29.3	21	149	3.8	261	52.4	14.0	+6	2000	3	20.8	16	118	3.4	210	43.6	15.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

UO 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Houston	30	36 - 206	5.7	30 - 49	348	0	19	26 - 100	3.8	24 - 43	312	2	+1
–	Montana	21	38 - 87	2.3	27 - 48	339	2	7	30 - 31	1.0	16 - 31	113	2	+1
–	Fresno St	31	37 - 160	4.3	28 - 39	332	2	25	28 - 112	4.0	33 - 43	418	2	+1
#24	USC	16	29 - 65	2.2	21 - 37	197	3	31	42 - 278	6.6	23 - 39	315	1	+1
–	at Stanford	25	35 - 132	3.8	30 - 39	463	1	17	27 - 64	2.4	16 - 29	156	5	+1
#25	at Arizona St	23	47 - 234	5.0	20 - 40	278	0	21	25 - 53	2.1	31 - 56	277	4	-1
#20	Washington	30	31 - 146	4.7	37 - 50	424	0	15	35 - 121	3.5	15 - 28	117	4	-1
#15	at Arizona	10	32 - 67	2.1	15 - 28	240	2	19	37 - 212	5.7	22 - 41	199	4	+1
#15	California	19	37 - 143	3.9	24 - 39	232	2	14	39 - 213	5.5	10 - 26	88	3	+3
#11	at Wash St	23	37 - 148	4.0	28 - 39	296	2	25	37 - 172	4.6	22 - 33	283	3	0
#10	Oregon St	25	36 - 140	3.9	18 - 30	262	3	18	41 - 119	2.9	23 - 44	178	1	+5
#6	† Oklahoma	17	32 - 84	2.6	25 - 44	243	3	19	40 - 132	3.3	17 - 30	229	0	+1
TOTALS		270	427 - 1612	3.8	303 - 482	3654	20	230	407 - 1607	3.9	252 - 443	2685	31	+13
AVERAGES		22.5	36 - 134	3.8	25 - 40	305	1.7	19.2	34 - 134	3.9	21 - 37	224	2.6	1.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wisconsin - #22	-11'	31-28	L
Utah	-17'	24-10	L
USC	-6'	24-22	L
at Utah St	-16	38-21	W
at Arizona	-5	63-28	W
at California	-14	48-7	W
Stanford	-7'	42-49	L
at Washington St - #14	+2	24-17	W
Arizona St	-11	42-24	W
at UCLA - #17	+1	21-20	W
Oregon St	-10'	17-14	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mississippi St	-13	36-13	W
Fresno St	-16'	28-24	L
Idaho	-32'	58-21	W
Portland St	NL	41-0	–
at Arizona	-8	31-14	W
at UCLA	+2'	31-30	W
Arizona St	-10	42-45	L
USC - #15	+1	33-44	L
Stanford	-14	41-14	W
at Washington St - #5	+3'	21-32	L
Washington	-6'	14-42	L
at Oregon St	+4'	24-45	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi St	-3'	42-34	W
Nevada	-22	31-23	L
at Arizona	-11'	48-10	W
Michigan - #3	+7	31-27	W
Washington St - #21	-4	16-55	L
at Utah	-3	13-17	L
at Arizona St	-2'	14-59	L
Stanford	-10	35-0	W
at Washington	+1	10-42	L
California	+2	21-17	W
at UCLA	+2	31-13	W
Oregon St	+3	34-20	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana	-20'	24-30	L
at Oklahoma - #2	+28	7-31	W
Idaho	-35	48-10	W
Arizona St - #21	-2'	13-28	L
at Washington St	+3'	41-38	W
Arizona	-11	28-14	W
at Stanford	+3'	16-13	W
Washington	-19'	31-6	W
at California - #4	+20	27-28	W
UCLA	-6'	26-34	L
at Oregon St	+3'	21-50	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Houston	-7'	38-24	W
Montana	NL	47-14	–
Fresno St - #23	-2'	37-34	W
USC - #1	+21	13-45	L
at Stanford	-7	44-20	W
at Arizona St	+10	31-17	W
Washington	-17	45-21	W
at Arizona	-11'	28-21	L
California - #23	-2'	27-20 OT	W
at Washington St	-4'	34-31	L
Oregon St	-13	56-14	W

ARIZONA WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Since Arizona joined the Pac 10 in 1978, they have had zero QB's drafted and zero QB's make 1st Tm Pac 10. In '04 four different QB's were vying for the starting job. Kris Heavner (PS#44) began as the starter (837, 58.7%, 4-4 ratio). Richard Kovalcheck (PS#23) started the last 5 throwing for 1,039 (47.6%) with a 6-7 ratio on the year. Heavner transferred to Baylor and two other QB's left so Arizona had just 3 QB's on the '05 roster in Kovalcheck, walk-on Adam Austin (6-3 217 Sr) and true frosh Willie Tuitama (PS#32). Kovalcheck was benched in the 2Q of the opener. He had 3 int vs Cal, 2 fumbles and 2 int vs Stanford and Tuitama began to get half the snaps with the 1st string prior to Oregon. After an int vs OU, Stoops took the redshirt off Tuitama who hit 18 of 34 for 182 and guided the team back from a 21-0 deficit. He threw for 335 yards and 2 TD's in his first start at Oreg St, guiding the upset. They pounded UCLA with Tuitama at the controls and Wildcat fans were very excited. Tuitama had 5 TO's vs Washington, snapping a streak of 76 passes without an int. In that game he hurt his hand and found it tough to grip the ball. He was also injured in the 4Q vs Ariz St, part of the reason they lost. Kovalcheck hit just 2 of 5 for 30 in the finale. For the season Tuitama threw for 1,105 (57.7%) with a 9-5 ratio. Kovalcheck threw for 1,351 (56.8%) with a 10-11 ratio and Austin had just 5 att. Kovalcheck transferred but Heavner returned and is in the mix along with true frosh Tyler Lyon (PS#21) and walk-on Matt Stone (6-1 193 rFr). I look for Tuitama to have an excellent soph season.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003, due to a banged up RB corps, Mike Bell (PS#9) emerged as a soph and rushed for 920 (5.5) getting most of his action late in the year including 182 vs Cal and 222 vs UW. In 2004 he had 950 (4.7) and Gilbert Harris added 285 (4.3). They both returned as did Chris Henry (PS#112) who had 159 (2.8). Henry fumbled his first 2 att vs Utah and after 7 games had just 13 carries with 3 fumbles. UA's rush game struggled early but Bell had two 100 yard efforts in the final 5. He was on his way to a great game vs Ariz St with 117 early in the 3Q when he was injured and came up 48 yards short of 1,000. Harris rushed for 284 (3.6) and those two both must be replaced (Bell UFA DEN). Also gone is FB Pedro Limon (2 st) and Paul Nichols but they moved rFr LB Brandon Lopez (6-1 224 So, PS#209) to RB in October and he played well. Henry hopes to win back the coach's confidence and rushed for 113 vs UCLA. Terry Longbons (PS#16) had shoulder surgery and redshirted along with Xavier Smith (PS#53). They also add in three solid true frosh. Even with the loss of their top 2, this unit could be just as productive.

RECEIVERS - Wildcats' receivers dropped a lot of passes in 2004. Last year they had to replace their #2 and #3 receivers but returned their top man Syndric Steptoe (30, 14.9). Stoops talked about wanting to add size to the receiving corps. JUCO BJ Vickers (6-3 215) had a tremendous spring and looked to be the team's feature WR. Unfortunately, just before the season he was ruled ineligible. True frosh Michael Thomas (10.3 100m) was named co-Pac 10 Frosh of the Year and led with 52 rec (14.8). Steptoe was #2 with 37 (13.3) and Anthony Johnson had 32 (13.1). Another key producer was TE Brad Wood who is light (for a TE) at 228 lbs but snagged 27 (11.3). This year the only losses are WR Mike Jefferson (4 rec) and TE Brad Brittain (4 st). They add in a solid class of true frosh so this is a deep, experienced, and talented group.

WR Michael Thomas

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Cats' O-line was injury-plagued from 2001-'04 and only avg'd 3.4 ypc rushing in '04 while allowing 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters. Seven different players started and the unit put up respectable numbers avg 3.5 ypc (21 sk all'd, 5.7%). This year they must replace RG Kili Lefotu (#7DC WAS, 8 st, 4 yr st'r) and LG John Abramo (8 st). Five players return with starting experience. A couple of VHT's rFr in Daniel Borg (PS#17) and Eben Britton (PS#38) both caught the coaches attention last year and I project them to win starting jobs. This is the most talented and experienced Wildcats' O-line in some time.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002, Arizona scrapped the Double Eagle Flex D and with an inexperienced and banged up D-line, allowed a respectable 3.8 ypc rush but it was the weakest performance for a Cat D since 1996. In 2003, they allowed 3.9 ypc. Injuries hurt the line in 2004 but they still managed to improve the ypc to 3.3 but the D had just 20 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters but it was probably the deepest DL in the last 5 years. Starting DE Marcus Smith was lost after two games and due to injuries only one player started all 11. Surprisingly the Cats allowed 4.6 ypc with the D recording 24 sacks. This should be one of the most improved D-lines in the NCAA this year. The only loss is DE Copeland Bryan (9 st, 39 tkl, 7.5 sk, UFA TEN). Not only do 7 return with starting experience, they get a full-time starter back in Smith at DE so you could make a case that they have 4 starters back. They also could add two super JUCO's in Gabe Long (PS#2) and Louis Holmes (PS#21) if they qualify and a VHT rFr in Daniel Borg (PS#17).

LINEBACKERS - Last year, despite losing their top two LB tacklers and having just one starter back, it was their most experienced group in three years. Unfortunately, the unit was hit hard by injuries with 4 LB's out to start the year. Seven different players earned starts and they even played true frosh VHT Adrian McCovy. This is, by far, the most experienced Wildcats' LB corps in five years as the only losses are OLB Sean Jones (4 st, 32 tkl) and OLB Randy Sims (5 tkl, inj'd). Six players are back with starting experience and I list a talented and experienced 3 deep below.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cats were #54 in my pass D rankings in 2004. While they lost a starter and 2 backups last year, they got back 2003 starter Lamon Means so basically had 4 starters returning. Stoops called it the top unit on the team. Antoine Cason (PS#68), who was the first true frosh starting DB here since 1994 (Kelly Malveaux) earned 2nd Tm P10 honors. After the unit had snagged just 8 int in '04, they improved to 12 and moved up to #21 in my pass D rankings. FS Darrell Brooks was one of 12 Jim Thorpe semifinalists. This year they lose star FS Brooks (11 st, 93 tkl, 1st Tm P10, UFA DAL) and SS Means (7 st, 19 tkl) but return 3 starters as SS Michael Johnson started the last 4 and had triple the tackles that Means did. They also add in 2 VHT's in true frosh Devin Ross (PS#8) and JUCO Nate Ness (PS#17JC). New FS Brandon Tatum benched 225 lbs 18x's and has a 42" VL. This is one of the Pac 10's best secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Stoops inherited a unit that finished #115 in my ST rankings in 2003. They improved to #78 thanks in part to super P Danny Baugher (PS#6). Wildcat kickers combined to hit just 2 of 11 FG's in 2003 but Nick Folk hit 8 of 13 with a long of 53 in '04. Last year everyone returned. Syndric Steptoe improved to 25.5 on KR's (22.6 '04). Ryan Edison was the top PR in '04 (9.6) but Steptoe took that honor (11.1) last year. Baugher simply had the highest avg in the NCAA for a punter (47.5) setting a school record (old record Joe Payton, 1965, 44.6) and was one of three finalists for the Ray Guy Award. Baugher was lost vs Oregon. Folk took over and avg'd 44.7. This year they add Idaho St transfer Kyle McQuown who was 1st Tm Big Sky in '04. Baugher was Folk's holder and without him Folk did miss 2 xp's the following week snapping a streak of 45 straight. He did hit 7 of 11 FG's with a long of 51 (1 miss 50). Folk also had an outstanding 38 TB's on 53 KO's. The unit was hurt when their LS quit and they had 2 bad snaps on punts for safeties and 2 punts blocked. With the exception of Baugher (UFA CIN, basically everyone returns from a unit that improved to #52.

COACHES - Mike Stoops was K-St's DC from 1996-1998 and then co-DC at Oklahoma from 1999-2003. His OC Mike Canales was the NY Jets WR coach in '03 and NCSt's passing game coordinator in '01 & '02. He was USF's OC from 1996-1999. The DC is Mike's brother, Mark, who was Miami, FL's DB coach from 2001-2003 and Houston's co-DC in 2000. This is the staff's 3rd year together and they add in Dana Dimel as TE coach who has been the HC at Wyoming and Houston.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Arizona joined the Pac 10 in 1978 and is the only team in the conference that has not been to the Rose Bowl. The Cats were ranked #3 in the 1999 preseason polls but have gone just 28-52 overall the last 7 years including a surprising 5-23 record at home in Pac 10 play. The last two years of John Mackovic's reign were tumultuous and he was fired in the 5th game of the 2003 season. Arizona finished 2-10 and were outgained in conf play by 144.1 ypg. The fan base was quickly behind the energetic Mike Stoops and attendance surged by almost 8,000 per game. They had 14 returning starters including 9 on offense in 2004 but learning new systems were #116 in scoring offense (14.9 ppg). The defense did make major strides allowing 10.8 ppg fewer than 2003. They were still outgained by 118.1 ypg in league play and only improved their record to 3-8. Last year they had 14 returning starters and while just 20 players stayed over the summer in 2003, 80 stayed in Arizona last year. Of 2002's 29 player class, only 7 were still eligible last year and Stoops' honeymoon with the fans was quickly over when the team opened 1-6. Willie Tuitama got his first start the next week and led the upset of Oreg St on the road before hosting undefeated (#7 ranked) UCLA. UA piled up 519 yards in a 52-14 rout. It was the highest ranked team they had beaten since 1992 (#1 Wash). UA could not handle the favorites role or the many pats on the back it was receiving and was pounded by Washington the next week. They led Ariz St 17-5 until injuries knocked out Tuitama, RB Bell and WR Thomas. They could not hold the lead and ended the season with a 3 point loss. UA was -9 in turnovers and had 5 losses by 7 points or less (see pg 299), signs that bode well for this year. The Cats avg just 22.9 ppg in '05 but 28.8 with Tuitama as the starter and with 8 starters back will be potent. The D returns 16 players that had starts in '05 and gets some super JC transfers and will be much stronger especially vs the rush. The best thing I can say about the Cats this year is that they are my #2 Most Improved Team (see pg 19) which means they will be back to their first bowl game since 1998.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 7 WILLIE TUITAMA SO. 6-3 218 **PS#32**. Took off RS gm 6, 4 st, 1105 (57.7%), 9-5 ratio, 18 rush. **13** Kris Heavner (6-2 230 Sr) **PS#44**. 14 st 2Y, 2338 (54%), 12-19 ratio.

RB 19 Chris Henry Jr. 6-0 215 PS#112. 278 yd (3.1) 2Y. **43** Terry Longbons (5-11 200 rFr) **PS#16**. **30** Xavier Smith (5-11 196 rFr) is PS#53. Derke Robinson is PS#30.

WR 10 MICHAEL THOMAS SO. 5-8 173 PS#73. 4 st as true, 52 (14.8), **Pac 10 co-Fr Yr.** **28** Ryan Eidson (5-10 160 Sr). **37** Eric Sheehan (6-1 202 Sr) 9 gm LY, 0 rec. Terrell Reese is PS#32.

WR 9 ANTHONY JOHNSON JR. 6-2 205 PS#164. 6 st, 13 (6.9) as rFr. 7 st LY, 32 (13.1). **4** BJ Dennard (5-11 194 Jr) PS#158DB. 4 st, 2Y, 366 all-purp. **82** Robert Long (6-2 205 Jr).

WR 1 SYNDRIC STEPTOE SR. 5-9 182 PS#68DB. 10 st, **#1 rec** '04, 30 (14.9). 8 st LY, 37 (13.3), 705 ret yd. **89** Bobby McCoy (6-1 182 So) PS#83. **#1 P10 200m**. Delashaun Dean is PS#41.

TE 17 BRAD WOOD SR. 6-2 228 PS#193WR. 6 st, 27 (11.3) LY. **86** Travis Bell (6-6 235 So) PS#68. 1 st, 4 rec LY. Ryan Kilpatrick (6-3 252 Jr) PS#108LB. 2 st LY. **87** Brandyn McCall (6-4 245 Jr) PS#83JC.

C 71 ERICK LEVITRE SR. 6-1 282 1 st RG '04, 2 gm. 11 st at C LY. **50** Blake Kerley (6-2 273 rFr) **PS#56**. **63** Danny Espinosa (6-1 290 So). **LS 65** Garon McHone (6-4 269 Jr).

RG 68 Daniel Borg rFr. 6-5 270 **PS#17. 75 Joe Longacre** (6-3 303 So) is PS#324. 4 st at RG as rFr. **70** Joe Barresi (6-6 313 rFr) is PS#112. Colin Baxter is PS#89.

LG 74 Adam Hawes Sr. 6-4 302 **PS#10JC**. 3 sts at LG LY here. **52** Bill Wacholz (6-6 294 So). #2 in spring. **73** Eddie Rollmann (6-4 290 So) is PS#96. **Jovon Hayes is PS#29.**

RT 72 TANNER BELL SR. 6-8 294 PS#138. 2 starts '02 as true. 4 st RT '03. 1 st LT '04, medical RS. 11 st RT in '05. **88** Adam Grant (6-6 258 rFr) PS#91DL. TE in '05.

LT 77 EBEN BRITTON rFR. 6-6 280 **PS#38**. Coaches say he will be a dominant LT. **76 Peter Graniello** (6-5 296 Jr) 11 st in '04 (8RT, 3RG). 10 sts at LT in '05, **HM Pac 10.**

K 12 NICK FOLK SR. 6-1 215 PS#57. 8 of 13 FG '04, long 53, 18-18 xp. 7 of 11 FG LY, long 51, 38 TB 53 KO. **13** Jason Bondzio (5-9 168 So) **PS#16.** 13-16, long 48 HS.

DE 55 MARCUS SMITH SR. 6-5 266 PS#82LB. 6 st, 40 tkl, 4 sk '03. 11 st, 41 tkl, 8 pbu '04. 2 st (inj) LY. Louis Holmes (6-6 280 Jr) PS#21JC. **98** Garrett Fields (6-4 250 rFr) PS#126.

NT 96 YANIV BARNETT JR. 6-1 285 PS#119. 5 gms, 2 tfl as true. 11 st LY, 27 tkl, 3 tfl. **46** Donald Horton (6-0 259 rFr) **PS#50. 56 Paul Philipp** (6-3 294 Sr) **PS#119. 13 st**, 23 tkl, 6 tfl 3Y.

DT 54 Lionel Dotson Jr. 6-4 278 PS#93. 6 st rFr, 3 sk. 4 st LY, 21 tkl. **Gabe Long** is **PS#2JC. 93** Rickey Parker (6-3 286 Sr) PS#78. 3 st, 9 tkl. Byron Smith (6-2 295 Jr) PS#30JC.

DE 97 JOHNATHAN TURNER SO. 6-3 250 PS#58LB. Orig at USC! 10 st DE here, 27 tkl, 4 tfl. **91** Michael Shelton (6-3 230 So) PS#96. 1 st, 2 sk true. **53** Jason Parker (6-3 258 Jr) PS#192. 14 tkl.

OLB 39 DANE KROGSTAD JR. 6-2 236 PS#166OL. 5 st as rFr, 48 tkl. 4 st LY, 38 tkl (inj). **24** Marcus Hollingsworth (5-10 228 Sr) PS#120QB. 7 st, 41 tkl FS LY. **41** James Alford (6-1 222 So) PS#111.

MLB 33 RONNIE PALMER SO. 6-3 239 **PS#42.** 5 st as rFr, 38 tkl. **40** John McKinney (5-11 226 Sr) PS#106. 6 st, 52 tkl, 6 tfl 3Y. **25 Adrian McCovy** (6-2 223 So) **PS#37**. 7 tkl, 2 sk as true.

OLB 51 SPENCER LARSEN JR. 6-1 236 PS#110. 7 st true, 41 tkl '02. 2Y Mission. 7 st LY (inj), 51 tkl. **38** Akin Akinniyi (6-0 220 Sr) PS#211. 1 st, 17 tkl LY. **15** Xavier Kelley (5-11 193 rFr) PS#62.

CB 5 ANTOINE CASON JR. 6-0 182 PS#68. **10 st true**, 70 tkl, 4 int, 6 pbu. 11 st LY, **2nd Tm P10**, 50 tkl, 5 pbu. **Devin Ross** (5-11 180 Fr) **PS#8. 4** BJ Dennard 6 st at WR LY, 7 rec (10.3).

CB 3 WILREY FONTENOT JR. 5-9 174 PS#186. 11 st rFr, 4 pbu, 46 tkl. 11 st LY, 51 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. **26** Gerold Rodriguez (5-11 173 So) PS#91WR. **12** Joe Ortiz (6-2 183 rFr) PS#482.

SS 23 MICHAEL JOHNSON SR. 6-2 205 **PS#4JUCO!** Last 4 sts here LY, 60 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 4 int, **HM P10.** Nate Ness is PS#17JC. Co-Conf POY LY as JC. **31** Michael Klyce (6-0 193 So) PS#165.

FS 34 Brandon Tatum So. 6-1 181 **PS#32**. 11 gms, 4 tkl true. 225 bench 18 times. **8** Dominic Patrick (6-1 207 Jr) PS#126. 14 tkl, 14 gms 2Y. **21** Corey Hall (5-10 182 rFr) is PS#41.

P 27 Kyle McQuown Jr. 5-9 170 **1st Tm Big Sky P at Idaho St** in '04! **12** Nicholas Folk 22 punts LY. 44.7 avg! **13** Jason Bondzio (5-9 168 So) **PS#16**. 38.5 avg as senior in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Gabe Long 6-3 285 PS#2JC
DB	Devin Ross 5-11 180 PS#8
DB	Nate Ness 6-2 190 PS#17JC
DL	Louis Holmes 6-6 280 PS#21JC
RB	Derke Robinson 6-0 200 PS#30
OL	Jovon Hayes 6-2 320 PS#29
OL	James Tretheway 6-6 300 PS#48JC
QB	Tyler Lyon 6-5 215 PS#21
DL	AJ Simmons 6-3 255 PS#39
WR	Terrell Reese 6-4 195 PS#32
RB	Glyndon Bolasky 6-0 192 PS#42
WR	Delashaun Dean 6-4 190 PS#41
WR	Terrell Turner 6-2 170 PS#66
OL	Colin Baxter 6-4 295 PS#89
DL	Ricky Elmore 6-5 235 PS#111
DL	Conan Amituanai 6-4 280 PS#113
DL	Cody Anderson 6-6 250 PS#116
LB	Brooks Reed 6-3 220 PS#109RB
DB	Michael Turner 5-11 170 PS#128
RB	Earl Mitchell 6-2 250 PS#51TE
OL	Cory Elmore 6-5 260 PS#180
DB	Cameron Nelson 6-1 175 PS#191
DL	D'aundre Reed 6-4 215 PS#195
DL	Braylon Broughton 6-6 240 PS#220
DL	Lolomana Mikaele 6-2 260 PS#236LB

ARIZONA WILDCATS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#11

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	BYU	G						UA is 3-15 ATS (10-8 SU) the last 18 games as a home favorite. Arizona is 5-23 SU & 8-20 ATS since 1999 in Pac 10 home games. UA/ASU play for the Territorial Cup (nation's oldest traveling trophy in the NCAA).
Sep. 9	at LSU	G						Tms 1st played in '36 & their last gm was in UA's final ssn of WAC play in '77 (joined Pac 10 in '78). Wildcats are 9-1 SU but just 2-5 ATS the last 10 years in home openers.
Sep. 16	Stephen F. Austin	G						Third all-time meeting as UA was dominated in '03, LSU 481-182 yd & 28-10 FD edges. Arizona is only 6-12 ATS in their 1st road game of the season since 1988.
Sep. 23	USC	G						Lumberjacks finished 5-6 LY as IAA Southland Conference members. SFA has already played Tulsa TY as UA is their 2nd IA opponent in 2006.
Sep. 30	Washington	G						Arizona is 7-18-1 ATS the last 7 years after a SU win. The visitor is 6-2 ATS since 1995 in this series.
Oct. 7	at UCLA	G						LY QB Willie Tuitama threw 3 int's & fumbled twice in his 3rd collegiate start. The dog is 10-2 ATS in this series matchup since 1992.
Oct. 14	at Stanford	G						UA stunned previously unbeaten & 7th ranked UCLA LY (highest ranked tm win S/'92). The dog is 3-6 ATS since 1996 in this series.
Oct. 21	Oregon St	G						The 6 pts the Wildcats scored in their last trip to Stanford is UA's series low mark. Arizona is just 1-4 SU & ATS vs Stanford since 1999.
Oct. 28								UA is 1-6 SU & ATS being outscored 244-101 the last 7 years vs OSU. The Wildcats are 3-10-1 ATS the week prior to a bye since 1998.
Nov. 4	at Washington St	A						Wildcats are 22-12-1 ATS (65%) the last 35 games after a bye. Arizona is 14-25 ATS in November since 1994.
Nov. 11	California (HC)	G						From '87-'98 (12 gms) each gm has been decided by single digits but the L/5 by DD (avg win by 24 pts). Wildcats have been outscored 20-0 in the 1Q the L5Y (5 gms) vs the Bears.
Nov. 18	at Oregon	A						Arizona is 3-12 SU & 4-11 ATS vs Oregon since 1989. The home team is just 2-5 ATS the last 7 years in this series.
Nov. 25	Arizona St	G						Visitor is 11-3 ATS (8-6 SU) the last 14 years in this in-state rivalry. The Wildcats are 4-8 SU & 1-11 ATS in home finales since 1994.
								ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Tom Tunnicliffe 7,618 1980-'83 Rushing: Trung Canidate 3,824 1996-'99 Receiving: Bobby Wade 3,351 1999-'02

MIKE STOOPS (Career 6-16)

3rd Year at Arizona

Stoops' SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Stoops' records AT ARIZONA

6-16	Straight Up	0-2	Home Favorite
10-9-1	Vs The Spread	5-3-1	Home Underdog
8-6	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
8-8	Vs Conference	5-4	Away Underdog
2-1-1	Vs Non-Conf	2-2	Off A Bye

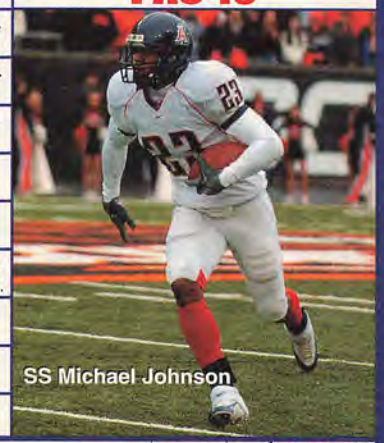
2005 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (22,19,2)
Lost: 17 (8,8,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 53,613

PAC 10


SS Michael Johnson

STADIUM: ARIZONA STADIUM (56,002)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	5-6	5-6	4-8	2-10	3-8	3-8	28-52
Home	3-3	2-4	2-4	3-4	2-5	2-5	2-4	16-29
Away	3-3	3-2	3-2	1-4	0-5	1-3	1-4	12-23
ATS	2-10	5-6	5-6	4-7	5-7	4-6	6-3-1	31-45-1
Home Fav	1-5	0-5	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2	3-14
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-4	2-3	3-3	3-3	2-0-1	10-14-1
Away Fav	1-3	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3
Away Dog	0-2	5-0	3-1	2-3	1-4	1-3	4-1	16-14
Favorite	2-8	0-5	2-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2	5-17
Dog	0-2	5-1	3-5	4-6	4-7	4-6	6-1-1	26-28-1
Grass	2-8	3-6	4-5	3-5	4-5	3-5	4-2-1	23-36-1
Artificial	0-2	2-0	1-1	1-2	1-2	1-1	2-1	8-9
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	3-5	3-5	3-5	3-5	5-3	23-33
vs Non-Conf	0-4	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-2	1-1	1-0-1	8-12-1
Off SU Win	1-5	3-2	1-3	1-3	0-2	0-2	1-1-1	7-18-1
Off SU Loss	1-4	1-4	3-3	3-4	4-5	4-4	4-2	20-26

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mike Bell	200	1006	54	952	5	4.8
Gilbert Harris	79	314	30	284	5	3.6
Chris Henry	**34**	**148**	**29**	**119**	**0**	**3.5**
Syndric Steptoe	**8**	**75**	**2**	**73**	**0**	**9.1**
Mike Thomas	**5**	**40**	**0**	**40**	**1**	**8.0**
Richard Kovalcheck	25	59	91	-32	0	-1.3
Willie Tuitama	**16**	**18**	**53**	**-35**	**0**	**-2.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Richard Kovalcheck	220	125	56.8	1351	10	11
Willie Tuitama	**142**	**82**	**57.7**	**1105**	**9**	**5**
Adam Austin	**5**	**3**	**60.0**	**32**	**0**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mike Thomas	**52**	**771**	**14.8**	**5**	**75**
Syndric Steptoe	**37**	**493**	**13.3**	**1**	**37**
Anthony Johnson	**32**	**419**	**13.1**	**3**	**68**
Brad Wood	**27**	**304**	**11.3**	**6**	**34**
Mike Bell	18	197	10.9	0	51
Gilbert Harris	22	107	4.9	2	21
BJ Dennard	**7**	**72**	**10.3**	**0**	**14**
Mike Jefferson	4	64	16.0	0	30

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Danny Baugher	37	1758	47.5	7	36.0(T)	0	11
Nick Folk	**22**	**983**	**44.7**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**8**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Folk	31-33	1-2	4-5	1-2	1-2	7-11	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Darrell Brooks	93	0	1	2	2
Michael Johnson	**60**	**0**	**4.5**	**4**	**4**
Wilrey Fontenot	**51**	**0**	**0.5**	**6**	**2**
Spencer Larsen	**51**	**1**	**1.5**	**1**	**0**
Antoine Cason	**50**	**0**	**2.5**	**5**	**3**
Marcus Hollingsworth	**41**	**2**	**4**	**4**	**1**
Copeland Bryan	39	7.5	3	5	0
Dane Krogstad	**38**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Ronnie Palmer	**38**	**1.5**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Sean Jones	32	1	1	0	0
Johnathan Turner	**27**	**1.5**	**2.5**	**1**	**0**
Yaniv Barnett	**27**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**0**
John McKinney	**25**	**0.5**	**5**	**0**	**0**
Lionel Dotson	**21**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Lamon Means	19	0	0	1	0
Akin Akinniyi	**17**	**0**	**1.5**	**2**	**0**
Jason Parker	**14**	**1**	**0.5**	**1**	**0**
Rickey Parker	**9**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Marcus Smith	**7**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Adrian McCovy	**7**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Syndric Steptoe	**20**	**221**	**11.1**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Syndric Steptoe	**19**	**484**	**25.5**	**0**
BJ Dennard	**6**	**127**	**21.2**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	John Hancock	-6'	Baylor	15-20	L
93	Fiesta	+6	Miami, Fl	29-0	W
94	Freedom	-3'	Utah	13-16	L
97	Insight.com	-9'	New Mexico	20-14	L
98	Holiday	+3	Nebraska	23-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Arizona's All-Time SU Bowl Record 5-7-1

ARIZONA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	22.9	19	122	3.5	229	57.3	15.3	-9	2005	7	26.4	20	184	4.6	225	58.7	15.5
9*	14.9	16	118	3.4	171	52.6	19.4	+3	2004	5	25.0	20	124	3.3	255	58.0	15.2
6	15.1	14	124	3.9	184	46.8	20.4	-5	2003	5	35.8	24	181	3.9	279	61.2	12.9
7*	18.9	18	44	1.5	290	57.2	17.6	-7	2002	6	25.8	20	162	3.8	224	58.2	14.9
6	29.1	21	142	4.0	250	54.3	13.5	-7	2001	7	34.3	22	140	3.5	258	51.0	11.6
7	23.1	16	154	3.6	154	46.5	13.4	+10	2000	6	21.5	17	88	2.5	229	49.2	14.7

2005 STATS BY GAME

UA 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Utah	25	33 - 104	3.2	24 - 42	287	2	19	38 - 226	5.9	19 - 31	220	0	-3
–	N Arizona	28	44 - 187	4.3	19 - 31	255	0	15	36 - 141	3.9	15 - 33	133	5	-1
–	Purdue	17	24 - 13	0.5	23 - 40	283	5	16	45 - 239	5.3	7 - 18	140	1	-1
–	at California	13	28 - 37	1.3	19 - 36	169	1	18	44 - 194	4.4	14 - 21	137	5	-1
–	at USC	12	23 - 64	2.8	16 - 25	181	1	39	52 - 337	6.5	29 - 44	387	1	+1
–	Stanford	17	40 - 110	2.8	21 - 39	161	5	11	32 - 58	1.8	16 - 26	137	2	-5
–	Oregon	19	37 - 212	5.7	22 - 41	199	4	10	32 - 67	2.1	15 - 28	240	2	-1
–	at Oregon St	14	30 - 49	1.6	13 - 22	335	1	31	44 - 218	5.0	32 - 43	436	1	+6
–	UCLA	26	43 - 315	7.3	14 - 24	204	0	22	35 - 85	2.4	25 - 41	243	4	+1
–	Washington	21	30 - 87	2.9	22 - 41	235	1	21	52 - 333	6.4	10 - 19	157	2	-4
–	at Arizona St	22	50 - 164	3.3	18 - 27	213	1	20	30 - 123	4.1	18 - 37	246	1	-1
TOTALS		213	382 - 1342	3.5	211 - 368	2522	21	222	440 - 2021	4.6	200 - 341	2476	24	-9
AVERAGES		19.4	35 - 122	3.5	19 - 33	229	1.9	20.2	40 - 184	4.6	18 - 31	225	2.2	-0.8

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	+2	23-10	W
Idaho	-19	36-29	L
UNLV	-2'	38-21	W
Washington St	+2	21-48	L
Oregon - #7	+5	28-63	L
at Oregon St	+7	3-38	L
at Washington - #15	+16	28-31	W
USC	+6'	34-41	L
at California	-3'	38-24	W
Stanford - #16	+7'	37-51	L
at Arizona St	+7'	34-21	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Arizona	NL	37-3	–
Utah	+3	23-17	W
at Wisconsin - #22	+4'	10-31	L
North Texas	-14'	14-9	L
Oregon - #8	+8	14-31	L
at Washington - #22	+13'	28-32	W
at Stanford	+1'	6-16	L
Washington St - #9	+12	13-21	W
at Oregon St	+15'	3-38	L
UCLA	+11	7-37	L
at California	+16'	52-41	W
Arizona St	+6'	20-34	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-21'	42-7	W
LSU - #13	+11'	13-59	L
Oregon	+11'	10-48	L
at Purdue - #25	+27'	7-59	L
TCU - #19	+14	10-13 OT	W
at Washington St - #14	+28'	7-30	W
UCLA	+17	21-24	W
at California	+17	14-42	L
at Oregon St	+22'	23-52	L
Washington	+16'	27-22	W
USC - #2	+28'	0-45	L
at Arizona St	+15	7-28	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
N Arizona	NL	21-3	–
Utah - #17	+13'	6-23	L
Wisconsin - #20	+11	7-9	W
Washington St	+3'	19-20	W
at UCLA	+10	17-37	L
at Oregon	+11	14-28	L
California - #7	+22'	0-38	L
Oregon St	+7	14-28	L
at Washington	+1'	23-13	W
at USC - #1	+35	9-49	L
Arizona St - #18	+14	34-27	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah	+7'	24-27	W
N Arizona	NL	31-12	–
Purdue - #12	+7	24-31	T
at California - #12	+16'	0-28	L
at USC - #1	+38	21-42	W
Stanford	-4'	16-20	L
Oregon - #15	+11'	21-28	W
at Oregon St	+9'	29-27	W
UCLA - #7	+9'	52-14	W
Washington	-13	14-38	L
at Arizona St	+10	20-23	W

WASHINGTON ST COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - The Cougars have had some big, rifle-armed QB's including 1st round picks Drew Bledsoe, Ryan Leaf and Jack Thompson and other stars like Timm Rosenbach and Mark Rypien. In 2000, Mike Price went with Jason Gesser, a small yet mobile QB. He became a 3 yr starter and thew for 3,408 yards (58.7%) with a 28-13 ratio leading the team to the Rose Bowl in his senior season. Career backup Matt Kegel had little experience but threw for 2,947 (55.3%) with a 21-15 ratio in 2003. Josh Swogger was the starter in 2004 throwing for 1,283 (47.2%) with a 13-7 ratio in 6 games. He played with numerous injuries but was done in by a broken foot vs Stanford. Alex Brink had a rough first game at Oregon St but started the final 5 throwing for 1,305 (50%) with a 7-5 ratio. Brink added 10 lbs, improved his arm strength and won the starting job in 2005. He had some big games including a 531 yard effort vs Ore St (4th best in Pac 10 history) and became the first WSU QB to have two consecutive wins in the Apple Cup. Brink threw for 2,891 (57.3%) with a 24-13 ratio (244 rush) on the year. Swogger had just 18 pass atts and rFr 3rd stringer Gary Rogers (PS#28) got in 4 games (5 att). Swogger opted to transfer to IAA Montana and battling Rogers for the backup spot are Arkelon Hall (PS#17), who was the Scout Tm POY, and Cole Morgan (6-2 182 rFr, PS#100). If Brink improves like he did last year, he would hit about 64% with a 31-9 ratio.

RUNNING BACKS - If you follow WSU football you know they usually rely on JUCO transfers at RB and have had great success with many 1,000 yard rushers. In 2004, Jerome Harrison (PS#21JC) started just 5 but led with 900 (5.2) topping the 100 mark in each of the final three. Harrison had a phenomenal senior season rushing for the Pac 10's 5th all-time best 1,900 yards (6.2) and 16 TD's while adding 24 rec (8.6). He had 14 straight 100 yard games to end his career setting a Pac 10 record (old record JJ Arrington, Cal). His 207 in the Apple Cup was the most ever for a Cougar RB and he broke Rueben Mays single season school record of 1,637 yards (1984). Diminutive true frosh DeMaundray Woolridge (5-8 223), who is elusive yet powerful, became just the 3rd true frosh in WSU history to top 100 in a game and did so against both Nevada and Grambling. In P10 play however, Woolridge had just 57 yards finishing with 312 (6.0). Kevin McCall (PS#210DB, 5-11 215 Jr) had 43 in 2 years. They managed to redshirt true frosh Dwight Tardy (5-11 200, PS#119). Harrison (#5DC CLE) is a big loss but they go the JUCO route once again bringing in JT Deiderichs. He is 6-2 235 and as a JUCO in '04, rushed for 1,740 yards and last year in an injury-plagued season still topped 1,000 again. Speedy Darrell Hutsona (PS#31JC) rushed for 1,291 (7.3) and had 2,534 all-purp yards at JC last year.

WR Jason Hill

RECEIVERS - The Cougars were well stocked at the receiver position heading into last year. Jason Hill was #1 with 45 rec and an impressive 22.4 in 2004, Chris Jordan had 20 (17.8) and VHT Michael Bumpus (PS#8) had 35 (9.1). TE Troy Bienemann was a 3 year starter with 70 career rec and was 2nd Tm Pac 10 in '03 and 2005. The unit was banged up during 2005. The offense struggled without its deep threat, Hill who went down vs Oregon St also missed the Stanford game. He was still the #1 rec (62, 17.7) for the year ahead of #2 Bumpus (30, 11.9) who missed 4 games, while Chris Jordan played in just 9 (12, 10.8). Bienemann, who missed the Apple Cup came within one catch of being the career TE receiving leader (Butch Williams 95 from '89-'92). This year they lose Bienemann (10 st, 24 rec), #2 WR Trandon Harvey (4 st, 25, 17.2), Greg Prator (7 rec, 18.9, 9 gm) and Marty Martin (4 rec). Hill turned down a shot at the NFL and should be one of the Pac 10's best. They also bring in three outstanding JUCO's in Charles Dillon (6-1 180), WR Finas Rabb (6-6 205) and TE Jason Price (6-4 245, 4.6 spd). This group should stay healthier and is a premier unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004, with 3 starters back on the O-line, the Cougars paved the way for 3.4 ypc rushing but allowed 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters who were 1st and 2nd Tm P10. True frosh C Kenny Alfred (PS#61) was 2nd string all year but was able to redshirt. Starting C Nick Mihlhauser had exceptional mobility and was even used on sweeps. OL Coach George Yarno had a group that avg'd 6-4 299. He uses an NFL system of blocking where the OL's read the defenses. Last year's OL did not have any injuries and paved the way for an outstanding 5.3 ypc while allowing just 18 sacks. This year they lose C Mihlhauser (11 st, 3 yr st'r, 2nd Tm P10), LG Norvell Holmes (11 st, 2 yr st'r), RG Riley Fitt-Chappell and LT Spencer Hollison. Six of the top 10 return and they add in JUCO Derek Hunter. While they probably won't be as fortunate injury-wise as last year, this looks like another top-notch group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - When I think of WSU, I think of fierce pass rushing D-lines. In Doba's first year he inherited a defense that recorded 55 sacks and allowed just 2.5 ypc rushing. In 2003 they had to replace Outland Trophy Winner DT Long, but allowed just 2.7 while recording 50 sacks. In 2004 they had to replace all four starters but only slipped to allowing 3.2 ypc with 32 sacks. Last year they had 7 of the top 8 back. Starting DT Ropati Pitoitua broke his leg and missed most of the year. This year they lose DE Adam Braidwood (11 st, 27 tkl, 6.5 sk), DE Adam West (1 tkl) and DT Bryan Olson (14 tkl, 4.5 tfl). Five players return with starting experience including two VHT's and a 2nd Tm P10 DE, Mkristo Bruce, who is the #4 tackler with 10 sacks. After allowing 3.8 ypc last year with just 34 sacks (weakest total since 2000), look for an improved D-line.

LINEBACKERS - The Cougars returned 5 of their top 6 LB's last year including star Will Derting who was 1st Tm P10 in 2003. Unfortunately his last two years were injury-plagued. The three 2nd stringers turned out to be all true frosh. Greg Trent took over Derting's starting MLB spot and finished as the #2 tkl'r. Derting returned for the Apple Cup and played almost every play. This year they must replace Derting (5 st, 35 tkl, HM P10) but have 5 of the top 6 back and while there are no VHT's, this is a more experienced group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003, with 7 of their top 8 returning, WSU finished #2 in my pass D rankings. They had just one starter back in 2004 but only dropped to #40. Last year they once again had to replace three starters including a pair of NFL DC's and then lost projected starting JUCO CB Tyron Brackenridge to academics. The lightly experienced group dropped even further to #78 allowing 289.1 ypg with a 27-10 ratio. This year they lose CB Alex Teems (11 st, 3 int, 53 tkl) and CB Omowale Dada (11 st, 55 tkl, 5 pbu) but have six of the top 8 back. Brackenridge gave the receivers fits in practice last year on the Scout Team. This is the best Cougar secondary since '03.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003, WSU finished a super #17 in my ST rankings. They did suffer some losses in 2004 and dropped down to #87 despite the emergence of Michael Bumpus (PS#8) who got WSU's first PR for a TD since 1997. All the key players returned in 2005 and as you would expect, they moved up to #35. Bumpus set a WSU record with an 87 yard PR TD and avg 13.6 despite missing 4 games. Trandon Harvey avg'd 10.4 on PR's. Lorenzo Bursey (PS#55JC) was their top KR (23.5). Kyle Basler was one of 10 Ray Guy finalists in '03 and had a 36.8 net LY. Loren Langley hit 14 of 22 FG's (long 48) and improved his leg strength with 3 of his misses being from 50+ (all had the distance). He showed an even stronger leg than Graham Siderius but Siderius handled the KO's because he weighed 60 lbs more and was better in coverage. This year they lose Siderius and Basler. They also used a lot of frosh on the cover units and KR Brackenridge (22.2 in '04) missed the year. As long as a new P emerges, the Cougars could move up higher in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Bill Doba did a great job in his first year guiding the team to a 10-3 finish and #9 in the polls sharing the Pac 10 Coach of the Year honors with USC's Pete Carroll. He has been on the Cougars' staff since 1989. Even after a losing season in 2004, his contract was extended through 2009. His OC is Mike Levenseller who is now in his 6th year at that position. He spent 7 years coaching receivers in the CFL. In his 4th year as DC is Robb Akey who has been on the staff here since 1998.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Heading into last year, WSU had the second best record among Pac 10 schools from 2001-2004 at 35-14. The Cougars have scored in 249 straight games, 2nd nationally to Michigan. In the Mike Price era the team had 13 returning starters four times and in each of those times made it to a bowl (including Rose Bowls in 1997 and 2002). In Bill Doba's first season they had the magical 13 starters returning and despite a tough schedule, finished 10-3 including their upset win in the Holiday Bowl over #5 Texas. It was WSU's amazing 3rd straight Top 10 finish, the first Pac 10 team to do so since 1974 and they accomplished that despite being picked 7th in the Pac 10. They only had 6 starters back in 2004 and as expected, went 5-6 and were +2 in close wins. Last year the Cougars had to replace just 13 lettermen and had 15 starters back with a soft non-conf schedule but were one of the most snake bit teams in the country. It was a team that could have easily finished the year with 10 or 11 wins. After opening the season 3-0, they led OSU 30-16 and had a 638-410 yd edge but lost WR Hill to injury in the 2H. They also lost star LB Derting until the Apple Cup. They were favored by 14 at home over Stanford but came up 3 points short and then stunningly blew a 38-21 lead vs UCLA losing in OT. They led Cal 38-28 and had the ball with 6:05 left in Cal territory but lost. Trailing Ariz St by 3, they missed 2 FG's, were SOD at the 5 and then gave up a FG on the last play to lose to Oregon. Despite their 1-7 record in conf play, they had the 5th best ypg (-14.5) in Pac 10 play. Doba is under some pressure this year but the good news is that the team had 4 net close losses (see pg 299). The Cougars lose their star offensive player in Jerome Harrison (1,900 rush yards) and have just six starters back on offense this year as opposed to 9 in 2005. They again will be potent but probably will not match last year's 33.5 ppg. The Cougars' D's had six starters returning last year but were injury-plagued losing two of its best players for most of the year and allowed 31.5 ppg (highest S/2000). This year they have 8 starters back and will more resemble the Cougar D's of their bowl squads (2001-2003). The Pac 10 schedule is not easy as they face the league's 3 toughest teams at home and have most of their winnable games on the road, but I still give the Cougars an excellent shot at achieving bowl eligibility.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 10 ALEX BRINK JR. 6-3 212 PS#51. 16 st 2Y, 4196 (55%) 31-18 ratio, 354 rush. **17** Gary Rogers (6-6 228 So) **PS#28**. 4 gms, 5 pass LY. **8** Arkelon Hall (6-1 224 rFr) **PS#17**.

RB NA JT Deiderichs Jr. 6-2 235 **PS#8JC**. 2752 rush at JC 2Y. **35** DeMaundray Woolridge (5-8 223 So) 312 (6.0) true. **Darrell Hutsona PS#31JC**. 2534 all-purp yds at JC LY!

SB 5 MICHAEL BUMPUS JR. 5-11 184 **PS#8**. 7 st, 35 (9.1), 2nd Tm P10 as true. 7 st (inj) LY, 30 (11.9), HM P10. 623 PR yd 2Y. **2 Chris Jordan** (6-1 210 Sr) **18 st** 3Y, 60 rec (13.8).

WR 83 JASON HILL SR. 6-1 210 45 rec **(22.4)** '04. 62 rec (17.7) LY. **2nd Tm P10 2Y. 3** Lorenzo Bursey (5-8 158 Jr) PS#55JC. **15** Benny Ward (6-3 186 So) PS#223.

WR NA Charles Dillon Jr. 6-1 180 **PS#14JC. Finas Rabb (6-6** 205 Jr) PS#134JC. In for spg. **86** Brandon Gibson (6-0 195 So) PS#119. 9 (19.1) as true. **87** Jason Price PS#197JC.

TE 80 Cody Boyd Sr. 6-8 255 PS#42. 1 st, 14 (12.1) LY. **47** Jesse Taylor (6-3 236 Sr) **PS#17**. 3 st, 3Y. **41** Jed Collins (6-2 250 Jr) **PS#56LB. 48** Ben Woodard (6-5 237 So) PS#109LB.

C 69 Kenny Alfred rFr. 6-2 294 **PS#61**. Doba says will be 4 yr starter. **61** Josh Duin (6-4 310 Sr) 5 gms as true. 2nd string '04. 3 letters. **57** Robert McNamara (6-1 269 rFr).

RG 74 Andy Roof So. 6-4 302 **PS#55**. Lettered as Fr. **72** Derek Hunter PS#260JC. In for spg. **63** Justin Luafalemana (6-0 272 Sr). **75** Scott Friberg (6-4 275 rFr).

LG 73 SEAN O'CONNOR SR. 6-6 281 PS#135. 8 gm rFr. Also blk'ing TE. 9 gm '04. 11 st LG LY. **45** Jacob McKinney (6-3 262 So) PS#174LB. **52** Nick Cantlon (6-5 241 So).

RT 55 CHARLES HARRIS SR. 6-6 314 PS#412DL. 1 st rFr. 1 st RG '04. 11 st RT LY. **60** Daniel Rowlands (6-5 283 So) PS#112. 2nd string as rFr. Micah Hannam (6-5 280) PS#211.

LT 70 BOBBY BYRD JR. 6-7 319 PS#134. Last 9 st at LG as rFr. 11 st at LT LY. **67** Joe Eppele (6-8 270) PS#528. GS LY. **68** Colin Donovan (6-7 284 So) PS#397DL.

K 27 LOREN LANGLEY JR. 5-8 151 PS#81. 5 of 11 FG's, long 44 as true. Improve leg strength, 53 yd FG spg '05, 14 of 22 FG's (3 miss 50+), long 48, 38-41 xp's, 4-7 from 40-49.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 94 MKRISTO BRUCE SR. 6-6 255 2 sk rFr. 11 st '04, 60 tkl, 6.5 sk. 11 st LY, **2nd Tm P10**. 67 tkl, **10 sk. 96** Mike Graise (6-3 216 So) 1.5 tfl LY. **93** Paul Stevens (6-3 250 Jr) PS#241LB.

DT 92 FEVAEA'I AHMU SO. 6-1 284 **PS#31**. 11 st as **true**, 26 tkl, 3 tfl. **75** Ropati Pitoitua (6-8 299 Jr) **4 st**, 24 tkl, 5 sk '04. 13 tkl (inj) LY. **93** Bryan Tarkington (6-3 290) PS#295JC.

DT 40 AARON JOHNSON JR. 6-6 309 PS#52TE, 7 st DT rFr, 17 tkl. 11 st LY, 19 tkl, 2 tfl. **77** Matt Eichelberger (6-3 314 So) PS#87. 1 sk LY. **19** Odell Howard (6-4 295 Sr) **2 st** '04.

DE 97 Lance Broadus Jr. 6-2 211 **PS#27LB** in '03. GS at Oregon. 4 tkl, 10 gm here LY. **58** Matt Mullennix (6-6 252 Jr) PS#372LB. 19 tkl, 3 sk, 2Y. Added 38 lbs. Kevin Kooyman PS#81TE.

WLB 49 STEVE DILDINE SR. 6-1 229 PS#230RB. 1 st, 16 tkl rFr. 4 st '04, 29 tkl, 11 st LY, 68 tkl. **50** Jason Stripling (5-11 218 So) 7 tkl as true. **44** Alex Hamill (6-0 218 So) PS#117.

MLB 52 GREG TRENT SO. 5-10 230 PS#248. 6 st true, 69 tkl, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. **56** Chris Baltzer (6-0 230 Sr) 4 tkl 2Y. **46** Lamar Brumfield (6-1 223 rFr) PS#116. Brian Skjei (6-3 210 Jr).

SLB 42 SCOTT DAVIS SR. 5-11 228 PS#127RB. 2 st, 29 tkl rFr. 11 st '04, 86 tkl, 8.5 tfl. 11 st LY, **HM P10**, 66 tkl, 5 tfl, 6 pbu. **43** Brian Hall (6-3 229 Sr). **38** Cory Evans (6-1 211 So) 19 tkl true.

CB 25 Don Turner Sr. 5-11 190 PS#181WR. 16 tkl rFr. 7 tkl '04. 25 tkl, 1 int LY. **27** Ryan Kensok (5-9 164 So) 6 tkl, 2Y. **34** Courtney Williams (6-1 193 So) PS#331DL. 12 tkl true.

CB 12 Tyron Brackenridge Sr. 6-0 181 **PS#61JC**. Inelig '05. **32** Ian Bell (5-9 180 So) PS#80RB. 5 tkl LY. Brian Williams (6-1 175 Jr) PS#428JC. **45** Geoff Kirkwood (6-0 198 rFr).

SS 37 ERIC FRAMPTON SR. 6-0 205 PS#176. 8 tkl rFr. 24 tkl '04. 11 st SS LY, 87 tkl, 5.5 tfl, 8 pbu. **22** Michael Willis (6-0 217 So) PS#113WR. **24** Christian Bass (6-2 212 Sr) PS#91WR.

FS 23 HUSAIN ABDULLAH JR. 6-0 192 26 tkl rFr. 9 st FS LY, 54 tkl, 4 pbu. **30** DeWayne Patterson (6-0 197 Sr) PS#143JC. 2 st, 24 tkl LY. **26** Xavier Hicks (6-0 194 rFr) PS#69QB.

P 39 Darryl Blunt So. 6-0 178 Portland St trans. Impressed coaches on scout team here LY w/60+ yd punts. 5 punts, 46.4 avg in spg gm. **10** Fritz Brayton (6-3 184 So). 5 punts, 39.8 avg in spg gm.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	JT Deiderichs 6-2 235 PS#8JC
WR	Charles Dillon 6-1 180 PS#14JC
RB	Darrell Hutsona 5-10 185 PS#31JC
RB	Keith Rosenberg 6-0 185 PS#51
WR	Skylar Jessen 5-11 185 PS#70RB
WR	Finas Rabb 6-6 205 PS#134JC
WR	Anthony Houston 6-4 200 PS#75DB
RB	Marcus Richmond 6-1 200 PS#83
OL	Toby Turpin 6-4 280 PS#117DL
OL	Grady Maxwell 6-2 280 PS#130
LB	Andy Mattingly 6-4 222 PS#98
TE	Jason Price 6-4 245 PS#197JC
RB	Christoper Ivory 5-10 205 PS#187
OL	Micah Hannam 6-5 280 PS#211
TE	Trevor Mooney 6-5 235 PS#78
OL	Derek Hunter 6-4 270 PS#260JC
DL	Kevin Kooyman 6-4 205 PS#81TE
DB	Brian Williams 6-1 175 PS#428JC
DB	Kerry Maddox 5-10 175 PS#374
WR	Greg Walker 6-4 185 PS#361
DB	Cornorris Atkins 6-3 205 PS#373WR
DL	Ansley Clevil 6-3 240 PS#412
OL	Joe Eppele 6-8 270 PS#528
DL	Preston Brooks 6-3 245 PS#495

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#6

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WSU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Sep. 2	at Auburn	G					
Sep. 9	Idaho	A					
Sep. 16	† Baylor *(Seattle)*	A					
Sep. 23	at Stanford	G					
Sep. 30	USC	A					
Oct. 7	at Oregon St	A					
Oct. 14	California (HC)	A					
Oct. 21	Oregon	A					
Oct. 28	at UCLA	G					
Nov. 4	Arizona	A					
Nov. 11	at Arizona St	G					
Nov. 18	Washington	A					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

WSU will play without a bye week for the 1st time since 1982.
Washington St is 18-4 SU & 12-7 ATS their L/22 non-conference games.
The Cougars are 14-7 ATS on grass the last 6 years.

WSU is 9-3 ATS in their 1st road game of the season since 1994.
First meeting as WSU is 1-5 SU but 4-1 ATS all-time vs the SEC.

Their campuses are just 8 miles apart as WSU holds a 68-18-3 edge over UI.
Bill Doba is 3-10 ATS as a home favorite.

Under HC Doba the Cougars are 4-11 ATS after a SU win.
Wash St is 11-25 SU but 8-4-1 ATS all-time vs current Big 12 members.

Cougars are 4-7 SU & 3-8 ATS in their last 11 Pac 10 road games.
WSU is 4-10 SU & 2-12 ATS in their last 14 games vs the Cardinal.

Cougars are 4-9 ATS in their last 13 conference home games.
Last year USC finished w/745 yds, most ever allowed by a WSU team.

Last time the Cougars lost 3 straight to the Beavers was from 1969-'71.
The favorite in this series is 11-3 ATS since 1989.

Since 1997 (7 gms) these 2 schools have averaged 64 ppg.
Washington St has covered 6 of the last 7 meetings.

L/5 gms between UO & WSU in Martin Stadium have been decided by a total of 27 pts.
The dog is 5-1 ATS pulling 3 outright upsets the last 6 years.

The 85 pts scored in LY's game was the most ever in this series history (1st gm 1928).
The home team is 7-2 ATS in this series since 1995.

Cougars are 3-7-1 ATS since 1994 vs the Wildcats.
Washington St is 14-8 ATS in their last 22 November games.

Cougars are 6-1 ATS the last 7 years the game prior to the "Apple Cup".
The favorite is 10-0-1 ATS the last 11 matchups in this series.

In their 98 game history, the Cougars have never won 3 gms in a row SU.
WSU has led at the half in each of the past 4 "Apple Cup" games.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Jason Gesser 8,830 1999-'01
Rushing: Rueben Mayes 3,519 1982-'85 Receiving: Hugh Campbell 2,452 1960-'62

BILL DOBA (Career 19-16)

4th Year at Wash St

Doba's SU Bowl Record: 1-0

Doba's records AT WASHINGTON ST

19-16	Straight Up	3-10	Home Favorite
13-20	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Underdog
8-7	Off A SU Loss	3-3	Away Favorite
8-16	Vs Conference	5-5	Away Underdog
5-4	Vs Non-Conf	0-3	Off A Bye

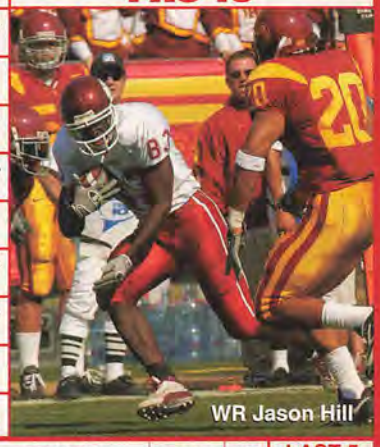
2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (27,21,1)
Lost: 20 (11,7,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 34,506

PAC 10


WR Jason Hill

STADIUM: MARTIN STADIUM (37,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	4-7	9-2	10-2	9-3	5-6	4-7	44-36
Home	2-5	1-5	5-1	6-1	6-0	2-4	2-4	24-20
Away	1-4	3-2	4-1	4-1	3-3	3-2	2-3	20-16
ATS	6-6	6-5	7-3	7-4	5-7	3-8	5-5	39-38
Home Fav	1-1	0-1	1-2	3-2	2-4	1-4	0-2	8-16
Home Dog	3-2	2-3	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-1	9-7
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	4-1	3-1	0-2	1-1	2-0	10-5
Away Dog	2-3	4-1	1-0	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-2	12-10
Favorite	1-1	0-1	5-3	6-3	2-6	2-5	2-2	18-21
Dog	5-5	6-4	2-0	1-1	3-1	1-3	3-3	21-17
Grass	0-2	4-0	3-0	3-2	2-2	2-2	0-1	14-9
Artificial	6-4	2-5	4-3	4-2	3-5	1-6	5-4	25-29
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	5-3	6-2	3-5	1-7	4-4	27-29
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	2-0	1-2	2-2	2-1	1-1	12-9
Off SU Win	1-1	2-2	5-3	6-3	3-6	0-4	1-1	18-20
Off SU Loss	5-4	4-2	1-0	1-0	2-0	2-4	4-3	19-13

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jerome Harrison	308	1996	96	1900	16	6.2
DeMaundray Woolridge	**52**	**323**	**11**	**312**	**2**	**6.0**
Alex Brink	**56**	**244**	**138**	**106**	**2**	**1.9**
Michael Bumpus	**4**	**30**	**1**	**29**	**0**	**7.2**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Alex Brink	**358**	**205**	**57.3**	**2891**	**24**	**13**
Josh Swogger	18	9	50.0	147	1	0
Gary Rogers	**5**	**2**	**40.0**	**12**	**0**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jason Hill	**62**	**1097**	**17.7**	**13**	**80**
Trandon Harvey	25	431	17.2	1	45
Michael Bumpus	**30**	**357**	**11.9**	**2**	**46**
Troy Bienemann	24	278	11.6	3	26
Jerome Harrison	24	206	8.6	1	34
Brandon Gibson	**9**	**172**	**19.1**	**2**	**66**
Cody Boyd	**14**	**169**	**12.1**	**0**	**39**
Greg Prator	7	132	18.9	2	30
Chris Jordan	**12**	**129**	**10.8**	**1**	**26**
Marty Martin	4	32	8.0	0	17
Jed Collins	**3**	**30**	**10.0**	**0**	**19**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Basler	50	2029	40.6	7	36.8	1	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Loren Langley	**38-41**	**7-8**	**3-4**	**4-7**	**0-3**	**14-22**	**48**
Graham Siderius	4-4	–	–	–	–	–	–

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Eric Frampton	**87**	**1**	**4.5**	**8**	**1**
Greg Trent	**69**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**0**
Steve Dildine	**68**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**1**
Mkristo Bruce	**67**	**10**	**5**	**3**	**0**
Scott Davis	**66**	**0.5**	**4.5**	**6**	**0**
Omowale Dada	55	0	2	5	1
Husain Abdullah	**54**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**2**
Alex Teems	53	0	2.5	3	3
Will Derting	35	0	1.5	2	0
Adam Braidwood	27	6.5	2	2	0
Fevaea'i Ahmu	**26**	**1**	**1.5**	**1**	**0**
Don Turner	**25**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**
DeWayne Patterson	**24**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Cory Evans	**19**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Aaron Johnson	**19**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Bryan Olson	14	2	2.5	0	0
Ropati Pitoitua	**13**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Courtney Williams	**12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Matt Mullennix	**12**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Bumpus	**17**	**232**	**13.6**	**1**
Trandon Harvey	7	73	10.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lorenzo Bursey	**19**	**446**	**23.5**	**0**
Brandon Gibson	**10**	**186**	**18.6**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Alamo	-5'	Baylor	10-3	W
97	Rose	+7	Michigan	16-21	W
01	Sun	-6'	Purdue	33-27	L
02	Rose	-6'	Oklahoma - #8	14-34	L
03	Holiday	+9'	Texas - #5	28-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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WASHINGTON ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	33.5	23	212	5.3	277	56.7	14.6	-5	2005	6	31.5	24	154	3.8	289	59.3	14.1
4	25.0	18	128	3.4	241	48.6	14.7	-1	2004	2	27.9	19	133	3.2	233	55.8	13.1
6	30.3	19	115	3.1	271	54.4	12.7	+8	2003	7	19.8	18	91	2.7	228	48.1	16.1
7*	33.2	20	129	3.9	293	59.6	12.7	-4	2002	6	22.8	21	87	2.5	255	57.0	15.0
8*	35.0	22	133	3.4	299	52.8	12.4	+12	2001	7	22.4	19	121	3.6	252	49.5	16.6
6	25.5	18	121	3.2	241	50.4	14.2	-1	2000	4	32.2	21	174	4.3	238	51.8	12.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

WSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Idaho	16	35 - 206	5.9	17 - 29	230	0	19	41 - 86	2.1	19 - 32	180	3	-2
–	at Nevada	27	43 - 247	5.7	19 - 32	287	2	21	35 - 125	3.6	23 - 42	257	6	0
–	† Grambling St	27	48 - 204	4.3	22 - 35	311	0	12	37 - 11	0.3	14 - 31	197	7	0
–	at Oregon St	30	38 - 107	2.8	31 - 59	531	2	21	36 - 114	3.2	20 - 45	296	1	-2
–	Stanford	19	37 - 246	6.6	13 - 26	161	1	27	47 - 218	4.6	19 - 29	257	2	-2
–	UCLA	24	42 - 330	7.9	19 - 33	169	0	34	46 - 178	3.9	31 - 45	338	4	0
–	at California	20	38 - 178	4.7	18 - 39	423	4	24	48 - 274	5.7	19 - 35	274	3	+1
–	at USC	13	33 - 195	5.9	13 - 25	89	0	40	50 - 312	6.2	29 - 43	433	1	0
–	Arizona St	28	42 - 223	5.3	21 - 35	283	2	31	39 - 124	3.2	29 - 44	424	3	0
–	Oregon	25	37 - 172	4.6	22 - 33	283	3	23	37 - 148	4.0	28 - 39	296	2	0
–	at Washington	27	47 - 224	4.8	21 - 35	283	4	12	28 - 99	3.5	14 - 28	228	2	0
TOTALS		256	440 - 2332	5.3	216 - 381	3050	18	264	444 - 1689	3.8	245 - 413	3180	34	-5
AVERAGES		23.3	40 - 212	5.3	20 - 35	277	1.6	24.0	40 - 154	3.8	22 - 38	289	3.1	-0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-9	36-7	W
at Boise St	-5	41-20	W
California	-14	51-20	W
at Arizona	-2	48-21	W
Oregon St	-11'	34-27	L
at Stanford - #23	+3'	45-39	W
Montana St	NL	53-28	–
Oregon - #11	-2	17-24	L
UCLA - #9	+3	20-14	W
at Arizona St	-2'	28-16	W
at Washington - #16	-1'	14-26	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nevada	-27	31-7	L
Idaho	-27	49-14	W
at Ohio St - #6	+7	7-25	L
Montana St	NL	45-28	–
at California	-2'	48-38	W
USC - #18	+3	30-27 OT	W
at Stanford	-8'	36-11	W
at Arizona	-12	21-13	L
Arizona St - #16	-7	44-22	W
Oregon - #15	-3'	32-21	W
Washington	-8	26-29 3OT	L
at UCLA	-1'	48-27	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Idaho	-28	25-0	L
at Notre Dame - #19	+6	26-29 OT	W
at Colorado - #17	+4'	47-26	W
New Mexico	-15	23-13	L
at Oregon - #10	+4	55-16	W
Arizona	-28'	30-7	L
at Stanford	-10'	24-14	L
Oregon St	-7'	36-30	L
at USC - #3	+11'	16-43	L
UCLA	-10	31-13	W
Arizona St	-13	34-19	W
at Washington	-7	19-27	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at New Mexico	-3'	21-17	W
† Colorado	-3	12-20	L
Idaho	-25	49-8	W
at Arizona	-3'	20-19	L
Oregon	-3'	38-41	L
Stanford	-1'	17-23	L
at Oregon St	+8	19-38	L
USC - #1	+24'	12-42	L
at UCLA	+14	31-29	W
at Arizona St - #20	+13	28-45	L
Washington	-12	28-25	L

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at Oregon St	+1'	33-44	L
Stanford	-14	21-24	L
UCLA - #12	+5	41-44 OT	W
at California - #25	+12	38-42	W
at USC - #1	+29'	13-55	L
Arizona St	+2'	24-27	L
Oregon - #11	+4'	31-34	W
at Washington	-3	26-22	W

WASHINGTON HUSKIES

QB Isaiah Stanback

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 Cody Pickett set a school record for career pass yards breaking the old mark by over 4,000 and in 2002 set the Pac 10 single season passing record with 4,458 yards. He suffered a concussion in 2003 and Casey Paus (PS#14) led 5 scoring drives and in six games threw for 151 yards (43.5%). Isaiah Stanback (PS#11), who has 4.4 speed, had 3 starts at WR in 2003 (10 rec). Carl Bonnell (PS#99) led the #1 offense in the '04 spring game. 2004 was the first time UW started 3 QB's in the same season since 1972 (Sonny Sixkiller, Greg Collins, Denny Fitzpatrick). Paus started 8 and threw for 1,476 (42.3%) with a 5-17 ratio. Stanback had 1 start (389, 33.8%). Bonnell (2 st) threw for 228 (37%) with an 0-4 ratio. Combined, UW had the worst passer rating in the NCAA (78.7). Last year they added Oregon transfer Johnny DuRocher (PS#13) and Paus was odd man out in August as OC Lappano wanted a 3 man rotation. Stanback and DuRocher were neck and neck but DuRocher was ruled ineligible for the first 3. Stanback had 242 vs AF, 301 vs Cal and 353 vs ND. He threw for 2,136 (54.2%) with a 9-6 ratio (515 rush). DuRocher split the #1 snaps late in the year and played the entire 2H vs Ore St where he hit 11 of 30 for 103 in poor field conditions. He broke his hand and missed the rest of the year. Bonnell was not 100% recovered from his 2003 injury and ran the scout team. Stanback's best play came on a 69 yard Hail Mary pass before the half which turned around the Arizona game with the ball travelling over 70 yards in the air. This year they only lose Paus (4 gm, 3 pass) and add VHT Jake Locker (PS#8). No matter who wins the job, I would expect the QB numbers to improve.

RUNNING BACKS - UW had six 1,000 yard rushers from 1989-'97 but has not had one since. Two frosh were impressive in 2003 in Kenny James (PS#23) and Shelton Sampson (PS#45) as they rushed for 530 and 274 yards, respectively. Chris Singleton (PS#96) rushed for 274 in his first two years but missed '03. James led in '04 with 702 (4.1). Sampson had just 189 (3.7). When FB Zach Tuiasosopo (PS#34) broke his leg vs ND, James Sims (PS#61) took over. Sims led with 85 vs Wash St and finished with 212 (3.6). Last year everyone but Tuiasosopo (2 st) returned. I pointed out last year that the Huskies had averaged just 3.1, 2.1, 3.1 and 3.2 ypc rushing and that the 2005 group was too talented not to top that. Louis Rankin (PS#105) had three 100-yard efforts but suffered a turf toe and missed the last 4 (485, 4.7). Kenny James suffered an injury-plagued year and had just 103 (3.6). Sampson was moved to DB midyear. With those three sidelined vs Ariz St, FB Sims moved to TB and rushed for 140. He rushed for 200 vs Arizona, the team's first such effort since 1999 (by QB Tuiasosopo). Sims, who is the fastest UW player and also has a 45" VL, had the lowest total for a leading rusher here (495, 4.4) since 1973 but had just 4 starts. They almost took the RS off of true frosh JR Hasty (PS#26) who was impressive in practices. Not listed below is Luke Kravitz (6-1 225 So) PS#220 and Marlon Wood (5-10 180 Jr) PS#219JC. This year they must replace Sims, Sampson, FB Eriks (9 gm) and Singleton (48 yd). UW should have their best rush offense since 2000.

RECEIVERS - In 2004, injuries decimated the UW receiving corps and dropped passes were a commonplace. Last year they returned their top 2 WR's in Craig Chambers (PS#18) and Sonny Shackelford but they had just 19 (21.5) and 21 (14.2), respectively. The top 4 TE's were hurt in August and FB Johnie Kirton moved to TE. Chambers did not get along well with the new coaching staff and dropped to 3rd string despite being their most talented receiver. He had just 5 catches in the first 3 but hauled in the 69 yard Hail Mary TD vs Arizona and finished with 31 (18.5). Shackelford led with 41 (14.4) and Anthony Russo had 30 (16.2). They bring in two solid newcomers in JUCO Marcel Reece, who had 1,286 yards on just 47 rec (27.3) with 13 TD's at JC last year, and Duke transfer Chancellor Young (PS#29). Not listed in the 3 deep below is Sho Yoshinaga (5-9 175 Jr), Alex Mercier (6-1 190 Jr) and TE Michael Gottlieb (6-5 240 So). This year they only lose Chambers (transferred), TE Jared Bronson (1 st) and TE Dash Crutchley, so the Huskie receivers are in the best shape they've been in the last few years.

OFFENSIVE LINE - UW had an experienced O-line in their Rose Bowl season of 2000 and the unit paved the way for 4.8 ypc rushing. The next 3 years, UW averaged just 3.1, 2.1 and 3.1. They had to replace 3 starters in 2004 and lost one starter after 5 games. They only opened holes for 3.2 ypc rush. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 19 starts including a #2 DC. Starting TE Joe Toledo was moved in to T so it was a veteran group. They had their best ypc rushing in 5 years (3.9) although the sack total did increase (8.3%). T Clay Walker lost his job and T Toledo missed 5 starts. They shook the line up vs Oreg St and played better down the stretch. This year they lose C Brad Vanneman (11 st, 2 yr st'r), G Tusi Sa'Au (11 st , 2 yr st'r), T Rob Meadow (10 st, 2 yr st'r), T Joe Toledo (#4DC MIA, 6 st) and G Tui Alailefaleula (4 st). They do have 5 VHT's in the 3 deep I list below and 3 players with starting experience but this unit is clearly the major question mark of the offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UW allowed just 2.8 ypc rushing in 2002. With 2 starters back in 2003, they slipped to 4.1 ypc. In '04 they had to replace 2 starters again and were a small group and to add size they played true frosh DT Jordan White-Frisbee (8 st). The unit was also hit hard by injuries and allowed 4.4 ypc. Last year it appeared everyone returned. DE Brandon Ala was injured in the opener (4 gm). DT Dan Milsten missed the year as did White-Frisbee and Mike Mapuolesega was injured after 4 starts. The unit allowed 3.8 ypc rush while the D recorded 25 sacks. This year they lose DT Manase Hopoi (11 st, 33 tkl, 5 sk), NT Mapuolesega (7 tkl, 1 sk) and Dan Milsten (6-5 290 Sr) who is unlikely to return (inj) but 5 players return with starting experience.

LINEBACKERS - The Huskie LB's ranked #1, #2 and #3 in tackles in 2004 and all 3 starters returned last season. Joseph Lobendahn (2nd Tm P10), their top LB, was lost after 9 starts and Tahj Bomar started the final two. This year they must replace OLB Evan Benjamin (11 st, #1 tkl'r, 7 tfl) and Lobendahn (9 st, 76 tkl, 5 tfl). Four of the top six return including 3 with starting experience. This has the makings of a decent group which includes a pair of VHT starters but is less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With 7 players returning with starting experience in 2003, the Huskies, even in a non-bowl season, finished #18 in my pass D rankings. In 2004 they had to replace 1.5 starters and slipped to #45. Last year they lost 2 starters. Unfortunately the unit was hit hard by injuries as 7 different DB's started just one starting all 11. The secondary was shredded on a weekly basis and finished #107. They allowed 275.7 ypg and the 24 passing TD's were the most in school history. This year the entire 2 deep returns plus they add in 3 top-notch JUCO's and former RB Shelton Sampson . Not listed in the 3 deep below are Wade Gurnett (5-11 185 So, PS#211) and Desmond Davis (5-11 190 So). UW could show the most improvement in my pass D rankings of any team in the country this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 UW finished #27 in my ST rankings. Sean Douglas (PS#45) was an excellent KO man and took over the punting duties in 2004 and had the best average in 30 years here (Skip Boyd, 43.0, 1973) with a net of 36.5. The extra duties hurt his KO's (4 TB's). Evan Knudson and Michael Braunstein combined to hit 10 of 17 FG's. In 2004 UW had just 96 yards in PR's, the lowest in school history and UW was #105. They hired new ST coordinator Bob Simmons, who was Okla St's HC from 1995-2000 and was the Big 12 Coach of the Year for 1997. They had everyone back but surprisingly only moved up to #102. Douglas averaged 42.6 and Knudson had 17 TB's on 42 KO's. Knudson hit a solid 11 of 15 FG's with a long of 46 and one miss from 50+. Anthony Russo had just 11 yards on 6 PR's including a fumble and Sonny Shackelford avg'd 8.0. Marlon Wood was avg 32.8 on 5 KR's but broke his fibula so Roy Lewis (21.4) led. This year they lose Knudson but have everyone else back and they should move up again.

COACHES - Ty Willingham was the HC at Stanford from 1995- 2001 and at Notre Dame from 2002-2004. The OC is Tim Lappano who was the co-OC at Purdue in 1997, Seahawks RB coach in '98, OC at Oreg St from 2000-'03 and the RB coach for Dennis Erickson's 49ers that same '03 season. The DC is Kent Baer who has worked under Willingham for the last 11 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

This has been an injury-ravaged team for the last 3 years that has not caught a lot of breaks. 2004 was their first losing season in 27 years and last year they were picked #10 in the conf by the media, their lowest ever in the preseason rankings (previous low #7). 95% of the players stayed to workout over the summer but a once-feared home venue has gotten weaker due to the team's 9-25 record the last three seasons. Their three wins the last 2 years were the lowest since 1929-'30 (3-9-1). Since Husky Stadium was expanded in 1987, the lowest crowd had been 58,823 (1988) but last year, despite an announced attendance of 60,000 they had about 20,000 on hand vs Oregon St in a constant rain. What used to be a loud, sellout home crowd now features empty seats. Ty Willingham was able to improve the teams record last year but only by 1 game although they did have three tough losses. They led Air Force 17-6 but ended up losing 20-17. They blew a couple of early opportunities vs ND, fumbling at the goal line and being int'd in the EZ before being blown out and did lead UCLA 17-7 in the 4Q giving up a TD with 1:08 left. They also allowed Wash St a TD with 1:20 left. Last year's Huskies squad had just 12 seniors (7 starters). The last 3 years they have been outgained in P10 play by -52.4, -108.1 and -82.6. UW took on the 10th toughest schedule in the country (pg 317). The Huskies had 10 starters back on offense and while only 5 managed to start all 11, they improved upon 2004's paltry 14.0 ppg production (21.5). This year they have 6 starters back and how quick the OL matures (1 starter returning) is the key to how potent the offense will be. The Huskies D has surprisingly not allowed less than 26.3 ppg in the last 5 years yielding 30.4 and 30.6 the last 2 seasons. With 8 solid starters back on D and plenty of VHT's, they should have one of the most improved D's in the NCAA this year. Provided the Huskies stay healthy for once, they will at least double last year's win total and if they regain their home edge, will flirt with bowl eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 4 ISAIAH STANBACK SR. 6-3 205 PS#11. 11 st LY, 2136 (54%). 9-6 ratio, 515 rush. **12** Johnny DuRocher (6-4 215 Jr) **PS#13**. 247 yds. **11** Carl Bonnell (6-3 200 Jr) PS#99.

RB 8 KENNY JAMES SR. 5-10 215 **PS#23**. 15 st 3Y, 1335 (4.1). **24 JR Hasty** (5-11 200 rFr) **PS#26**. Quick. **9 Louis Rankin** (6-0 195 Jr) PS#105. 7 st LY, 485 (4.7) until inj.

WR 1 Chancellor Young Jr. 6-2 210 **PS#29**. Duke trans. 4.35 speed. Marcel Reece (6-3 235 Jr) PS#52JC. **FB 43 Mark Palaita** (5-10 240 Sr) 2 st. **32** Luke Kravitz (6-1 225 So) PS#220

WR 5 ANTHONY RUSSO JR. 5-11 185 PS#124DB. 1 st, 11 rec rFr. 11 st LY, 30 (16.2). **19** Quintin Daniels (6-0 195 Sr) **PS#26**. 5 st, 12 rec (inj LY). **29** Cody Ellis (6-0 185 Jr) PS#121.

WR 21 SONNY SHACKELFORD SR. 6-2 180 PS#93. 6 st, 21 (14.2) '04. 11 st, 41 (14.4) LY. **18** Corey Williams (6-2 190 Jr) **PS#37**. 2 st, 16 rec 2Y. **13** Charles Smith (6-0 195 Jr) PS#61.

TE 88 ROBERT LEWIS JR. 6-5 230 **PS#50LB. 10 st TE,** 14 (11.6). **37 Johnie Kirton** (6-3 280 So) PS#110RB. Moved TE. 2 st, 14 (10.9) true. **82** Tim Williams (6-6 230 rFr).

C 63 Clay Walker Sr. 6-4 300 PS#86. **6 st** LG rFr. 9 st LG '04. 4 st LG in '05. **62** Robert Lukevich (6-2 250 So). **LS** Danny Morovick (6-3 230 Fr) PS#427JC. DNP JC, 4 yr elig.

RG 58 Juan Garcia Jr. 6-3 310 PS#181. Broke his leg as rFr. Arm surgery LY. **54** William Kava (6-3 275 Jr) PS#103. 3 gm rFr. 2 yr mission. Matt Sedillo (6-3 300 Fr) PS#562.

LG 74 STANLEY DANIELS SR. 6-4 310 **PS#32**. Moved from DL rFr. 8 st RG '04. 7 st LG LY, MIP Award. **73** Ryan Bush (6-2 285 So) PS#128. Erik Berglund (6-6 290 Jr) PS#127.

RT 75 Chad Macklin Jr. 6-8 300 **PS#97**. 6 gm rFr. 2 st RT LY, inj. **72** Casey Bulyca (6-5 315 So) **PS#72**. 2nd string rFr. **70** Morgan Rosborough (6-6 390 rFr) PS#248.

LT 76 Nathan Flowers So. 6-3 335 PS#264. Added 55 lbs since signing. **79** Ben Ossai (6-6 290 rFr) PS#282. Aaron Mason (6-6 270 Jr) PS#423JC. Cody Habben PS#113.

K 14 Michael Braunstein Jr. 5-8 185 **PS#4**. 3 of 7 FG as rFr, long 29. 11-12 xp. DNP LY. **13 Ryan Perkins** (6-0 185 rFr). Inj'd knee in spring. **11** Michael Book (6-3 195 Sr). 2Y soccer JC.

DE 91 DONNY MATEAKI SR. 6-5 285 **PS#25**. 5 sts, 17 tkl first 2Y. 10 sts LY, 21 tkls, 3 sk. **92** Walt Winter (6-5 245 So) **PS#20LB**. Anthony Atkins (6-2 290 Jr) PS#114JC. **87** Joel Nelson (6-3 250 Jr).

DT 74 WILSON AFOA JR. 6-3 290 PS#187. 10 tkl rFr. L/7 st LY, 33 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **77** Erick Lobos (6-3 300 Jr) PS#141. 19 tkl 2Y. **Cameron Elisara PS#27. 66** Daniel Te'o-Nesheim (6-4 235 rFr).

NT 94 Jordan White-Frisbee So. 6-6 335 PS#51. 8 st true, 26 tkl, 2 tfl. RS LY. **95** Jordan Reffett (6-6 295 Jr) PS#115. OL in '04. 2 tkl, 5 games LY. **71** Jovon O'Connor (6-5 315 So).

DE 7 GREYSON GUNHEIM JR. 6-2 245 PS#104. 7 st true, 3.5 tfl. 11 st LY, 38 tkl, 5 sk, 6 tfl. **41** Brandon Ala (6-3 245 Sr) PS#175LB. 6 st 3Y, 33 tkl. **85** Caesar Rayford (6-6 225 Jr) PS#189.

OLB 22 EJ Savannah rFr. 6-2 215 **PS#55. 29** Chris Stevens (6-0 195 So) PS#243RB. 11 tkl, 2 tfl as a true, fastest LB here. Donald Butler PS#285. **51** Linus Chou (6-4 215 So).

ILB 47 Tahj Bomar Sr. 6-2 215 **PS#25**. 4 tkl first 2Y. 2 st LY, 23 tkl. **57 Trenton Tuiasosopo** (6-2 230 So) **PS#31**. Inj'd rFr. **59** Darrion Jones (6-3 225 So) 2 tkl as true, 6 games.

ILB 4 SCOTT WHITE SR. 6-1 230 **PS#21**. 9 st '04, 83 tkl, 5 sk, 7 tfl. 11 st LY, 79 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **34** Dan Howell (6-1 225 Jr) PS#150. 2 tkl. **20** Kyle Trew (6-2 220 Jr) PS#62DB. 2 tkl.

CB 28 ROY LEWIS JR. 5-11 185 PS#172. 12 st 2Y, 89 tkl, 5 pbu. **5** Durrell Moss (6-1 215 Jr) PS#73RB. 2 st, 15 tkl. **12** Josh Okoebor (5-10 175 Sr) PS#223JC. 3 st, 3 int LY.

CB 8 DASHON GOLDSON SR. 6-2 195 **PS#9JC**. 11 st, 64 tkl in '04. 11 st, 80 tkl, 4 pd LY. **6** Matt Fountaine (5-11 180 Sr) PS#90RB. 10 st 2Y, 61 tkl, 10 pbu. Jordan Murchison PS#305JC, in spg.

SS 1 CJ WALLACE SR. 6-0 205 PS#188RB. 9 st, 66 tkl '04. 8 st LY, 86 tkl, 1 sk, 4.5 tfl. **15** Darin Harris (5-11 200 Jr) PS#61. 4 st, 20 tkl, missed most of spring with back injury.

FS NA ASHLEE PALMER JR. 6-3 215 **PS#20JC. 19** Mesphin Forrester (6-2 185 So) PS#185. **3** Chris Hemphill (6-6 215 Jr) PS#219WR. Shelton Sampson (5-11 210 Sr) **PS#45RB**. 483 rush 3Y.

P 17 SEAN DOUGLAS SR. 6-1 215 PS#45. 22 TB, 56 KO as true. 63 punts, 42.6 '04, net 36.5. 51 (42.6) LY, net 33.7, HM Pac 10. **13** Ryan Perkins (6-0 185 rFr) 46.7 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Jake Locker 6-3 212 PS#8
DB	Ashlee Palmer 6-3 215 PS#20JC
DL	Cameron Elisara 6-2 275 PS#27
WR	Marcel Reece 6-3 235 PS#52JC
DL	Anthony Atkins 6-2 290 PS#114JC
OL	Ryan Tolar 6-6 325 PS#77
DL	De'shon Matthews 6-3 245 PS#102
OL	Cody Habben 6-5 275 PS#113
DB	Jake Merrill 6-2 200 PS#102
RB	Leilyon Myers 6-0 190 PS#137
LB	Paul Homer 6-1 230 PS#134
DB	Jordan Murchison 6-0 184 PS#305JC
DL	Derek Kosub 6-4 270 PS#247OL
WR	Matt Mosley 5-11 180 PS#223
OL	Aaron Mason 6-6 270 PS#423JC
OL	Danny Morovick 6-3 230 PS#427JC
DB	D'Andre Goodwin 6-0 170 PS#325
LB	Donald Butler 6-1 210 PS#285
DB	Jason Wells 6-2 210 PS#477JC
OL	Matt Sedillo 6-3 300 PS#562
LB	Matt Houston 6-0 205 PS#485

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#3

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	San Jose St	A					
Sep. 9	at Oklahoma	G					
Sep. 16	Fresno St	A					
Sep. 23	UCLA	A					
Sep. 30	at Arizona	G					
Oct. 7	at USC	G					
Oct. 14	Oregon St	A					
Oct. 21	at California	A					
Oct. 28	Arizona St	A					
Nov. 4	at Oregon	A					
Nov. 11	Stanford	A					
Nov. 18	at Washington St	A					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

UW has suffered their 1st back-to-back losing seasons since 1973 & '74.
Washington is 4-2 SU & 4-1-1 ATS since 2000 in home finales.
Huskies are 9-17 ATS the last 26 games at Husky Stadium.

Washington is 9-0 SU all-time but 2-4 ATS since 1990 vs San Jose St.
The Huskies are 49-5-2 vs current WAC members, holding them to 8 ppg.

Washington is 1-7 ATS the last 3 years after a SU win.
Huskies are 4-13 ATS the last 17 games on grass.

UW had a 20-11 FD & 360-262 yd edge but FSU scored 3 def TD's in their last gm in '04.
Could apply: Washington is 0-8 SU & 2-6 ATS the L2Y as a home dog.

Washington is 1-8 SU & 1-7-1 ATS vs UCLA the last 9 meetings.
UW is 2-9-1 ATS in their last 12 Pac 10 openers.

Washington is 8-16-1 ATS in their last 25 conference road games.
Huskies are 5-3 SU but 2-6 ATS the last 8 games vs the Wildcats.

In their last visit to Los Angeles, UW had only 6 FD's (fewest S/'84 vs UO w/3).
Washington is 1-5 SU & ATS S/'99 in their 2nd consecutive road game.

The combined pt total in this series has gone down each of the past 5 yrs (73, 70, 55, 43 & 28).
The visitor is 6-6 SU but 9-3 ATS in this series since 1994.

UW won 19 straight games from '77-'01 but since have dropped 4 straight w/the avg score C-47, W-16.
Huskies are 7-4 SU but 3-8 ATS vs the Bears since 1993.

The dog is 6-3-2 ATS in their last 11 meetings.
The visitor is 5-2-2 ATS since 1995 in this series.

Washington is 8-5 ATS in their last 13 November games.
The visitor is 1-5 ATS since 1999 in this series.

Washington is 8-4 ATS (10-2 SU) since 1990 vs Stanford.
Ty Willingham was the Stanford HC from '95-'01 posting a 44-36-1 record w/4 bowls.

The average SU win in the last 4 yrs has only been by 4.5 ppg in this series.
Washington is 5-1 ATS in the last 6 "Apple Cups" w/3 outright upsets.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Cody Pickett 10,220 1999-'03
Rushing: Napoleon Kaufman 4,106 1991-'94 Receiving: Reggie Williams 3,598 2001-'03

TYRONE WILLINGHAM (Career 67-60-1)

2nd Year at Washington (Willingham's SU Bowl Record, 1-4)

Willingham's records AT WASHINGTON

2-9	Straight Up	1-0	Home Favorite
4-7	Vs The Spread	1-4	Home Underdog
4-4	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
3-5	Vs Conference	2-2	Away Underdog
1-2	Vs Non-Conf	0-1	Off A Bye

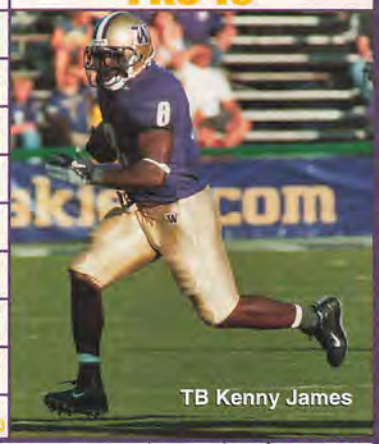
2005 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (18,24,2)
Lost: 31 (17,13,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 64,326

PAC 10



STADIUM: HUSKY STADIUM (72,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	10-1	8-3	7-5	6-6	1-10	2-9	41-38
Home	4-2	6-0	6-0	5-2	5-2	1-5	1-6	28-17
Away	3-2	4-1	2-3	2-3	1-4	0-5	1-3	13-21
ATS	6-5	4-5-2	5-6	5-7	5-7	2-9	4-7	31-46-2
Home Fav	2-3	1-3-1	2-2	1-5	3-2	0-3	1-0	10-18-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-2	1-4	8-7
Away Fav	2-1	1-1-1	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-1	3-7-1
Away Dog	1-1	1-1	1-2	3-2	1-2	1-4	2-2	10-14
Favorite	4-4	2-4-2	2-4	1-5	3-4	0-3	1-1	13-25-2
Dog	2-1	2-1	3-2	4-2	2-3	2-6	3-6	18-21
Grass	2-2	1-1-1	1-3	1-2	0-3	0-3	2-1	7-15-1
Artificial	4-3	3-4-1	4-3	4-5	5-4	2-6	2-6	24-31-1
vs Conf	5-3	1-5-2	3-5	3-5	3-5	2-6	3-5	20-34-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-0	2-1	2-2	2-2	0-3	1-2	11-12
Off SU Win	4-2	3-4-2	3-5	3-3	1-4	0-1	0-2	14-21-2
Off SU Loss	2-2	0-1	1-1	1-4	4-2	2-7	4-4	14-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Oahu Classic	+3'	Air Force	25-45	L
99	Holiday	+10'	Kansas St	20-24	W
00	Rose	-1'	Purdue	34-24	W
01	Holiday	+13	Texas - #9	43-47	W
02	Sun	-3	Purdue	24-34	L

Washington's All-Time SU Bowl Record 14-14-1

WASHINGTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	21.5	17	135	3.9	223	52.5	16.6	-3	2005	9	30.6	22	143	3.8	276	66.8	13.7
4	14.0	17	120	3.2	191	40.1	22.2	-19	2004	7	30.4	19	184	4.4	186	60.0	12.2
7*	26.0	23	120	3.1	270	55.7	15.0	-4	2003	7	26.3	18	152	4.1	233	51.7	14.6
8*	30.6	25	74	2.1	346	59.9	13.7	+1	2002	5	26.3	18	98	2.8	259	55.8	13.6
4	29.4	21	115	3.1	281	54.4	13.4	-2	2001	5	30.8	21	159	4.1	241	58.6	13.0
8*	32.3	22	216	4.8	192	54.2	12.7	-3	2000	7	22.5	18	136	3.8	214	48.6	15.5

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Sims	112	525	30	495	6	4.4
Louis Rankin	**104**	**510**	**25**	**485**	**1**	**4.7**
Isaiah Stanback	**100**	**515**	**162**	**353**	**5**	**3.5**
Kenny James	**29**	**108**	**5**	**103**	**1**	**3.6**
Chris Singleton	12	48	0	48	0	4.0
Johnny DuRocher	**4**	**0**	**26**	**-26**	**0**	**-6.5**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Isaiah Stanback	**264**	**143**	**54.2**	**2136**	**9**	**6**
Johnny DuRocher	**54**	**24**	**44.4**	**247**	**2**	**2**
Casey Paus	3	2	66.7	3	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Sonny Shackelford	**41**	**592**	**14.4**	**2**	**65**
Craig Chambers	31	573	18.5	6	69
Anthony Russo	**30**	**487**	**16.2**	**1**	**61**
Robert Lewis	**14**	**162**	**11.6**	**1**	**27**
Cody Ellis	**8**	**154**	**19.2**	**1**	**45**
Johnie Kirton	**14**	**152**	**10.9**	**1**	**21**
Corey Williams	**6**	**91**	**15.2**	**0**	**38**
James Sims	11	73	6.6	0	20
Marlon Wood	**1**	**69**	**69.0**	**0**	**69**
Louis Rankin	**6**	**54**	**9.0**	**0**	**29**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Sean Douglas	**51**	**2175**	**42.6**	**6**	**33.7**	**2**	**16**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Evan Knudson	28-28	6-8	3-3	2-3	0-1	11-15	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Evan Benjamin	109	4	3	2	1
CJ Wallace	**86**	**1**	**4.5**	**4**	**0**
Dashon Goldson	**80**	**0**	**2.5**	**3**	**1**
Scott White	**79**	**3**	**4.5**	**2**	**0**
Joe Lobendahn	76	2	3.5	2	2
Roy Lewis	**47**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**1**
Matt Fountaine	**39**	**0**	**0**	**8**	**0**
Greyson Gunheim	**38**	**5**	**6**	**3**	**0**
Manase Hopoi	33	5	4.5	1	0
Wilson Afoa	**33**	**1**	**6.5**	**2**	**0**
Tahj Bomar	**23**	**0**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Donny Mateaki	**21**	**3**	**2.5**	**0**	**0**
Darin Harris	**20**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**
Josh Okoebor	**16**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**3**
Durrell Moss	**15**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Chris Stevens	**11**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Erick Lobos	**11**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**
Mike Mapuolesega	7	1	0.5	1	0
Evan Knudson	6	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Sonny Shackelford	**7**	**56**	**8.0**	**0**
Anthony Russo	**6**	**11**	**1.8**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roy Lewis	**12**	**257**	**21.4**	**0**
Matt Fountaine	**8**	**173**	**21.6**	**0**

2005 STATS BY GAME

UW 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	† Air Force	18	34-129	3.8	19-27	242	0	22	52-218	4.2	13-22	207	0	+2
–	California	18	27-68	2.5	22-39	301	4	26	39-286	7.3	17-27	271	3	0
–	Idaho	16	39-192	4.9	10-18	148	0	12	31--4	-0.1	20-30	190	7	0
–	Notre Dame	20	22-41	1.9	19-40	408	3	31	47-233	5.0	25-37	327	1	-3
–	at UCLA	17	41-213	5.2	14-28	188	2	20	25-65	2.6	29-44	287	0	0
–	at Oregon	15	35-121	3.5	15-28	117	4	30	31-146	4.7	37-50	424	0	+1
–	USC	16	35-59	1.7	21-29	270	5	20	32-118	3.7	25-32	272	1	-1
–	at Arizona St	23	40-213	5.3	10-26	185	1	26	43-77	1.8	27-34	401	7	-4
–	Oregon St	16	27-19	0.7	16-42	207	4	12	42-127	3.0	17-27	136	1	-2
–	at Arizona	21	52-333	6.4	10-19	157	2	21	30-87	2.9	22-41	235	1	+4
–	Washington St	12	28-99	3.5	14-28	228	2	27	47-224	4.8	21-35	283	4	0
TOTALS		192	380-1487	3.9	170-324	2451	27	247	419-1577	3.8	253-379	3033	25	-3
AVERAGES		17.4	35-135	3.9	15-29	223	2.5	22.4	38-143	3.8	23-34	276	2.3	-0.3

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Michigan - #11	-3	23-18	W
Idaho	-25'	53-3	W
at California	-15'	31-28	L
USC	-5'	27-24	L
at UCLA - #7	+13'	13-35	L
Arizona	-16	31-28	L
at Arizona St	+3	33-31	W
Stanford - #10	+1	42-28	W
at Oregon St	-3'	24-49	L
Washington St - #9	+1'	26-14	W
at Miami, FI - #1	+25'	7-65	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan - #13	+6	29-31	W
San Jose St	-30	34-10	L
Wyoming	-30'	38-7	W
Idaho	-30'	41-27	L
California	-11	27-34	L
Arizona	-13'	32-28	L
at USC - #19	+7'	21-41	L
at Arizona St - #23	+3'	16-27	L
UCLA	-3	24-34	L
Oregon St	+6	41-29	W
at Oregon - #23	+6'	42-14	W
at Washington St - #3	+8	29-26 3OT	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio St - #2	+9	9-28	L
Indiana	-24'	38-13	W
Idaho	-26'	45-14	W
Stanford	-12'	28-17	L
at UCLA	-1'	16-46	L
Nevada	-17'	17-28	L
at Oregon St - #22	+10'	38-17	W
USC - #5	+10'	23-43	L
Oregon	-1	42-10	W
at Arizona	-16'	22-27	L
at California	+6	7-54	L
Washington St - #8	+7	27-19	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Fresno St	-1'	16-35	L
UCLA	E	31-37	L
at Notre Dame	+11'	3-38	L
at Stanford	+13'	13-27	L
San Jose St	-17'	21-6	L
Oregon St	+7	14-29	L
at USC - #1	+35	0-38	L
at Oregon	+19'	6-31	L
Arizona	-1'	13-23	L
California - #5	+30'	12-42	W
at Washington St	+12	25-28	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Air Force	-3	17-20	L
California - #16	+9	17-56	L
Idaho	-13'	34-6	W
Notre Dame - #16	+12	17-36	L
at UCLA - #20	+21'	17-21	W
at Oregon - #20	+17	21-45	L
USC - #1	+30	24-51	W
at Arizona St	+17	20-44	L
Oregon St	+3	10-18	L
at Arizona	+13	38-14	W
Washington St	+3	22-26	L

UCLA BRUINS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - This team has had three #1 DC's S/ '79 in Troy Aikman, Tommy Maddox and Cade McNown. In 2002 Drew Olson (PS#17) got in 5 starts as a true frosh after the starter was injured and threw for 702 yards (51%) with a 3-4 ratio. Olson battled Matt Moore (PS#19) in '03 and started the last 3, throwing for 2,067 yards (53.2%) with a 10-9 ratio for the year. In '04 he beat out David Koral (PS#81JC) who got in just 5 snaps. Olson threw for 2,565 (57.5%) with a 20-13 ratio. He was injured in the 2Q of the bowl and missed spring practice so Koral was #1 out of spring last year. One of the most anticipated signings for UCLA was Ben Olson (no relation) who was PS#1 and originally signed with BYU. The Olsons were neck and neck in Aug but Ben suffered a hand injury and the job was Drew's. Drew did not disappoint with an amazing 31-3 ratio (reg ssn) and for the year threw for 3,198 yards (64%). In the bowl he threw 3 int's on his first 8 passes but rebounded with 3 TD's. Ben got about 30% of the snaps with the 1st team, grooming him for '06 but played in just 2 games (4 pass). Koral had 5 passes. Battling for the backup job are Patrick Cowan (3rd string LY) and Osaar Rasshan (PS#23). UCLA has 4 pass att's among their returning QB's, 5th fewest in the NCAA. The QB stats figure to pale in comparison to Drew's outstanding '05 numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 the top two backs were injured and true frosh Maurice Drew (PS#11) led with 582 yards (4.3) in just 2 starts. In '04 Drew rushed for a school record 322 vs UW and thanks to 126 in the bowl became just the Bruins tenth 1,000 yd rusher, but surprisingly had just 1,007 (6.3). Chris Markey (PS#74) had 131 vs Oregon (Drew out w/inj) and was #3 with 350 (5.3). Those two returned last year and Drew's first carry was a 64 yard TD run. Drew, who is 205 lbs with 4% body fat and benches 400, only had 914 (4.9) as he was banged up. The bowl game was an unveiling of the Bruins future as Markey rushed for 161 and true frosh Kahlil Bell (PS#88) rushed for 136. They combined for 871 (5.4) for the season with Markey totaling 1223 all purp yds. Drew opted to leave early for the NFL and was #2DC of JAX. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Derrick Williams (5-10 208 Jr, 44 ttl yds), Craig Sheppard (6-1 192 rFr, PS#183), Ryen Carew (5-11 191 rFr, PS#133), FB Ben Idemundia (6-0 231 Jr) and Trevor Theriot (6-1 230 rFr). With a more stable O-line, this unit has a shot at improving upon last year's 160.7 ypg.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 the Bruins returned their top 3 receivers. Craig Bragg led in receiving all 4 of his years but saw his numbers drop from 73 rec's in '03 to 36 (13.4) in '04. TE Marcedes Lewis was a finalist for the John Mackey Award and Junior Taylor (PS#11) had 56 rec in the two years. Last year they had to replace Bragg and then Taylor was lost to an ACL. As you would expect, Lewis became the feature and broke the school record for rec's in a season (58) by a TE (Paul Bergmann, 44 in 1983). He also set the career record for rec's by a TE (126) and won the Mackey Award (see page 6). WR Joe Cowan (PS#66) was #2 with 35 (13.4). This year they lose Lewis (12 st, #1DC JAX) and TE Matt Raney. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Andrew Baumgartner (6-0 189 Sr, 2 st, 6 rec), Matt Willis (6-0 186 Sr, 3 rec), Ryan Graves (6-1 164 So) and Jamil Turner (6-1 190 rFr, PS#77). They also add Washington transfer Bobby Whitmore (PS#58) who was UW's #4 receiver in 2004. Despite the loss of their top guy, this group is about as experienced as last year.

DE Justin Hickman

OFFENSIVE LINE - From 1999-'03 the UCLA O-line allowed a conference high 190 sacks. They brought in Tom Cable in 2004, who had been the head coach at Idaho and is an outstanding OL coach. He shook up the unit in Aug, moving three starters to different positions and the Bruins started using chop blocks. They went from 2.6 ypc rushing to 4.8 in 2004 while allowing just 23 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters but the unit was hit hard by injuries as only 2 OL's started all 12. The ypc dropped to 4.4 and allowed 26 sk. This year they must replace C Mike McCloskey (7 st until inj, 4 yr st'r), WG Robert Cleary (last 7 st, 2 yr st'r) and WT Ed Blanton (12 st, 3 yr st'r, HM P10). They have seven of the top 10 returning including six with starting experience but they do lose Cable.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bruins had a tough D in 2003 and allowed just 3.2 ypc rushing. In 2004 they had to replace four starters and two backups and 14 different DL's played with 10 getting their first taste of Pac 10 play. The unit was also injury plagued and allowed 5.1 ypc rushing while the team had just 20 sacks. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 8 starts but then lost top sack man Kevin Brown prior to the year. Former HC Toledo had gone 2 years without recruiting a DL so Dorrell has played a lot of frosh the last two seasons. Including true frosh Chase Moline, who had 9 starts at DT at just 274 lbs. The undersized and young DL was part of the reason that UCLA finished last in the Pac 10 in rush D for the 2nd straight season (5.4 ypc). Injuries plagued the team again last year and just one DL started all 12. DE Nikola Dragovic started the first four but was lost (ACL). This year they only lose DE Kyle Morgan (3 st, 14 tkl) and not only do 7 of the top 8 return, but no less than 8 DL's have starting experience. This should be one of the most improved DL's in the NCAA.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Bruins returned five of their top six LB's but all three starters missed the spring with injury and OLB Wesley Walker was only able to start the final six after knee surgery. ILB Justin London (PS#16), who had gotten bigger and stronger and was finally healthy, reinjured his ankle and played in just 10 games. ILB Spencer Havner (PS#39) finished #3 in career tackles at UCLA, was 2nd Tm Pac 10 and the Def MVP. This year they lose Havner (12 st, #1 tkl'r, 15 tfl), London (8 st, 43 tkl) and Walker (L/ 6 st, 21 tkl). John Hale became the first true frosh to start at LB since 1999 (Asi Faoa). Four players return with starting experience but they have just one VHT in the 2 deep and it will be tough to replace a star player like Havner.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bruins have finished among my Top 50 pass D's every year since 1997 including #4 in 2001, #13 in '02 and #12 in '03. Despite a weak front 7 in 2004, they still finished #27. Last year they had to replace two starters. In 1991 Carlton Gray set a school record with 11 int's but UCLA had just 8 int's as a team in 2005 and dropped to #58. They probably would have been lower if teams didn't avg 233 ypg rushing vs their D. This year they must replace CB Marcus Cassel (12 st, 59 tkl, 10 pbu) and SS Jarrad Page (#7DC KC, 12 st, 72 tkl, 7 tfl, 7 pbu, 4 yr st'r). I list the 3 deep below and surprisingly it includes just 2 VHT's. This group looks to be in about the same shape as 2005.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2004 P Chris Kluwe (PS#1) was one of 3 finalists for the Ray Guy Award with a net of 40.7. Craig Bragg, despite missing numerous games, led the Pac 10 in PR's (15.0) as Maurice Drew (15.2) didn't have enough returns to qualify. True frosh Chris Markey was the top KR (22.2) and K Justin Medlock had a great year hitting 15 of 20 FG's including 3 of 5 from 50+. Overall, the unit's performance was good enough to finish #3 in my ST rankings. Last year they had to replace Bragg and Kluwe but still managed a #8 finish. P Aaron Perez (PS#4) avg'd 39.9. Surprisingly the team averaged just 17.6 on KR's (Markey 22.5). Drew averaged an amazing 28.5 on PR's with 3 TD's. Medlock tied John Lee's record with his fourth career 50+ FG but was susp for the bowl and Brian Malette and Jimmy Rotstein combined for 6 of 6 xp's. Brandon Breazell had 2 onside KR's for TD's in the bowl. Drew is gone and Medlock is currently susp but they do add K Kai Forbath (PS#1).

COACHES - Karl Dorrell was an NFL coach for three years prior to coming here and had spent 7 years as an OC in the college ranks. Dorrell was a WR at UCLA and when he completed his career was #2 in school history in rec and played on teams that won three Rose Bowls. His offense is very complex and the team struggled to learn it in 2003. Dorrell switched OC's in '04 bringing in Tom Cable, who was the HC at Idaho the four years prior. The unit went from 19.1 ppg to 30.1 ppg in 2004 to 39.1 in 2005. Cable left for the NFL so the new OC is Jim Svoboda who was a finalist for the Frank Broyles asst Coach of the Year Award in '05 as QB coach here (3rd yr). He spent 10 seasons as OC at NW Missouri St which led Div II in scoring in '98 and 2000. With an undersized D-line the Bruins have finished last in the Pac 10 in rush D each of the last 2 years and bring in a new DC this year in DeWayne Walker. Walker was the DB coach with the Redskins, Giants and Patriots. Dorrell was the Pac 10 co-Coach of the Year in 2005.

PHIL'S FORECAST

At one time USC and UCLA used to battle it out annually for the Pac 10 Title. Just a decade ago the Bruins program was clearly ahead of the Trojans. From 2000-'04, however, UCLA was just 19-21 in Pac 10 play and in Dorrell's first two seasons, they were just 6-7 and 6-6 overall. Despite that, he was given a contract extension through 2010. Dorrell played a school record 12 true frosh in 2004. The Bruins were picked 5th in the preseason Pac 10 poll but almost everything went in their favor during the season. They were outgained by 72.9 ypg in league play but still managed a 6-2 mark and at one point stood 8-0 and were talking National Title and an unbeaten showdown with USC. They went 6-0 in the Rose Bowl for the 2nd time since 1982 and achieved their seventh 10-win season in school history. Dorrell's contract was extended again to 2011. Last year Dorrell got a big early win when they knocked off Oklahoma at home, 41-24 and then started their streak of comebacks. They trailed Washington 17-7 in the 4Q, trailed Cal by 12 in the 4Q and were down 28-7 to WSU. Against Stanford, they trailed by 21 with 7:04 left but won in OT. In the last 15 years, just 5 times has an unbeaten team in November lost by 30+ but UCLA was that 5th as they were buried at Arizona 52-14. They still had a couple of their 9 lives left, however, beating Ariz St who was down to their backup QB but at 9-1 were thrashed by USC 66-19. Dorrell has said it was important to win their bowl game but the Bruins trailed 22-0 with 4:21 left in the 1Q. Amazingly they rebounded for a 50-38 win and a final ranking of #16. A couple of negative factors this year is that the 12 returning starters is the 3rd lowest in the conference and the +4 net close wins is usually a bad sign (see pg 299). On offense they lost OC Cable, their top QB, RB and receiver and do not figure to match last year's 39.1 ppg. While the defense has just 6 starters back, it has a vastly improved D-line and should allow much less than the 34.2 ppg of 2005. The Bruins do get most of their winnable Pac 10 games at home but won't have the same good fortune as last year . In a rebuilding season, they will at least double last year's loss total.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 7 **Ben Olson So.** 6-5 227 **PS#1** in '02. BYU, mission. 4 pass 2 gms here LY. 12 Patrick Cowan (6-4 215 So) PS#157. 1 gm as rFr. 11 Osaar Rasshan (6-4 206 rFr) **PS#23.**

RB 28 **Chris Markey Jr.** 5-11 203 PS#74. 350 rush, 854 all-purp true. 161 rush bowl, 1223 all-purp yds LY. 36 Kahlil Bell (5-11 206 So) PS#88, 310 rush, 175 KR true. 24 Trason Bragg PS#103DB.

FB 32 **MICHAEL PITRE JR.** 5-11 240 PS#158LB. 6 st 2Y, 269 ttl yds. 45 Jimmy Stephens (6-2 244 Jr) PS#91TE. 11 gms, 11 yds LY. 43 Danny Nelson (6-1 225 Sr) PS#169JC. 9 tkl ILB LY.

WR 8 **JUNIOR TAYLOR SR.** 6-1 203 **PS#11**. 11 st, 32 rec (14.5) '04. Inj LY. 9 **Marcus Everett** (6-1 200 Jr) PS#76DB. 6 st, 32 rec LY. 10 Gavin Ketchum (6-4 199 So) PS#81. 3 st, 11 rec LY. Terrence Austin **PS#9.**

WR 26 **JOE COWAN SR.** 6-4 220 PS#66. 12 st LY, 35 rec (13.4). 1 Brandon Breazell (6-0 165 Jr) PS#126. 24 rec LY. 29 Bobby Whithorne (6-2 195 Jr) PS#58. 4 sts, 18 rec Wash '04.

TE 81 **JJ Hair Sr.** 6-5 248 **PS#11**. 2 sts, 3 rec 2Y. 82 Ryan Moya (6-3 230 So) PS#30. 2 sts, 10 rec as true. 86 Logan Paulsen (6-5 237 So) PS#88DL. 83 Adam Heater (6-5 245 So) PS#25.

C 54 **Robert Chai Sr.** 6-3 285 **PS#54**. Last 8 sts at C as rFr. 2 st C '04. 4 st C LY. 51 Nathaniel Skaggs (6-4 275 So) PS#219. 1 st at DT, 1 st C (bowl) rFr. 50 Aaron Meyer (6-3 295 rFr) PS#147.

SG 71 **SHANNON TEVAGA JR.** 6-3 310 **PS#36**. L/6 sts as true. 12 sts LY, HM P10. 52 Chris Johnson (6-3 280 So) PS#229DL. 5 tkl, 1 sk as true. RS LY. 56 Philip Rauscher (6-4 290 Jr) PS#89WR.

WG 60 **CHRIS JOSEPH JR.** 6-4 290 PS#197. 5 st WG rFr until torn ACL. 78 Aleksey Lanis (6-6 338 rFr) **PS#12**. 67 PJ Irvin (6-4 310 Jr) **PS#41**. 58 Micah Reed (6-4 310 So).

ST 68 **BRIAN ABRAHAM JR.** 6-6 300 **PS#40**. 3 gms as true. 9 st ST LY (inj 3). 74 Noah Sutherland (6-4 290 Jr) PS#122. 2 tkl rFr. 3 st ST LY. 76 Justin Brown (6-6 256 rFr) PS#245.

WT 75 **Nick Ekbatani So.** 6-5 280 PS#264JC. In for spring. 66 Scott Glicksberg (6-4 300 So) PS#339. Add 37 lbs LY, 4 gms. 70 Tony Lee (6-4 291 So) PS#184. Inj for spring.

K 7 **JUSTIN MEDLOCK SR.** 6-0 186 1st Tm P10 '04. **2nd Tm P10 LY**. 42 of 56 FG's 3Y, long 52. 4-7 from 50+, 20 of 25 from 40-49, #8 UCLA all-time pts (244). 20 Brian Malette (5-11 179 So) PS#55.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 44 **BRUCE DAVIS JR.** 6-3 230 **PS#40**. 2 st, 45 tkl, 4.5 sk 2Y. 48 **William Snead** (6-4 253 Jr) 5 st, 26 tkl, 2.5 sk 2Y. 98 **Nikola Dragovic** (6-3 256 Jr) PS#145. 4 st, 11 tkl LY. Dylan Rush PS#17TE.

NG 75 **KEVIN BROWN JR.** 6-2 297 **PS#23**. 11 sts in '04, 25 tkls, 5 sks, 4 tfl. RS LY. 50 **Chase Moline** (6-1 274 So) PS#237OL. 9 sts true, 25 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 61 Brian Ruziecki (6-3 292 Sr) 2 tkl.

DT 93 **BRIGHAM HARWELL JR.** 6-1 274 **PS#10LB**. 4 st DE, 22 tkl true. 11 st DT, 35 tkl, 4 sk, 7.5 tfl LY. 52 Jess Ward (6-4 284 rFr) PS#275OL. 70 Scott Kearney (6-1 285 Jr) 1 tkl. Darius Savage PS#86.

DE 17 **JUSTIN HICKMAN SR.** 6-1 261 PS#100JC. 8 st '04, 22 tkl. 12 st, 31 tkl, 5.5 sk, HM P10 LY. 77 Kenneth Lombard (6-1 268 So) **PS#65.** 5 st 2Y, 24 tkl, 3 tfl. 47 Chinonso Anyanwu (6-4 210 rFr).

SLB 12 **John Hale So.** 6-4 225 PS#322. 7 sts true (3 ILB) 20 tkl. 54 Kyle Bosworth (6-2 215 So) PS#150. 1 tkl as true. Tobi Umodu **PS#34.** 56 Nicky Rodriguez (5-10 220 So).

MLB 33 **Christian Taylor Jr.** 6-0 220 AF '03. Scout Tm POY '04. 1 st LY, 43 tkl, 1 tfl. 49 Fred Holmes (6-1 245 Jr) PS#175. 8 tkls 2Y, inj LY. 51 Reggie Carter (6-1 225 rFr) PS#114.

WLB 2 **Eric McNeal Sr.** 6-2 209 **PS#6DB**. 15 tkl rFr. 1 st SS '04, 28 tkl. 1 st FS LY, 35 tkl, 3 tfl. 42 Aaron Whittington (6-2 210 Jr) PS#85DL. 4 st, 34 tkl 2Y. Shawn Oatis (5-11 213 rFr) PS#56RB.

CB 23 **TREY BROWN JR.** 5-10 189 PS#103. L/5 sts rFr, 46 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. 12 sts LY, 53 tkl, 1 int, 10 pbu. 18 Matthew Slater (5-11 197 Jr) PS#108WR. 3 gms LY. 29 Olukayode Oredugba (6-1 194 Jr).

CB 3 **Rodney Van Jr.** 6-1 178 **PS#34**. 12 tkl as true. 22 tkl, 1 int, 1 pbu LY. 27 Aaron Ware (6-0 190 rFr) **PS#18.** 22 Michael Norris (5-11 185 Jr) 25 tkls, 4 pbu 2Y. Excelled on ST.

SS 14 **Chris Horton Jr.** 6-1 200 PS#104. 27 tkl rFr. 2 sts LY, 26 tkl, 1 pbu. 25 Bret Lockett (6-2 204 So) PS#80. 2 tkls as true. 20 Charlie Schuh (6-1 198 Jr) 4 tkls as rFr.

FS 11 **DENNIS KEYES JR.** 6-1 192 **PS#17**. 10 tkl rFr. 9 starts LY, 57 tkl, 8 tfl, 6 pbu. 19 Robert Kibble (5-10 175 So) PS#135. 7 tkls as true. Christian Ramirez (6-2 195 Fr) PS#78.

P 17 **AARON PEREZ SO.** 6-2 220 **PS#4**. 42.7 avg as Sr in HS. 54 punts as rFr, 39.9 avg, net 35.6. 20 Brian Malette (5-11 179 So) PS#55. 1 xp. 37 Jimmy Rotstein (6-0 160 So) 5 xp's in bowl.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	Terrence Austin 5-11 175 PS#9
K	Kai Forbath 6-0 175 PS#1
RB	Chane Moline 6-1 240 PS#33
DL	Dylan Rush 6-3 240 PS#17TE
LB	Tobi Umodu 5-11 220 PS#34
OL	Sean Sheller 6-4 260 PS#44
WR	Domonique Johnson 6-4 205 PS#40
OL	Micah Kia 6-5 295 PS#47
OL	Jake Dean 6-4 261 PS#48
DL	Jeff Miller 6-6 250 PS#62
OL	Andy Keane 6-2 269 PS#62
DL	Darius Savage 6-4 315 PS#86
OL	Sonny Tevaga 6-4 364 PS# 85
OL	Brandon Bennett 6-4 335 PS#87
DB	Christian Ramirez 6-2 195 PS#78
DB	Alterraun Verner 5-10 161 PS#124
DL	Reginald Stokes 6-3 228 PS#150
DB	Jeremy McGee 5-10 171 PS#116WR
DL	Jerzy Siewierski 6-3 300 PS#154
OL	Nick Ekbatani 6-5 290 PS#264JC
DL	David Carter 6-3 240 PS#189
OL	Christian Yount 6-1 225 PS#452

UCLA BRUINS

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KARL DORRELL (Career 22-15)
4th Year at UCLA
Dorrell's SU Bowl Record: 1-2

Dorrell's records AT UCLA

22-15	Straight Up	9-5-2	Home Favorite
17-15-2	Vs The Spread	2-0	Home Underdog
5-4-1	Off A SU Loss	3-5	Away Favorite
11-12-1	Vs Conference	3-5	Away Underdog
6-3-1	Vs Non-Conf	2-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (10-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (26,23,2)
Lost: 16 (9,7,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 64,218

PAC 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#4

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UCLA	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Utah	G					
Sep. 9	Rice	G					
Sep. 16							
Sep. 23	at Washington	A					
Sep. 30	Stanford	G					
Oct. 7	Arizona	G					
Oct. 14	at Oregon	A					
Oct. 21	at Notre Dame	G					
Oct. 28	Washington St (HC)	G					
Nov. 4	at California	A					
Nov. 11	Oregon St	G					
Nov. 18	at Arizona St	G					
Nov. 25							
Dec. 2	USC	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

From 1999-2003, UCLA was 4-16-3 ATS after a SU loss but 5-0 ATS the L2Y.
UCLA is 9-3 SU & 8-4 ATS on artificial turf the last 5 years.
The Bruins won 10 games last year (only the 7th time in school history).

Bruins are 10-2 SU & ATS in home openers since 1994.
UCLA is 32-11 SU & 30-12-1 ATS the L/43 games vs non-conference tms.

Bruins have avg'd 57 ppg in their 3 most recent games vs current CUSA teams.
The Bruins are 11-3-1 ATS prior to a bye week since 1995.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Cade McNown 10,708 1995-'98
Rushing: Gaston Green 3,731 1984-'87 Receiving: Danny Farmer 3,020 1986-'99

UCLA is 3-6 ATS the last 6 years after a bye week.
Bruins are 11-25-1 ATS the last 37 Pac 10 road games.

The home team is 5-1-1 ATS the last 7 years in this series.
UCLA is 9-3 SU & 8-3-1 ATS under Dorrell in conference home games.

The 52 pts given up LY by UCLA was the highest mark ever by UA in this series.
Last & only time UCLA dropped back-to-back gms vs Arizona was in '89 & '90.

UCLA is 13-2 SU outscoring UO 383-209 in their L/15 visits to Eugene (S/'53).
The dog is 10-3 ATS since 1990 in this series.

UCLA is 13-6 ATS the last 19 road games involving non-conf opponents.
Bruins are 8-4 ATS S/'96 in their 2nd of back-to-back road games.

UCLA is 5-0 SU & 4-0-1 ATS the L5Y on Homecoming outscroing tms 176-76.
Bruins are 4-8 SU & 3-9 ATS since 1992 vs the Cougars.

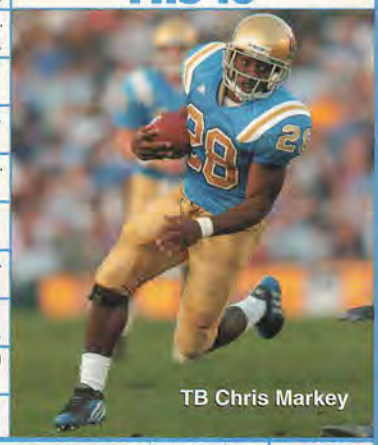
The home team is 6-1-1 ATS the last 8 years.
UCLA is 5-13 SU & 4-13-1 ATS their last 18 November games.

UCLA's 6 TD passes LY equal the most ever thrown vs OSU (Elway 6 in '80).
The dog has covered 6 of the last 9 in this series.

In their last 9 games (S/'94), these schools have averaged 72 ppg.
UCLA's 510 passing yds vs ASU LY ranks 2nd all-time in school history.

Bonus: UCLA is 4-10 SU vs #1 ranked opponents, including 0-5 when playing a #1 USC team.

The Bruins are 0-7 SU & 1-6 ATS the last 7 years vs the Trojans.
These campuses are about 15 miles apart playing every yr since 1936.


TB Chris Markey

STADIUM: ROSE BOWL (91,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	6-5	7-4	7-5	6-6	6-5	9-2	45-34
Home	4-2	5-2	4-1	2-4	5-1	3-3	6-0	29-13
Away	0-5	1-3	3-3	5-1	1-5	3-2	3-2	16-21
ATS	3-8	3-6-2	6-5	6-5-1	3-7-2	8-3	6-5	35-39-5
Home Fav	2-2	0-4-1	3-2	1-2-1	1-2-2	3-2	5-1	15-15-4
Home Dog	1-1	2-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	1-0	0-0	5-3
Away Fav	0-3	0-1	2-3	3-1	0-2	2-0	1-3	8-13
Away Dog	0-2	1-1-1	1-0	2-0	1-3	2-1	0-1	7-8-1
Favorite	2-5	0-5-1	5-5	4-3-1	1-4-2	5-2	6-4	23-28-4
Dog	1-3	3-1-1	1-0	2-2	2-3	3-1	0-1	12-11-1
Grass	3-7	3-5-1	4-4	3-5-1	3-6-2	5-2	6-4	27-33-4
Artificial	0-1	0-1-1	2-1	3-0	0-1	3-1	0-1	8-6-1
vs Conf	2-6	1-5-2	3-5	3-4-1	2-5-1	6-2	3-5	20-32-4
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	3-0	3-1	1-2-1	2-1	3-0	15-7-1
Off SU Win	0-4	1-4-1	5-1	4-3	2-3-1	4-2	4-5	20-22-2
Off SU Loss	2-4	1-2-1	0-4	1-2-1	0-4-1	4-0	1-0	9-16-3

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Maurice Drew	186	961	47	914	13	4.9
Chris Markey	110	580	19	561	3	5.1
Kahlil Bell	52	316	6	310	3	6.0
Michael Pitre	15	70	1	69	1	4.6
Brandon Breazell	3	60	0	60	0	20.0
Drew Olson	50	100	148	-48	1	-1.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Drew Olson	378	242	64.0	3198	34	6
David Koral	5	3	60.0	35	0	0
Ben Olson	4	2	50.0	11	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Marcedes Lewis	58	741	12.8	10	40	
Joe Cowan	35	469	13.4	3	91	
Maurice Drew	31	453	14.6	4	45	
Marcus Everett	32	390	12.2	2	44	
Brandon Breazell	24	297	12.4	4	48	
Chris Markey	17	231	13.6	2	56	
Gavin Ketchum	11	153	13.9	1	60	
Ryan Moya	10	153	15.3	2	58	
Andrew Baumgartner	6	111	18.5	1	38	
Junior Taylor	6	109	18.2	2	39	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Aaron Perez	54	2157	39.9	11	35.6	0	19
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Justin Medlock	50-50	3-3	3-4	6-8	1-2	13-17	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Spencer Havner	99	2	13	7	3
Jarrad Page	72	1	6	7	1
Marcus Cassel	59	0	2	10	0
Dennis Keyes	57	2	6	6	0
Trey Brown	53	0	0	10	1
Justin London	43	0	5	1	0
Christian Taylor	43	0	1	1	0
Brigham Harwell	35	4	7.5	2	0
Eric McNeal	35	0	3	0	1
Justin Hickman	31	5.5	2.5	0	0
Bruce Davis	28	2	4	4	0
Chris Horton	26	0	0.5	1	0
Chase Moline	25	1	2.5	0	0
Byron Velega	25	0	0	0	0
Rodney Van	22	0	1	1	1
Kenneth Lombard	21	1	2	0	0
Wesley Walker	21	0	3	1	0
John Hale	20	0	0	1	0
William Snead	20	1.5	0	2	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Maurice Drew	15	427	28.5	3	
Chris Markey	3	48	16.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Chris Markey	17	383	22.5	0	
Kahlil Bell	11	175	15.9	0	

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Sun	+5'	Wisconsin	20-21	W
02	Las Vegas	-10'	New Mexico	27-13	W
03	Silicon Valley	-3	Fresno St	9-17	L
04	Las Vegas	-12'	Wyoming	21-24	L
05	Sun	-2'	Northwestern	50-38	W

UCLA's All-Time SU Bowl Record 13-13-1

UCLA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	39.1	22	161	4.4	270	63.5	11.0	+6	2005	7	34.2	25	233	5.4	235	59.4	13.7
9*	30.1	20	185	4.8	225	57.0	13.6	-6	2004	5	25.8	21	210	5.1	223	55.6	16.8
6	19.1	16	92	2.6	203	52.6	15.5	-1	2003	7	23.5	17	117	3.2	201	59.0	13.5
6*	29.8	18	128	3.2	230	55.6	12.0	+2	2002	5	25.1	18	130	3.5	228	50.2	14.3
7*	28.8	19	170	4.1	218	52.4	13.5	-3	2001	8	20.5	16	122	3.3	199	47.3	15.7
9*	29.4	19	100	2.6	266	54.5	12.4	+7	2000	8	30.7	21	185	4.4	218	50.5	13.1

2005 STATS BY GAME

UCLA 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at San Diego St	16	35 - 191	5.5	12 - 18	158	2	23	46 - 156	3.4	24 - 35	246	4	+2
–	Rice	23	39 - 253	6.5	19 - 27	325	2	16	49 - 192	3.9	8 - 17	63	3	+2
–	Oklahoma	22	30 - 83	2.8	28 - 38	314	2	25	45 - 157	3.5	20 - 29	241	3	+3
#20	Washington	20	25 - 65	2.6	29 - 44	287	0	17	41 - 213	5.2	14 - 28	188	2	0
#20	California	17	31 - 170	5.5	17 - 33	225	1	26	41 - 330	8.0	18 - 35	215	1	0
#12	at Washington St	34	46 - 178	3.9	31 - 45	338	4	24	42 - 330	7.9	19 - 33	169	0	0
#8	Oregon St	20	45 - 235	5.2	16 - 25	262	1	24	39 - 181	4.6	21 - 34	330	1	+3
#8	at Stanford	22	28 - 79	2.8	24 - 35	293	3	18	46 - 140	3.0	18 - 25	169	5	-2
#7	at Arizona	22	35 - 85	2.4	25 - 41	243	4	26	43 - 315	7.3	14 - 24	204	0	-1
#14	Arizona St	23	39 - 150	3.8	22 - 27	510	1	29	45 - 181	4.0	27 - 37	334	5	+1
#11	at USC	19	33 - 129	3.9	14 - 32	146	5	35	51 - 430	8.4	23 - 44	249	1	-1
#17	† Northwestern	24	50 - 310	6.2	10 - 24	143	1	33	32 - 168	5.3	38 - 70	416	0	-1
TOTALS		262	436 - 1928	4.4	247 - 389	3244	26	296	520 - 2793	5.4	244 - 411	2824	25	+6
AVERAGES		21.8	36 - 161	4.4	21 - 32	270	2.2	24.7	43 - 233	5.4	20 - 34	235	2.1	0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama - #25	+2'	20-17	W
at Kansas	-13	41-17	W
Ohio St - #21	-6'	13-6	W
at Oregon St - #19	-3	38-7	W
Washington - #10	-13'	35-13	W
California	-30'	56-17	W
at Stanford - #20	-7'	28-38	L
at Washington St - #16	-3	14-20	L
Oregon - #7	-1	20-21	L
at USC	-3'	0-27	L
Arizona St	-10'	52-42	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Colorado St - #19	-7	30-19	W
at Oklahoma St	-7	38-24	W
Colorado	-11'	17-31	L
at San Diego St	-15	43-7	W
at Oregon St	+4'	43-35	W
Oregon - #7	-2'	30-31	L
at California	-3'	12-17	L
Stanford	-10	28-18	T
at Washington	+3	34-24	W
at Arizona	-11	37-7	W
USC - #7	+5'	21-52	L
Washington St - #7	+1'	27-48	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colorado - #24	+3	14-16	W
Illinois	-10	6-3	L
at Oklahoma - #1	+19	24-59	L
San Diego St	-10	20-10	T
Washington - #18	+1'	46-16	W
at Arizona	-17	24-21	L
California	-3	23-20 OT	T
Arizona St	-2'	20-13	W
at Stanford	-6	14-21	L
at Washington St - #12	+10	13-31	L
Oregon	-2	13-31	L
at USC - #2	+23	22-47	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St	-1	20-31	L
at Illinois	-1'	35-17	W
at Washington	E	37-31	W
San Diego St	-6	33-10	W
Arizona	-10	37-17	W
at California - #8	+16'	28-45	L
at Arizona St - #21	+7'	42-48	W
Stanford	-4'	21-0	W
Washington St	-14	29-31	L
at Oregon	+6'	34-26	W
USC - #1	+22'	24-29	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at San Diego St	-9'	44-21	W
Rice	-24'	63-21	W
Oklahoma - #21	-6'	41-24	W
Washington	-21'	21-17	L
California - #10	-1'	47-40	W
at Washington St	-5	44-41 OT	L
Oregon St	-9'	51-28	W
at Stanford	-7	30-27 OT	L
at Arizona	-9'	14-52	L
Arizona St	-3'	45-35	W
at USC - #1	+21	19-66	L

OREGON ST BEAVERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Jonathan Smith left after 2001 as the school's all-time passing leader and Derek Anderson broke those records leaving in 2004. Ryan Gunderson (PS#27, strong arm) played in '04 vs Cal, leading OSU to 7 FD in garbage time. Last year he had to battle UCLA transfer Matt Moore (PS#19). Moore was the first Bruin true frosh to win his first game as a starter and threw for 555 (50.5%) with a 2-6 ratio in 2003 at UCLA. He has a strong arm and was picked in the MLB draft by the Angels '04. Moore won the starting job in 2005 and absorbed 12 sacks vs L'ville and Ariz St. For the season he threw for 2,711 (59.4%) but with a poor 11-19 ratio. He was lost for the year in the 1H vs Stanford. Gunderson threw for 542 (52.9%) with a 2-4 ratio as the two QBs combined to lead the NCAA with 23 int. Walk-on Colt Charles was the #3 QB and appeared in 8 games with 1 pass (0 int!). Sean Canfield (6-4 228 rFr, PS#40) joins Moore and Gunderson and is said to have similar size and arm to Anderson (but more mobile). I expect improved passing numbers, especially with a much more experienced O-line.

RUNNING BACKS - Ken Simonton left in 2001 as the Pac 10's #2 all-time leading rusher. Steven Jackson (PS#35), a powerful 224 lb back with 4.4 speed, rushed for a school record 1,690 yards (5.3) and became OSU's second Pac 10 rushing champ in three years. In 2003 he rushed for 1,545 (4.4) but left early for the NFL (#1 DC STL). Diminutive Dwight Wright (5'9", 4.37 spd) and Ryan Cole (PS#41) were the top two backs in 2004 combining for just 994 yards as OSU was last in the NCAA in rushing (70.7 ypg). The top returning rusher in '05 was Yvenson Bernard who was similar to Simonton at 5-9 202 but had just 20 yards rushing as a rFr. The starter was expected to be Florida transfer Jimtavis Walker (PS#64) or JUCO Nate Wright (PS#139WR). Walker quit after 4 games due to lack of time. True frosh Patrick Fuller (PS#65, 4.45 spd) took his RS off against Ariz St but had just 12 carries. Bernard, who suffered from stingers and a separated shoulder, also had one knee in a brace and one knee drained weekly. He was the workhorse with 299 carries and rushed for 1,321 (4.4) which was the 5th best total in school history (#9 NCAA in ypg). Wright (10 att) departs. Riley wanted to bring in a JUCO as the main backup and signed Clinton Polk. Bernard does not have great size or speed but is very durable and should have another fine season.

RB Yvenson Bernard

RECEIVERS - In OSU's Fiesta Bowl season (2000), the team had their best receiving corps ever, highlighted by Chad Johnson and TJ Houshmandzadeh (both drafted by CIN). James Newsom was the go-to man in 2002 becoming just the 2nd OSU receiver to ever top 1,000 yards in a season (Vern Burke in '63). He then did it again in '03. Walk-on Mike Hass emerged as a deep threat in 2003 avg 23.0 on 44 rec becoming just the 3rd to top 1,000. Newsom had to be replaced in '04 but Hass set a school record with 86 rec (16.0) and good sized TE Joe Newton (6-7 252) hauled in 56 (12.3). It appeared the top 4 returned in '05 but Newton was injured and DNP all year and Marcel Love (40 rec in '04) was ruled ineligible. Anthony Wheat-Brown was banged up but still was #2 with 40. Hass reset the school's receiving mark with 90, set a Pac 10 mark with 1,532 yards (17.0) and was #1 in the NCAA in receiving ypg. He was voted 1st Tm AA and the Biletnikoff Award Winner. Hass is a big loss (#6DC NO) and filling his SE spot will be Sammie Stroughter (PS#94). Stroughter only has 5 rec the last 2 years because Riley only wanted him to play at the position he would play after Hass left. Ruben Jackson (PS#17JC) struggled to adapt to the system and had just 11 rec but could become the feature WR. Also gone is Josh Hawkins (11 st, 38 rec), TE Dan Haines (9 st, 19) and WR Kevin Swanigan (8 rec). Love and Newton both return so despite the loss of the top receiver in the NCAA, this group is actually deeper and more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - With basically just two returning starters in 2004, the line opened holes for just 2.2 ypc rushing but did allow a respectable 6.9% sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup. They brought in new OL Coach Mike Cavanaugh and were the only team in the Pac 10 with zero seniors on the O-line. Also hurting the group was the loss of 6'7" TE Joe Newton. They got stronger as the season went on and opened holes for 3.2 ypc (7.0% sks). LG Jeremy Perry earned P10 co-Frosh of the Year honors after starting 11 as a rFr. This year, for the first time since 1977, the Beavers return all five starters to the OL along with their #6 man, Andy Levitre (PS#144). This should be one of the most improved O-lines in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Beavers' defense allowed 3.4 ypc rushing (weakest total in 3 yr) while recording 32 sacks. Last year they had 7 of the top 8 returning but had to replace their all-time sack leader, DE Bill Swancutt. DT Ben Siegert, who started 25 games the previous two years, was bothered by a shoulder injury and did not start. They used an 8-man rotation. OSU allowed just 3.1 ypc but, as expected, the sack total dropped to 22. This year they must replace DT Sir Henry Anderson (11 st, 4.5 sk, 2nd Tm P10), DT Alvin Smith (11 st, 24 tkl, HM P10), DE Jeremy Weldon (10 tkl) and DT Derek Hall. Two starters from last year, plus Siegert, return and they add in some outstanding JUCO's including VHT Dorian Smith (PS#23JC). I list an impressive 3 deep below and this group looks even stronger than 2005.

LINEBACKERS - OSU has had some excellent LB's and since 2002 have had 4 drafted. Last year they lost one starter and then projected starter Chaz Scott (inelig) was out for the year. They still returned two excellent starters in MLB Trent Bray and SLB Keith Ellison who both made 1st Tm P10 and were #1 and #3 on the team in tackles. Derrick Doggett and Andy Darkins split the other WLB spot. This year they lose Ellison (#6DC BUF, 11 st, 99 tkl, 15 tfl) and Bray (11 st, 116 tkl, 7.5 tfl). While four of the top 6 are back. They add some outstanding JUCO and true frosh but this group is clearly weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - OSU recorded 3 straight Top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings including #2 in 2004. Last year they had to replace 3 starters who were 1st or 2nd Tm Pac 10 including both starting CB's and FS Mitch Meeuwsen who is OSU's all-time career int leader (20). It was the first time since 1989 they had not had at least 2 starters returning and the Beavers dropped all the way down to #79 allowing a 31-12 ratio. This year for the first time since 2000, they have all 4 starters back. I'll call for OSU to get back towards the top of my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year they had their super K/P combo of Sam Paulescu, who Riley called the best punter in the Pac 10, and Alexis Serna finishing #43 in my ST rankings, their highest ever finish. Paulescu, an excellent directional punter (36.3 net) will be very difficult to replace. Everyone remembers Serna's first game when he missed 3 xp's vs LSU in a one point loss and was benched. Serna reclaimed his job and hit 17 of 20 FG's with a long of 55 in '04. He had a solid year in '05 but once again one game cost the team a win and a bowl. Serna tied a school record with 15 straight FG's (Kirk Ylieimi, 2002) but amazingly, one week after setting the Pac 10 record with 6 FG's (vs UW), he missed 3 vs Stanford in a 3 point loss including a 55 yarder at the end. Serna still won the Lou Groza Award. He had 10 TB's on 65 KO's. Sammie Stroughter led the team in PR's (6.5). Lamar Herron improved his KR avg to 24.3. 2004's LS Darrick Bruns did not make the team's 105 man roster in August as they gave the job to JUCO Joel Cohen (PS#24). Cohen was lost for the year vs Louisville and Bruns and true frosh Aaron Carlson handled the duties. This year they lose P Paulsecu and KR Herron.

COACHES - Mike Riley began the turnaround at OSU in 1997, inheriting a team filled with players recruited for the wishbone. In his second year he guided them to their first 5-win season in 27 years. He left in '99 to be the HC of the San Diego Chargers but returned to Corvallis in '03. Riley calls the plays on game day but last year, Riley's OC Paul Chryst, left for Wisc so he brought in Danny Langsdorf (ex-OC CFL Eskimos) who was an asst with New Orleans in 2003-'04. The DC is Mark Banker, who was the co-DC at Stanford in 2002 and the DB coach for Riley from 1997 to 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Oregon St snapped a TWENTY-EIGHT year streak of losing seasons in 1999 and has had solid success this decade even finishing #4 in the final polls in 2000. In 2004 Oregon St won the 'Northwest Championship' beating Wash, Wash St and Oregon in the same year for the first time since 1974. The Beavers have turned Reser Stadium into a pit for opposing teams as they are 32-9 their last 42 home games. Last year the stadium underwent a $93 million expansion project including replacing their old artificial turf with FieldTurf (to cut down on inj) and increasing the capacity. They did see their streak of 28 consecutive sellouts end. In 2002 they were 4-4 in Pac 10 play but outgained foes by 67 ypg. Dennis Erickson opted to leave and Mike Riley inherited 15 returning starters. In 2003, OSU opened 5-1 and made it to their 4th bowl in 5 years. Not only did they match their 8-5 record of 2002, but even more impressively outgained Pac 10 foes by an average of 141.8 ypg. That was even better than co-Nat'l Champ USC despite their 4-4 league mark! OSU was -8 in turnovers on the year and whipped New Mexico in their bowl 55-14. In 2004 they nearly defeated defending co-Nat'l Champ LSU in Death Valley (3 missed xp's) but opened the season just 1-4 and were blown out by Cal 49-7. They had to go 5-1 just to make a bowl then dispatched ND 38-21 in the Insight Bowl (5th bowl in six years). The 2004 squad simply faced the toughest schedule in the country. Last year they were the only team in the Pac 10 not to face USC. OSU was blown out on consecutive weekends by L'ville and Ariz St but in Wk 6 snapped #18 Cal's 10 game home win streak and moved to 4-2. The next week they lost big to #8 UCLA and then despite a 31-14 FD edge at home vs Arizona, were done in by 7 turnovers in a 29-27 loss. Against Stanford, they missed 3 FG's and QB Moore was injured in the 2Q and once again an expected home win turned into a loss. In 2004 the Beavers had destroyed Oregon in the season finale knocking the Ducks out of a bowl game and UO returned the favor with a 56-14 thrashing in the finale as OSU was without QB Moore. Despite their 3-5 Pac 10 record, OSU still outgained Pac 10 foes by 13.7 ypg (4th best). A good note this year for OSU is the fact they were -14 in turnovers (see pg 312). With a vastly improved O-line and 9 starters back on offense, they will be much more potent than '05's 26.6 ppg. In '04 the D allowed over 24.5 ppg, their worst since 1998 and topped that high in '05 (33.2). Despite the loss of two 1st team Pac 10 LB's, with 7 starters back they will be an improved D. Unfortunately for OSU, the Pac 10 schedule is tough as 4 of their 5 home games are vs the league's top teams, but this team is still capable of getting to its 4th bowl in 5 years.

OFFENSE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

(JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

QB 8 MATT MOORE SR. 6-4 193 **PS#19.** 5 st UCLA, 967 pass. 10 st LY, 2711 (59%) 11-19 ratio. **10 Ryan Gunderson** (6-5 230 Jr) **PS#27.** 1 st, 616 pass, 2Y. Sean Canfield (6-4 228 rFr) PS#40.

RB 26 YVENSON BERNARD JR. 5-9 202 PS#171. 11 st LY, 1321 (4.4), 37 rec, **HM P10.** 22 Clinton Polk #163RB '03. 83.9 yd rush pg JC LY. **34** Patrick Fuller (5-11 199 So) PS#65. 57 ttl yd LY.

SL 17 ANTHONY WHEAT-BROWN JR. 6-1 223 PS#99RB. 8 st rFr, 33 (12.1). 11 st LY, 40 (10.0). **86** Anthony Crosby (6-0 191 rFr) PS#86. Kyle Brown PS#114WR. Taylor Kavanaugh (5-10 174 rFr).

SE 19 Sammie Stroughter Jr. 6-0 183 PS#94. 5 rec, 723 ret yd, 2Y. **Marcel Love** (6-0 189 Sr) **12** st '04, 40 (13.1). Brian Davilla (5-11 176 Jr) PS#260JC. **82** Brandon Powers (6-2 215 Jr) PS#319. 2 rec.

FL 2 Ruben Jackson Sr. 5-10 200 **PS#17JC.** 76 rec at JC '04. 11 rec here LY. **80** Zach Tarver (6-5 216 So) PS#130. **Keston Cheathem** (6-1 181 So) **Mich** trans. Nate Johns (6-0 179) PS#61QB.

TE 89 JOE NEWTON SR. 6-7 252 **PS#12.** 13 rec rFr. **10 st '04, 56 rec** (12.3). Jason Vandiver (6-4 266 Sr) **PS#23JC.** 2 st, 10 (9.8) LY. **Gabe Miller is PS#8. 31** Daniel Weis (6-2 247 So).

C 75 KYLE DeVAN JR. 6-2 296 PS#149. 12 gm backup rFr. 11 st C LY, **HM P10. 51** Adam Speer (6-3 282 So) PS#103. 2nd string as rFr. **LS 55** Joel Cohen (5-11 242 Sr).

RG 67 ROY SCHUENING JR. 6-4 315 **PS#64.** 12 st RG rFr. 11 st RG LY. **66** Andy Levitre (6-3 334 So) PS#144. 1 st RT rFr, 2nd string LY. **68** Mike Marks (6-4 312 rFr) PS#140.

LG 62 JEREMY PERRY SO. 6-2 313 PS#325. 11 st rFr, P10 co-Fr of Yr. **76** Tavita Thompson (6-6 302 So) PS#251. **73** Gregg Peat (6-3 314 rFr). **65** Marcus Henderson (6-4 284 So).

RT 69 JOSH LINEHAN SR. 6-5 315 PS#208. 5 gm as rFr. 12 st LG '04. 10 st RT LY. **78** Zach Harris (6-3 302 Sr) JUCO. Lettered LY. **74** James Otuhiva (6-5 275 Jr). Mau Nomani PS#139.

LT 61 ADAM KOETS SR. 6-6 299 PS#202DL. 5 gm rFr. 12 st LT '04. 11 st LT LY, 3L. Timi Oshinowo is PS#66. Nathan Hannah (6-4 280 Fr). Geoff Garner (6-6 280 Fr) PS#189TE.

K 13 ALEXIS SERNA JR. 5-8 162 17 of 20 FG's rFr, long 55! 23 of 28 FG's LY, **Lou Groza Winner!** Long of 47, 6-10 from 40+. Justin Kahut (5-11 180 Fr) 52 yd FG in HS.

DE 27 JOE LEMMA SR. 6-3 257 PS#243. 12 st '04, 15 tkl. 11 st LY, 31 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **85** Joe Rudulph (6-5 256 Jr) 24 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 2Y, quick. **90** Victor Butler (6-2 233 So) 3 tkl as true.

DT 97 Ben Siegert Sr. 6-4 294 **13 st '03,** 15 tkl, 2 sk, 2 tfl. **12** st '04, 30 tkl. Inj' LY, 18 tkl, 3 sk. **95** William Vea (6-2 288 Jr) PS#174JC. **77** Pernell Booth (6-1 309 So) 2 tkl.

DT 98 Curtis Coker Jr. 6-1 307 PS#211. 14 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. **91** Naymon Frank (6-5 318 Jr) PS#235. 3 tkl 2Y. **99 Gerard Lee PS#155JC. 86** Jeff Kruskamp (6-5 260 Jr) PS#127TE.

DE 93 DORIAN SMITH JR. 6-3 250 **PS#23JC! 43 Jeff Van Orsow** (6-4 267 Jr) 15 tkl, 6 tfl '04. **11** st, 31 tkl, 7 tfl LY. Keith Robertson (6-2 245) is PS#73JUCO. PS#46TE in '03.

SLB 45 DERRICK DOGGETT JR. 6-3 208 13 tkl rFr. 5 st LY, 42 tkl, 4 tfl. Fast. **1** Dennis Christopher (6-1 214 So) PS#324. 1 tkl LY. Eric Moala (6-0 243 So) PS#184DB. Garrett Childress (6-3 216 rFr).

MLB 42 Andy Darkins Jr. 6-2 233 PS#69. 8 tkl rFr. 6 st WLB LY, 35 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **43 Alan Darlin** (6-1 257 Jr) **PS#40.** 18 tkl 2Y. Danzel Issac is **PS#81JC. 48** Eddie Stamm (6-2 230 So).

WLB 44 Joey LaRocque Jr. 6-4 235 **PS#39JC. In for spg. 12** Isaiah Cook (6-2 216 So) PS#89. 2 tkl rFr. **41** Bryant Cornell (6-1 245 So) PS#164RB. 8 tkl LY. Dwight Roberson PS#79.

CB 6 KEENAN LEWIS SO. 6-1 191 Scout Tm MVP as true. 11 st as rFr, 45 tkl, 2 tfl. **5 Gerard Lawson** (5-11 192 Jr) 4 st til mono LY, 22 tkl. **20** Kellen Marshall (5-11 195 Sr) PS#110RB.

CB 40 COYE FRANCIES JR. 6-1 176 **PS#4JC. In for spg. 36 Brandon Hughes** (5-11 178 So) L/7 st rFr, 41 tkl, 9 pbu. **10** Rickey Herod (5-10 200 Sr) PS#295JC. **14** Patrick Henderson (5-10 181 rFr).

SS 24 SABBY PISCITELLI SR. 6-3 226 4.43 spd. 12 st '04, 54 tkl, 5 int, 8 pbu. 11 st LY, 53 tkl, 4 int, 8 pbu. HM P10 2Y. **39** Daniel Drayton (5-10 205 Jr) 14 tkl 2Y. **58** Slade Norris (6-3 229 So) PS#125WR.

FS 9 AL AFALAVA SO. 5-11 198 PS#290. Last 6 st as true, 32 tkl, 1 tfl, P10 Fr Tm. **22 Bryan Payton** (6-2 214 So) **PS#25.** CB in '05. **37** Matthew Sieverson (6-2 211 Jr) 5 tkl 2Y.

P 18 Kyle Loomis Fr. 6-3 185 PS#33. 45.4 avg as Sr in HS, also 49 yd FG. **32** Jon Stowbridge (6-2 249 Jr) 0 punts in reg season, 2Y. **3** Jake Harry (5-11 186 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DB Coye Francies 6-1 176 PS#4JC
DL Dorian Smith 6-3 250 PS#23JC
TE Gabe Miller 6-3 220 PS#8
LB Joey LaRocque 6-4 235 PS#39JC
OL Keith Robertson 6-2 245 PS#73JC
LB Danzel Issac 6-3 218 PS#61JC
OL Timi Oshinowo 6-6 263 PS#66
TE Joe Halahuni 6-2 220 PS#29
LB Tom Hansen 6-1 229 PS#71
LB Dwight Roberson 6-0 208 PS#79
DL Gerard Lee 6-3 276 PS#155JC
LB Keaton Kristick 6-2 227 PS#92
OL Mau Nomani 6-4 275 PS#139
RB Clinton Polk 6-2 220 PS#232JC
OL Alex Linnenkohl 6-2 299 PS#157
TE John Reese 6-4 220 PS#58
DB James Dockery 6-1 160 PS#145WR
RB Kyle Brown 6-4 205 PS#114WR '05
TE Howard Croom 6-4 232 PS#71
DL Mitchel Hunt 6-3 255 PS#218
LB Mana Lolotai 6-0 216 PS#191
OL Ryan Pohl 6-4 250 PS#229
K Kyle Loomis 6-3 185 PS#33
DB Suaesi Tuimaunei 6-1 185 PS#291
WR Casey Kjos 6-4 190 PS#287
LB Keo Camat 6-3 215 PS#311
TE Brady Camp 6-4 230 PS#169
DL Kevin Unga 6-2 222 PS#436LB
TE Devin Unga 6-1 201 PS#176
OL Geoff Garner 6-6 280 PS#183TE
QB Kaulin Krebs 6-2 175 PS#395

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#12

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	E Washington (Thur)	A					
Sep. 7	at Boise St (Thur)	A					
Sep. 16							
Sep. 23	Idaho	A					
Sep. 30	California	A					
Oct. 7	Washington St	A					
Oct. 14	at Washington	A					
Oct. 21	at Arizona	G					
Oct. 28	USC	A					
Nov. 4	Arizona St (HC)	A					
Nov. 11	at UCLA	G					
Nov. 18	at Stanford	G					
Nov. 24	Oregon (Fri)	A					
Dec. 2	at Hawaii	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

This will be the 1st time OSU will play a 13 game regular season schedule.
Oregon St is 10-6 SU but 4-8 ATS in Corvallis openers since 1990.
Beavers are 27-15-1 (64%) ATS after a SU win the last 7 years.

The Eagles finished 7-5 LY ranked #13 (IAA) & qualified for the playoffs.
EWU must replace 2005 Walter Payton Award winner, Erik Meyer, at QB.

Beavers are 3-8 ATS in their 1st away game of the season since 1995.
Oregon St is 12-6 ATS prior to a bye week since 1985.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Derek Anderson 11,249 2001-'04
Rushing: Ken Simonton 5,044 1998-'01 Receiving: Mike Hass 3,924 2001-'05

OSU is 9-3 ATS after a bye week since 1997, 21-8-1 ATS as HF since '98.
Beavers have won 21 in a row SU (EW win) at home vs non-conf (Riley 11-0 SU).

The home team in this series has covered just once the last 5 years.
Oregon St is 22-10 ATS at home vs Pac 10 teams the last 8 years.

Beavers were 1-7 ATS from '89-'96 but have covered the L/6 gms vs WSU.
OSU is a perfect 6-0 ATS since 1992 in their 3rd straight home game.

Alexis Serna was 6-6 on FG's in LY's game which was an OSU school record.
Oregon St is 2-5 SU but 5-2 ATS in their 1st Pac 10 road game of the season.

The favorite has covered 8 of the last 10 meetings.
Oregon St is only 4-10 ATS on grass the last 5 years.

All-time the Beavers average just 9 ppg vs the Trojan defense (69 gms).
Oregon St is 1-30 SU since 1968 & 5-18-1 ATS since 1976 vs USC.

OSU is 2-16-1 SU vs ASU since 1983 with the home team now 16-2-1 ATS
The Beavers are 16-8 SU & 16-7 ATS in November the last 8 years.

In their last 6 meetings, these schools have combined to avg 70 ppg.
OSU is 8-5-1 ATS (4-10 SU) their last 14 games vs UCLA.

Beavers are 3-1 SU & ATS their last 4 trips to Stanford ('98, '99, '02 & '04).
OSU lost QB Moore (2Q), Serna missed 3 FG's & they had 11 pen for 123 yds LY.

Visitor is just 1-8 ATS the last 9 years in the "Civil War".
The Beavers are 7-1 SU & 6-1 ATS in home finales since 1998.

This will be OSU's 7th trip to Hawaii as they are 3-3 SU & 2-1 ATS.
In their last meeting in the '99 Oahu Bowl, OSU outsk'd 6-0 but still lost SU as 9 pt favs.

MIKE RILEY (Career 28-30)

6th Yr at Oregon St ('97-'98 & '03-'05) Riley's SU Bowl Record: 2-0

Riley's records AT OREGON ST

28-30	Straight Up	9-7-2	Home Favorite
26-26-2	Vs The Spread	6-5	Home Underdog
13-13	Off A SU Loss	6-2	Away Favorite
21-19	Vs Conference	5-12	Away Underdog
5-7-2	Vs Non-Conf	5-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (22,26,3)
Lost: 16 (6,8,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 42,190

PAC 10

K Alexis Serna

STADIUM: RESER STADIUM (43,300)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	10-1	5-6	8-4	7-5	6-5	5-6	48-31
Home	5-1	6-0	4-1	6-1	6-1	3-2	3-3	33-9
Away	2-3	4-1	1-5	2-3	1-4	3-3	2-3	15-22
ATS	8-2	8-2	5-5	6-5	5-6	7-4	3-6-1	42-30-1
Home Fav	3-0	4-0	1-1	5-1	3-3	2-1	1-2-1	19-8-1
Home Dog	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	4-4
Away Fav	1-0	0-2	0-2	1-3	0-2	3-0	1-0	6-9
Away Dog	3-1	3-0	3-1	0-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	13-9
Favorite	4-0	4-2	1-3	6-4	3-5	5-1	2-2-1	25-17-1
Dog	4-2	4-0	4-2	0-1	2-1	2-3	1-4	17-13
Grass	3-0	2-2	1-3	0-3	0-2	3-1	0-1	9-12
Artificial	5-2	6-0	4-2	6-2	5-4	4-3	3-5-1	33-18-1
vs Conf	6-2	7-1	5-3	3-5	5-3	6-2	3-5	35-21
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-1	0-2	3-0	0-3	1-2	0-1-1	7-9-1
Off SU Win	5-1	7-2	2-2	5-2	3-4	4-1	1-3-1	27-15-1
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-0	3-2	1-3	2-2	2-3	2-3	13-14

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Yvenson Bernard	299	1380	59	1321	13	4.4
Nate Wright	10	52	7	45	0	4.5
Jimtavis Walker	15	46	2	44	0	2.9
Ruben Jackson	4	42	0	42	0	10.5
Patrick Fuller	12	30	5	25	1	2.1
Ryan Gunderson	6	3	43	-40	0	-6.7
Matt Moore	61	99	199	-100	3	-1.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Matt Moore	355	211	59.4	2711	11	19
Ryan Gunderson	102	54	52.9	542	2	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mike Hass	90	1532	17.0	6	63
Anthony Wheat-Brown	40	400	10.0	3	58
Josh Hawkins	38	393	10.3	2	49
Yvenson Bernard	37	316	8.5	1	30
Dan Haines	19	177	9.3	0	37
Kevin Swanigan	8	120	15.0	0	40
Ruben Jackson	11	118	10.7	0	28
Jason Vandiver	10	98	9.8	0	20
Sammie Stroughter	5	58	11.6	0	34
Patrick Fuller	3	32	10.7	0	14

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Sam Paulescu	56	2406	43.0	5	36.3	0	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Alexis Serna	32-32	12-12	5-6	6-9	0-1	23-28	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Trent Bray	116	3.5	4	2	1
Keith Ellison	99	5	10	3	1
Sabby Piscitelli	53	0	3	8	4
Keenan Lewis	45	0	2	11	0
Derrick Doggett	42	0	4	0	1
Brandon Hughes	41	0	1	9	0
Lamar Herron	35	0	0	1	2
Andy Darkins	35	0	5.5	0	1
Sir Henry Anderson	35	4.5	6.5	3	0
Al Afalava	32	0	0.5	0	0
Jeff Van Orsow	31	1	6	1	2
Joe Lemma	31	2	2.5	1	0
Alvin Smith	24	2	3.5	1	0
Gerard Lawson	22	0	0	1	0
Ben Siegert	18	3	1.5	2	0
Joe Rudulph	15	1	3.5	0	0
Alan Darlin	12	0	0	0	0
Daniel Drayton	12	0	1	0	0
Jeremy Weldon	10	0	0.5	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Sammie Stroughter	26	170	6.5	0
Lamar Herron	2	51	25.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lamar Herron	22	534	24.3	0
Sammie Stroughter	9	194	21.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Oahu Classic	-9	Hawaii	17-23	L
00	Fiesta	-3'	Notre Dame	41-9	W
02	Insight	-2'	Pittsburgh - #24	13-38	L
03	Las Vegas	-2	New Mexico	55-14	W
04	Insight	-4	Notre Dame	38-21	W

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OREGON ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	26.6	22	123	3.2	296	58.2	15.7	-14	2005	6	33.2	20	108	3.1	299	52.7	12.3
4*	26.7	20	71	2.2	309	53.9	14.2	+3	2004	7	24.5	19	117	3.4	196	43.9	12.8
9*	33.3	24	135	3.3	328	51.3	13.9	-8	2003	5	23.2	16	84	2.5	204	44.1	12.5
7	31.8	20	149	3.9	263	47.2	12.9	+8	2002	8	20.5	18	94	2.6	199	48.7	14.3
5*	26.1	20	127	3.4	247	54.4	14.4	-7	2001	5	23.5	18	157	3.8	174	48.9	14.1
6*	33.3	21	181	4.1	233	49.9	12.4	+18	2000	7	17.7	18	87	2.5	214	49.1	17.0

2005 STATS BY GAME

OSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	Portland St	24	26 - 77	3.0	28 - 46	402	2	13	34 - 126	3.7	15 - 33	174	0	+1
–	Boise St	21	30 - 83	2.8	27 - 38	279	4	21	44 - 149	3.4	19 - 36	233	1	0
–	at Louisville	26	35 - 42	1.2	33 - 59	377	5	24	25 - 125	5.0	21 - 25	428	2	-2
–	Arizona St	31	47 - 144	3.1	29 - 49	381	8	20	32 - 95	3.0	21 - 38	380	2	-6
–	Washington St	21	36 - 114	3.2	20 - 45	296	1	30	38 - 107	2.8	31 - 59	531	2	+2
–	at California	19	45 - 181	4.0	21 - 34	196	2	18	34 - 75	2.2	14 - 40	240	3	+1
–	at UCLA	24	39 - 181	4.6	21 - 34	330	1	20	45 - 235	5.2	16 - 25	262	1	-3
–	Arizona	31	44 - 218	5.0	32 - 43	436	1	14	30 - 49	1.6	13 - 22	335	1	-6
–	at Washington	12	42 - 127	3.0	17 - 27	136	1	16	27 - 19	0.7	16 - 42	207	4	+2
–	Stanford	16	30 - 62	2.1	16 - 40	250	6	18	40 - 68	1.7	18 - 33	234	3	+2
–	at Oregon	18	41 - 119	2.9	23 - 44	178	1	25	36 - 140	3.9	18 - 30	262	3	-5
TOTALS		243	415 - 1348	3.2	267 - 459	3261	32	219	385 - 1188	3.1	202 - 383	3286	22	-14
AVERAGES		22.1	38 - 123	3.2	24 - 42	296	2.9	19.9	35 - 108	3.1	18 - 35	299	2.0	-1.3

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Fresno St	-3'	24-44	L
at New Mexico St	-16'	27-22	L
UCLA - #12	+3	7-38	L
at Washington St	+11	27-34	W
Arizona	-7	38-3	W
at Arizona St	+3	24-41	L
California	-19'	19-10	L
at USC	+6'	13-16	W
Washington - #8	+3'	49-24	W
N Arizona	NL	45-10	–
at Oregon - #4	+10'	14-17	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Kentucky	NL	49-10	–
at Temple	-11	35-3	W
UNLV	-16	47-17	W
Fresno St	-11'	59-19	W
at USC - #18	+3'	0-22	L
UCLA	-4'	35-43	L
at Arizona St	-3	9-13	L
California	-5'	24-13	W
Arizona	-15'	38-3	W
at Washington	-6	29-41	L
at Stanford	-12'	31-21	L
Oregon	-4'	45-24	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sacramento St	NL	40-7	–
at Fresno St	-8'	14-16	L
New Mexico St	-21'	28-16	L
Boise St	-5'	26-24	L
Arizona St	-6	45-17	W
at California	+1	35-21	W
Washington	-10'	17-38	L
at Washington St - #7	+7'	30-36	W
Arizona	-22'	52-23	W
Stanford	-14'	43-3	W
at Oregon	-3	20-34	L
at USC - #2	+21'	28-52	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at LSU - #4	+17'	21-22 OT	W
at Boise St	+8	34-53	L
New Mexico	-13'	17-7	L
at Arizona St - #22	+7'	14-27	L
California - #10	+7	7-49	L
at Washington	-7	29-14	W
Washington St	-8	38-19	W
at Arizona	-7	28-14	W
USC - #1	+18	20-28	W
at Stanford	-2	24-19	W
Oregon	-3'	50-21	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Portland St	NL	41-14	–
Boise St	-3	30-27	T
at Louisville - #11	+13'	27-63	L
Arizona St - #18	+6'	24-42	L
Washington St	-1'	44-33	W
at California - #18	+15'	23-20	W
at UCLA - #8	+9'	28-51	L
Arizona	-9'	27-29	L
at Washington	-3	18-10	W
Stanford	-6	17-20	L
at Oregon - #10	+13	14-56	L

STANFORD CARDINAL

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Proving the theory that new coaches like their own recruits, 9 plays into the 2003 season opener Trent Edwards (PS#5), a Teevens' recruit, took over for the returning starter and had a great debut hitting 19, 27 and 25 yard completions on his first 3 attempts. Edwards threw for 750 yards but hit just (45.3%) with a 4-9 ratio and only started the next 3. Edwards started 9 in 2004 until an injury. RFr TC Ostrander (PS#21) started the last 2 but completed just 44.4% throwing for 914 yards with a 4-2 ratio. Edwards threw for 1,718 (54.6%) with a 9-11 ratio and Edwards admitted he was not fully comfortable in Harris' complex offense early in '05. Edwards was injured vs UC Davis and Ostrander hit just 7 of 17 for 108 in the stunning loss. Edwards threw for 257 and 3 TD's vs Wash St (92 rush) and then had a career high 303 vs Ariz St. He had just 2 int's in his first 7 but had a streak of 113 passes without an int end against USC when he tossed 3. Edwards had a swollen non-throwing hand and then suffered collarbone and neck injuries, so Ostrander saw action in each of the final 4. Ostrander's best game was vs ND when he almost engineered the upset hitting 11 of 15 for 197. Edwards threw for 1,934 improving to 62.7% with a 17-7 ratio (356 rush). Both are back and adding depth are Garrett Moore (6-2 205 So, PS#154TE) and Tavita Pritchard (6-4 180 rFr, PS#78) who was a Harris recruit. Edwards' worst games came when he was under heavy pressure due to an injury-plagued O-line. With a much more veteran offensive line and in the second year of Harris' system, I look for much improved numbers.

WR Mark Bradford

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Cardinal returned their leading rusher in JR Lemon (PS#20) who had 440 yards (4.7) in just 7 starts missing 2 with injury in '04. True frosh Ray Jones (PS#59) had 87 yards. David Marrero (PS#25) had 115 rush in '03 but was a RB/WR in '04 and used mostly as a PR. Those three returned last year but Lemon was banged up and Soph Jason Evans (PS#18) emerged. Evans (2 gm as rFr) led with 63 vs Navy and 62 vs Oregon. Surprisingly he finished with just 248 (3.4) and added 18 rec's. They moved WR Anthony Kimble (PS#384) to RB in the spring and he started the first 6 games ending with 244 (3.7). Lemon started the last 5, rushing for 222 (2.9) and was the leading rusher in each of the last 3. FB Nick Frank (11 st) led vs UCLA with 61 and finished with 134 (3.2) and 17 rec. This year the only loss is Lemon and backup FB Kris Bonifas (11 gm, 3 yd). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Xxavier Carter (6-1 195 rFr), Ray Jones (6-0 210 So, PS#59), Josh Catron (6-1 215 rFr) and this year's true frosh. Harris has plenty of VHT's to work with including true frosh PS#17 Toby Gerhart (set CA HS career rush rec) and I look for much better numbers by the RB's.

RECEIVERS - Teevens did an excellent job recruiting in this area and two true frosh WR's played in 2003 in Mark Bradford (PS#13) and Evan Moore (PS#31TE). Moore injured his shoulder on a TD catch and played in just six. Bradford became the first true frosh to lead the team in receiving yards with 587 (15.9). In '04 Moore and Bradford returned along with TE Alex Smith (PS#34). Smith topped the school record for career rec's by a TE (100 Bob Moore, 1968-'70) with 107 and led the team with 52 (13.6). Smith was a #3DC. Moore suffered the same hip injury that ended Bo Jackson's career in the opener last year. In just 1.5Q's he had 3 rec's and a TD. Bradford started 9 missing 2 starts due to an ankle injury suffered vs UCLA. He still led with 37 (16.5). Justin McCullum (3 st) was #2 with 36 (15.0). Gerren Crochet, who skipped track season (sprinter) to concentrate on football, was the team's MIP WR. In 9 starts he had 29 (13.3). This year they must replace McCullum and Crochet. Not listed in the 3 deep below is TE Patrick Bowe (6-6 235 So, PS#154). Harris has a history of producing great receivers with eight 1st round DC's and three Biletnikoff Award winners. Bradford and Moore should be one of the Pac 10's best WR duos as long as Moore stays healthy.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Cards' O-line had very inexperienced units in both 2003 and 2004. The team only averaged 96 and 81 ypg rushing with just 2.5 ypc. They also allowed 41 sacks in 2004. Last year it appeared the unit would be much stronger as six players returned with 83 career starts. C Brian Head only got in two starts before retiring due to injuries but still, with 4 starters returning, it was surprising that Stanford only avg'd 2.6 ypc rushing (92 ypg) while allowing 42 sacks. I expected the OL to get better as the season went on, but they gave up 9 sacks to Cal and 7 to ND rushing for a combined 5 yards on 62 carries in those two. This year the only loss is Head. Now in the 2nd year of the Harris' system and with 4 projected VHT starters and 10 VHT's overall, this should be one of the most improved O-lines in the country. Eight players have a combined 122 career starts.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cardinal switched to a 3-4 defense in 2004 and last year returned 2 starters up front including their star Babatunde Oshinowo. Projected starting DE Casey Carroll was lost for the year in August. Pannel Egboh took over but broke his leg vs Wash St. Oshinowo, who is quick yet benches 500, had 54 tackles and 4.5 sacks and usually occupied a double team. Surprisingly SU allowed 156 ypg (4.0) rushing, their highest total since 1998. This year they not only lose NT Oshinowo (#6DC CLE, 11 st) but also DE Julian Jenkins (#5DC TB, PS#7, 11 st, 7 sk). They move to a 4-3 (but will still play some 3-4) and starting OLB Udeme Udofia moves to DE. There are quite a few VHT's in the mix including super rFr Ekom Udofia (PS#3), so even with the loss of their top two DL's, this has the makings of a solid D-line.

LINEBACKERS - Stanford used a 4-man LB corps the last 2 years and last season had to replace #6 and #7 NFL DC's but had 2 top-notch starters returning. Michael Craven (PS#1LB) was promising (25 tkl, 2 sk '05) but started just 9 games in 4 years. OLB Jon Alston was #4 in the P10 in sacks in '04 (9.5, top returnee) but had trouble early picking up the defense after missing the spring (knee). At 220 lbs, he was one of the fastest on the team and logged 6.5 sacks. This year they lose OLB Alston (#3DC STL, 11 st, 52 tkl), ILB Kevin Schimmelmann (11 st, #1 tkl'r, 7.5 tfl) and Timi Wusu (24 tkl, 1 sk). They also move OLB Udeme Udofia to DE as they move to a 4-man front. This group is less experienced than 2005.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - From 2002 to 2004 the Cardinal has finished #37, #36 and #20 in my pass D rankings. Last year I mentioned this unit was going from a strength to a question mark as they had to replace three starters (2 #3DC's). As expected, the unit struggled. IAA UC Davis threw for 251 and Oregon's QB Clemens threw for 393 in less than 3Q's. The unit dropped to #68. This year they lose CB TJ Rushing (#7DC IND, 11 st, 48 tkl, 4 pbu) and CB Calvin Armstrong (18 tkl) but have 6 of the top 8 back and last year moved QB/WR David Lofton (PS#57QB) to FS (5 st). While there are no VHT's in the 3 deep that I list below, they should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Stanford had excellent finishes at #22 and #9 in my ST rankings in Teevens' final two years as most of the key players were VHT's. Harris inherited a group that had basically everyone back but they dropped a little to #17. K Michael Sgroi (PS#10) who hit 16 of 24 FG's (long 50 '04) hit 15 of 23 (long 48) and 4 were blocked. P Jay Ottovegio (PS#3) had a 41.3 avg (net 35.9) as a rFr. He was the first frosh in school history to top 40.0. As a soph he avg'd 40.6 and improved his net to 36.6. Sgroi had 26 TB's on 56 KO's. Top PR David Marrero (8.3 in '04) fumbled two early punts, both leading to opponent TD's so senior TJ Rushing, a sprinter on the track team, took over (9.1). Rushing, who was the top KR in '04 (28.4) avg'd 27.4 with 2 TD's last year. Unfortunately this year Sgroi and Rushing depart, so they will probably drop some more in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Walt Harris had 5 straight winning seasons at Pitt, guiding the team to a BCS bowl berth and the Big East Title but was not welcomed back so he grabbed the HC job here. Harris handles the play calling duties himself and his run game coordinator is Tom Freeman, who is also the OL coach. He handled those same duties at Pitt. They bring in a new DC this year in A.J. Christoff who was the DC here for two years under Teevens and was the SF 49ers' DB coach last year. Last year's DC Tom Hayes left for the NFL.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Buddy Teevens was a solid recruiter but had three losing seasons after taking over for Ty Willingham. In Teevens' second season (2003) they had 11 starters back and were outgained by a Pac 10 worst 185 ypg in league play and only avg 16.3 ppg overall. In 2004 they were still outgained by a Pac 10 worst 118.9 ypg in league play. That 2004 team opened up 2-0 with a pair of blowouts and actually received votes in the AP poll. They led USC by 11 at the half in game 3 but finished just 4-7. Harris inherited a team with just 11 lettermen lost and 15 starters back. After beating Navy in the opener, they got a lot of national publicity by losing to UC Davis on a TD pass with :08 left and opened the season just 2-2. They improved as the season went on and nearly made a bowl. The Cardinal got 2 consecutive road wins for the first time since 2001 and went through a 4 game stretch without turning the ball over. They were actually 3-1 in the Pac 10 and led UCLA 24-3 with 8:26 left but allowed 3 TD's and lost in OT. They benefitted from OSU missing 3 FG's in a 20-17 road win but lost their 4th straight "Big Game" for the first time in 66 years. SU perhaps played their best game vs ND. Despite being outFD'd 30-14, they nearly upset the Irish allowing a TD and 2 pt conv with :55 left. Their stadium capacity this year moves from 85,500 to just 50,000 which will make Stanford Stadium much less cavernous (avg 43,550 in '05). The Cardinal finished 4th in the Pac 10 at 4-4, but for the 3rd straight year were last in the Pac 10 being outgained by 105.6 in conf play. SU does have the most returning starters in the Pac 10 and are now in the 2nd year of the Harris system. SU took on the 6th toughest schedule in the country last year (pg 317). Harris does have a complex offense but the numbers should improve in the 2nd year as they have 10 returning starters, including two QB's with experience. The Cardinal will have their highest offensive ppg since '01. The Cardinal had just 5 starters back on D last year and allowed 30.6 ppg. Despite the loss of 5 of their top 8 tacklers this year, including some outstanding players, they should improve upon that total. While the Cardinal came very close to a winning season last year and are improved, the below average D will make it tough for Stanford to top 2005's 5-win total.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 5 TRENT EDWARDS SR. 6-4 220 **PS#5**. 4 st rFr. 9 st '04. 11 st LY. 2468 (51%). 13-20 first 2Y. 1934 (63%) 17-7 LY. **13** TC Ostrander (6-3 215 Jr) **PS#21**. 1443 (49%) 2Y.

RB 33 JASON EVANS JR. 6-1 190 **PS#18**. 248 (3.4) LY, 18 rec (7.5) 10 games. **26** Anthony Kimble (6-1 195 So). 6 st, 244 rush (3.7), 14 rec (10.4). Toby Gerhart is **PS#17**.

FB 39 NICK FRANK SR. 6-2 260 PS#157DL. 17 tkl, 2 sk 2Y. 11 st FB LY, 134 rush (3.2),17 rec. **32** Emeka Nnoli (6-1 235 Jr) **PS#13**. **45 Ben Ladner** (6-3 265 rFr) **PS#26TE**.

WR 4 MARK BRADFORD SR. 6-2 200 **PS#13**. 8 st true, 37 (15.9). 11 st '04, 34 (14.2). 9 st LY, 37 (16.5). **30** Marcus McCutcheon (6-0 200 Sr) **PS#22DB**. 547 all-purp. Kelton Lynn (6-2 190 So).

WR 8 Evan Moore Jr. 6-7 235 PS#31TE. 11 st '04, 39 (15.8), HM P10. 1 st LY (inj). **18** Charlie Hazlehurst (6-2 200 rFr). '05 walk-on. **83** Jim Dray (6-5 230 rFr) **PS#10TE**.

TE 87 MATT TRAVERSO SR. 6-4 250 PS#25. 9 st, 19 (11.7) LY. **82** Patrick Danahy (6-4 240 Sr) PS#25. 4 st, 10 rec 3Y. **89** Michael Horgan (6-6 250 Jr) PS#146DL. 1 st. **80** Erik Lorig **PS#11**.

C 62 TIM MATTRAN SR. 6-5 295 3 gm rFr. 2nd string '04. 6 starts at C in 2005. **69** Preston Clover (6-4 290 Jr) PS#160. 2nd string 2Y. **LS 52** Brent Newhouse (6-4 235 Jr).

RG 60 ALEX FLETCHER SO. 6-4 295 **PS#16**. 11 st rFr (3C, 8RG). **79 Ismail Simpson** (6-4 305 Sr) PS#128. 11 st rFr. 11 st '04. 4 st LY. **75** Matt McClernan (6-5 285 Sr).

LG 59 JOSIAH VINSON SR. 6-4 315 **PS#34**. 3 starts rFr. 10 st RG '04. 10 st LG LY. **72** Mikal Brewer (6-3 295 Jr) **PS#40**. 3 st '04. 8 gm LY. **68** Bobby Dockter (6-5 295 So) **PS#60**.

RT 78 JON COCHRAN SR. 6-6 310 **PS#68**. 2 starts rFr. 11 starts LT '04. 7 starts RT LY. **76** Ben Muth (6-6 285 So) PS#78. 4 gms LY. **77** David Long (6-9 310 Jr) PS#453.

LT 67 ALLEN SMITH SO. 6-4 300 **PS#34**. 8 st rFr (7 LT, 1 RT). **70 Jeff Edwards** (6-6 290 Sr) **PS#42**. 8 st RG rFr. 11 st RT '04. 7 st LY (4 LT). **63** Chris Marinelli (6-7 305 rFr) PS#41TE.

K 39 Aaron Zagory So. 6-0 165 Walk-on in '04. **12** Derek Belch (5-11 195 Jr) 8 FG from 40+ HS, 91-93 xp's. **27** Jay Ottovegio (6-0 195 Jr) PS#3. 17-25 FG's HS, long 48.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 90 UDEME UDOFIA JR. 6-4 240 PS#216. 11 st OLB LY, 36 tkl, 5 tfl. **91** Pannel Egboh (6-6 260 So) 1 st, 15 tkl until inj as rFr. **66** Michael Macellari (6-6 290 Jr) **PS#68**.

DT 65 GUSTAV RYDSTEDT SO. 6-3 290 Swedish National Team. 8 st rFr, 11 gms, 6 tkl. **93 Matt Kopa** (6-6 270 rFr) **PS#33**. Sione Fua PS#53OL. Brian Bulcke is Canadian. PS#495.

DT 54 Ekom Udofia rFr. 6-2 335 **PS#3!!** 59 tfl 2Y HS. **74 James McGillicuddy** (6-4 285 rFr) **PS#24**. **98** David Jackson (6-5 270 Jr) 1 tkl. **61** Alfred Johnson (6-4 250 So).

DT 95 Chris Horn Jr. 6-5 270 PS#58TE. 15 tkl, 3 sk, 2 st LY. **99** Will Powers (6-4 230 rFr) **PS#53**. **58** Tom McAndrew (6-5 240 rFr) PS#23TE. **85** Brandon Willetts (6-4 230 So).

OLB 97 Emmanuel Awofadeju Jr. 6-4 240 PS#162DL. 7 tkl 2Y. **57** Clinton Snyder (6-4 215 rFr) PS#130DL. **84** Austin Gunder (6-4 240 So) PS#65TE. Sam Weinberger (6-2 230 Fr) PS#348.

MLB 55 Michael Okwo Sr. 6-0 220 **PS#23**. 2 st '04. 3 st LY. 86 tkl, 10.5 tfl, 6 pbu, 3Y. Nick Macaluso PS#33. **51** Fred Campbell (6-1 220 rFr) PS#205DL. **28** Peter Griffin (6-0 215 Jr).

OLB 48 MIKE SILVA SR. 6-2 225 PS#234. 1 start, 12 tkl '04. 8 st LY, 57 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **44** Pat Maynor (6-2 210 So) PS#168DL, 3 tkl. **53** Landon Johnson (6-1 230 Jr) PS#432.

CB 2 NICK SANCHEZ JR. 6-0 185 2 tkl rFr. 11 st CB LY. 71 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **14** Tim Sims (5-11 190 Jr) PS#271. 4 tkl LY. **36** Chris Hobbs (5-9 175 rFr) PS#381. **12** CJ Easter (6-0 175 rFr).

CB 40 Kris Evans rFr. 6-0 175 PS#198. **17** Carlos McFall (5-11 200 So) PS#164. **46** Blaise Johnson (5-11 180 rFr) PS#426. **21** Thaddeus Chase (6-0 195 So). Track in HS.

SS 23 BRANDON HARRISON SR. 6-2 210 PS#308WR. 11 st, 45 tkl '04. 11 st LY, 67 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu. **38** Bo McNally (6-0 205 rFr) PS#122. Dave's grandson (Orioles). **43** Kenny Long (6-0 185 rFr).

FS 6 DAVID LOFTON SR. 6-4 220 PS#57QB. Move DB in '04, 5 starts FS, 35 tkl. **24 Trevor Hooper** (6-1 205 Sr) PS#185RB. 11 st SS '03. 6 st FS LY, 11 gm. 113 tkl, 5 pbu 3Y.

P 27 JAY OTTOVEGIO JR. 6-0 195 PS#3. First Fr in schl history top 40.0 avg with 41.3, net of 35.9. 67 punt LY, 40.6 avg, net 36.6. **39** Aaron Zagory (6-0 165 So). DNP '05.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Toby Gerhart 6-1 228 PS#17
LB	Nick Macaluso 6-3 225 PS#33
OL	Andrew Phillips 6-5 290 PS#46
DL	Sione Fua 6-2 290 PS#53OL
OL	John Kyed 6-6 285 PS#58
QB	Alex Loukas 6-4 205 PS#39
DL	Levirt Griffin 6-4 255 PS#100
DL	Derek Hall 6-5 252 PS#121
OL	Joe Dembesky 6-5 285 PS#125
WR	Richard Sherman 6-3 185 PS#103
WR	Stephen Carr 6-3 215 PS#105
WR	Marcus Rance 6-2 195 PS#112
DB	Tyler Porras 6-2 175 PS#149
OL	Bert McBride 6-3 290 PS#251
WR	Austin Yancy 6-4 195 PS#309
LB	Sam Weinberger 6-2 230 PS#348
RB	Tyrone McGraw 5-9 173 PS#515
WR	Mark Mueller 6-3 195 PS#485
DL	Brian Bulcke 6-4 260 PS#495

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2nd Year at Stanford
Harris' SU Bowl Record: 2-4

Harris' records AT STANFORD

5-6	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
7-2-1	Vs The Spread	3-2	Home Underdog
4-1	Off A SU Loss	0-0-1	Away Favorite
6-2	Vs Conference	4-0	Away Underdog
1-0-1	Vs Non-Conf	0-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 6

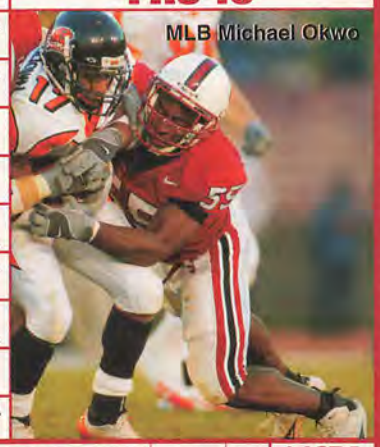
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (25,19,2)
Lost: 22 (8,13,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,550

PAC 10

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#2

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
								HC Harris is 17-9 ATS as a home dog in his career. Cardinal are 37-23-1 ATS their last 61 Pac 10 games. Stanford is 16-4-1 ATS the last 7 years in September.
Sep. 2	at Oregon	A						From '93-'99 SU was 2-4-1 SU & 0-7 ATS in their 1st gm of the ssn but 5-1 SU & 5-0-1 ATS since. Cardinal are 20-13-1 ATS the last 34 games as an away dog.
Sep. 9	at San Jose St	G						Stanford has won the last 4 meetings by an average of 45-13. Cardinal are 11-5-1 ATS their last 6 years vs non-conference teams.
Sep. 16	Navy	G						Stanford is 8-4 ATS the last 3 years after a SU win. This will only be Navy's 3rd trip to Stanford & 1st since 1965.
Sep. 23	Washington St	G						Stanford is 18-11 ATS in their last 29 conference home games. These teams are avg just 42.5 ppg over the last 4 years.
Sep. 30	at UCLA	G						These teams have played each other every yr S/'46. UCLA leads 42-31-3. Stanford is 7-11 SU but 12-4-2 ATS vs UCLA since 1988.
Oct. 7	at Notre Dame	G						LY Stanford led #6 ND 31-30 w/1:46 left before the Irish scored the final TD w/:55. Stanford is 3-8 SU & ATS vs Notre Dame since 1993.
Oct. 14	Arizona (HC)	G						Cardinal scored 13 of their 20 pts LY on 5 UA TO's gaining just 195 yds. The home team is 2-8 ATS in their last 10 games in this series.
Oct. 21	at Arizona St	G						Stanford is 7-1 ATS vs Arizona St since 1998. The Cardinal are 6-0 ATS prior to a bye week since 2000.
Oct. 28								ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Steve Stenstrom 10,531 1991-'94 Rushing: Darrin Nelson 4,033 1979-'81 Receiving: Troy Walters 3,986 1996-'99
Nov. 4	USC	G						Stanford is 4-9 ATS after a bye since 1995. The straight up winner has covered 8 of the last 10 games in this series.
Nov. 11	at Washington	A						Stanford is 9-12 SU but 15-6 ATS in their last 21 November road games. The visitor is 2-8 ATS since 1992 in this series.
Nov. 18	Oregon St	G						Stanford is 4-9 ATS vs Oregon St since 1992. Cardinal have a total of 57 yds rushing (0.6) on 91 att's the L3Y vs the Beavers.
Nov. 25								Bonus: Stanford has not scored a TD vs Cal for 2 straight years.
Dec. 2	at California	A						SU has avg'd just 8 ppg the L4Y & the 3 pts LY was their fewest S/'67 vs Cal. The visitor is 11-3 ATS since 1992 in this in-state series.



STADIUM: STANFORD STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	5-6	9-2	2-9	4-7	4-7	5-6	37-40
Home	5-1	3-3	5-1	2-3	3-3	3-3	1-5	22-19
Away	3-2	2-3	4-1	0-6	1-4	1-4	4-1	15-21
ATS	6-5	8-3	7-4	4-6-1	6-5	6-5	7-2-1	44-30-2
Home Fav	2-3	1-2	2-3	2-0	1-0	3-1	0-0	11-9
Home Dog	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-2	3-2	1-1	3-2	13-7
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	3-1-1
Away Dog	3-2	3-1	2-0	1-4-1	2-3	2-3	4-0	17-13-1
Favorite	2-3	2-2	4-4	2-0	1-0	3-1	0-0-1	14-10-1
Dog	4-2	6-1	3-0	2-6-1	5-5	3-4	7-2	30-20-1
Grass	6-4	7-2	6-3	3-5-1	5-3	5-4	5-2	37-23-1
Artificial	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-2	1-1	2-0-1	7-7-1
vs Conf	6-2	6-2	5-3	2-5-1	4-4	4-4	6-2	33-22-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-0-1	11-8-1
Off SU Win	4-3	2-2	4-4	0-1-1	3-1	2-2	3-1	18-14-1
Off SU Loss	2-1	5-1	2-0	3-5	2-4	3-3	4-1	21-15

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jason Evans	72	268	20	248	1	3.4
Anthony Kimble	66	264	20	244	2	3.7
JR Lemon	76	244	22	222	0	2.9
Trent Edwards	84	356	203	153	0	1.8
Nick Frank	42	139	5	134	3	3.2
Gerren Crochet	3	75	0	75	1	25.0
TC Ostrander	27	60	118	-58	0	-2.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Trent Edwards	168	268	62.7	1934	17	7
TC Ostrander	39	67	58.2	529	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mark Bradford	37	609	16.5	6	76
Justin McCullum	36	539	15.0	5	49
Gerren Crochet	29	387	13.3	0	34
Matt Traverso	19	223	11.7	1	23
Anthony Kimble	14	145	10.4	2	41
Jason Evans	18	135	7.5	0	16
Nick Frank	17	127	7.5	0	20
JR Lemon	15	78	5.2	2	20
Michael Horgan	10	69	6.9	1	18
Marcus McCutcheon	3	36	12.0	0	15

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jay Ottoveglo	67	2723	40.6	16	36.6	0	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Michael Sgroi	32-32	2-3	7-11	6-9	0-0	15-23	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevin Schimmelmann	86	3	4.5	3	1
Nick Sanchez	71	0	4.5	4	2
Brandon Harrison	67	0	2	4	3
Mike Silva	57	1	1.5	1	1
Babatunde Oshinowo	54	4.5	6	3	0
Jon Alston	52	6.5	3	1	1
Julian Jenkins	50	7	2	0	0
TJ Rushing	48	0	0.5	4	2
Trevor Hooper	40	0	0	4	0
Udeme Udofia	36	1	4	0	1
David Lofton	35	0	1	1	0
Michael Okwo	34	2	3.5	2	1
Michael Craven	25	2	0	0	0
Timi Wusu	24	1	0.5	1	0
Calvin Armstrong	18	0	0	1	0
Chris Horn	15	3	2	0	0
Pannel Egboh	15	1	1.5	2	0
Peter Griffin	8	0	0	0	0
Wopamo Osaisai	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
TJ Rushing	14	128	9.1	0
Jon Alston	1	22	22.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
TJ Rushing	21	575	27.4	2
Marcus McCutcheon	15	285	19.0	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Blockbuster	-1	Penn St	24-3	W
95	Liberty	-3'	East Carolina	13-19	L
96	Sun	+7'	Michigan St	38-0	W
99	Rose	+14	Wisconsin	9-17	W
01	Seattle	-6	Georgia Tech	14-24	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Stanford's All-Time SU Bowl Record 9-10-1

STANFORD'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF %	DEF YPP
10*	24.5	18	92	2.6	224	61.4	12.9	+4	2005	5	30.6	22	156	4.0	286	60.8	14.4
5	22.0	17	81	2.5	246	50.9	14.9	+8	2004	9	21.2	20	143	3.6	249	59.7	18.5
3*	16.9	17	96	2.5	187	47.6	16.7	+1	2003	8	29.5	21	138	4.0	296	54.5	14.7
7	20.5	18	133	3.4	178	51.5	15.2	-5	2002	2	34.3	19	133	3.7	252	56.0	11.2
9*	35.2	22	195	4.3	248	52.7	12.6	+3	2001	7	28.3	18	112	3.6	274	47.8	13.7
7	23.7	20	139	3.4	237	48.3	15.8	0	2000	6	26.7	18	147	3.9	219	52.8	13.7

2005 STATS BY GAME

SU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Navy	22	35 - 181	5.2	21 - 33	235	2	23	54 - 210	3.9	15 - 29	248	4	+1
–	UC Davis	12	30 - 74	2.5	8 - 21	118	3	20	46 - 110	2.4	23 - 44	251	2	-1
–	Oregon	17	27 - 64	2.4	16 - 29	156	5	25	35 - 132	3.8	30 - 39	463	1	-1
–	at Wash St	27	47 - 218	4.6	19 - 29	257	2	19	37 - 246	6.6	13 - 26	161	1	+2
–	at Arizona	11	32 - 58	1.8	16 - 26	137	2	17	40 - 110	2.8	21 - 39	161	5	+5
–	Arizona St	20	33 - 66	2.0	19 - 27	303	3	27	42 - 126	3.0	29 - 41	402	7	+1
–	UCLA	18	46 - 140	3.0	18 - 25	169	5	22	28 - 79	2.8	24 - 35	293	3	+2
–	at USC	24	35 - 141	4.0	25 - 41	279	1	27	28 - 184	6.6	29 - 38	345	0	-5
–	at Oregon St	18	40 - 68	1.7	18 - 33	234	3	16	30 - 62	2.1	16 - 40	250	6	-2
–	California	18	37 - 16	0.4	24 - 37	228	9	19	43 - 226	5.3	11 - 19	139	2	0
–	Notre Dame	14	25 - (-11)	-0.4	23 - 36	347	7	30	50 - 231	4.6	25 - 38	432	1	+2
TOTALS		201	387 - 1015	2.6	207 - 337	2463	42	245	433 - 1716	4.0	236 - 388	3145	32	+4
AVERAGES		18.3	35 - 92	2.6	19 - 31	224	3.8	22.3	39 - 156	4.0	21 - 35	286	2.9	0.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston College	-5'	38-22	W
Arizona St	-3'	51-28	W
at USC	+1'	21-16	W
Washington St	-3'	39-45	L
at Oregon - #5	+7'	49-42	W
UCLA - #4	+7'	38-28	W
at Washington - #11	-1	28-42	L
at Arizona	-7'	51-37	W
California	-24	35-28	L
Notre Dame	-7'	17-13	L
at San Jose St	-19'	41-14	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston College	+8'	27-34	W
San Jose St	-18	63-26	W
at Arizona St	+1	24-65	L
at Notre Dame - #9	+8'	7-31	L
Washington St - #12	+8'	11-36	L
Arizona	-1'	16-6	W
at UCLA	+10	18-28	T
at Oregon - #19	+14	14-41	L
USC - #10	+18'	17-49	L
Oregon St	+12'	21-31	W
at California	+10'	7-30	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-12	31-10	W
at BYU	+7	18-14	W
at Washington - #18	+12'	17-28	W
at USC - #9	+21	21-44	L
Washington St - #6	+10'	14-24	W
at Oregon	+10	0-35	L
UCLA	+6	21-14	W
Arizona St	+2'	38-27	W
at Oregon St	+14'	3-43	L
California	+10	16-28	L
Notre Dame	+4'	7-57	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
San Jose St	-17'	43-3	W
BYU	-4	37-10	W
USC - #1	+22	28-31	W
Washington	-13'	27-13	W
at Notre Dame	+5	15-23	L
at Washington St	+1'	23-17	W
Oregon	-3'	13-16	L
at UCLA	+4'	0-21	L
at Arizona St - #23	+10'	31-34	W
Oregon St	+2	19-24	L
at California - #4	+24'	6-41	L

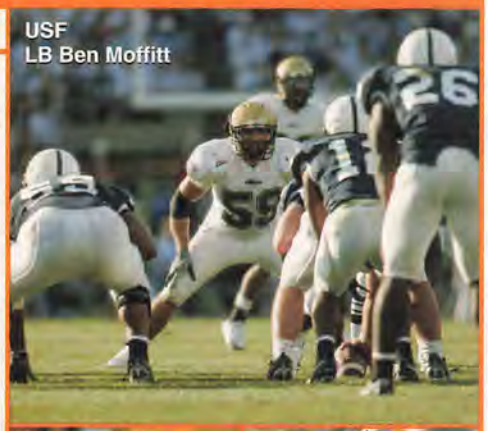
2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Navy	-3	41-38	T
UC Davis	NL	17-20	–
Oregon	+7	20-44	L
at Washington St	+14	24-21	W
at Arizona	+4'	20-16	W
Arizona St	+10'	45-35	W
UCLA - #8	+7	27-30 OT	W
at USC - #1	+34	21-51	W
at Oregon St	+6	20-17	W
California	+5'	3-27	L
Notre Dame - #6	+15	31-38	W

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 BIG EAST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Brian Brohm, Louisville	Tyler Palko, Pittsburgh	Pat White, West Virginia	Dustin Grutza, Cincinnati
RB	Brian Leonard, Rutgers	Steve Slaton, W Virginia	Terry Caulley, Connecticut	LaRod Stephens-Howling, Pittsburgh
RB	Michael Bush, Louisville	Raymell Rice, Rutgers	Bradley Glatthaar, Cincinnati	George Stripling, Louisville
WR	Brandon Barrett, W Virginia	Derek Kinder, Pittsburgh	Harry Douglas, Louisville	Earnest Jackson, Cincinnati
WR	Mario Urrutia, Louisville	Shawn Tucker, Rutgers	Amarri Jackson, USF	Darius Reynaud, W Virginia
WR	Amp Hill, USF	Rice Moss, Syracuse	Brandon Young, Connecticut	Nollis Dewar, Connecticut
TE	Clark Harris, Rutgers	Dan Murray, Connecticut	Brent Celek, Cincinnati	Darrell Strong, Pittsburgh
C	Dan Mozes, West Virginia	Eric Wood, Louisville	Darnell Stapleton, Rutgers	Joe Villani, Pittsburgh
G	John Simonitis, Pittsburgh	Mike Fladell, Rutgers	CJ Davis, Pittsburgh	Immanuel Hutcherson, Connecticut
G	Kurt Quarterman, Louisville	Jeremy Sheffey, W Virginia	Ryan Stancheck, W Virginia	Carroll Madison, Syracuse
T	Renardo Foster, Louisville	Thed Watson, USF	Pedro Sosa, Rutgers	Walter Walker, USF
T	Mike McGlynn, Pittsburgh	Jeremy Zuttah, Rutgers	Digger Bujnoch, Cincinnati	Jeremy Bolton, Cincinnati
DL	Chris McKillop Pittsburgh	Daniel Davis, Connecticut	Eric Foster, Rutgers	Tavarious Robinson, USF
DL	Amobi Okoye, Louisville	Rhema Fuller, Connecticut	Terrill Byrd, Cincinnati	Craig Wilson, West Virginia
DL	Ramel Meekins, Rutgers	Keilen Dykes, W Virginia	Tony Jenkins, Syracuse	Adrian Grady, Louisville
DL	Trevor Anderson, Cincinnati	Zach Anderson, Louisville	Charles Sallet, Pittsburgh	Jamaal Westerman, Rutgers
LB	HB Blades, Pittsburgh	Ben Moffitt, USF	Freddie Lenix, Cincinnati	Danny Lansanah, Connecticut
LB	Nate Harris, Louisville	Kelvin Smith, Syracuse	Clint Session, Pittsburgh	Abe Brown, Louisville
LB	Kevin McLee, West Virginia	Stephen Nicholas, USF	Devraun Thompson, Rutgers	Pat St. Louis, USF
CB	Darrelle Revis, Pittsburgh	Rod Council, Louisville	Tanard Jackson, Syracuse	Mike Jenkins, USF
CB	Mike Mickens, Cincinnati	Joe Porter, Rutgers	Darius Butler, Connecticut	William Gay, Louisville
SS	Ron Girault, Rutgers	Carlton Williams, USF	Dowayne Davis, Syracuse	Eric Wicks, West Virginia
FS	Courtney Greene, Rutgers	Haruki Nakamura, Cincinnati	Marvin Taylor, Connecticut	Mike Phillips, Pittsburgh
K	Jeremy Ito, Rutgers	Art Carmody, Louisville	Matt Nuzie, Connecticut	Kevin Lovell, Cincinnati
P	Brendan Carney, Syracuse	Adam Graessle, Pittsburgh	Todd Flannery, Louisville	Joe Radigan, Rutgers
KR	Larry Taylor, Connecticut	Willie Foster, Rutgers	Kareem Jones, Syracuse	Tiquan Underwood, Rutgers
PR	Antonio Lewis, W Virginia	Larry Taylor, Connecticut	Jackie Chambers, USF	Darrelle Revis, Pittsburgh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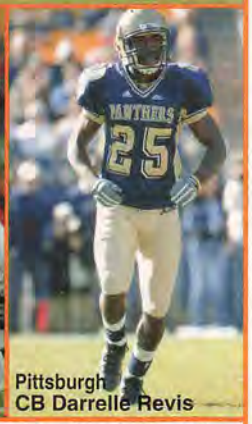
West Virginia
LB Kevin McLee


Pittsburgh
CB Darrelle Revis

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 BIG EAST FORECAST

Louisville
QB Brian Brohm

1. LOUISVILLE - The Cards were arguably the best team in the Big East last year as they outgained league foes by a conf best 174.6 ypg. They have 53 lettermen returning, the most in the Big East and they have my #1 rated BE offense. They also get 4 Big East games at home including the big one vs West Virginia, a team the Cards could have beaten by double digits last year had they simply converted on one 4th down play or had the refs not blown an onside kick call. L'ville is not only my favorite to win the Big East, but I give them a great shot at going unbeaten this season.

2. PITTSBURGH - There are a couple of things that concern me with Pitt in 2006. Last year they were outgained in league play by 45.5 ypg, they have 4 Big East road games and just 3 at home and the 23 lettermen lost are the 2nd most in the league. Despite those factors, Pitt gets both WV and Louisville at home, have my #1 rated D in the Big East and will have a much improved offense. Expectations were high in Wannstedt's first year and they will easily exceed this year's much lower expectations and could even double 2005's win total.

2. WEST VIRGINIA - West Virginia is this year's pick to be a surprise National Title contender as they finished 11-1 last year, beat UGA in the Sugar Bowl, have 14 returning starters and could be favored in all 12 of their games. I will shock some fans in Morgantown and much like last year when I called for Tennessee to finish 3rd in the SEC East when everyone had them first, I pick the Mountaineers to have 2 Big East losses this season. Last year WV benefitted from +14 in turnovers, +4 net close wins and some outstanding ypp averages (pg 299) and won't be as fortunate this year. They also must play both Louisville and Pitt on the road. Two of my 7 sets of power ratings do call them to be the most talented team in the Big East but I do not foresee the unbeaten season that many are forecasting.

4. USF - USF did not have a lot of things going in their favor last year with 4 Big East road games, a young team (70 frosh & soph), a disrupted schedule (hurricanes) and a game on a snowy day in Connecticut (tough for any Florida team). They still managed to make it to a bowl and they could have beaten league champ West Virginia in the season finale, a game they had a 23-16 FD edge in. This year USF gets 4 home games in Big East play including a crucial one vs Rutgers and I rate their defense 3rd best in the conference. They do have to play some cold weather games at the end of the year but have most of the winnable games at home, which is why I call for an upper half finish for the Bulls.

5. RUTGERS - Rutgers actually has 19 players on my Preseason All-Big East team, which is the most in the league and my main 2 sets of power ratings both call them to be the 4th best team in the conference this year. Unfortunately Rutgers also has a killer Big East schedule as they must play USF, Pitt, UC and WV on the road and also host Louisville and could be an underdog in all 5. This year's Rutgers team is a more talented one than the 2005 version but may not finish as high in the Big East standings due to a tougher schedule. The Knights did outgain Big East foes by 70.4 ypg, the 3rd best mark in the league and have 14 starters back and are capable of overcoming the tougher schedule and finishing higher.

6. CONNECTICUT - Connecticut had just 6 senior starters last year so naturally they are a veteran squad with 14 starters back. They were outgained by 59 ypg in league play but suffered some tough QB injuries, despite the fact they have 4 Big East road games, they have an excellent shot at moving up in the Big East standings.

7. CINCINNATI - The Bearcats were 2-5 last year in Big East play and have the most returning starters (17), lose the fewest lettermen (13), and also get 4 home games in conference play. They can easily move up in the Big East standings, especially since they were -7 in turnovers last year (see pg 312). The reason I have them this low is that last year they benefitted from 3 net close wins (pg 299) and were actually outgained by 104.7 ypg in league play, the second worst mark. It's tough to pick a team this low in the Big East standings, when they are capable of being bowl eligible.

8. SYRACUSE - Switching from the option offense to a passing offense is usually a 3 to 4 year process and I rate Syracuse's offense #8 in the Big East. On D they have just 4 returning starters and rank near the bottom as well. Last season they were outgained in conference play by 141.7 ypg and their 10 returning starters are the fewest. They also have four road games in Big East play. It looks like another long year for the Orange faithful.

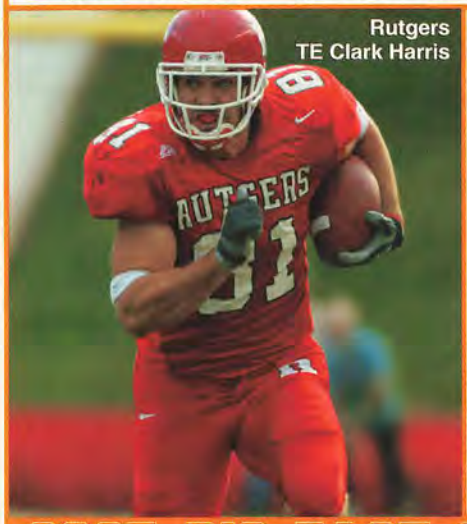
Big East Notes: Last year Andre Hall won 3 straight Offensive POW Awards in the Big East, the first to accomplish that since Glen Foley did it in 1993 (Boston College). For the second straight year, the BE preseason favorite ended up with by far the conf's best ypg difference in conf play but failed to win the league. In 2004 WV outgained league foes by 72.9 ypg but only finished as co-champ's at 4-2 with Pitt going to the Fiesta Bowl, despite being outgained by 57.7 ypg which was actually the worst mark in the league! Last year UL was the preseason conf favorite and thanks to a blown 24-7 4Q lead vs WV, they finished second despite outgaining league foes by 174.6 ypg (league champ WV 93.1 ypg). It was also not a good year for two new coaches who both had NFL experience and were defensive minded. The same formula worked for Pete Carroll at USC and expectations for both were high but Pitt's Dave Wannstedt and Syracuse's Greg Robinson combined to go just 6-16 . The Big East has a new rule where they will not accept Prop 48 athletes any longer. The Big East is the only BCS conf in which every member has been to at least one bowl over the last two seasons. Syracuse has just 3 players on my 1st & 2nd Big East teams while Rutgers leads with 12 followed by Louisville's 11. Surprisingly West Virginia has just 9 players on my first 3 Big East teams which is only the 5th best. The Big East was just 4-9 against BCS conf schools, 1-3 in the bowls and only had 11 players drafted (none in the first two rounds) but should improve upon all of those numbers this season.

2005 BIG EAST vs BIG EAST OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
5	Louisville	39.0	1	491.7	1	190.1	3	4.6	2	301.6	1	66.1	1	12.6	6	16	4	16	4
45	West Virginia	34.9	2	386.7	3	281.4	1	5.6	1	105.3	8	56.0	4	11.1	8	10	1	8	1
61	Rutgers	26.9	4	388.7	2	180.9	4	4.5	3	207.9	3	52.8	5	14.5	4	20	7	12	2
66	USF	26.9	4	355.6	4	199.3	2	4.1	4	156.3	5	48.8	6	13.2	5	14	3	14	3
74	Pittsburgh	27.0	3	324.4	5	99.9	7	2.8	7	224.6	2	57.7	2	12.0	7	17	6	16	4
92	Connecticut	16.4	7	286.0	7	137.3	5	3.3	5	148.7	7	47.3	7	17.4	3	16	4	28	7
105	Cincinnati	16.7	6	307.6	6	113.6	6	3.0	6	194.0	4	56.2	3	18.4	2	13	2	29	8
110	Syracuse	10.4	8	233.9	8	79.4	8	2.4	8	154.4	6	42.6	8	22.4	1	22	8	23	6

2005 BIG EAST vs BIG EAST DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
18	West Virginia	14.9	1	293.6	1	95.6	1	2.6	1	198.0	6	57.4	7	19.8	8	21	1	16	5
35	USF	19.3	2	342.9	4	152.4	4	4.0	4	190.4	5	53.7	4	17.8	7	20	2	20	2
36	Louisville	25.0	4	317.1	2	138.4	3	3.6	3	178.7	4	50.7	3	12.7	3	16	3	18	4
46	Connecticut	24.3	3	345.0	5	170.9	5	4.0	5	174.1	3	46.3	1	14.2	5	15	6	13	8
51	Pittsburgh	25.4	5	369.9	6	197.9	6	4.4	6	172.0	2	48.7	2	14.5	6	16	3	16	5
56	Rutgers	28.4	7	318.3	3	109.6	2	2.9	2	208.7	8	60.5	8	11.2	1	11	7	29	1
57	Syracuse	28.0	6	375.6	7	212.7	8	4.5	7	162.9	1	55.4	6	13.4	4	16	3	15	7
99	Cincinnati	32.9	8	412.3	8	204.4	7	4.6	8	207.9	7	55.3	5	12.5	2	11	7	19	3


Rutgers
TE Clark Harris

2005 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2005	2004	2003
W Virginia	7	0	244	104	11	1	385	214	+93.1	+74.7	+20.6
Louisville	5	2	273	175	9	3	521	285	+174.6	+250.9	+87.6
Rutgers	4	3	188	199	7	5	344	307	+70.4	-22.5	-27.6
USF	4	3	188	135	6	6	276	216	+12.7	-21.0	-44.6
Pittsburgh	4	3	189	178	5	6	267	243	-45.5	-57.5	-3.8
Connecticut	2	5	115	170	5	6	272	211	-59.0	+23.7	+137.5
Cincinnati	2	5	117	230	4	7	192	345	-104.7	+80.5	+86.0
Syracuse	0	7	73	196	1	10	152	295	-141.7	-16.0	-40.3

Coach of the Year: Rich Rodriquez, W Virginia

2004 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Boston College	4	2	152	114	9	3	296	203
Pittsburgh	4	2	152	136	8	4	325	288
West Virginia	4	2	165	128	8	4	361	246
Syracuse	4	2	194	170	6	6	287	344
Connecticut	3	3	171	183	8	4	363	260
Rutgers	1	5	139	185	4	7	269	343
Temple	1	5	131	188	2	9	238	399

Coach of the Year: Walt Harris, Pittsburgh

2003 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Miami (FL)	6	1	193	113	11	2	361	196
West Virginia	6	1	248	158	8	5	376	297
Pittsburgh	5	2	206	183	8	5	389	311
Virginia Tech	4	3	216	152	8	5	460	299
Boston College	3	4	176	196	8	5	370	331
Syracuse	2	5	141	191	6	6	320	301
Rutgers	2	5	162	214	5	7	329	354
Temple	0	7	125	260	1	11	235	393

Coach of the Year: Rich Rodriguez, W Virginia

West Virginia
C Dan Mozes

2005 BIG EAST CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Brian Brohm, Louisville	301	207	68.8	5	2883	9.6	19	166.7
Ryan Hart, Rutgers	255	155	60.8	8	2135	8.4	18	148.1
Adam Bednarik, W Virg	75	55	73.3	2	532	7.1	4	145.2
Hunter Cantwell, L'ville	73	39	53.4	4	640	8.8	5	138.7
Pat White, W Virginia	114	65	57.0	5	828	7.3	8	132.4
Tyler Palko, Pittsburgh	341	193	56.6	9	2392	7.0	17	126.7
Dustin Grutza, Cincy	300	168	56.0	11	1799	6.0	11	111.1
Pat Julmiste, USF	252	124	49.2	11	1489	5.9	6	98.0
Mike Teel, Rutgers	101	51	50.5	10	683	6.8	2	94.0
Perry Patterson, Syr	273	130	47.6	11	1504	5.5	6	93.1

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

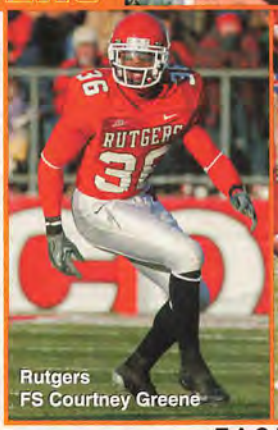
	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Greg Lee, Pittsburgh	11	49	962	7	87.5	4.5	19.6
Mario Urrutia, Louisville	11	37	797	7	72.5	3.4	21.5
Joshua Tinch, Louisville	12	67	855	4	71.3	5.6	12.8
Tres Moses, Rutgers	12	45	758	5	63.2	3.8	16.8
Clark Harris, Rutgers	12	38	584	4	48.7	3.2	15.4
Montrell Jones, Louisville	12	43	574	5	47.8	3.6	13.4
Brian Leonard, Rutgers	12	55	568	6	47.3	4.6	10.3
Brandon Myles, W Virg	12	34	536	3	44.7	2.8	15.8
Shawn Tucker, Rutgers	12	32	484	1	40.3	2.7	15.1
Harry Douglas, L'ville	12	27	457	2	38.1	2.3	16.9
Brandon Young, Conn	10	28	371	2	37.1	2.8	13.3
Earnest Jackson, Cincy	10	27	364	3	36.4	2.7	13.5
Derek Kinder, Pittsburgh	11	37	374	3	34.0	3.4	10.1

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Andre Hall, USF	12	270	1374	5.1	13	114.5
Michael Bush, Louisville	10	205	1143	5.6	23	114.3
Steve Slaton, W Virginia	10	205	1128	5.5	17	112.8
Ray Rice, Rutgers	12	195	1120	5.7	5	93.3
Damien Rhodes, Syracuse	11	219	900	4.1	7	81.8
Pat White, W Virginia	12	131	952	7.3	7	79.3
Brian Leonard, Rutgers	12	173	740	4.3	11	61.7
Terry Caulley, Connecticut	11	141	659	4.7	6	59.9
George Stripling, L'ville	11	79	621	7.9	7	56.5
Bradley Glatthaar, Cincy	11	139	620	4.5	7	56.4

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL YDS	OFFENSE YDSPG
Brian Brohm, L'ville	10	41	-36	301	2883	2847	284.7
Ryan Hart, Rutgers	10	25	-18	255	2135	2117	211.7
Tyler Palko, Pittsburgh	11	70	-139	341	2392	2253	204.8
Dustin Grutza, Cincy	11	106	28	300	1799	1827	165.0
Pat Julmiste, USF	12	126	336	252	1489	1825	152.1
Pat White, W Virginia	12	131	952	114	828	1780	148.3
Perry Patterson, Syr	11	72	-37	273	1504	1467	133.4
Andre Hall, USF	12	270	1374	2	0	1374	114.5
Michael Bush, L'ville	10	205	1143	1	0	1143	114.3
Steve Slaton, W Virg	10	205	1128	0	0	1128	112.8


Rutgers
FS Courtney Greene

Syracuse
P Brendan Carney

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
HB Blades, Pittsburgh	11	67	54	121	11.0
Courtney Greene, Rutgers	12	68	48	116	9.7
Devraun Thompson, Rutgers	12	46	51	97	8.1
Ben Moffitt, USF	12	52	44	96	8.0
Danny Lansanah, Conn	10	25	54	79	7.9
Kelvin Smith, Syracuse	11	49	35	84	7.6
Pat St Louis, USF	12	59	31	90	7.5
Tez Morris, Pittsburgh	11	48	33	81	7.4
Ron Girault, Rutgers	12	53	33	86	7.2
Dowayne, Davis, Syracuse	11	46	32	78	7.1
Corey Smith, Cincinnati	9	34	29	63	7.0

USF
LB Stephen Nicholas

West Virginia
PR Antonio Lewis

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Brendan Carney, Syr	11	82	3491	42.6
Adam Graessle, Pitt	11	60	2532	42.2
Todd Flannery, L'Ville	12	33	1353	41.0
Brandon Baker, USF	12	65	2630	40.5
Phil Brady, W Virginia	12	51	2029	39.8
Joe Radigan, Rutgers	13	60	2361	39.4
Chet Ervin, Cincinnati	10	67	2632	39.3

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Jackie Chambers, USF	32	370	0	11.6
Darrelle Revis, Pitt	28	324	1	11.6
Willie Foster, Rutgers	15	164	1	10.9
Montrell Jones, L'ville	30	311	0	10.4
Haruki Nakamura, Cincy	11	88	0	8.0
Brandon McLean, Conn	12	84	0	7.0
Mike Daniels, Cincy	13	75	0	5.8

*Numbers come from Big East final statistics.

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Elvis Dumervil, L'ville	20	157
Terrence Royal, USF	10.5	72
Ryan Neill, Rutgers	10	69
Val Barnaby, Rutgers	10	58
Ramel Meekins, Rutgers	9	92
Ryan LaCasse, Syr	9	47
Nate Harris, Louisville	7	55
Jason Allen, USF	7	46
Stephen Nicholas, USF	7	44
Montavious Stanley, L'ville	5.5	44

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Elvis Dumervil, L'ville	23	171
Ryan Neill, Rutgers	21.5	95
Stephen Nicholas, USF	15.5	69
Ben Moffitt, USF	15.5	47
Ramel Meekins, Rut	15	105
James Hargrave, Conn	13.5	64
Val Barnaby, Rutgers	13	63
Adam Roberts, Cincy	13	58
Ryan LaCasse, Syr	12	57
Nate Harris, L'ville	11.5	67

Cincinnati
TE Brent Celek

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Art Carmody, L'ville	12	14	16	87.5	47
Jeremy Ito, Rutgers	12	20	27	74.1	52
Josh Cummings, Pitt	9	14	19	73.7	49
Kyle Bronson, USF	12	11	16	68.8	47
John Barker, Syracuse	6	8	12	66.7	45
Pat McAfee, W Virg	12	11	18	61.1	45
Matt Nuzie, Conn	11	10	19	52.6	50
Kevin Lovell, Cincy	11	4	9	44.4	45

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Tiquan Underwood, Rut	11	298	0	27.1
Chad Simpson, USF	16	404	1	25.3
Willie Foster, Rutgers	30	736	1	24.5
Kareem Jones, Syr	17	398	0	23.4
Montrell Jones, L'ville	17	389	0	22.9
Antonio Lewis, W Virg	17	376	0	22.1
Mike Daniels, Cincy	14	279	0	19.9
Dominick Goodman, Cincy	21	393	0	18.7
Jackie Chambers, USF	13	241	0	18.5

PHIL'S BIG EAST UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Louisville	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	5	1
Pittsburgh	2	5	6	4	4	1	1	2	4
West Virginia	3	3	4	1	1	4	7	2	2
USF	5	8	2	5	8	2	2	7	4
Rutgers	8	2	3	2	2	5	4	1	6
Connecticut	6	4	5	5	4	8	6	4	3
Cincinnati	7	7	6	8	6	7	5	8	7
Syracuse	4	6	8	7	7	6	7	6	8

LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - The Cardinals have had some great QB's recently including Chris Redman and Dave Ragone who both earned CUSA Offensive POY honors in their tenures and were drafted high by the NFL. Stefan LeFors took over in 2003 and was named CUSA Co-Off POY in 2004 and in his two years threw for 5,741 (66.4%) with a 37-13 ratio. Brian Brohm (PS#8) played in 11 games in '04 to gain experience and he threw for 819 (67.3%) with a 6-2 ratio. LeFors was #4DC CAR and Brohm took almost all of the meaningful snaps last year earning him Big East Off POY honors. Unfortunately he was injured vs Syr and missed the finale and the bowl but still threw for 2,883 (68.8%) with a 19-5 ratio. Hunter Cantwell has good size, arm strength and speed and played in 8 throwing for 640 (53.4%) with a 5-4 ratio. This group is extremely deep with backups Bill Ashburn (6-4 215 So) and even Patrick Carter (PS#32, see WR) who was the Scout Tm QB last year. Brohm is clearly the favorite to repeat as the BE POY but did miss spring recovering from his ACL injury.

QB Brian Brohm

RUNNING BACKS - 2002's leading rusher had just 594 yards. I projected Florida St transfer Eric Shelton (PS#3) as the starter in 2003 and he rushed for 790 until suffering an injury. He then rushed for 938 (6.4) in 2004 and was the #2DC of CAR. VHT Michael Bush (PS#3QB) reluctantly moved from QB and was used at RB and WR and had 734 yards rushing (5.6). He returned last year as did #4 rusher Kolby Smith (PS#104), who had avg'd 8.7 ypc in his first two years. Bush, despite starting just 8 (injured), had 1,143 (5.6) with 23 rushing TD's. Smith, the backup, also missed time with injury and George Stripling, who is the fastest of the TB's, had some big games leading in rushing vs NC, Rutgers and Syracuse. He finished with 621 and an impressive 7.9 ypc. Smith, in 10 games, had 523 (4.9) and 18 rec (10.9). The great news for Louisville is that all 3 return. Also in the mix is Sergio Spencer (5-10 187 So, 39 yds LY) and they get the outstanding addition of VHT Illinois transfer Brock Bolen (6-0 237 So, PS#28!). When the team uses a FB, they have Deriontae Taylor (5-8 244 Jr, 4 st, 2 rec), Joe Tronzo (5-10 245 rFr) and true frosh Anthony Allen (PS#72). Bush may be the best RB in the NCAA if he stays healthy and this is a deep group.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cards had to replace their leading receiver JR Russell, who had almost doubled the rec of the #2 man, as well as the starting TE. They then lost returning starter Broderick Clark (4.36 spd) to a knee injury vs Oreg St. RFr Mario Urrutia (PS#43) quickly took hold as the #1 man topping 100 yards in three consecutive games but then missed one full game and parts of others with a knee injury. He had 37 grabs and an outstanding 21.5 ypc! Joshua Tinch, who was #3 in 2004, ended up leading with 67 (12.8). Tennessee transfer Montrell Jones (PS#6), who was #2 in 2004 (37, 15.2), added 43 (13.3). Harry Douglas got in 6 starts (27, 16.9). This year they must replace Tinch (9 st), Jones (12 st), Clark (1st, 4 rec) and Robert Haskins (1 st, 3 rec). Added to the mix are three super transfers in Patrick Carter (PS#32QB, Ga Tech), Chris Vaughn (PS#84, ND) and Corey Thompson (PS#81, Duke). Despite the losses, this group is actually more experienced and if Urrutia stays healthy, he could have a record setting year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Cards had an inexperienced O-line in 2002 that left Dave Ragone running for his life and the team averaged just 3.1 ypc with 46 sacks. They have had an experienced OL the last three years but after averaging an amazing 5.7 and 5.6 ypc in '03 & '04, the number dropped to 4.8 in '05 and they allowed 25 sacks. Last year's squad had four returning starters. This year they lose LT Travis Leffew (12 st, 1st Tm BE), LG Jason Spitz (#3DC GB, 43 st, 4 yr st'r) and RT Jeremy Darveau (12 st, 2 yr st'r). Petrino recruited two VHT JUCO's last year who redshirted and my projected starters avg 312 lbs. Renardo Foster, who started 17 games until an ACL inj in '04, was not 100% in '05 and is coming off back surgery in the spring. If he is 100%, he would be like a returning starter. This has the makings of a solid O-line but will be weaker after losing three quality starters.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cards lost two DL starters from 2004 including their top DL but did have six of the top 8 returning LY. UL allowed just 3.0 ypc rushing and thanks to Elvis Dumervil (20 sk), the team recorded 44 sacks. Dumervil, who was #1 in the NCAA in sacks, will be missed (#4DC DEN, BE Def POY, 1st Tm AA). DT Montavious Stanley (#6DC DAL, 11 st, 2nd Tm BE, 5.5 sk) and DE Chad Rimpsey (11 st, 20 tkl, 6 tfl) are also gone. They did sign 6 true frosh including two VHT's who could play immediately. While five of the top eight are back, arguably their top three are gone, and this unit looks weaker in 2006.

LINEBACKERS - Last year five of the top 6 returned but they lost their #1 tackler and 1st Tm CUSA, Robert McCune. They did get a big-time addition in VHT Nate Harris who was PS#22 and originally signed at Miami, FL. Harris took a while to get going but had a breakout game with 10 tackles vs Cincy and later 13 vs Conn (BE POW). He also had a big bowl game. Abe Brown missed three with injury but was still very productive (PS#81DB, 8 st, 51 tkl, 9.5 tfl). Matt Sanders took over a starting spot but was lost for the year. This season the only losses are #1 tackler Brandon Johnson (#5DC ARZ, 9 st, 2nd Tm BE) and Sanders (8 tkl). Six players return with starting experience and this should be one of the Big East's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cards are usually strong in my pass D rankings. They had four Top 29 finishes in the first five years of this decade including a #21 finish in 2004. Last year they had to replace three starters and a backup and the unit struggled allowing 278 to Kentucky and 377 to Oreg St. Jon Russell took over as starting SS at midseason and overall nine different players started. The inexperienced unit dropped to #83. This year the only loss is SS Antoine Sharp (6 st, 30 tkl, 3 pbu) but 7 of the top 8 are back including all four who were starters at year-end. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Marcus Folmar (5-11 186 So), Lamar Alston (6-0 185 So, PS#125WR) and VHT true frosh Brandon Heath (PS#32RB). Provided that the rebuilt D-line can get a decent pass rush, this should be a much improved secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Under former Coach John L. Smith, the team usually had great ST's including a #16 finish in 2001 and #8 in 2002. They blocked an amazing 9 punts in 2002 and Broderick Clark was named CUSA Special Teams POY (28.9 KR). In Petrino's first year, they surprisingly dropped to #70 and in 2004 moved up to #41. Last year they had both dangerous returnmen back and only had to replace their P so things looked good. Unfortunately, ST's cost them vs USF as they allowed a 94 yd KR for a TD and had the unfortunate onside kick call vs W Virg (which Big East officials later apologized for). Overall the Cards finished just #63. K Art Carmody hit 12 of 15 as a rFr, with a long of 42, and improved to 14 of 16 last year with a long of 47 and was 5-5 from 40+. He did have a streak of 97 straight xp's snapped. Carmody had 7 TB's on 28 KO's and Todd Flannery had just six TB's on 63 KO's. Montrell Jones was the top PR (10.4) and the top KR (22.9) and will be missed.

COACHES - When Petrino took over four years ago, he had no HC experience and his OC & DC did not have coordinating experience, but as a group they have fared very well. OC Paul Petrino enters his 4th year and the Cardinals simply led the NCAA in total offense (539 ypg) and scoring offense (49.8) in 2004. They were also 3rd in scoring behind USC and Texas in '05. The only other time the Cards led the NCAA in total offense was in 1998 under then-OC Bobby Petrino with 559 ypg. Mike Cassity took over as DC in 2004 and has 30 years of coaching experience and was the Illini's DC the previous three years. The Cardinals went from #93 (NCAA rankings) in total defense to #15 and #23 last year. Bobby Petrino has already passed Lee Corso to be #4 on the all-time win list as a HC here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Bobby Petrino stepped into a great situation as he took over an underachieving Louisville team from 2002 that finished 7-6 partly due to being -15 in turnovers. His inaugural team was pegged for 5th in CUSA and had zero players on the 1st Tm preseason CUSA and yet nearly won the CUSA crown. Despite an inexperienced QB, they averaged 489 ypg and 34.6 ppg and outgained CUSA foes by 87.6 ypg. In 2004 the Cards had 17 players on my preseason all-conf team, the most in CUSA and had a dream season. They stood at 4-0 and played Miami on ESPN and late in the 3Q were in control 31-14 but lost. Had they won that game, they would have become the first non-BCS team to play in a BCS bowl and probably would have been favored over Utah, a team that accomplished that goal. They outgained CUSA foes by 250.9 ypg winning by an avg of 56.6-19.4 and finished #6 in the final poll, their highest finish ever (previous high #13 in 1993). Last year they had to replace six NFL DC's including their top QB, RB, WR and LB. They only had 11 returning starters and had benefitted from +11 TO's in 2004. Louisville was the preseason favorite to win the Big East in their inaugural year. The Cards had a streak of nine straight wins when they travelled to USF and were ranked #9. They had a 26-16 FD edge and 493-355 yd edge but were drilled 45-14. Three weeks later, they were dominating WV leading 24-7 when they were stopped on 4th & 1 at the WV 34 in the 4Q (dropped FD pass). Amazingly WV rallied to force OT and won it in 3 OT's. L'ville, despite outgaining Big East foes by 174.6 ypg (WV only by 93.1), finished just 5-2. They outscored teams by an average of 55.3-15.5 at home (have won a school record 12 in a row at home) while only outscoring foes by 1.6 ppg on the road. They also had to start backup QB Cantwell in the season finale and the bowl while top RB Bush missed two full games. UL led Virginia Tech 24-13 with 13:17 left and could have easily have finished with a 10 or 11 win season. This year 4 of their Big East games are at home and unlike last year, they return their top QB and RB but do lose the BE Def POY Dumervil. With 6 starters back, the offense will be explosive. The back 7 on D looks much stronger. UL not only has the talent and schedule to win the Big East, but has a shot at a perfect 12-0 season (yes, I know they play Miami) and could get to the National Title game.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 12 BRIAN BROHM JR. 6-4 224 **PS#8**. 819 (67%), 6-2 ratio as true. 10 st LY (inj), 2883, (69%), 19-5 ratio. **14** Hunter Cantwell (6-4 225 So) PS#79. 2 st rFr, 640 (53%), 5-4 ratio.
RB 19 MICHAEL BUSH SR. 6-3 250 **PS#3QB**. 5 st first 2Y, 1272 rush (6.0). 8 sts LY, 1143 (5.6), 21 rec (12.0). **33** Kolby Smith (5-11 215 Sr) PS#104. 5 sts 3Y, 1001 (6.2), 32 rec.
WR 4 Patrick Carter Jr. 6-3 199 **PS#32QB. GTech** trans. **80** Jimmy Riley (6-1 214 Sr) PS#127. Josh Chichester is PS#31. 6'8"! **3** Trent Guy (5-9 165 rFr) PS#214. Speedy.
WR 85 Harry Douglas Jr. 5-11 170 PS#130. 108 yd rFr. 6 st LY, 11 games, 27 rec (16.9). **9** Chris Vaughn (6-3 220 So) PS#84. **ND trans. 84** Scott Long (6-2 210 rFr) PS#102.
WR 7 MARIO URRUTIA SO. 6-6 228 **PS#43**. 6 sts as rFr, 37 rec (**21.5**), **2nd Tm BE**. **87** Corey Thompson (5-11 182 So) PS#81. **6 st true @Duke**, 19 rec. **29** Elijah Daniel (5-11 191 So).
TE 82 GARY BARNIDGE JR. 6-6 236 PS#96. 2 sts as true, 7 rec. 5 st LY, 17 (14.1). **81** Scott Kuhn (6-5 251 Jr) PS#51. 2 rec. **44** Careg Bonner (6-4 244 rFr) PS#66WR. 39" VL.
C 77 ERIC WOOD SO. 6-4 296 PS#637. 12 st C as rFr. **53** Michael Sturgeon (6-4 298 Sr) PS#409. Bkup C 2Y. **75** Zach Taylor (6-2 287 rFr) **LS 51** Matt Webb (6-0 230 Sr).
RG 76 KURT QUARTERMAN SR. 6-5 338 PS#304. 13 gm as rFr. 12 st LG '04. 12 st RG LY. 420 bench. **64** Devon May (6-4 292 Jr) PS#235. **73** Josh Deer (6-4 302 Jr) PS#488.
LG 63 Danny Barlowe Jr. 6-5 290 7 gm '04. 3 gm LY. **66** Mike Donoghue (6-3 300 rFr) PS#118. **68** George Bussey (6-2 280 So) 6 gm OT LY. **62** Nick Borgelt (6-3 289 So).
RT 71 Marcus Gordon Jr. 6-6 316 **PS#66JC**. RS LY. **79 Renardo Foster (6-7 322 Sr)** PS#67TE. **13 st RT '03**. 4 st, ACL '04. 2 gm LY. Josh Hawkins PS#132. In for spring.
LT 69 Marcel Benson Jr. 6-6 318 **PS#95JC**. RS in '05. **78** Breno Giacomini (6-7 290 Jr) 2 st TE, 3 rec LY. **72 Brian Roche** (6-5 300 rFr) **PS#36**. Jeffrey Adams is PS#102.
K 18 ART CARMODY JR. 5-9 180 PS#84. 12 of 15 FG's as rFr, long 42, 77-77 xp's. **1st TM BE** LY, 14 of 16 FG's, long 47, 5 of 5 40+. **45** Marc Zucconi (5-11 204 So).

DE 96 Zach Anderson Sr. 6-4 268 **PS#79JC**. 1 st LY, 28 tkl, 2.5 sk, 3 tfl. **95** Maurice Mitchell (6-3 227 So) PS#214LB. 4 tkl rFr. **99** Josh Williams (6-3 247 Jr) PS#218. 4 tkl 2Y.
DT 94 Adrian Grady So. 6-2 292 PS#302. 3 st as rFr, 30 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **92** Willie Williams (6-4 310 Jr) PS#169JC. **67** Brinson Harley (6-1 288 Sr) PS#494OL. 6 tkl in 3 years.
DT 91 AMOBI OKOYE SR. 6-1 312 PS#397. 17 tkl true. 4 st, 26 tkl '04. 10 st LY, 23 tkl. **57 Earl Heyman** (6-3 282 So) **PS#28**. 17 tkl, 3.5 tfl true. **93** LD Scott (6-2 262 rFr) PS#140.
DE 88 Brandon Cox Jr. 6-4 253 PS#330. 3 tkl true. 8 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **98** Jonathan Holston (6-6 239 rFr) PS#187. **56** Michael Adams (6-3 248 rFr). Deantwan "Peanut" Whitehead PS#49.
SLB 11 Malik Jackson Jr. 6-2 231 8 tkl rFr. 4 st LY, 30 tkl, 2 pbu. **46** Terrance Butler (6-3 222 Jr) PS#221DB. 1 st, 30 tkl, 2Y. **42** Chase Floyd (6-1 225 So). Rodney Gnat PS#101DL.
MLB 10 NATE HARRIS SR. 6-1 235 **PS#22 Mia Fl. PS#40JC**. 10 st here, 66 tkl, 7 sk. **22** Lamar Myles (6-0 216 So) PS#62. 1 st, 23 tkl. **52** Mozell Axson (6-1 226 So) PS#126.
WLB 43 ABE BROWN SR. 6-4 230 **PS#81DB**. 12 st, 55 tkl, 6 sk, 4.45 speed. 8 st LY (inj 3), 51 tkl, 9.5 tfl. **6** Preston Smith (6-1 220 Jr) PS#185QB. 3 st, 52 tkl, 1.5 tfl 2Y. Big on ST.
CB 14 ROD COUNCIL SO. 5-11 189 **PS#37**. 11 sts rFr, 48 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. **27** Gavin Smart (5-9 192 Sr) PS#246RB. 5 st, 42 tkl, 5 PD 3Y. **25** EK Sawyerr (6-0 177 rFr) PS#158.
CB 21 WILLIAM GAY SR. 5-11 184 PS#284. 3 st true, 8 pbu. 12 st '04, 21 tkl, 4 pbu. 9 sts LY, 3 pbu. **34 Bobby Buchanan** (5-11 188 So) PS#62. 2 st, 2 pbu. **1** Travis Norton (6-0 186 So).
SS 13 JON RUSSELL JR. 6-2 194 PS#232WR. 11 tkl as rFr. L/5 st LY, 27 tkl, 2 int. **38** Deon Palmer (6-0 203 Jr) PS#228QB. 8 tkl, 10 gms. **31** Darius Mann (5-11 202 rFr) PS#157.
FS 35 BRANDON SHARP SR. 5-11 195 PS#273. 22 tkl, 4 PD 2Y. 11 st LY, 48 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **2** Richard Raglin (6-2 185 So) 1 st, 7 tkl as true. **23** Stephen Garr (6-1 198 rFr) PS#125WR.
P 36 TODD FLANNERY JR. 6-1 184 2 punts '04, 40.0. 34 punts in '05, 10 inside 20, 40.9 avg, net 33.5 & handle KO's the last 2 years. **30** Gabe Mullane (6-1 171 rFr) PS#129.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DB	Brandon Heath 6-2 195 PS#32RB
WR	Josh Chichester 6-8 210 PS#31
DL	LT Walker 6-4 320 PS#47
DL	Deantwan Whitehead 6-6 245 PS#49
DL	Aundre Henderson 6-4 285 PS#77
RB	Anthony Allen 6-0 228 PS#72
DL	Rodney Gnat 6-3 240 PS#101
OL	Jeffrey Adams 6-8 320 PS#102
WR	Troy Pascley 6-2 185 PS#78
DL	Willie Williams 6-4 310 PS#169JC
RB	Eugene Sowell 6-0 220 PS#98
WR	Latarrius Thomas 6-2 205 PS#86
OL	Kareem Crowell 6-4 310 PS#122
TE	Zach Meagher 6-4 248 PS#41
OL	Josh Hawkins 6-7 330 PS#132
QB	Emanuel Francis 6-3 195 PS#85
DL	Demetrius Culpepper 6-4 230 PS#161
WR	Johnny Patrick 6-0 175 PS#136
OL	Conrad Thomas 6-6 330 PS#179
DB	JaJuan Spillman 5-10 160 PS#153WR '05
OL	Jeremy Baker 6-5 358 PS#263
OL	Josh Byrom 6-5 279 PS#216DL '05
RB	Tyler Wimsatt 6-1 230 PS#303DL
OL	Hector Hernandez 6-5 275 PS#368
TE	Peter Nochta 6-5 240 PS#129
QB	Tyler Wolfe 6-5 198 PS#287
OL	Ryan Kessling 6-5 275 PS#562

LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

Louisville, Kentucky
Weather (502) 585-1212

BOBBY PETRINO (Career 29-8)
4th Year at Louisville
Petrino's SU Bowl Record: 1-2

Petrino's records AT LOUISVILLE

29-8	Straight Up	12-5	Home Favorite
22-12	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
4-2	Off A SU Loss	7-6	Away Favorite
14-9	Vs Conference	3-1	Away Underdog
8-3	Vs Non-Conf	4-3	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (23,26,4)
Lost: 13 (6,7,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,001

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#68

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UL	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss
Sep. 2	Kentucky	A						
Sep. 9	at Temple	G						
Sep. 16	Miami, Fl	A						
Sep. 23	at Kansas St	A						
Sep. 30								
Oct. 6	† Mid Tenn (Fri) (Nashville)	G						
Oct. 14	Cincinnati	A						
Oct. 21	at Syracuse	A						
Oct. 28								
Nov. 2	West Virginia (Thur)	A						
Nov. 9	at Rutgers (Thur)	A						
Nov. 18	South Florida	A						
Nov. 25	at Pittsburgh	G						
Dec. 2	Connecticut	A						

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Last year Louisville amassed over 400 yds of offense in 10 of their 12 gms.
Louisville is 7-3 ATS as an away dog the last 7 years.
The Cardinals are 11-4 ATS as double digit home favorites under Petrino.

Louisville is 11-5 SU & 4-10 ATS in their last 16 home openers.
UL is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS L7Y vs UK outscoring the Cats 35-20 a game S/'98.

Louisville is 10-5 ATS the last 15 road openers.
The Cardinals are 1-3 SU & 0-1 ATS vs Temple all-time.

UL hasn't been a home dog since 2002 but is 3-0 ATS the L7Y in that role.
Louisville is 0-9-1 SU all-time vs Miami but have covered the last 3 games.

Could apply: Cardinals are 9-2 ATS since 2001 after a SU loss.
Louisville is 14-0 SU & 9-3 ATS since 1998 before a bye week.

Louisville is 9-5 ATS since 1998 after a bye week.
In their 3 lined gms vs current SBC tms, UL is 3-0 SU & ATS outscoring them 157-24.

The Cardinals are 35-22 (61%) ATS in conference play the last 8 years.
These 2 universities are about 100 miles apart.

In their 5 all-time meetings the 2 teams combined to avg 43 ppg.
LY's gm was closer than the score appeared as UL only had 24-17 lead to start the 4Q.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Chris Redman 12,541 1996-'99
Rushing: Walter Peacock 3,204 1972-'75 Receiving: Arnold Jackson 3,670 1997-'00

Cardinals are 10-3 SU & 9-4 ATS at home in the month of Nov S/'98.
The dog is 5-2 ATS all-time in this series, including 4-0 ATS since 1989.

LY UL rolled over Rutgers w/500 yds total offense to their 187 & a 25-9 FD edge.
The Cardinals scored over 40 pts 8 times last year.

Louisville had a 493-355 yardage edge despite losing 45-14 LY vs USF.
The home team is 3-0 SU & ATS all-time in this series.

The Cardinals are 5-0 SU & 4-1 ATS their last 5 games vs the Panthers.
Louisville has outscored Pittsburgh by a 14 pt margin pg since 1990.

Louisville averaged 55 ppg last year at home.
The Cardinals are 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS the last 8 home finales.

STADIUM: PAPA JOHN'S CARDINAL STADIUM (42,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	9-2	10-2	7-5	9-3	10-1	9-2	61-19
Home	4-3	6-1	6-0	3-3	5-1	5-0	6-0	35-8
Away	3-1	3-1	4-2	4-2	4-2	5-1	3-2	26-11
ATS	5-5	7-3	7-4	6-6	6-6	10-1	6-5	47-30
Home Fav	2-3	2-3	3-2	2-3	2-4	5-0	5-1	21-16
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0
Away Fav	2-2	1-0	3-1	3-2	2-1	4-1	1-4	16-11
Away Dog	0-0	3-0	1-1	0-1	2-1	1-0	0-0	7-3
Favorite	4-5	3-3	6-3	5-5	4-5	9-1	6-5	37-27
Dog	1-0	4-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-0	0-0	10-3
Grass	4-4	7-3	5-3	5-6	2-2	3-1	0-3	26-22
Artificial	1-1	0-0	2-1	1-0	4-4	7-0	6-2	21-8
vs Conf	3-3	5-2	5-2	4-4	4-4	7-1	3-4	31-20
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	2-2	2-2	2-2	3-0	3-1	16-10
Off SU Win	3-3	6-1	5-4	2-5	4-4	8-1	4-4	32-22
Off SU Loss	1-2	0-2	1-0	4-0	1-2	1-0	2-0	10-6

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Michael Bush	205	1176	33	1143	23	5.6
George Stripling	79	633	12	621	7	7.9
Kolby Smith	107	532	9	523	6	4.9
Sergio Spencer	12	41	2	39	0	3.2
Harry Douglas	6	54	17	37	0	6.2
Brian Brohm	41	96	132	-36	4	-0.9
Hunter Cantwell	12	7	59	-52	0	-4.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brian Brohm	301	207	68.8	2883	19	5
Hunter Cantwell	73	39	53.4	640	5	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Joshua Tinch	67	855	12.8	4	39
Mario Urrutia	37	797	21.5	7	76
Montrell Jones	43	574	13.3	5	60
Harry Douglas	27	457	16.9	2	46
Michael Bush	21	253	12.0	1	21
Gary Barnidge	17	240	14.1	2	43
Kolby Smith	18	196	10.9	1	57
Robert Haskins	3	53	17.7	0	27
Broderick Clark	4	45	11.2	0	17
Breno Giacomini	3	16	5.3	1	9

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Todd Flannery	34	1389	40.9	7	33.5	1	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Art Carmody	63-65	5-6	4-5	5-5	0-0	14-16	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brandon Johnson	72	2	6.5	5	2
Nate Harris	66	7	4.5	1	0
Elvis Dumervil	65	20	3	4	1
Abe Brown	51	2	7.5	4	0
Montavious Stanley	48	5.5	4.5	1	0
Rod Council	48	0	4.5	3	1
Brandon Sharp	48	0	2	4	1
Preston Smith	35	0.5	1	0	0
Antoine Sharp	30	0	0.5	3	1
Malik Jackson	30	0	1	2	0
Adrian Grady	30	0.5	5	0	0
Zach Anderson	28	2.5	3	1	0
Jon Russell	27	0	2.5	1	2
Amobi Okoye	23	0.5	3.5	0	0
Lamar Myles	23	0	1.5	1	0
Chad Rimpsey	20	2	4	0	0
William Gay	20	0	0	3	0
Earl Heyman	17	0.5	3	1	1
Bobby Buchanan	17	0	0.5	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Montrell Jones	30	311	10.4	0
Robert Haskins	5	58	11.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Montrell Jones	17	389	22.9	0
Harry Douglas	7	142	20.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
01	Liberty	-3	BYU	28-10	W
02	GMAC	+2'	Marshall	15-38	L
03	GMAC	+14	Miami, Oh	28-49	L
04	Liberty	-10'	Boise St	44-40	L
05	Gator	+9	Virginia Tech	24-35	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Louisville's All-Time SU Bowl Record 5-7-1

LOUISVILLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	43.4	24	189	4.8	294	65.4	11.1	+6	2005	5	23.8	19	114	3.0	210	54.2	13.6
8*	49.8	27	250	5.6	289	71.3	10.8	+11	2004	7	19.7	17	109	3.1	197	50.6	15.6
7	34.6	23	228	5.7	261	60.0	14.1	+3	2003	4	27.8	24	170	4.3	258	55.7	15.4
5*	28.8	18	107	3.1	226	54.0	11.6	-15	2002	10	24.5	18	113	2.9	207	48.0	13.0
8*	30.3	19	117	3.2	257	60.1	12.4	+10	2001	6	17.2	18	135	3.5	199	49.3	19.5
5	33.8	20	129	3.6	262	60.6	11.6	+11	2000	7	22.3	19	86	2.3	219	51.2	13.7

UL 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
	2005 STATS BY GAME													
#12	at Kentucky	22	46-209	4.5	19-27	179	2	17	27-47	1.7	17-27	278	7	+3
#11	Oregon St	24	25-125	5.0	21-25	428	2	26	35-42	1.2	33-59	377	5	+2
#9	at South Florida	26	33-104	3.2	29-47	389	4	16	47-251	5.3	5-10	104	0	-1
#24	Florida Atlantic	25	41-326	8.0	15-24	282	0	15	42-15	0.4	15-25	187	7	+1
#23	North Carolina	23	38-144	3.8	18-24	307	1	22	38-108	2.8	19-30	224	4	+4
#19	at West Virginia	26	44-182	4.1	31-49	277	0	20	53-281	5.3	13-27	109	3	-1
–	at Cincinnati	26	32-244	7.6	21-27	303	0	28	50-149	3.0	20-41	235	5	0
#24	Pittsburgh	26	49-220	4.5	21-31	247	1	17	28-62	2.2	17-30	198	2	0
#23	Rutgers	25	43-161	3.7	23-31	339	3	9	26-96	3.7	12-24	91	1	+1
#17	Syracuse	21	40-220	5.5	17-29	285	5	14	28-43	1.5	19-41	259	3	-1
#16	at Connecticut	23	51-200	3.9	16-25	271	3	21	38-87	2.3	18-32	255	4	+2
#19	† Virginia Tech	20	30-127	4.2	15-37	216	4	21	48-187	3.9	11-21	203	3	-4
TOTALS		287	472-2262	4.8	246-376	3523	25	226	460-1368	3.0	199-367	2520	44	+6
AVERAGES		23.9	39-189	4.8	21-31	294	2.1	18.8	38-114	3.0	17-31	210	3.7	0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Mexico St	-20'	45-24	W
at Kentucky	-3'	36-10	W
W Carolina	NL	31-7	–
at Illinois	+3'	10-34	L
Memphis	-10'	38-21	W
Colorado St	-8	7-2	L
S Mississippi	-3	24-14	W
at Cincinnati	-3'	28-13	W
at Tulane	-11	52-7	W
Houston	-32'	34-10	L
at East Carolina	+1/2	39-34	W
at TCU	-8	22-37	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kentucky	-13	17-22	L
at Duke	-17'	40-3	W
at Colorado St - #24	+2'	33-36	L
at Army	-26'	45-14	W
Florida St - #4	+14'	26-20 OT	W
at Memphis	-10'	38-32	L
TCU	-12'	31-45	L
East Carolina	-14'	44-20	W
Cincinnati	-9	14-24	L
at S Mississippi	-2	20-17 2OT	W
UAB	-18	41-21	W
at Houston	-15'	10-27	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kentucky	+6	40-24	W
at Syracuse	+3'	30-20	W
UTEP	-37	42-14	L
Temple	-14'	21-12	L
at South Florida	-2'	28-31 2OT	L
Army	-31	34-10	L
Tulane	-15	47-28	W
at East Carolina	-15'	36-20	W
at TCU - #13	+2	28-31	L
Memphis	-6'	7-37	L
Houston	-11'	66-45	W
at Cincinnati	-2'	43-40	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kentucky	-9'	28-0	W
at Army	-22'	52-21	W
at North Carolina	-7'	34-0	W
East Carolina	-30	59-7	W
at Miami, Fl - #3	+9	38-41	W
South Florida	-30	41-9	W
at Memphis	-13'	56-49	L
TCU	-24	55-28	W
at Houston	-22	65-27	W
Cincinnati	-21	70-7	W
at Tulane	-30'	55-7	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kentucky	-23	31-24	L
Oregon St	-13'	63-27	W
at South Florida	-20'	14-45	L
Florida Atlantic	-39	61-10	W
North Carolina	-13'	69-14	W
at West Virginia	-7	44-46 3OT	L
at Cincinnati	-21'	46-22	W
Pittsburgh	-20'	42-20	W
Rutgers	-21	56-5	W
Syracuse	-36	41-17	L
at Connecticut	-14'	30-20	L

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Rod Rutherford had a shaky 1H vs Texas A&M and chants from the crowd of "We want Palko" erupted. Tyler Palko (PS#10) was 2nd string as a true frosh, but saw little action as Rutherford rebounded to have two outstanding seasons as the starter. In 2003 he set the Big East record for total offense with 3,679 pass (59.8%). He had a 37-14 ratio while rushing for 515 and tied Dan Marino's single season record of 37 TD passes. Palko redshirted in '03 then beat out Luke Getsy (currently Akron's starting QB) in 2004. Palko opened shaky hitting 6 of 19 for 49 yards vs Ohio but became the first QB to throw 5 TD passes against Notre Dame and directed the team to a BCS bowl berth throwing for 3,067 (56.2%) with a 24-7 ratio (469 rush). He is very accurate and has solid vision. He got off to a slow start in 2005 hitting 51% with a 1-4 ratio after the first 3. He could have easily pinned it on the new offense, injuries or a poor O-line but took the blame himself. Due to the drastic change in offense, his numbers did drop but he still threw for 2,392 (56.6%) with a 17-9 ratio. Joe Flacco (2004's bkup, PS#49) transferred so the backup LY was true frosh Bill Stull (PS#25) who played in two games. Palko should have much improved stats with a better supporting cast in the 2nd year of OC Cavanaugh's offense.

RUNNING BACKS - Under Walt Harris, Pitt struggled to run the football and Dave Wannstedt made that a priority. In 2001 Raymond Kirkley was #1 with 672 yards (4.0). Alabama transfer Brandon Miree was #1 with 943 in 2002 and Kirkley had just 152 in 4 starts. Miree again was #1 in 2003 (573) as Kirkley redshirted. Kirkley was #1 with 560 (3.6) in 2004 with FB Tim Murphy (PS#68) rushing for 334 (3.8). This unit was injury-plagued in 2005. Kirkley dropped down to 5th string as Wannstedt went with true freshmen Rashad Jennings and LaRod Stephens-Howling (PS#51). Stephens-Howling had 98 vs Nebraska but Kirkley was still #1 in rushing after 5. Jennings returned after missing games 3-5 and had 102 vs Cincinnati. Stephens-Howling led with 91 vs S Florida and 101 vs Syracuse. Both were banged up throughout the year. Jennings had 70 vs Louisville and then 69 vs WV. Overall, Stephens-Howling was #1 with 434 (4.5) while Jennings had 411 (4.8) and Kirkley 351 (4.3). The team had just 9 rushing TD's and 6 were by QB Palko. They took the redshirt off of true frosh Conredge Collins (PS#20, son of former NE Patriot Tony) who wanted to play TB but was the backup FB once Kellen Campbell went down to injury. This year they must replace Kirkley (6 st), Murphy (5 st, 118, 3.8), Marcus Furman (5 gm, 10 yd), Campbell (1 st, 8 yd), FB Justin Acierno (7 yd rec) and Jennings who opted to transfer. Not listed in the 3 deep below are John Pettiford (5-11 200 Jr, 71 yd) and Calvin Drewery (5-10 180 Jr). I like the Stephens-Howling/Collins duo and there are some talented frosh added, so this unit should surpass last year's totals.

RECEIVERS - Walt Harris was turning Pitt into "WR U" as they simply had a WR lead the Big East in receiving 7 times in an 8 year stretch (1997-2004). Larry Fitzgerald (#1DC ARZ) was one of 4 Heisman finalists and set numerous NCAA records in 2003. In 2004 they not only had to replace him but also TE Kris Wilson (#2DC KC). Greg Lee simply led the Big East with 1,297 yards (19.1). Walk-on Joe DelSardo had 49 (11.7) and became a fan favorite. TE Erik Gill (PS#3) had 25 (17.3). Everyone returned last year. Derek Kinder (PS#98) emerged in August and in an unpopular move, Wannstedt made him the starter over DelSardo. Lee had a good season averaging 19.6 on his 49 rec but was bothered by drops all year. Kinder was #2 with 37 (10.1) and Gill had 21 (11.6). This year they must replace Gill (9 st) and Lee (11 st) who opted to leave early for the NFL (undrafted). Keep an eye on good sized (6'5") TE Darrell Strong who has big play potential and had 16 grabs in '05. I expect the production to increase in the second year of the offense. With the loss of their top two talents, this unit is weaker but does add two VHT true frosh including Dorin Dickerson.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Pitt had to replace three starters and two backups in 2004 but had star LT Rob Petitti back and moved in DT Charles Spencer who started all 12. The unit still struggled as they averaged just 2.6 ypc rushing, their worst in the past 16 years while allowing 40 sacks. Last year they had to replace Petitti along with one other starter and two backups. True frosh CJ Davis started the last 6 and true frosh John Bachman (PS#115) took off his redshirt in Oct and played in three games. Against Rutgers, Pitt attempted 59 passes, allowed 5 sacks and 20 qbh. They also had -11 yards rushing. In the first five, Pitt's OL allowed 19 sacks but would give up just 11 in the final six. This year they lose LT Charles Spencer (#3DC HOU, 11 st, 2nd Tm BE, 2 yr st'r), LG Dale Williams (3 st) and 3rd stringers Neal Tracey and Eric Fritz. Including this year's true frosh, there are seven VHT's and in the second year of the offensive system, they should improve upon last year's 3.2 ypc rushing.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 Pitt had 5 of their top 8 DL's back and allowed 3.8 ypc rush while the team recorded 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups. Returning starting DT Thomas Smith had arthroscopic surgery in August and was not 100% all year, starting just 8. With Smith limited in the opener, the young D-line was overwhelmed by ND (275 yds rush). Overall the unit was banged up with just one player starting all 11 (DE Chris McKillop). This year they lose DT Phil Tillman (10 st, 41 tkl, 5 tfl), DT Thomas Smith (8 st, 32 tkl, 4 tfl) and DT Ron Idoko (1 st, 0 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back with all earning starts and they add in three VHT frosh. After allowing 4.3 ypc and recording just 22 sacks, the D-line looks stronger.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 returning starter SLB Brian Bennett was beat out by HB Blades who earned 1st Tm BE honors. Last year they had to replace just one starter but returning starter Clint Session (#2 tackler '04) had knee surgery and only managed to start the last two. Bennett was lost for the year in the fifth game. This year the only losses are JJ Horne (11 st, 52 tkl, 4.5 tfl) and 3rd string LB Keith Malley (7 tkl). Four players return who have started 10 or more career games and there are 6 VHT's including this year's true frosh. HB Blades is trying to become Pitt's first ever three time 1st Tm Big East honoree and led the conf in tackles (121) last season. If Session and Bennett are both 100%, this should be a much improved LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Pitt was #64 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and only had to replace one starter last year. They had a pair of NFL caliber CB's in Darrelle Revis and Josh Lay (both made 1st Tm BE in '05). They did lose starting SS Mike Phillips to a broken ankle vs Nebraska. Pitt moved up to #24 allowing 49.8% with a 10-14 ratio. This year they lose CB Lay (#6DC NO, 11 st, 3 int, 11 pbu) and FS Tez Morris (11 st, 81 tkl, 2nd Tm BE). Six of the top 8 are back and they signed 3 VHT true frosh and a VHT JUCO plus get back a healthy Phillips. Pitt should have a Top 25 pass D once again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Pitt's ST's, despite some talented players, finished #94 in 2004. Last year basically everyone returned but top PR Allen Richardson who was dismissed and top KR Marcus Furman saw little PT due to injuries. Darrelle Revis was the top PR (11.6) while Terrell Allen had a memorable game vs Louisville which he fumbled the opening KO and it was rec'd for a TD. On the ensuing play, he returned the KO 97 yards for a TD with his 4.3 speed. JUCO transfer K Josh Cummings, who has a powerful leg, hit 14 of 19 FG's with a long of 49. He did miss 2 games (knee inj). David Abdul (PS#3) was the team's top kicker in '02 and '03 when he hit 22 of 38 FG's with a long of 47. He was in a car accident in 2004 and was not fully recovered last year but hit 2 of 2 FG's and 6 of 7 xp's. P Adam Graessle avg'd 43.3 in 2004 but just a 35.0 net due to 5 blocked punts. Last year he avg'd 42.2 (net 30.5) with 1 more blocked. Josh Lay got Pitt's first blocked FG for a TD since 1994 vs Connecticut. RB LaRod Stephens-Howling also had a KR TD. This year they must replace Cummings and KR Allen who transferred, but after moving up to #51 in the ST rankings in '05 should improve again.

COACHES - Dave Wannstedt was Jimmy Johnson's asst at Okla St and Miami, FL and was the DC and asst HC during the Dallas Super Bowl years. He was CHI Bears HC from '93-'98 and then HC of the Miami Dolphins from 2000-'04. His 41-23 regular season record from '00 to '03 as Miami's HC is tied for the fifth best record among NFL HC in that span. Wannstedt attended Pitt and was captain of the '73 Fiesta Bowl team. His OC is Matt Cavanaugh, who was the OC for the Bears from '97-'98 and the Ravens from '99-'04. Paul Rhoads has been the DC here since 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Walt Harris' final five years, they simply went to five consecutive bowls including the Fiesta Bowl as the Big East champion in 2004. Nine of the team's 13 losses from 2002-2004 were by 8 points or less. In their Fiesta Bowl year, Pitt was the least experienced team in the Big East with just 9 starters back and Harris was the Big East Coach of the Year. In 2004 Pitt was actually outgained by a Big East worst 57.5 ypg in conf play and benefitted from +13 in turnovers. Harris took the Stanford job and Pitt excited the alumni by bringing in Dave Wannstedt. Unfortunately, Wannstedt was not only the first Pitt coach to lose his debut since 1986, but Pitt opened 0-3 for the first time since 1984. Wannstedt inherited 16 returning starters and 48 lettermen. Despite having QB Palko back, Pitt's offense struggled in the new system. Pitt was fortunate to come up with a 4-3 record in the Big East as they were outgained by 45.5 ypg. Pitt had two close defeats, losing to Ohio in OT and having a 46 yard FG blocked on the last play against Nebraska losing despite a 304-267 yd edge. Pitt's D showed improvement going from 395 ypg allowed to 338 but the Panthers suffered their first losing season since 1999. The Panthers have 12 starters back TY including QB Palko. They are in the second year of Wannstedt's systems but must play 4 Big East games on the road. Pitt has just 8 scholarship seniors (not incl K's). The offense, despite losing three of their top four rushers and two of their top three receivers, should easily top 2005's 24.3 ppg which was their worst since 1998. The Panthers' D only allowed 22.1 ppg last year and despite the loss of five starters, should be improved. There is no doubt Pitt disappointed their backers last season but this year they make my list of most improved teams in the NCAA and could even double 2005's win total.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 3 TYLER PALKO SR. 6-2 220 **PS#10. 2nd Tm Big East** 2Y. 3067 yds pass, (56%), 24-7 '04. 2392, (57%) 17-9 LY. **11** Bill Stull (6-3 200 So) PS#25. Dexter Davidson PS#31.

TB 34 LaRod Stephens-Howling So. 5-7 165 PS#51. 3 st as true, 9 games #1 w/434 (4.5). **26** Shane Brooks (5-10 230 rFr) PS#34. Kevin Collier is PS#55DB.

FB 31 Conredge Collins So. 5-11 225 **PS#20.** 5 gm true, 29 ttl yds. **32** Mark Yezovich (6-0 245 Jr) PS#183LB. **10** Chris Bova (5-11 240 rFr). #2 in spring. **10** John Pettiford (5-11 200 Jr).

WR NA Dorin Dickerson Fr. 6-2 200 **PS#8. 4 Joe DelSardo** (5-8 195 Sr) PS#319RB. 12 st, 49 (11.7) '04. 2 st, 15 (10.4) LY. 1 Cedric McGee (6-1 190 rFr) PS#101. Aaron Smith PS#26RB.

WR 81 DEREK KINDER JR. 6-1 200 PS#98. 8 st LY, 37 (10.1). **88** Oderick Turner (6-2 180 rFr) PS#97. **87** Marcel Pestano (6-1 190 So) PS#172. Tamarcus Porter PS#101.

TE 14 Darrell Strong Jr. 6-5 260 PS#36. 2 st, 16 rec (14.1). 4.6 spd. **84 Steve Buches** (6-4 250 Sr) PS#32. 6 st, 17 rec (9.9). **83** John Pelusi (6-3 240 So) PS#55WR.

C 68 JOE VILLANI SR. 6-3 300 Bucknell transfer. 2nd string '04. 11 st C LY. **64** Chris Vangas (6-2 300 Jr) **PS#91.** 17 gm, 2Y. **LS 59** Mark Estermyer (6-2 240 So).

RG 60 JOHN SIMONITIS SR. 6-4 325 PS#106. 11 st rFr. Last 8 st at RG '04. 11 st at RG LY. **78** John Brown (6-3 295 rFr) **PS#61**. In for spring. Kevin Cimador (6-5 300 Jr) PS#172.

LG 57 CJ DAVIS SO. 6-2 290 PS#221. Last 6 st at LG as **true. 70** Dominic Williams (6-4 300 So) 2 st at LG as rFr, 10 games. **67** Mike DeLuca (6-3 300 Jr) **PS#82.**

RT 75 MIKE McGLYNN JR. 6-5 325 PS#128. L/8 st RT '04. 11 st at RT LY. **72** Chase Clowser (6-7 340 So) **PS#73.** 10 gm LY. Joe Thomas **is PS#67. 53** Derrell Jones (6-1 305 rFr) **PS#71.**

LT 62 John Bachman So. 6-4 260 **PS#115**. Took off RS, 3 gms true. **71** Dave Weber (6-3 310 So) **PS#81**. Jeff Otah is PS#148JC. Kevin Hughes (6-3 280 Fr) PS#163 in '05.

K 16 David Abdul Sr. 5-10 200 **PS#3.** 22 of 38 FG, long 47 in 02 & '03. Inj'd '04. **37** Conor Lee (5-11 195 So) PS#84. **30** Lucas Stone (6-1 170 rFr). **6** Cody Sawhill (6-0 180 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 41 CHRIS McKILLOP JR. 6-3 245 PS#56LB. 11 st at DE 2005, 44 tkl, 3.5 sk, 3 tfl. **48** Doug Fulmer (6-3 210 rFr) PS#171DB. **98** Vernon Botts (6-4 260 Sr) PS#68TE. 2 st DE LY, 4 tfl.

NT 50 Rashaad Duncan So. 6-1 280 PS#212. 2 st true, 15 tkl. **90 Craig Bokor** (6-3 290 rFr) **PS#46. 93** Gus Mustakas (6-3 250 So) PS#285. 3 sk LY. **95** Ernest Williams (6-1 260 rFr) PS#47LB.

DT 97 Corey Davis So. 6-1 300 **PS#60**. 1 st rFr, 5 tkl. Jason Pinkston **is PS#24. 47** Nick Williams (6-2 275 So) PS#134LB. 8 tkl, 8 games LY. McKenzie Mathews is PS#37.

DE 54 CHARLES SALLET SR. 6-0 235 PS#149. 9 st '04, 26 tkl, 3 sk. 9 st LY, 27 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **58** Joe Clermond (6-2 250 Jr) PS#249LB. 1 st, 41 tkl, 7 tfl 2Y. Justin Hargrove is PS#52.

SLB 17 CLINT SESSION SR. 6-0 235 PS#146. 8 tfl true. 11 st, 91 tkl, 7.5 tfl '04. 2 st LY (inj), 28 tkl. **39** Derron Thomas (6-1 235 Jr) PS#89. 1st, 19 tkl '04. 9 st LY, 45 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **30** Tyler Tipton (6-2 245 So).

MLB 51 HB BLADES SR. 6-0 240 **PS#38. 1st Tm Big East 2Y.** 286 tkl, 19.5 tfl 3Y, **8 pbu. 40** Scott McKillop (6-2 240 So) **PS#58.** 27 tkl as rFr. **6** Steve Dell (6-1 230 rFr) PS#164.

WLB 44 Brian Bennett Sr. 6-0 235 PS#140. **12 st** '03, 118 tkl. 51 tkl (inj) 2Y. **29** Tommie Campbell (6-2 190 So) PS#210DB. **8** Adam Gunn (6-1 215 So) **PS#55DB.** 8 tkl LY. Dan Loheyde PS#39.

CB 21 Reggie Carter Sr. 6-0 185 13 tkl 3Y. **Jovani Chappel is PS#40. In for spg. Lowell Robinson is PS#16JC. 82** Kelvin Chandler (6-2 185 So) PS#133WR. 9 gms as true. RS LY.

CB 25 DARRELLE REVIS JR. 6-0 190 PS#52. 11 st true, **14 pbu! 1st Tm BE** LY, 4 int, 9 pbu. **5** Kennard Cox (6-1 195 Jr) PS#174WR. 15 tkl 2Y. Aaron Berry (5-11 175 Fr) PS#45.

SS 46 SAM BRYANT SR. 6-0 230 PS#120. 2 st, 40 tkl first 2Y. 8 starts, 40 tkl LY. **15** Shane Murray (6-1 185 rFr) PS#157QB. In for spring. **35** Irvan Brown (6-0 185 rFr) PS#96RB.

FS 10 Mike Phillips Jr. 5-11 195 **PS#51. 7 st at CB** '04, 9 pbu. 3 st SS until inj LY, 19 tkl. **28** Eric Thatcher (5-9 190 So) **PS#60.** 17 tkl LY. **24** Jemeel Brady (6-0 205 Jr) 14 tkl LY.

P 18 Adam Graessle Sr. 6-4 225 **PS#14.** 29 TB's on 73 KO's as true. 60 punts '04, 43.3 avg, net 35.0, **1st Tm Big East**. 60 punts LY, 42.2 avg, 30.5 net. 7 blk punts L2Y.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

TE	Nate Byham 6-3 215 PS#2
WR	Dorin Dickerson 6-2 200 PS#8
DB	Lowell Robinson 6-0 195 PS#16JC
WR	Aaron Smith 6-0 180 PS#26RB
DL	Jason Pinkston 6-4 280 PS#24
DL	McKenzie Mathews 6-2 225 PS#37
LB	Greg Webster 6-1 235 PS#30
DB	Jovani Chappel 5-8 175 PS#40
DB	Aaron Berry 5-11 175 PS#45
DL	Justin Hargrove 6-4 245 PS#52
LB	Dan Loheyde 6-0 200 PS#39
RB	Kevin Collier 5-11 180 PS#49
QB	Dexter Davidson 6-4 220 PS#31
DB	Ricky Gary 5-9 175 PS#54
WR	Elijah Fields 6-2 210 PS#55DB
OL	Joe Thomas 6-5 285 PS#67
LB	Nate Nix 6-3 210 PS#55
OL	Jeff Otah 6-6 340 PS#148JC
OL	Scott Corson 6-5 280 PS#103
QB	Kevan Smith 6-3 215 PS#59
DL	John Malecki 6-3 270 PS#110
WR	Tamarcus Porter 6-1 185 PS#101
DL	Tyler Tkach 6-3 230 PS#149
OL	Kevin Hughes 6-3 280 PS#163 '05
DL	Jared Martin 6-2 290 PS#278
DL	Greg Romeus 6-5 230 PS#495

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

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DAVE WANNSTEDT (Career 5-6)
2nd Year at Pittsburgh
Wannstedt's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#75

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score PITT	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Virginia	G						Pittsburgh is 10-4 ATS as a home dog the last 7 years. Heinz Field is also home to the 2006 Superbowl Champs, Pittsburgh Steelers. Pittsburgh was 0-4 SU & ATS on ESPN during the weekdays last season.
Sep. 8	at Cincinnati (Fri)	A						Pitt is 11-4 SU & 8-5 ATS in home openers since 1991. First regular season meeting w/Virginia since 1955. Met in 2003 bowl.
Sep. 16	Michigan St	G						Pitt opens BE play visiting Cincinnati for the 1st time since 1922. Panthers are 1-8 SU & 2-7 ATS the last 3 years on artificial turf.
Sep. 23	The Citadel	G						MSU & Pitt have played 5 times in their history but have not met since '60. MSU is 4-0-1 vs the Panthers with a combined score of 113-48.
Sep. 30	Toledo	G						Pitt outgained Div IAA Youngstown St 528-152 last yr & are 5-0 vs Div IAA. The Citadel was 4-7 last year. They are 7-35 vs IA foes since 1978.
Oct. 7	at Syracuse	A						Pitt is 22-2 SU all-time vs MAC teams including LY's 16-10 loss to Ohio in OT. Coming into 2006, Pitt is 31-20 ATS since 1997 after a SU win.
Oct. 13	at UCF (Fri)	G						The Panthers are 10-20 ATS vs the Orange since 1976. Syracuse had a 17-7 2Q lead before Pitt scored 27 unanswered pts LY.
Oct. 21	Rutgers	G						This will be the first meeting for these two schools. HC O'Leary had the biggest turn around LY as UCF went 8-5 after going 0-11 in '04.
Oct. 28								Rutgers beat Pitt last year for the 1st time since 1998. The Panthers are 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS the last 5 years before a bye week.
Nov. 4	at South Florida	G						Bonus: The Panthers are 16-8 ATS the last 7 years in Big East home games, including 7 in a row against the spread.
Nov. 11	at Connecticut	G						Panthers are 2-5 SU & ATS the last 4 years after a bye. Pitt's 1st visit to USF S/'04 when they clinched a bowl bid w/a 43-14 win.
Nov. 16	West Virginia (Thur)	G						Home team is 2-0 SU & ATS in this new Big East series that started in 2004. Pitt shutout UC LY despite being outgained by 107 yds & outFD'd 20-11.
Nov. 25	Louisville	G						This will be the 99th edition of the "Backyard Brawl" w/Pitt leading the series 59-36-3. Pitt is 4-8 SU & ATS vs West Virginia the last 12 years.
								Panthers have dropped the L/5 gms SU (1-4 ATS) with the last win vs UL in '83. Pitt is 7-3 SU & ATS in their last 10 home finales.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Alex Van Pelt 11,267 1989-'92
Rushing: Tony Dorsett 6,526 1973-'76 Receiving: Antonio Bryant 3,061 1999-'01

Wannstedt's records AT PITTSBURGH

5-6	Straight Up	4-1	Home Favorite
5-5	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
3-1	Off A SU Loss	0-2	Away Favorite
4-3	Vs Conference	1-2	Away Underdog
1-2	Vs Non-Conf	0-2	Off A Bye

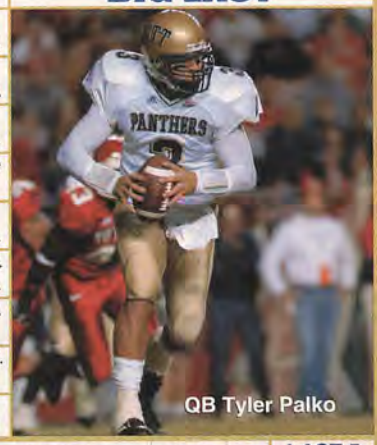
2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (20,23,3)
Lost: 23 (14,8,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 40,272

BIG EAST



QB Tyler Palko

STADIUM: HEINZ FIELD (65,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	7-4	6-5	8-4	8-4	8-3	5-6	47-32
Home	4-3	5-1	3-3	5-2	4-2	5-1	5-1	31-13
Away	1-3	2-3	3-2	3-2	4-2	3-2	0-5	16-19
ATS	7-4	5-6	6-4	5-7	5-7	6-4	5-5	39-37
Home Fav	2-1	2-3	1-1	1-5	2-2	2-0	4-1	14-13
Home Dog	3-1	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-0	10-4
Away Fav	1-2	1-1	2-0	0-1	2-4	1-1	0-2	7-11
Away Dog	1-0	1-2	1-2	3-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	8-9
Favorite	3-3	3-4	3-1	1-6	4-6	3-1	4-3	21-24
Dog	4-1	2-2	3-3	4-1	1-1	3-3	1-2	18-13
Grass	2-0	2-1	4-3	4-7	4-5	6-3	4-1	26-20
Artificial	5-4	3-5	2-1	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-4	13-17
vs Conf	4-3	3-4	5-2	3-4	3-4	3-3	4-3	25-23
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	1-2	2-3	2-3	3-1	1-2	14-14
Off SU Win	4-1	4-2	4-1	5-3	3-5	4-3	2-3	26-18
Off SU Loss	2-3	1-3	2-3	0-3	1-2	1-1	3-1	10-16

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
LaRod Stephens-Howling	96	462	28	434	0	4.5
Rashad Jennings	86	427	16	411	1	4.8
Raymond Kirkley	82	373	22	351	1	4.3
Tim Murphy	31	127	9	118	1	3.8
John Pettiford	10	71	0	71	0	7.1
Conredge Collins	8	26	1	25	0	3.1
Tyler Palko	70	129	268	-139	6	-2.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tyler Palko	341	193	56.6	2392	17	9
Bill Stull	2	1	50	17	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Greg Lee	49	962	19.6	7	73
Derek Kinder	37	374	10.1	3	24
Erik Gill	21	244	11.6	1	26
Darrell Strong	16	226	14.1	1	25
Steve Buches	17	168	9.9	2	21
Joe DelSardo	15	156	10.4	0	26
Tim Murphy	14	132	9.4	1	33
Raymond Kirkley	7	56	8.0	1	39

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Graessle	60	2532	42.2	6	30.5(T)	1	18
Josh Cummings	1	36	36.0	0	–	0	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Josh Cummings	19-19	6-7	4-4	4-8	0-0	14-19	49
David Abdul	6-7	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-2	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
HB Blades	121	1	2.5	6	1
Tez Morris	81	0	0.5	1	1
JJ Horne	52	1	3.5	4	2
Derron Thomas	45	1	4.5	1	0
Chris McKillop	44	3.5	3	2	0
Darrelle Revis	41	0	1	9	4
Phil Tillman	41	2	3	1	0
Sam Bryant	40	0	0	2	3
Thomas Smith	32	1	3	1	0
Josh Lay	29	0	3	11	3
Clint Session	28	0	2	0	0
Scott McKillop	27	0	0	0	0
Charles Sallet	27	2.5	3	0	0
Mike Phillips	19	0	0	2	0
Eric Thatcher	17	1	0	0	0
Brian Bennett	16	0	2	0	0
Rashaad Duncan	15	0	1	1	0
Joe Clermond	14	2	3	0	0
Vernon Botts	14	1	3	0	0
Jemeel Brady	14	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darrelle Revis	28	324	11.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrell Allen	21	527	25.1	1
LaRod Stephens-Howling	5	151	30.2	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Insight.com	-2	Iowa St	29-37	L
01	Tangerine	E	NC State	34-19	W
02	Insight	+2'	Oregon St	38-13	W
03	Continental Tire	+3	Virginia	16-23	L
04	Fiesta	+15	Utah	7-35	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Pittsburgh's All-Time SU Bowl Record 10-14

PITTSBURGH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	24.3	18	117	3.2	219	55.9	13.8	-4	2005	7	22.1	19	185	4.3	153	49.8	15.3
2	27.1	19	98	2.6	260	56.0	13.2	+13	2004	7	24.0	20	140	3.8	255	56.4	16.5
8*	29.9	20	118	3.2	288	58.8	13.6	+5	2003	6	23.9	20	185	4.5	218	57.2	16.8
8	25.5	20	143	3.4	215	52.3	14.1	+10	2002	5	17.8	17	117	3.2	179	52.5	16.6
5	24.7	19	124	3.5	225	54.2	14.2	-5	2001	10	20.4	17	118	3.0	168	54.2	14.0
7*	24.7	20	131	3.4	276	54.7	16.5	-11	2000	7	20.6	19	97	2.6	233	53.7	16.0

2005 STATS BY GAME

PITT 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
#23	Notre Dame	20	31 - 103	3.3	20 - 35	220	5	33	50 - 275	5.5	18 - 27	227	0	-1
–	at Ohio	13	41 - 148	3.6	13 - 26	120	3	11	35 - 94	2.7	14 - 24	114	1	-3
–	at Nebraska	14	36 - 114	3.2	11 - 28	190	4	14	48 - 174	3.6	10 - 20	93	4	0
–	Youngstown St	25	43 - 221	5.1	15 - 24	307	2	11	31 - 109	3.5	8 - 25	43	1	-1
–	at Rutgers	24	25 - (-11)	-0.4	35 - 59	371	5	19	43 - 203	4.7	14 - 28	250	1	-1
–	Cincinnati	16	41 - 146	3.6	14 - 32	175	1	18	41 - 113	2.8	13 - 32	199	4	0
–	South Florida	15	42 - 127	3.0	15 - 21	203	4	19	47 - 142	3.0	18 - 37	222	5	+1
–	Syracuse	22	50 - 177	3.5	18 - 28	201	1	11	34 - 113	3.3	9 - 26	89	1	+2
–	at Louisville	17	28 - 62	2.2	17 - 30	198	2	26	49 - 220	4.5	21 - 31	247	1	0
–	Connecticut	11	34 - 76	2.2	12 - 21	116	2	20	37 - 143	3.9	18 - 35	156	4	+3
–	at West Virginia	20	31 - 122	3.9	24 - 43	308	1	22	62 - 451	7.3	4 - 10	41	0	-4
TOTALS		197	402 - 1285	3.2	194 - 347	2409	30	204	477 - 2037	4.3	147 - 295	1681	22	-4
AVERAGES		17.9	37 - 117	3.2	18 - 32	219	2.7	18.5	43 - 185	4.3	13 - 27	153	2.0	-0.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
East Tennessee St	NL	31-0	–
South Florida	-22	26-35	L
Miami, Fl - #1	+28	21-43	W
at Notre Dame	+7	7-24	L
Syracuse	+3'	10-42	L
at Boston College	+11	7-45	L
at Temple	+2'	33-7	W
Virginia Tech - #12	+19	38-7	W
at Rutgers	-21	42-0	W
at West Virginia	-3'	23-17	W
UAB	-6'	24-6	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio	-21	27-14	L
Texas A&M - #20	+3'	12-14	W
at UAB	-6'	26-20	L
Rutgers	-26'	23-3	L
Toledo	-5	37-19	W
at Syracuse	+2	48-24	W
at Notre Dame - #8	+7	6-14	L
Boston College	-4'	19-16 OT	L
at Virginia Tech - #3	+12'	28-21	W
Temple	-16	29-22	L
at Miami, Fl - #1	+19	21-28	W
West Virginia - #24	-2'	17-24	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-28'	43-3	W
Ball St	-30'	42-21	L
at Toledo	-10	31-35	L
at Texas A&M	-1	37-26	W
Notre Dame	-9	14-20	L
at Rutgers	-16	42-32	L
Syracuse	-6'	34-14	W
at Boston College	-1'	24-13	W
Virginia Tech - #5	+4'	31-28	W
at West Virginia	-1	31-52	L
at Temple	-15	30-16	L
Miami, Fl - #10	+3	14-28	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio	-17'	24-3	W
Nebraska	+4'	17-24	L
Furman	NL	41-38 OT	–
at Connecticut	+6'	17-29	L
at Temple	-12	27-22	L
Boston College	+8	20-17 OT	W
Rutgers	-5'	41-17	W
at Syracuse	+4	31-38 2OT	L
at Notre Dame - #24	+11	41-38	W
West Virginia - #21	+3	16-13	W
at South Florida	-6'	43-14	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Notre Dame	-3	21-42	L
at Ohio	-14	10-16 OT	L
at Nebraska	+9	6-7	W
Youngstown St	NL	41-0	–
at Rutgers	-1'	29-37	L
Cincinnati	-12'	38-20	W
South Florida	-1	31-17	W
Syracuse	-12'	34-17	W
at Louisville - #24	+20'	20-42	L
Connecticut	-12	24-0	W
at West Virginia - #12	+14	13-45	L

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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Rich Rodriguez likes to use a QB that is not only an effective passer, but also a dangerous runner like Shaun King at Tulane or Woodrow Dantzler at Clemson. In his first year he wanted to use Rasheed Marshall but he was injured and only played in 4 games. Marshall would start his final 3 years and broke Donovan McNabb's Big East record for career rushing yards by a QB. Last year they had to replace Marshall as well as the #2 QB. Adam Bednarik (PS#72), who has good arm strength, was the 3rd string QB in '04. Pat White (PS#75) turned down a MLB contract with the Angels and is the fastest QB (4.4 spd) that Rodriguez has ever recruited who can also throw. TJ Mitchell (6-3 210 rFr) was PS#124 and attended Hargrave in '04. JR House (PS#14 in '99), who played minor league baseball with Pittsburgh, made his much anticipated return. I projected White as the starter but Bednarik began the season in that role. Bednarik was not 100% in August and neither was House. White replaced the injured Bednarik vs MD and led three 4Q TD drives. Bednarik was injured vs VT and White threw 2 TD passes. White came in vs Louisville to spark a 4Q comeback and 3OT win and never relinquished the job after that. House did play late vs both Wofford and Conn earning big cheers when he came in but opted to return to baseball. White set BE & WV records for rushing yards by a QB in a game (220 vs Pitt) and was the 3rd leading QB rusher in the country (952 net, 7.3). White threw for just 828 (57%) with a 8-5 ratio. Bednarik had 170 net yards rushing (3.0) while throwing for 532 (73.3%) with a 4-2 ratio. Adding depth are two rFr in Nate Sowers (PS#22) and Jarrett Brown (6-3 210 PS#30). Look for White to improve his passing and become an even more effective QB.

RB Steve Slaton

RUNNING BACKS - WV had a 1,000 yard rusher for eight straight years heading into 2004 but Kay-Jay Harris, due to an injury plagued season (6 starts), only rushed for 959 (5.8). Jason Colson (4.5 spd) started 5 including 3 consecutive 100 yard efforts and had 706 (5.0). They were forced to take the redshirt off of true frosh Pernell Williams (PS#67) and he rushed for 313 (4.8). Last year I projected a true frosh would lead in rushing and while I was right, I was also wrong. I projected Jason Gwaltney (PS#5), a rare VHT signee here, to be that player but Gwaltney struggled off the field and with a knee injury played in just six rushing for 186 (4.1). Every time Gwaltney's name came up in August, Rodriguez always made sure to also mention true frosh Steve Slaton (PS#33). He went on to be the BE Rookie of Year and 1st Tm Frosh AA. Slaton played in just 10 but got WV started on another 1,000 yard streak with 1,128 (5.5) including 204 vs Georgia, breaking Tony Dorsett's Sugar Bowl record and was named Bowl MVP. FB Owen Schmitt, who rushed for 1,063 in Div III, rushed for 380 (7.9). Williams added 197 (2.9) in 7 games as he was benched for 3 games after a crucial fumble vs VT. Colson, who was mostly a slot receiver, had 120 (2.8). Gwaltney opted to transfer but everyone else is back. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Jetavious Best (5-10 180 Fr, PS#195) and FB Scooter Berry (6-1 280 Fr, PS#68LB).

RECEIVERS - WV has had some outstanding receivers under Rodriguez including Chris Henry who led the team with 52 rec (16.8) in '04 (#3DC CIN). This unit was extremely young in '05 having to replace all 3 starters and the leading returning receiver, Brandon Myles, had just 6 rec's. Jason Colson moved to slot receiver and had 8 rec's (12.1). Myles led the team with 34 grabs (15.8) and Darius Reynaud (PS#76) emerged late to finish #2 with 30 (9.9). The #3WR, Vaughn Rivers (PS#91DB) had just 6 rec's (6.3) and moved back to the defense this spring. This year they only lose TE Josh Bailey (6 st, 2 rec) but everyone else returns. Not listed in the 2 deep below are WR Dwayne Thompson (6-2 190 Jr, PS#267QB), who has 1 start and 6 rec's in two years, Travis McClintic (6-0 175 Sr) and TE's Brandon Tate (6-3 230 Jr, PS#188) and Sam Morrone (6-2 240 So, PS#104). This group is more experienced and WV will likely pass more in 2006.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Having a mobile QB always helps the OL stats and in 2003 the unit had to replace three starters and then lost two of those to injury. Three frosh started at times but still paved the way for 4.6 ypc rushing while allowing just 14 sacks. In 2004 they had to replace 3 players who combined for 9 starts and C Jeremy Hines reported overweight and lost his job. They paved the way for 5.1 ypc (21 sk). Last year they had to replace 3 players, who combined for 29 starts. Hines started the first two at C but quit after being demoted to 2nd string. Dan Mozes, who moved to C in game 3, simply earned 2nd Tm AA honors. This year they must replace Hines (2 st), LT Travis Garrett (12 st) and RT Garin Justice (12 st, 1st Tm BE, 3 yr st'r). Seven of the top 10 return so this group is just as experienced as the '05 version which allowed just 18 sacks with 5.2 ypc rushing.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Coach Rod has done a good job with the D-line. In 2003 they had to replace five of their top six DL's but allowed just 3.5 ypc rushing. With 5 of the top 6 back in 2004 they allowed 3.6 ypc and the D had 26 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup but allowed just 2.9 ypc with 29 sacks. This year the only loss is NT Ernest Hunter (11 st, 1st Tm BE, 24 tkl), and five of the top six are back including four with starting experience.

LINEBACKERS - WV plays a 3-3 stack D but I limit the secondary outlook to four positions, so I list one of the safeties here even though they have three true safety positions. Last year they had to replace two starters. I included BAN Mike Lorello in the LB write-up last year and he was 2nd Tm BE in '04 and 1st Tm BE last year. This year they must replace Lorello (12 st, 82 tkl, 7 tfl) and productive former walk-on SLB Jeff Noechel (12 st, 30 tkl, 3.5 tfl). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ovid Goulbourne (6-0 215 rFr, PS#73RB), Matt Sinclair (6-4 225 rFr), Tom Contraguerro (5-11 205 So), Ben Clemmons (6-3 230 Sr) and Andy Emery (6-3 230 Jr). They have six of the top eight back and a lot of HT's even in the 3rd and 4th string.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - WV was #33 in my pass D rankings in 2004 led by CB "PacMan" Jones and his 4.27 speed. Last year they had to replace him (#1 DC TEN) as well as another starter. WV dropped to #67 although they did allow a solid 12-17 ratio vs a soft slate of opposing QB's. This year the losses are heavier as gone are FS Jahmile Addae (12 st, 1st Tm BE), CB Anthony Mims (11 st, 2nd Tm BE), CB Dee McCann (#6DC DET, 11 st, 58 tkl, 4 int) and CB Thandi Smith (14 tkl). This is the least experienced secondary WV has had under Rodriguez.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 WV finished #38 in my ST rankings and in '04 the numbers made it seem like WV had a solid year as they moved up to #35. In reality, ST's probably cost them all three regular season losses (see 2005 Magazine). Last year they had to replace their outstanding returnman Adam "PacMan" Jones (BE ST POY) as well as their K. Surprisingly WV finished #32 in my ST rankings. Phil Brady, a Rugby style P, held onto his punting job and improved his average from 38.3 to 39.8. QB Bednarik had 4 of his 5 punts pin opponents inside the 20. Brady must be replaced. Pat McAfee (PS#32) had 20 TB (69 KO) and hit 11 of 18 FG's with a long of 45 as a true frosh. Antonio Lewis (4.4 spd) led in PR's with an outstanding 19.6 (22.1 KR) and he is back along with #2 Vaughn Rivers (12.2 PR, 23.9 KR) who had 8 return TD's in HS.

COACHES - Rich Rodriguez was the OC at both Tulane and Clemson under Tommy Bowden and came here in 2001. After a 3-8 inaugural season, the team finished 9-4 in 2002 and he was given a 7 year contract extension. Despite just 8 returning starters in '03, they shared the Big East Title (with Miami) and Rodriguez was Big East Coach of the Year. In 2004 fans expected WV's veteran squad to earn their 1st BCS bowl berth, but the team fell short finishing at 8-4. Even though they lost their last two reg season games in '04 they were co-Big East Champs. Rodriguez took home Big East Coach of the Year honors again in 2005. Rodriguez promoted RB coach Calvin Magee to the OC job in 2004 but is still heavily involved in the play calling. In 2002, the Mountaineers had co-DC's in Jeff Casteel and Todd Graham. Graham left for Tulsa prior to 2003, so Casteel has been the lone DC the last three years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Rich Rodriguez got off to a slow start going 3-8 in his first season but has rebounded to win 9, 8, 8 and 11 games and has won at least a share of the Big East Title in each of the last 3 years (only other BE Title 1993). In 2004 they had 15 starters back and the best talent in the league. WV had their highest preseason rating ever (#11) and rose to #6 in the polls but lost their star RB to injury and actually dropped 4 games including the bowl. They outgained BE foes by a 74.7 ypg margin although they finished just 4-2. Last year they had to replace 26 lettermen, had just 8 starters back and their top QB and RB were both frosh. This time WV caught the breaks. They outgained league foes by 93.1 ypg but that was just the 2nd best mark in the conf and almost half that of Louisville (174.6). WV also was +14 in turnovers, won 3 games by 7 points or less while losing zero by that margin and had just a 12.1 offensive ypp and 17.4 defensive ypp (see pg 299). The Mountaineers were actually outFD'd in four of their wins and turnovers were the key to victories vs Pitt, USF and Rutgers. They got a miracle win at home vs L'ville when they trailed but somehow managed to force OT and won. WV has achieved 4 straight winning years and 4 straight bowl berths. They will garner preseason hype much like they did in 2004 as they have just 3 road games in league play and will be favored in all of their non-conf games as VTech drops off the slate. WV fans are thinking National Title and perhaps hoping for a rematch with ND from 1989 (a game which was also for the National Title). In 2004 they had the schedule and talent to go unbeaten but finished 8-4. Pages 299 and 312 both forecast a weaker record. With 9 starters back on offense and the key players now soph's, WV should top 2005's 32.1 ppg. Defensively, they lose 6 starters including three 1st Tm and one 2nd Tm All-Big East players. After allowing 17.8 ppg on D (the best so far under Rodriguez), that number will likely go up. This is a very talented WV team but they were not as good as their 11-1 record indicated last year and while they will be ranked in the preseason Top 10 this year, I do not predict them winning their own league.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 5 **PAT WHITE SO.** 6-2 185 PS#75. L/5 sts as rFr, 828 pass (57%), 8-5, 1012 gross rush. 11 **Adam Bednarik** 7 sts LY, 532 pass (73%) 245 rush. 2 Nate Sowers (6-2 200 rFr) **PS#22.**

RB 10 **STEVE SLATON SO.** 5-10 185 PS#33. 4.3 spd. 7 sts as true, 1128 yds (5.5), 17 TD, 12 rec. 30 Pernell Williams (5-10 190 Jr) PS#67. 510 yds 2Y. 24 Jason Colson (6-1 220 Sr).

WR 7 **BRANDON MYLES SR.** 6-3 190 PS#217DB. 4.38 spd. 12 sts LY, 34 rec (15.8). 21 **Dorrell Jalloh** (6-0 190 So) 7 sts as rFr, 3 rec. 83 Ryan Dawson (6-4 190 rFr) PS#46.

WR 85 **BRANDON BARRETT JR.** 6-1 205 **PS#12.** 0 rec LY. 82 Rayshawn Bolden (6-5 220 Sr) 8 sts 3Y, 5 rec (27.0!). 80 Darren Brownlee (6-2 185 rFr) PS#125. Wes Lyons PS#44.

WR 2 **DARIUS REYNAUD JR.** 5-10 200 PS#76. 7 st rFr, 30 rec (9.9). 28 Jeremy Bruce (5-9 195 So) PS#82RB. 3 Dwayne Thompson (6-2 190 Jr) PS#267QB. 1st, 6 rec 2Y, 4.4 spd.

TE 88 **MICHAEL VILLAGRANA JR.** 6-4 250 PS#54. 2 sts, 1 rec LY. 89 Adam Serena (6-3 240 Sr). 45 Brad Palmer (6-3 265 Sr). **FB** 35 **Owen Schmitt** (6-3 245 Jr) 5 sts, 456 yds LY.

C 76 **DAN MOZES SR.** 6-4 290 PS#154. 12 st LG rFr. 12 st LG '04, 1st Tm BE. 12 st LY (10 at C), **2nd Tm AA.** 68 Mike Dent (6-4 275 So) PS#75TE. 1L rFr. 60 Tim Reed (6-3 285 rFr).

RG 65 **JEREMY SHEFFEY SR.** 6-3 295 2 st rFr. Last 7 sts RG in '04. 12 sts RG LY, **2nd Tm BE.** 78 Frank Carduff (6-4 295 rFr) PS#154. Eric Rodemoyer (6-3 305 Fr) PS#174.

LG 62 **RYAN STANCHEK SO.** 6-4 285 PS#168. Scout TM MVP '04. Last 8 st LG, 1 rec rFr. 1st Tm Fr AA. 67 Jon Walko (6-6 270 rFr) **PS#74OL.** 63 Tyler McGraw (6-3 280 rFr).

RT 73 **Jake Figner So.** 6-5 285 PS#600. Lettered as rFr. 61 Chris Bassler (6-5 285 So) PS#33TE. Grayshirt '03. Torn ACL as rFr. 79 Greg Isdaner (6-3 320 rFr) PS#284.

LT 71 **Damien Crissey Sr.** 6-4 280 Edinboro trans. 7 gms LY. 72 **John Bradshaw** (6-6 295 So) **PS#75.** 2 st LG rFr, also bkup LT. 60 Mike Moeller (6-3 300 So) Robert Morris trans.

K 40 **PAT McAFEE SO.** 6-1 205 PS#32. 7 of 7 FG L/48 as senior in HS. 11 of 18 FG's as true, long of 45. 2 of 6 from 40+. 74 yd FG in practice. 20 TB on 69 KO LY.

DE 98 **CRAIG WILSON SR.** 6-1 280 Iron Mt'r. 1 st, 27 tkl, 3 sk, 1st 2Y. 11 sts LY, 31 tkl, 4 tfl. 90 Warren Young (6-4 290 Sr) 1 st LY, 29 tkl 3Y. 50 James Ingram (6-4 250 rFr) PS#366.

NT 98 **Pat Liebig Jr.** 6-4 270 225 bench 24x's. 1 st, 10 tkl '03. 1 st, 15 tkl in '05. 87 Andrae Wright (6-5 290 Jr) 5 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. 94 Kevin Burke (6-3 295 Jr). Marcus Broxie (6-4 230 Fr).

DT 95 **KEILEIN DYKES JR.** 6-4 290 PS#70. 5 sts, 37 tkl, 6 tfl as rFr. 12 sts LY, 29 tkl, 5 sk. 92 Johnny Dingle (6-3 255 Jr) PS#149. 13 tkl, 3 sk. 64 Doug Slavonic (6-8 245 So) PS#203.

SLB NA **Barry Wright Sr.** 6-2 215 PS#54JC. 55 Bobby Hathaway (6-1 225 Jr) 48 tkls, 2 sk 2Y. 45 Reed Williams (6-2 230 So) **PS#52,** 5 tkl true. 39 Zac Cooper (6-3 235 rFr) PS#86.

MLB 42 **JAY HENRY SR.** 6-2 225 38 tkl rFr. 39 tkl '04. 11 st LY, 62 tkl, 2 sk. 53 Marc Magro (6-2 245 Jr) PS#270, 610 squat. 32 tkl rFr. 1 st LY, 41 tkl, 3 sk. 58 Chad Mayse (6-4 250 So) PS#127.

WLB 43 **KEVIN McLEE SR.** 6-1 255 PS#72RB. 46 tkl rFr. 6 st, 44 tkl, 7 tfl '04. 12 st, 78 tkl, **1st Tm Big East** LY. 44 Mortty Ivy (6-3 230 So) PS#117DB. 44 tkl rFr. 1 John Holmes (6-2 220 So) PS#130.

BAN 22 **Ridwan Malik Jr.** 6-1 190 1 st, 44 tkl, 4 tfl, 2Y. 46 Akeem Jackson (6-0 190 Sr). 33 Charles Pugh (6-1 195 So) PS#211. 13 tkl as true. 40 Brandon Lavelle (6-1 195 Sr).

CB 8 **Antonio Lewis Jr.** 5-10 190 PS#232QB. 1 st CB, 23 tkl, 2 sk, 592 return yds LY. 13 Vaughn Rivers (5-9 165 Jr) PS#91. 12 tkl rFr. 2 st, 335 all-pup yd LY. Ryan Brinson PS#82 LY, Hargrave.

CB 3 **Larry Williams Jr.** 6-1 185 PS#100. 1 st, 12 tkl, 2Y. 27 Kent Richardson (6-0 195 rFr) PS#227. 31 Marcus Law (5-11 190 Sr). 4 games LY. Robert Williams PS#88.

SS 41 **ERIC WICKS SR.** 6-1 205 PS#164. 14 tkl '04. 12 sts LY, **2nd Tm BE,** 61 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 3 pbu. 13 Aaron Meckstroth (6-1 205 Jr) 3 tkl LY. 38 Leyonne Pryce (6-3 210 Sr). Chris Corwell (6-2 200 Jr).

FS 47 **Quinton Andrews rFr.** 5-11 205 PS#129. 18 Abraham Jones (6-1 190 Sr) 40 tkl 3Y. 32 John Woodruff (6-1 175 rFr). 30 Jeff Thompson (6-3 165 rFr). Billy Ray (6-1 195 rFr).

P 37 **Scott Kozlowski rFr.** 6-0 190 PS#29. 46.3 avg as senior in HS! William Crockett (6-5 215 Sr). Trevor Mathews (6-3 220 So). 11 Adam Bednarik had 5 punts (31.0) LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	Wes Lyons 6-6 205 PS#44
WR	John Maddox 6-3 170 PS#53
LB	Anthony Leonard 6-2 215 PS#64
RB	Scooter Berry 6-1 280 PS#68LB in '05
DB	Ryan Brinson 5-9 175 PS#82 in '05
DB	Greg Davis 6-2 205 PS#83
DB	Robert Williams 5-11 160 PS#88
TE	Chris Neild 6-3 275 PS#48
LB	James Thomas 6-1 210 PS#110
OL	Eric Rodemoyer 6-3 305 PS#174
OL	Eric Jobe 6-2 270 PS#178
RB	Jetavious Best 5-10 180 PS#195 '05
OL	Jake Miller 6-6 315 PS#321
DL	Marcus Broxie 6-4 230 PS#341
RB	Justin Blankenship 6-1 185 PS#566
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31-24	Vs The Spread	4-4	Home Underdog
10-7	Off A SU Loss	9-2	Away Favorite
23-11	Vs Conference	9-6	Away Underdog
8-13	Vs Non-Conf	7-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (11-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (25,24,2)
Lost: 19 (7,10,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 56,287

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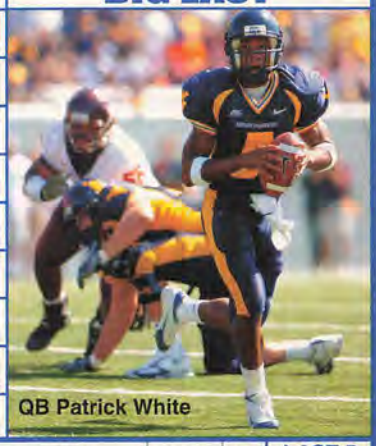
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#74

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WV	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The Mountaineers are 4-9 ATS as home favorites the last 3 years. West Virginia is 9-3 ATS the last 4 years on grass under Rodriguez. The Mountaineers are 10-5 ATS since 1991 in home finales.
Sep. 2	Marshall	A						Marshall has lobbied for years to get this instate rivalry to be scheduled. Mountaineers are 4-1 SU & 2-1 ATS in home openers under Rodriguez.
Sep. 9	E Washington	A						The Eagles finished 7-5 last year (#13 in IAA) qualifying for the playoffs. EWU has earned 5 NCAA IAA playoff berths S/'85 & are the defending Big Sky Champs.
Sep. 14	Maryland (Thur)	A						This series is tied up 21-21-2 SU dating back to 1919. The Mountaineers are 3-10-1 ATS when hosting the Terps since 1976.
Sep. 23	at East Carolina	G						WV is 15-2 all-time vs East Carolina with an avg score of 32-16. WV is on a 5 game win streak (4-1 ATS) since their 30-23 loss in '99 vs EC.
Sep. 30								
Oct. 7	at Mississippi St	G						WV is 17-7 SU & ATS after a bye week since 1994 1st game with MSU. The Mountaineers are 19-17-2 against teams in the SEC.
Oct. 14	Syracuse (HC)	A						West Virginia is 9-5 ATS the last 14 Homecoming games. The Mountaineers are 21-6 ATS the last 4 years in conference play.
Oct. 20	at Connecticut (Fri)	G						Heading into 2006, West Virginia is 8-1 ATS in weekday games the L4Y. WV is 2-0 SU & ATS vs Connecticut, their 1st game was in 2004.
Oct. 28								ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Marc Bulger 8,153 1996-'98 Rushing: Avon Cobourne 5,164 1999-'02 Receiving: David Saunders 2,608 1995-'98
Nov. 2	at Louisville (Thur)	A						West Virginia is 7-2 SU & 8-1 ATS since 2001 in Nov/Dec road gms. WV is 6-1 SU & 4-3 ATS vs Louisville in their 7 game history since 1984.
Nov. 11	Cincinnati	A						In UC's only win vs WV in '03, there was a combined 14 fmbl (8 lost) & 2 int's for 10 total TO's. The home team is 0-4 ATS since 1990 in this series.
Nov. 16	at Pittsburgh (Thur)	G						The Backyard Brawl has been uninterrupted S/'43, Pitt leads 59-36-3. The Mountaineers are 10-5 ATS since 1976 when traveling to Pittsburgh.
Nov. 25	South Florida	A						LY's WV tm was the 3rd tm in school history ('88 & '93) to post 10 reg ssn victories. LY QB White rushed for 177 yds (16.1) including 2 long TD runs of 65 & 76 yds.
Dec. 2	Rutgers	A						Under Rodriguez, W Virginia has beaten Rutgers by an avg of 29 ppg. WV is 11-0 SU & 9-2 ATS when hosting Rutgers in Morgantown since '83.



QB Patrick White

STADIUM: MOUNTAINEER FIELD (60,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	6-5	3-8	9-3	8-4	8-3	10-1	48-31
Home	4-2	4-3	3-3	4-2	5-2	5-1	5-1	30-14
Away	0-5	2-2	0-5	5-1	3-2	3-2	5-0	18-17
ATS	5-6	3-8	4-7	9-2	6-6	4-7	8-2	39-38
Home Fav	2-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	0-4	2-4	2-1	13-15
Home Dog	2-0	1-3	0-2	1-0	2-1	0-0	1-1	7-7
Away Fav	0-2	0-2	0-0	2-0	2-0	2-2	3-0	9-6
Away Dog	1-2	0-2	2-3	3-1	2-1	0-1	2-0	10-10
Favorite	2-4	2-3	2-2	5-1	2-4	4-6	5-1	22-21
Dog	3-2	1-5	2-5	4-1	4-2	0-1	3-1	17-17
Grass	1-2	0-2	1-2	3-0	2-1	2-2	2-0	11-9
Artificial	4-4	3-6	3-5	6-2	4-5	2-5	6-2	28-29
vs Conf	4-3	1-6	2-5	7-0	5-2	2-4	7-0	28-20
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	2-2	2-2	1-4	2-3	1-2	11-18
Off SU Win	2-1	2-4	1-2	6-2	4-3	2-6	6-2	23-20
Off SU Loss	4-3	0-4	3-4	3-0	2-2	1-1	1-0	14-14

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Steve Slaton	205	1204	76	1128	17	5.5
Patrick White	131	1012	60	952	7	7.3
Owen Schmitt	48	380	0	380	2	7.9
Pernell Williams	67	206	9	197	2	2.9
Jason Gwaltney	45	190	4	186	3	4.1
Adam Bednarik	56	245	75	170	1	3.0
Jason Colson	43	126	6	120	1	2.8
Darius Reynaud	9	100	14	86	1	9.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Patrick White	114	65	57.0	828	8	5
Adam Bednarik	75	55	73.3	532	4	2
JR House	4	2	50.0	38	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brandon Myles	34	536	15.8	3	50
Darius Reynaud	30	297	9.9	5	27
Jason Colson	8	97	12.1	0	20
Steve Slaton	12	95	7.9	2	19
Owen Schmitt	8	76	9.5	0	20
Rayshawn Bolden	3	76	25.3	0	33
Dorrell Jalloh	3	66	22.0	1	46

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Phil Brady	51	2029	39.8	6	33.5(T)	0	15
Adam Bednarik	5	155	31.0	0	–	0	4

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Pat McAfee	48-49	6-7	3-5	2-6	0-0	11-18	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mike Lorello	82	3	4	7	3
Kevin McLee	78	2	5	5	1
Jahmile Addae	64	0	0	5	2
Jay Henry	62	2	3.5	0	0
Eric Wicks	61	3	3.5	3	1
Dee McCann	58	0	2.5	5	4
Mortty Ivy	44	0	2	0	0
Marc Magro	41	3	3	1	0
Craig Wilson	31	1	3	0	0
Jeff Noechel	30	1	2.5	2	2
Anthony Mims	29	0	3	3	2
Keilen Dykes	29	5	3	1	0
Bobby Hathaway	27	2	0	1	0
Ernest Hunter	24	2	1	0	0
Antonio Lewis	23	2	0	4	0
Warren Young	22	2	0	0	0
Ridwan Malik	21	0	3	0	0
Pat Liebig	15	1	1	0	0
Thandi Smith	14	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Antonio Lewis	11	216	19.6	1
Vaughn Rivers	8	98	12.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Antonio Lewis	17	376	22.1	0
Vaughn Rivers	8	191	23.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Music City	+3'	Mississippi	49-38	W
02	Continental Tire	-6	Virginia	22-48	L
03	Gator	+3'	Maryland	7-41	L
04	Gator	+10	Florida St	18-30	L
05	Sugar	+6	Georgia	38-35	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

W Virginia's All-Time SU Bowl Record 10-15

WEST VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
3	32.1	19	272	5.2	117	63.2	12.1	+14	2005	5	17.8	18	110	2.9	201	59.7	17.4
9*	30.1	20	252	5.1	166	57.5	13.9	+3	2004	6	20.5	20	141	3.6	198	54.9	16.6
4*	28.9	17	212	4.6	156	51.2	12.8	+16	2003	4	22.8	22	131	3.5	260	59.1	17.1
7	30.5	22	284	5.2	135	53.0	13.7	+19	2002	6	23.2	17	122	3.5	214	55.3	14.4
4*	21.4	20	181	4.2	165	53.8	16.2	-8	2001	9	24.4	19	213	4.2	137	48.6	14.4
7	29.7	18	139	3.4	217	48.1	12.0	+9	2000	4	30.3	20	142	3.8	246	56.7	12.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

WV 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Syracuse	16	45 - 172	3.8	17 - 27	167	1	7	26 - 18	0.7	15 - 31	85	3	-3
–	Wofford	24	64 - 339	5.3	12 - 18	172	0	10	45 - 78	1.7	6 - 12	76	3	+4
–	at Maryland	18	64 - 301	4.7	8 - 11	86	2	15	29 - 50	1.7	20 - 31	291	2	0
–	East Carolina	17	46 - 127	2.8	15 - 20	180	3	20	42 - 81	1.9	21 - 35	206	6	-2
–	Virginia Tech	11	34 - 150	4.4	11 - 14	103	3	23	53 - 214	4.0	15 - 17	177	2	-2
–	at Rutgers	15	43 - 236	5.5	9 - 11	78	3	17	40 - 124	3.1	18 - 31	171	2	+4
–	Louisville	20	53 - 281	5.3	13 - 27	109	3	26	44 - 182	4.1	31 - 49	277	0	+1
#18	Connecticut	22	57 - 228	4.0	9 - 18	144	0	9	38 - 12	0.3	11 - 21	117	7	0
#16	at Cincinnati	17	50 - 297	5.9	8 - 13	109	1	15	33 - 62	1.9	21 - 29	207	2	+4
#12	Pittsburgh	22	62 - 451	7.3	4 - 10	41	0	20	31 - 122	3.9	24 - 43	308	1	+4
#12	at South Florida	16	44 - 305	6.9	5 - 10	89	0	23	43 - 149	3.5	19 - 38	221	1	+1
#11	† Georgia	27	63 - 382	6.1	11 - 14	120	2	27	28 - 224	8.0	20 - 33	277	0	+3
TOTALS		225	625 - 3269	5.2	122 - 193	1398	18	212	452 - 1316	2.9	221 - 370	2413	29	+14
AVERAGES		18.8	52 - 272	5.2	10 - 16	117	1.5	17.7	38 - 110	2.9	18 - 31	201	2.4	1.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston College	+4	10-34	L
Ohio	-5'	20-3	W
Kent St	-27	34-14	L
at Maryland	+10	20-32	L
Virginia Tech - #8	+15'	0-35	L
at Notre Dame	+12	24-34	W
at Miami, Fl - #1	+35	3-45	L
Rutgers	-18	80-7	W
at Syracuse - #18	+14'	13-24	W
Temple	-16'	14-17	L
Pittsburgh	+3'	17-23	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Chattanooga	NL	56-7	–
at Wisconsin - #25	+10'	17-34	L
at Cincinnati	+4'	35-32	W
East Carolina	-7'	37-17	W
Maryland	-4	17-48	L
at Rutgers	-13	40-0	W
Syracuse	-7'	34-7	W
Miami, Fl - #1	+20	23-40	W
at Temple	-7	46-20	W
Boston College	-3'	24-14	W
at Virginia Tech - #13	+7'	21-18	W
at Pittsburgh - #17	+2'	24-17	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wisconsin	+3	17-24	L
at East Carolina	-9'	48-7	W
Cincinnati	-7	13-15	L
at Maryland	+9'	7-34	L
at Miami, Fl - #2	+25'	20-22	W
Rutgers	-17	34-19	L
Virginia Tech - #3	+14	28-7	W
UCF	-20'	36-18	L
at Boston College	+3'	35-28	W
Pittsburgh - #16	+1	52-31	W
at Syracuse	-2	34-23	W
Temple	-21'	45-28	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
East Carolina	-28'	56-23	W
at UCF	-21	45-20	W
Maryland - #21	-6	19-16 OT	L
James Madison	-44	45-10	L
at Virginia Tech	+3	13-19	L
at Connecticut	-6'	31-19	W
Syracuse	-15	27-6	W
at Rutgers	-14'	35-30	L
Temple	-28	42-21	L
Boston College	-7	17-36	L
at Pittsburgh	-3	13-16	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Syracuse	+2'	15-7	W
Wofford	NL	35-7	–
at Maryland	+3	31-19	W
East Carolina	-22'	20-15	L
Virginia Tech - #3	+10	17-34	L
at Rutgers	-3'	27-14	W
Louisville - #19	+7	46-44 3OT	W
Connecticut	-14'	45-13	W
at Cincinnati	-14	38-0	W
Pittsburgh	-14	45-13	W
at South Florida	-8'	28-13	W

USF BULLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Prior to 2003 the Bulls basically had just two QB's in their short history with Chad Barnhardt the first and Marquel Blackwell taking over as a rFr in 1999. Blackwell threw for 9,108 yards in his career and was 30-12 as a starter. In 2003 Ronnie Banks started 8 while Pat Julmiste started two (both wins) throwing for 402 (44.1%) with a 3-3 ratio (198 rush). Julmiste beat out Banks in 2004 but was injured and Banks filled in. Julmiste threw for 1,570 (47.8%) with a 7-8 ratio (354 rush) and Banks threw for just 234 (49.1%) with an 0-3 ratio. Last year the team brought in Auburn transfer Courtney Denson (PS#47) as well as VHT true frosh Carlton Hill (PS#15). Denson won the starting job but Julmiste came in for the 2Q vs Penn St and hit 21 of 35 for 200 with two TD's, reclaiming his spot. Julmiste did alternate with Denson (5 gm) but Denson was moved to WR in Nov and true frosh Hill surprisingly played over half the game vs WV. In the bowl Hill was just 1 of 2 passing with two costly fumbles. For the season Julmiste threw for 1,489 (49.2%) with a 6-11 ratio (483 rush) while Hill threw for 135 (45.8%) but rushed for 139. Matt Grothe (PS#55) was impressive in the spring. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Anthony Severino (6-2 185 Jr) and this year's true frosh. The last three years USF has failed to top 50% completions but I see Hill having the best production since Blackwell left.

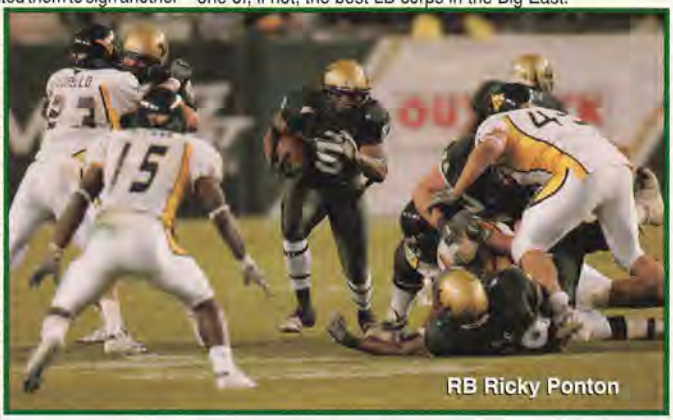
RUNNING BACKS - The team did not really have a feature RB in the pre-Andre Hall era. The leading rusher in 2003 had just 490 yards (4.3). VHT Andre Hall (PS#16JC) rushed for 1,357 with an outstanding 6.5 ypc despite not winning the starting job until Wk 3 in '04. Hall was the focal point of the team's offense in 2005 with six 100 yard games, rushing for 1,374 (5.1) with 13 TD's. He also led in rec's with 26 (12.3). Ricky Ponton was the #2 rusher with 373 (4.1). The other top rushers were either QB's or WR's with rFr Chad Simpson (PS#178) being the only other RB with stats (89, 5.6). This year Hall departs (UFA TB), and leaves as the school's career leading rusher (2,731) and also gone is Simpson. I really expected them to sign another VHT JUCO but they did not, so Ponton will battle rFr Moise Plancher for the starting spot. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Benjamin Williams (5-7 190 So) and Anthony Gaines (5-7 175 Jr). When the team uses a FB they have Mike Padilla (6-1 245 rFr). I do not see anyone near Hall's caliber in this group.

RECEIVERS - The Bulls had an inexperienced receiving corps in 2004 (lost top 3). They had solid size, talent and speed with Johnny Peyton (6-5 200) who has 4.37 speed and a 39" VL. Peyton led the team in rec's but with only 22 (21.3). SJ Green (6'3") was #2 with 22 (11.9) and Jackie Chambers, who took over as a starter late, had 14 (14.1). Those three all returned in 2005 and they added JUCO Amarri Jackson (6'5"). He had a huge game vs then #9 ranked Louisville with two TD runs and even threw for a TD with 75 rec yds. RB Hall led the team in rec's and Jackson was #2 with 22 (11.0), Chambers had 21 (13.8), Peyton 17 (11.1) and Green's numbers dropped to 16 (14.3). True frosh TE Cedric Hill had 10 (13.9). The only losses this year are TE's Derek Carter (9 st, 4 rec), Mike Ruegger (1 st, 4 rec) and WR Peyton (1 st). Not listed below is Shane McElwain (6-4 240 rFr). I like the size and speed of this group plus they get a super addition in VHT LSU transfer Amp Hill, so they should see significant improvements in the reception totals from this veteran and underrated group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 USF had basically the entire OL returning and opened holes for 4.6 ypc rush while allowing 23 sacks. The unit had increased their size from 2003 by an avg of 23 lbs per man. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a pair of 3rd Tm CUSA players but had 7 of the top 10 back. While they avg'd 15 ypg more rushing, the ypc dropped to 4.2 and the sacks allowed increased to 25. This year they once again lose 3 starters in C John Miller (12 st, 2nd Tm BE, 2 yr st'r), RG Chris Carothers (12 st, 3 yr st'r) and LG Frank Davis (12 st, 2nd Tm BE, 2 yr st'r, UFA DET). Four players return with starting experience and Thed Watson (2nd Tm BE) allowed zero sacks to L'ville's Dumervil and 0 to the Rutgers' aggressive DL. Despite the losses they are just as experienced as the 2005 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - USF is always tough vs the run allowing 2.9 ypc rushing in 2001, 2.3 in '02 and 3.0 in '03. In 2004, DT Tim Jones (11 st '03) was ruled ineligible. However, it was still a veteran front. Injuries hurt the unit and USF allowed 3.7. Last year they had to replace 6 players who combined for 22 starts. They did get DT Jones back so basically had 2 starters returning. Surprisingly they allowed 3.9 ypc but the D did record 37 sacks (up 11). This year the losses are heavy as gone are 2nd tm Big East DE Terrence Royal (12 st, 46 tkl, 10 sk) who leaves as the USF career leader in sacks (19.5), DE Jon Simmons (11 st, 13 tkl, 2.5 tfl), DT Tim Jones (11 st, 38 tkl, 8 tfl), DE Jason Allen (32 tkl, 8 sk) and DE Eric Thomas (3 tkl). They return four players with starting experience and add some solid JUCO's and true frosh. A possibility to play this year is Florida transfer Julian Riley (6-3 290 Jr, PS#122) who, due to a hardship, is trying to become eligible immediately.

LINEBACKERS - USF had 5 of their top 6 LB's returning last year and the 3 starters were very productive ranking #1, #2 and #3 in tackles. The great news this year is that all three starters return and they add a VHT newcomer. The only losses are Ronnie McCullough (15 tkl, 2 tfl) and Josh Balloon (4 tkl). Stephen Nicholas was projected as a 4th round NFL DC but turned down his chance to go pro. This unit clearly looks like one of, if not, the best LB corps in the Big East.


RB Ricky Ponton

DEFENSIVE BACKS - USF finished #25 in my pass D rankings in 2003 but had an extremely inexperienced secondary in 2004 and dropped to #99. Last year they had to replace one starter and 3 backups (3 starts) and then lost returning starter FS Danny Verpaele for the season. Verpaele was an All-CUSA Frosh member in 2004. With basically two returning starters, the Bulls still moved up to #43. This year they must replace SS Johnnie Jones (12 st, 57 tkl, 3 tfl) and CB D'Juan Brown (1 st, 18 tkl, 2 int). Not only do six of the top eight return, they get some tremendous newcomers including Oregon transfer Ryan Gilliam (PS#38, 4.27 spd), former QB Courtney Denson (PS#47) and Indiana transfer Grant Gregory (PS#137QB). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Antwane Cox (6-0 170 rFr), Walt Smith (5-10 180 Sr), Jamaal Jenkins (5-11 190 So), Christopher Ellick (5-10 190 So) and Antonio Cox (6-0 170 rFr). With three 2005 starters back and Verpaele returning, USF may improve on last year's ranking.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jim Leavitt's ST units are always top-notch. In '01 they were #17 in my rankings and moved up to #14 in 2002, #9 in '03. They were #58 and #55 the last 2 years. One steady part of the unit has been P Brandon Baker, who in his three years as a starter had net punting averages of 37.2, 38.8 and 34.1. Last year was the first time since '97 that the team did not have a Gramatica at kicker. Mike Benzer (PS#13), who had six 50 yard FG's and 42 TB's in HS, missed all 3 att (snap problems) and Kyle Bronson hit 11 of 16 with a long of 47. Bronson opted to transfer. Justin Teachey had 11 TB's on 50 KO's. Jackie Chambers avg'd 11.6 on 32 PR's with Amarri Jackson avg'g 18.2 on five. Chad Simpson avg'd 25.2 on 16 KR's with one TD. They lose their P, PK and KR Simpson but should be solid once again.

COACHES - Head Coach Jim Leavitt has a 61-39 record in 9 years at USF and a 34-22 record in the last 5 years since joining IA ball. His name usually pops up for other HC jobs and last year when K-St was interested in him, USF signed him to a 7 year, $7 million contract. Rod Smith, who had been the passing game coordinator the previous three years here, took over as the OC last year. Wally Burnham (previously at FSU & SC) is in his 6th year as the DC. Former Duke HC Carl Franks was added as the RB coach in 2004 becoming the first USF assistant with Div IA HC experience. USF adds Bernard Clark, FIU's DC the last 2 years, and he is the new DL coach here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

On Sept 6, 1996, 75 players assembled for the 1st practice ever as the Bulls established their football program and in 1997 they played their first game. Jim Leavitt has done a tremendous job as they went 8-3 in their first year of IA ball in 2001 and the next year actually got four votes in the AP poll after they beat BG. In 2002 they were an outstanding 9-2 on the year with their only losses to Arkansas and Oklahoma on the road. In 2003 they joined CUSA and achieved a winning conf record in their first season at 5-3, but were actually outgained by 44.6 ypg in league play as they won a total of three double OT games and could easily have finished 4-7 instead of 7-4. In 2004 I called for them to have their first losing record since 1997. They did have RB Andre Hall on the offense but the defense yielded a school worst 31.9 ppg as 24 different defensive players earned starts due to injury. Last year they had 4 road games in the Big East and also had to face Penn St and Miami, FL on the road and lost a Big East high 28 lettermen. They were -10 in turnovers in 2004 (see page 312) and picked 7th in the preseason Big East poll (70 frosh and soph on the roster). The Bulls finished tied for 3rd and late in the year were in contention for the BE Title ranked #30 until a loss at Connecticut in 30° temps, (the coldest game they'd ever played in). Their +7.6 ppg in Big East play was best among the teams they were tied with. They knocked off UCF, who played for the CUSA Title, by a comfortable 31-14 margin and also stunned #9 Louisville 45-14. Due to Hurricane Katrina they spent 56 days between home games and until the season finale (a tough loss to WV), had been the only team in the country not to trail in a home game. In that game USF had a 23-16 FD edge. While making it to their first ever bowl, they also suffered their 1st ever shutout 14-0 to NCSt. This year they have four BE home games. The offense relied on RB Andre Hall last year but now the strength is in the receiving corps, so I look for them to be more pass-oriented in the spread offense. They avg'd just 23.0 ppg in '05 (lowest in school history) and despite the loss of Hall, they have a shot at improving on that total. They have 7 starters back on defense and the back 7 figure to be the best in the Big East so they have a shot of improving on '05's numbers. USF has a chance to earn the 2nd bowl berth in school history.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

QB 4 CARLTON HILL SO. 6-3 215 **PS#15**. 293 ttl yds as true. **3 Pat Julmiste** (6-3 220 Sr) 23 st 3Y, 3461 pass (48%) 16-22 ratio. **13** Matt Grothe (6-1 190 rFr) PS#55.

RB 5 Ricky Ponton So. 5-11 215 PS#293. 373 rush (4.1), 6 rec as rFr. **1** Moise Plancher (5-9 190 rFr) PS#367. **20** Colby Erskin (5-9 185 So). Aston Samuels is PS#377.

WR 6 AMP HILL SO. 6-3 200 **PS#12!** LSU transfer. **81 SJ Green** (6-3 220 Sr) 11 st, 22 (11.9) '04. 12 st, 16 (14.3) LY. **89** Taurus Johnson (6-1 190 So) PS#90. 3 rec true.

WR 18 AMARRI JACKSON JR. 6-5 195 11 st, 22 (11.0), 86 yd rush, 3 TD's. **11** Marcus Edwards (5-11 175 So) PS#69. 5 rec LY. **88** Darren Haliburton (6-3 205 Sr) PS#173QB.

WR 83 JACKIE CHAMBERS JR. 5-11 185 3 st true, 14 (14.1). 11 st LY, 21 (13.8). 777 ret yds 2Y. **87 Jessie Hester** (6-0 170 So) **PS#29**. 1 st, 3 rec. Carlton Mitchell (6-4 190 Fr) PS#149.

TE 9 Cedric Hill So. 6-3 240 PS#117. Miami Fl '04. 4 starts rFr, 10 (13.9). **84** Will Bleakley (6-3 240 Sr). **44** Devin Gordon (6-2 185 Fr). **82** Ben Busbee (6-3 240 rFr).

C 69 Nick Capogna Jr. 6-3 255 PS#285DL. 10 gm ST '04. 2nd string LY, 12 gm. Kevin McCaskill (6-2 290 Fr) **PS#69**. **62** Jason Fox (6-0 265 rFr). **LS** Eric Setser (6-1 240 rFr).

RG 75 Walter Walker Jr. 6-5 305 PS#417DL. 2nd string rFr, 4 gm. 8 st RT LY. **71** Matt Huners (6-3 290 So) PS#608. 1 st LG rFr, 5 gms. Zach Hermann (6-3 315 Fr) PS#562.

LG 77 Jake Griffin So. 6-4 300 PS#143. 2nd string rFr, 7 gm. **73** Danny Tolley (6-6 310 rFr) PS#128. Jeff Ide (6-6 260 Fr) PS#475. James Boger (6-4 310 Fr) PS#500.

RT 78 MARC DILE SO. 6-4 280 5 sts as rFr, (3RT, 2LT), 12 gms. #1 RT spring. **70** Jared Carnes (6-7 290 Jr) DNP in 2005. #2 RT out of spring. **65** Larry Lindsey (6-3 300 Jr).

LT 55 THED WATSON SR. 6-5 295 PS#295JC. **2nd Tm Big East**, 9 st at LT, Held Dumervil to zero sk. Broke hand spg. **72** Jerome Springfield (6-8 340 Jr) PS#335. 2nd string 2Y.

K 28 Mike Benzer So. 5-8 185 **PS#13**. 0-3 FG's true (snap problems). 51 yd FG in spring. **27** Justin Teachey (5-11 170 So) 11 TB's on 50 KO's as rFr. 62 yd FG in spring.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

DE 91 Josh Julmiste So. 6-6 265 1 st rFr, 8 tkl, 1 sk. **96** Woody George (6-3 255 Jr) 1 tkl LY. Craig Marshall PS#359. **99** Julian Riley (6-3 290 Jr) PS#122. Fla trans. Siaosi Uhatafe (6-2 245 Jr).

NT 76 RICHARD CLEBERT JR. 6-1 295 PS#218OL. 1 sk true. 7 st LY, 16 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **94 Allen Cray** (6-0 295 Jr) 5 st '04, 4 tfl. 5 st LY, 13 tkl. Jeremiah Warren PS#239. **92** Paul Uhatafe (6-2 295 rFr).

DT NA James Jackson Jr. 6-1 260 PS#85RB. 90 tkl at JC '04. **46** Tavarious Robinson (6-4 265 Sr) 5 st 3Y, 50 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **Leslie Stirrups is PS#30. 93 Frank Harry is PS#51JC.**

DE 90 Jarriett Buie Jr. 6-4 240 PS#103. Broke ankle LY. David Fonua is PS#317. **95** George Selvie (6-4 240 rFr) PS#555. Joseph Jackson is PS#145. **97** Bryan Hall (6-2 280 Jr).

WLB 54 PATRICK ST. LOUIS SR. 6-1 230 11 st '04, 61 tkl, 6 tfl. 12 st LY, **89 tkl, 9.5 tfl. LeBrandon Glover is PS#32!** Alonzo McQueen is PS#221. **40** Houston Hess (6-3 215 rFr).

MLB 59 BEN MOFFITT JR. 6-2 235 PS#120. 5 st, 23 tkl as rFr. 12 st LY, **96 tkl, 15 tfl. 53 Brouce Mompremier** (6-1 220 So) PS#46. 5 tkl LY. **56** Sam Miller (5-11 200 Jr) 8 tkl 2Y.

SLB 51 STEPHEN NICHOLAS SR. 6-3 225 10 st rFr, 5.5 sk. 10 st '04, 97 tkl, 11 tfl. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm BE, 15.5 tfl**, 79 tkl. **49** Chris Robinson (6-3 230 rFr). **52** Treco Bellamy (6-3 225 Sr). PS#261JC.

CB 21 TRAE WILLIAMS JR. 5-10 185 8 st as rFr, 22 tkl, 5 pbu. 11 st in '05, 39 tkl, 2 int. **26 Ryan Gilliam** (5-9 170 Jr) **PS#38**. Oregon trans, **4.27**. **26** Tyller Roberts (6-1 190 So) PS#207.

CB 4 MIKE JENKINS JR. 6-0 200 PS#92. 3 st rFr, **9 pbu**. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm BE**, 38 tkl. **5** AJ Brant (5-10 175 Jr) PS#75. **33** Jeremy Burnett (6-1 190 Sr) PS#103. Purdue transfer.

SS 32 CARLTON WILLIAMS SO. 6-3 205 12 st FS as rFr, 66 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **7** Louis Gachette (6-3 205 So) PS#153QB. 16 tkl, 2 int as rFr. **34** Jerome Murphy (6-1 175 rFr) PS#533.

FS 17 Danny Verpaele So. 5-11 200 PS#151QB. CUSA Fr Tm, **7 st true**, 57 tkl, 6 tfl. RS LY. **12** Grant Gregory (6-1 205 So) PS#137QB. Indiana trans. **8 Courtney Denson PS#47QB**. UAB trans.

P 31 William Criswell So. 5-9 160 #1 punt in spg. Delbert Alvardo (6-0 175 Fr) PS#102. 41 yd FG in HS. Mike Benzer PS#13K. Ilia Petrov PS#77. Walk-on. Avg 50.0 in HS LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Leslie Stirrups 6-2 280 PS#30
DL	Frank Harry 6-3 290 PS#51JC
LB	LeBrandon Glover 6-1 215 PS#32
OL	Kevin McCaskill 6-2 290 PS#69
DL	James Jackson 6-1 260 PS#85RB '03
DL	Julian Riley 6-3 290 PS#122 '02
DL	Joseph Jackson 6-4 215 PS#145
QB	Nate Allen 6-2 190 PS#98
QB	Alwan Lee 6-1 190 PS#102
WR	Carlton Mitchell 6-4 190 PS#149
DL	Jeremiah Warren 6-3 290 PS#239
WR	Jason Sherman 6-4 200 PS#219
LB	Alonzo McQueen 6-1 220 PS#221
DB	Dylan Douglas 5-10 175 PS#315
DL	David Fonua 6-2 255 PS#317
WR	Edner Alcin 6-2 180 PS#293
TE	Andrew Ketchel 6-5 225 PS#119
RB	Aston Samuels 5-10 190 PS#377
DL	Craig Marshall 6-5 220 PS#359
LB	Sabbath Joseph 6-0 215 PS#381
K	Ilia Petrov 5-11 185 PS#77
OL	Jeff Ide 6-6 260 PS#475
RB	Keeley Dorsey 5-11 210 PS#445
DL	Aaron Harris 6-4 240 PS#432
LB	Joshua Smiley 6-3 220 PS#170TE
OL	James Boger 6-4 310 PS#500
OL	Zach Hermann 6-3 315 PS#562
DB	Jerrell Young 6-2 205 PS#560
K	Delbert Alvarado 6-0 175 PS#102

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#80

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score USF	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
								The shutout in LY's bowl was USF's 1st in their 100 gm history. USF's 1st season of football was in 1997. The Bulls finished 4-3 SU & 3-4 ATS in their 1st yr as Big East members.
Sep. 2	McNeese St	G						Cowboys finished 5-4 last year as IAA Southland Conference members. USF is 9-0 SU & 1-0 ATS outscoring teams 340-70 in home openers.
Sep. 9	Florida Int'l	G						This will be the first meeting between these two teams. The Bulls are 4-2 SU & 2-0 ATS all-time vs current SBC teams.
Sep. 16	at UCF	G						USF was a CUSA member from 2003-'04 prior to joining the Big East LY. USF is 1-8 SU & 2-3 ATS in the first away game of the season.
Sep. 23	at Kansas	A						USF is 5-1 SU & 4-0 ATS in their 2nd consecutive road game of the season. The Bulls are 5-2 ATS on artificial turf as a IA program.
Sep. 29	Rutgers (Fri)	G						The Bulls scored 28 pts off of 6 TO's last year vs the Scarlet Knights. Could apply: USF is 1-4 SU & ATS the last 2 yrs as a home dog.
Oct. 7	Connecticut	G						Last yr's temp of 33º in Storrs was the coldest the Bulls have ever played in. The home team is 2-0 SU & ATS in IA meetings.
Oct. 14	at North Carolina	G						USF met their 1st 2 ACC opp in '05 & are 0-2 SU (1-1 ATS) including 1st bowl gm. Last year USF finished 3-0 ATS vs non-conference opponents.
Oct. 21	at Cincinnati	A						Could apply: USF is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS since 2001 as an away favorite. USF is 2-4 ATS the last 5 years before a bye week.
Oct. 28								
Nov. 4	Pittsburgh	G						The Bulls are 8-4 SU & 5-3 ATS after a bye week. USF is 6-4 SU but 3-6 ATS since 2002 in November/December HG's.
Nov. 11	Syracuse	G						USF is 0-3 SU & ATS the last 3 years in their home finale. Last year USF registered their 8th shutout in school history vs Syracuse.
Nov. 18	at Louisville	A						Last year's win vs #9 Louisville was USF's biggest in school history. The home team has covered their only 3 meetings the last 3 years.
Nov. 25	at West Virginia	A						Four of 5 teams USF plays this yr that went to a bowl LY are on the road. Last year USF drove 2x's inside WV's 5 yd line but settled for 2 short FG's.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Marquel Blackwell 9,108 1999-'02
Rushing: Andre Hall 2,731 2004-'05 Receiving: Hugh Smith 1,823 1999-'02

JIM LEAVITT (Career 61-39)
10th Year at USF
Leavitt's SU Bowl Record: 0-1

Leavitt's records AT USF

61-39	Straight Up	9-5	Home Favorite
26-20	Vs The Spread	3-4	Home Underdog
10-6	Off A SU Loss	5-2	Away Favorite
14-15	Vs Conference	9-9	Away Underdog
12-5	Vs Non-Conf	5-3	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (23,22,2)
Lost: 20 (8,9,3)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,865

BIG EAST

LB Patrick St. Louis

STADIUM: RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM (65,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	7-4	8-3	9-2	7-4	4-7	6-5	48-29
Home	6-1	6-0	7-0	6-0	4-2	2-4	4-1	35-8
Away	1-3	1-4	1-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	2-4	13-21
ATS	0-0	0-0	6-2	7-2	4-5	3-7	6-4	26-20
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	4-0	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-1	9-5
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-3	1-1	3-4
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	5-2
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-1	1-2	2-3	3-1	9-9
Favorite	0-0	0-0	4-0	5-1	2-3	1-1	2-2	14-7
Dog	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-1	2-2	2-6	4-2	12-13
Grass	0-0	0-0	5-2	6-2	3-5	3-5	4-4	21-18
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-2	2-0	5-2
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	1-1	3-1	4-4	3-5	3-4	14-15
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	5-1	4-1	0-1	0-2	3-0	12-5
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	2-2	5-2	2-4	1-3	4-2	14-13
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	3-0	2-0	2-0	2-4	1-2	10-6

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Andre Hall	270	1434	60	1374	13	5.1
Ricky Ponton	92	383	10	373	2	4.1
Pat Julmiste	126	483	147	336	4	2.7
Courtney Denson	22	163	39	124	0	5.6
Carlton Hill	28	139	45	94	1	3.4
Chad Simpson	16	97	8	89	0	5.6
Amarri Jackson	7	90	4	86	3	12.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Pat Julmiste	252	124	49.2	1489	6	11
Carlton Hill	24	11	45.8	135	0	2
Courtney Denson	19	6	31.6	69	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Andre Hall	26	321	12.3	2	76
Jackie Chambers	21	290	13.8	0	34
Amarri Jackson	22	242	11.0	0	57
SJ Green	16	229	14.3	1	31
Johnny Peyton	17	188	11.1	3	26
Cedric Hill	10	139	13.9	1	36
Marcus Edwards	5	110	22.0	0	48
Jessie Hester	3	37	12.3	0	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brandon Baker	65	2630	40.5	8	34.1	2	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kyle Bronson	29-30	7-9	2-2	2-5	0-0	11-16	47
Mike Benzer	2-3	0-0	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-3	0

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ben Moffitt	96	2.5	12.5	3	0
Pat St Louis	89	2.5	7	2	0
Stephen Nicholas	79	7	8.5	3	0
Carlton Williams	66	0	0.5	3	2
Johnnie Jones	57	0	3	4	2
Terrence Royal	46	10	0.5	0	1
Trae Williams	39	0	0	3	2
Tim Jones	38	2.5	5.5	3	0
Mike Jenkins	38	0	1	5	2
Jason Allen	32	8	3	2	0
Tavarious Robinson	20	1.5	1	0	0
D'Juan Brown	18	0	0.5	1	2
Louis Gachette	16	0	0	0	2
Richard Clebert	16	0.5	3	0	0
Ronnie McCullough	15	0	2	0	0
Allen Cray	13	0	1.5	0	0
Jon Simmons	13	1	1.5	2	0
Tyller Roberts	9	0	0	4	0
Josh Julmiste	8	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jackie Chambers	32	370	11.6	0
Amarri Jackson	5	91	18.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chad Simpson	16	404	25.2	1
Jackie Chambers	13	241	18.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
05	Car Care	+3'	NC State	0-14	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

USF's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-1

USF'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	23.0	19	203	4.2	145	47.2	15.1	+5	2005	8	18.0	16	146	3.9	165	51.9	17.3
7*	24.6	18	188	4.6	165	47.7	14.3	-10	2004	5	31.9	22	150	3.7	248	58.5	12.5
8	25.1	16	130	3.4	178	48.6	12.3	-1	2003	6	20.4	19	136	3.0	180	49.1	15.5
8*	30.8	19	135	3.7	252	56.4	12.5	+21	2002	8	18.5	19	87	2.3	222	52.5	16.7
4*	35.2	21	129	4.1	273	56.5	11.4	+2	2001	4	21.0	20	115	2.9	233	54.8	16.6
8*	25.3	18	152	4.2	203	58.1	14.1	-2	2000	11	18.3	17	122	3.4	174	49.8	16.2

2005 STATS BY GAME

USF 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at Penn St	17	36-97	2.7	21-39	200	0	18	39-264	6.8	9-15	90	3	+1
–	Florida A&M	22	56-377	6.7	8-18	113	1	4	26-31	1.2	9-20	54	4	0
–	UCF	24	66-326	4.9	11-17	100	0	14	20-45	2.3	19-40	208	4	+1
–	Louisville	16	47-251	5.3	5-10	104	0	26	33-104	3.2	29-47	389	4	+1
–	at Miami, Fl	15	40-105	2.6	11-31	69	4	20	46-178	3.9	13-26	173	3	-1
–	at Pittsburgh	19	47-142	3.0	18-37	222	5	15	42-127	3.0	15-21	203	4	-1
–	at Rutgers	22	57-242	4.2	13-22	135	0	25	40-165	4.1	16-27	233	2	+6
–	at Syracuse	20	51-338	6.6	5-14	89	1	12	37-117	3.2	8-26	65	4	+2
–	Cincinnati	19	52-190	3.7	12-21	155	4	17	31-77	2.5	20-31	273	3	+2
–	at Connecticut	11	40-83	2.1	10-26	168	3	12	41-160	3.9	8-26	81	3	-3
–	West Virginia	23	43-149	3.5	19-38	221	1	16	44-305	6.9	5-10	89	0	-1
–	† NC State	15	44-136	3.1	10-30	159	6	14	47-173	3.7	9-19	127	3	-2
TOTALS		223	579-2436	4.2	143-303	1735	25	193	446-1746	3.9	160-308	1985	37	+5
AVERAGES		18.6	48-203	4.2	12-25	145	2.1	16.1	37-146	3.9	13-26	165	3.1	0.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at N Illinois	+18	17-20	W
at Pittsburgh	+22	35-26	W
at Memphis	+7'	9-17	L
North Texas	-12	28-10	W
at Utah	+14	21-52	L
Connecticut	-17'	40-21	W
S Utah	NL	42-12	–
Liberty	NL	68-37	–
Houston	-11	45-6	W
W Illinois	NL	48-17	–
Utah St	-7	34-13	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida Atlantic	NL	51-10	–
N Illinois	-7	37-6	W
at Arkansas	+13'	3-42	L
at Oklahoma - #2	+28'	14-31	W
at North Texas	-2	24-17	W
S Mississippi	+3	16-13	W
at East Carolina	E	46-30	W
Charleston So	NL	56-6	–
Memphis	-16'	31-28	L
Bowling Green	-3	29-7	W
at Houston	-13	32-14	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+15	17-40	L
Nicholls St	NL	27-17	–
at Army	-19	28-0	W
Louisville	+2'	31-28 2OT	W
TCU - #19	-2	10-13	L
Charleston So	NL	55-7	–
at S Mississippi	+2'	6-27	L
Cincinnati	-3	24-17 2OT	W
at East Carolina	-11	38-37 2OT	L
UAB	-6'	19-22	L
at Memphis	+10	21-16	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tenn Tech	NL	21-7	–
at South Carolina	+12'	3-34	L
at TCU	+10	45-44 2OT	W
S Mississippi	+6	20-27	L
Army	-15	35-42	L
at Louisville - #16	+30	9-41	L
at UAB	+19	45-20	W
East Carolina	-13	41-17	W
at Cincinnati	+12'	23-45	L
Memphis	+3'	15-31	L
Pittsburgh - #19	+6'	14-43	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+21	13-23	W
Florida A&M	NL	37-3	–
UCF	-7'	31-14	W
Louisville - #9	+20'	45-14	W
at Miami, Fl - #9	+21	7-27	W
at Pittsburgh	+1	17-31	L
at Rutgers	+2'	45-31	W
at Syracuse	-7'	27-0	W
Cincinnati	-21	31-16	L
at Connecticut	-7	10-15	L
West Virginia - #12	+8'	13-28	L

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - True frosh Ryan Hart played in just 5 games in 2002 but would start 32 straight games and set single season passing records for att, comp and yards in 2003 and reset them in 2004 when he threw for 3,154 (65.1%) with a 17-19 ratio. These numbers were major improvements from 2002 when the team combined for the lowest pass efficiency in the NCAA. OC Craig Ver Steeg's short pass offense was a perfect fit for Hart, as he does not have an overpowering arm. 2004's backup Terrence Shawell (PS#75) opted to transfer. Mike Teel has a stronger arm than Hart (saw action in games 2-5) and surprisingly took the starting job vs Syracuse. Both Teel and Hart were banged up but Hart started 3 of the last 4. Hart threw 2,135 (60.8%) and improved his ratio to 18-8. Teel threw for 683 (50.5%) but had a troubling 2-10 ratio and a QBR of just 94.03. The team also used true frosh WR Tiquan Underwood to run the single wing and he had 19 carries (3.3) while attempting one pass (int'd). Teel won his first road start but was injured vs Conn and Hart led the comeback win. Hart leaves as the career leader in almost every QB stat beating out Scott Erney for career passing yards (8,482) and Mike McMahon (NFL) for career int (52). Teel will have to battle redshirts Jabu Lovelace (PS#63) and Andrew DePaola (6-2 190). Look for deeper passes with Teel's strong arm as he should improve his ratio after working with former NFL great Phil Simms over the summer.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 RU had the lowest rushing total since 1946 with just 620 yds. In 2003 then-new OC Ver Steeg, who is known for shaping top-notch rushing attacks, increased the units productivity from 52 ypg (1.5) to 139 (3.3). RU had 6 players on their roster at one time who had topped 100 yds rushing in a single game. That was the most of any IA school and they had everyone back in '04. FB Brian Leonard (PS#84), who was #1 in '03 (880, 4.1), suffered through an injury-plagued 2004 and had 732 (3.7) but also had 61 rec (8.5) and was 1st Tm BE. Justise Hairston (PS#94) had 550 in '03 but just 146 in '04 and was the fastest of the TB's. The unit returned intact last year plus they added true frosh Raymell Rice (PS#45). Leonard had a streak of 16 straight games with 100+ all-purp yds snapped vs Villanova (74) but rushed for 740 (4.3) and was #1 in rec with 55 (10.3). His tremendous 83 yd TD run vs Illinois (in which he leaped over a defender) was one of the best college plays of the year. Rice simply became the 2nd 1,000 yard rusher here in the last 30 years (Terrell Willis, '93 & '94) with 1,120 (5.7). Hairston got into the doghouse (0 att) and Clarence Pittman was #3 with 68. WR's were the #4 and #5 rushers and Markis Facyson (657, 3 yr) had just 11. They add James Townsend (PS#43) who transferred from Iowa and was one of their fastest players. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Brian Friedman (6-2 225 rFr), Kyle Kummer (5-11 232 rFr), EJ Barthel (6-1 240 Jr) and John Nicola (5-10 210 So). Both Rice and Leonard return giving them the best RB duo in the Big East. After only rushing for 83 ypg (2.5) in '04, they improved to 162.2 (4.3) in 2005.

RECEIVERS - This group was very inexperienced in 2003 and Shawn Tucker led with 50 rec (14.5). Tucker was inj'd in 2004 and two players emerged on the national level in WR Tres Moses (81, 13.0) and TE Clark Harris (53, 13.7). They were 2005 preseason Bilitnikoff and Mackey candidates respectively. Schiano has compared Moses to Peter Warrick and he set RU's single season records for rec's and receiving yards in '04. Tucker and Chris Baker combined for 34 rec in '04 and Marcus Daniels (38 rec 2Y) and Willie Foster (11 rec '04) all returned as well. The productivity of the receivers dropped due to 116 less passes thrown. Moses had 45 (16.8) and Harris 38 (15.4) while Tucker tallied 32 (15.1). No other receiver topped double digits. This year they must replace Moses as well as Baker (2 rec) and it will be interesting to see if Tucker can step into Moses' #1 receiver role. Watch for exciting Tiquan Underwood, who played QB and also handled KR's, and this year's true frosh. Also keep an eye on TE Kevin Brock who will be another pass-catching TE.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '04 the Knights only avg 2.5 ypc rushing but allowed just 20 sacks (4.2%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters. The unit was banged up early and vs Buffalo, they started one veteran, a rFr, a JC, a soph and a first year starting LT. Still, in the first 5 games they only allowed 6 sacks. Pedro Sosa did a fine job at LT, and in fact held sack master Elvis Dumervil of L'ville to zero sacks. They almost doubled their rushing ypg (83 to 162) with the ypc increasing to 4.3 (19 sk). This year they must replace G John Glass (PS#32, 11 st, 3 yr st'r, 1st Tm BE, Top OL Award) and RT Sameeh McDonald (12 st, 4 yr st'r). They do have 8 of the top 10 back including a couple of VHT's who did not start last year and Mike Fladell who is the biggest player in Rutgers history. This looks like a solid offensive front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '01 the Knights allowed 5.4 ypc rush, their worst total in over a decade but they've shown improvement over the last 4 years allowing 4.7, 4.2 and 4.3 in 2004. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 22 starts. DT Eric Foster (6-2 260 Jr) had 8 tackles and 2.5 tfl vs Illinois but was lost for the year after 2 sts. Their two DE's, Ryan Neill and Val Barnaby, combined for an amazing 20 sacks and they allowed just 3.3 ypc while the D had 47 sacks. This year they lose Neill (12 st, 71 tkl, **21.5 tfl,** 1st Tm BE), Barnaby (12 st, 41 tkl, 13 tfl), DT Luis Rivas (10 st, 9 tkl) and Carl Howard (3 tkl) who moves to the OL. William Beckford, who had 15 starts at LB the last 3 years, moves to DE along with 7 game starting LB Chenry Lewis. This unit is close to last year in terms of experience and gets Foster back, but it will be tough to match 2005's outstanding production.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Knights returned the entire 2 deep from this unit but starting OLB Terry Bynes was lost for the year vs Pitt. This year the only losses are LB Will Gilkison (PS#43, 5 st, 42 tkl), Beckford and Lewis, who both converted to DE in the spring, and Brad Cunningham (1 tkl). Bynes has applied for a medical RS and if the NCAA grants it, Rutgers will have 3 of their top 6 LB's back. This is a talented group and they add 4 HT true frosh.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Rutgers was #70 in my pass D rankings in 2003 but with both of their CB's in the NFL and an injury-plagued unit, they dropped to #104 in 2004. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups. They lost two backups over the summer and then lost starting FS Jason Nugent to a knee injury. Joe Porter lost his starting spot to converted WR (5'8") Corey Barnes. The Knights were just #111 allowing a 20-6 ratio. This year they must replace Barnes (12 st, 37 tkl, 2 pbu) and Nugent (6 tkl) but have 7 of the top 8 back. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Marc Orosz (5-10 180 So), Brandon Wood (6-1 200 Sr, 15 tkl 2Y), Billy Anderson (6-0 170 rFr) and Doug Billingsley (5-10 175 rFr). As a true frosh Courtney Greene (Fr AA) was 2nd in the Big East in tackles. I look for the Knights to have their best pass D ranking in at least three years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Darren Rizzi, who was the HC at New Haven from 1999-2001, took over as ST coach in 2002 and guided RU to its best finish in my ST rankings at #56. In 2003, the unit slipped to #82 despite the presence of the school's #2 all-time KR, Nate Jones, who departed in '04. That year true frosh Jeremy Ito hit just 1 of his first 4 FG's but rebounded to hit 14 of his last 20 (3 miss 50+). They will let him try from 60 if needed. Ito missed 4 FG's vs Illinois last year which cost them the game but then missed just 3 more with a long of 52. P Joe Radigan, who nearly lost his job in 2004, saw his net go from 35.8 to 31.9. Michael Cortese handled the KO's the last 4 years and departs. KR Willie Foster (BE ST POY) avg'd a nifty 24.5 with one TD and WR/QB Tiquan Underwood avg 27.1 (#1 in BE). Foster led the team in PR's (10.9) with a 71 yd TD. Despite the poor net punting, Rutgers finished #21 on my rankings and could have another Top 25 finish this year.

COACHES - Greg Schiano enters his 6th year with the program after being the Miami (FL) DC in 2000. Schiano is a New Jersey native who also coached in the NFL (Chicago). Following the 2002 season he received a contract extension through 2007 despite a 3-20 record including 0-14 in Big East Play. He just received a 7 year contract extension prior to the bowl in 2005. His OC is Craig Ver Steeg who is in his 4th year and had been the OC at Utah for two seasons prior. Last year DC Paul Ferraro left for the Carolina Panthers, so Schiano took over the DC duties himself.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Coming into last season, Rutgers had just 4 winning seasons the last 24 years despite the fact that they are the only Div IA college team located in a highly populated NY/New Jersey area. Schiano endured a 25 game Big East losing streak and came close to a bowl in 2003 (5-7) but lost to Connecticut despite a 455-321 yd edge. After being outgained by margins of 297.9 ypg and 239.7 ypg in Big East play in 2001 and '02, they were only outgained by 27.6 ypg in 2003. They upset Mich St in the 2004 opener but were stunned by New Hampshire (Div IAA) the following week. They moved to 4-2 but lost their final 5, all to bowl squads. They were only outgained by 22.5 ypg in conf play, which was actually a better mark than 2 BE bowl squads (BC and Big East Champ Pitt)! Coming into last season they had only beaten one school that finished with a winning record in the Schiano era and were 3-24 in the Big East. In the magazine, I called for Rutgers to achieve their 2nd bowl game in school history and end a 27 year bowl drought as they had 17 returning starters and were -7 in turnovers in 2004. Schiano had seven 5th year seniors (from his first recruiting class) and 19 seniors overall and the Knights matched my expectations. They had four Big East road wins in their first 14 years in the league but knocked off Syr and Conn in back-to-back road games and their 22 point win over Syr was their biggest road win since 1986. Despite leading Illinois 27-10 after 3Q's, they missed 4 FG's and suffered a tough 33-30 loss. They opened up 6-2 (best start since 1979). Six turnovers led to 28 USF points and vs WV the Knights were without 3 defensive starters. They had a 4-0 TO deficit in a driving rain with WV's first two TD's coming on a blocked PR for a TD and a 28 yard drive after a fumble. They had the advantage of playing a Conn team down to its 3rd string QB and also blew a 24-10 lead (with :39 left 1H) in their bowl. Rutgers had their first positive yardage differential vs Big East foes with an impressive 70.4 ypg edge. They outgained foes at home by an avg of 75.8 ypg (were outgained by 2.2 ypg road). This year they must replace their top QB and WR but keep in mind, Hart was benched for Teel last year until Teel was injured. The Knights averaged 28.7 ppg on offense of which was their best total since '93. The Knights 4,765 yards offense broke 1995's school record of 4,701 and they should top that mark again this year. Rutgers allowed 25.6 ppg which was the best in the Schiano era thanks to a tremendous pass rush. Despite having a much tougher schedule than '05, this year's Knight team has more overall talent and could find itself back in a bowl game.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 14 Mike Teel So. 6-4 220 PS#41. 3 st rFr (inj), 683 pass (51%) 2-10 ratio. **15** Jabu Lovelace (6-2 200 rFr) PS#63. Dual-threat. **16** Andrew DePaola (6-2 190 rFr).

RB 27 RAYMELL RICE SO. 5-9 195 **PS#45.** 6 st true, **1120 rush (5.7). 22** Dimitri Linton (5-9 195 So) PS#142. **42** Davon Smart (5-10 185 rFr) PS#74. **41** Chazz Lynn (5-10 175 So) PS#113DB.

FB 23 BRIAN LEONARD SR. 6-2 235 1st Tm BE '04. 32 st, 3Y. 2352 rush (4.0), 169 rec (9.3). **32** Jean Beljour (6-0 218 Jr) PS#52. **83** James Townsend (6-1 185 Jr) PS#43. Iowa trans.

WR 4 SHAWN TUCKER SR. 6-2 200 31 st 4Y, 109 rec (13.5). 50 in '03. **10** Tiquan Underwood (6-2 175 So) PS#122. QB/WR, 408 yd as true. **18** Dennis Campbell (5-9 170 rFr).

WR84 Willie Foster Sr. 5-10 170 1 st 3Y, 22 rec (13.7). **9** Marcus Daniels (6-2 200 Sr) 4 st, 43 rec (11.3) 3Y. **80** Keith Taylor (6-4 185 So) PS#116. Kenny Britt is PS#73.

TE 81 CLARK HARRIS SR. 6-6 255 **1st Tm Big East 2Y.** 23 starts, 109 (14.0) 3Y. **85** Sam Johnson (6-3 250 Sr) **PS#16.** 9 st, 17 rec 3Y. **12** Anthony Cali (6-5 245 Sr) PS#37QB.

C 53 DARNELL STAPLETON SR. 6-3 305 PS#224JC. 12 st C here in '05. **75 Dave McClain** (6-4 290 rFr) **PS#27. Scout** Tm LY. **LS 58** Jeremy Branch (6-0 212 So). 2 gm LY.

RG 95 Cameron Stephenson Sr. 6-5 305 PS#260JC. 10 tkl, 2 tfl DE LY. **70 Mike Gilmartin** (6-6 285 So) PS#191. 1 st rFr. **66** Mitar Rudanovic (6-3 325 So). Scout Tm LY.

LG 72 Mike Fladell Jr. 6-8 318 PS#137. Biggest ply'r RU history. 3 st LG LY. **64** Dan Mazan (6-4 290 Jr) PS#25. Penn St. Scout tm LY. **67** Corey Hyman (6-4 290 So) 6 gm true.

RT 71 JEREMY ZUTTAH JR. 6-4 290 **PS#35.** 9 gm as true, 5 st. 9 st RG LY (inj 3). **96** Carl Howard (6-4 300 So) PS#102DL. VTech trans. 3 tkl, 1 tfl here. Marlon Romulus is PS#419.

LT 77 PEDRO SOSA JR. 6-5 300 **PS#76.** 2nd string true, RS. 5 gm '04. 12 st LT LY. Held Dumervil to 0 sk. Mo Lange (**6-7 351** Fr) is PS#240. **78** Kevin Haslam (6-7 290 rFr).

K 1 JEREMY ITO JR. 5-11 180 15 of 24 FG's true, long of 48 (3 miss 50+). 20 of 27 FG's LY, long 52, 2 of 2 from 50+! 68-69 xp's in 2Y. **16** Alex Mecogliano (6-0 173 So).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 35 William Beckford Sr. 6-1 222 **PS#48LB.** 15 st LB 3Y, 88 tkl, 12.5 tfl. **92** Gary Watts (6-3 240 So) PS#267. **49** Mike Ziarnowski (6-2 255 So) **PS#90LB.** Blair Bines is PS#96LB.

DT 98 George Eshareturi Jr. 6-3 284 PS#154. **Iowa trans. 56** Eric Foster PS#280. 22 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. 8 tkl, 2.5 tfl vs Ill, inj. **61** Ryan Blaszczyk (6-4 300 rFr). **88** Vantrise Studivant (6-3 260 So).

DT 60 RAMEL MEEKINS SR. 6-0 280 11 tkl first 2Y. 12 st LY, 63 tkl, **9 sk. RU wrestling. 73** Nate Nurse (6-5 290 rFr) **PS#87OL. 93** Chris Dirksz (6-1 280 So) PS#316. 2 tkl true.

DE 90 Jamaal Westerman So. 6-3 252 28 tkl, **4 sk** rFr. **52** Chenry Lewis (6-3 235 So) PS#122LB. L/7 st rFr, 32 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **97** Peter Tverdov (6-4 235 So) PS#243LB. 9 tkl true.

OLB 50 QUINTERO FRIERSON SR. 6-1 235 PS#142. 1 st, 20 tkl '04. 7 st LY, 46 tkl, 5 tfl. **51** Chris Quaye (6-0 230 So) PS#205. 3 tkl true. **48** Kenny Gillespie (6-1 204 Jr) PS#224. Antonio Lowery PS#95.

MLB 55 DEVRAUN THOMPSON SR. 5-11 220 4 st, 57 tkl rFr. 9 st '04, 60 tkl, 7 tfl, 12 st LY, 3rd BE in tkl w/97, 8 tfl. **44** Kevin Malast (6-2 220 So) PS#161. 4 tkl true. Andres Morales PS#97.

OLB 3 TERRY BYNES SR. 6-2 225 8 st, 50 tkl '04. 4 st LY, 26 tkl, 2 tfl. **47** Brandon Renkart (6-3 225 Jr). Ryan D'Imperio PS#74. **58** Nate Harris (6-2 214 So). **54** Brian Tracey (5-10 212 So).

CB 11 DERRICK ROBERSON SR. 5-10 175 4.42 spd. 9 st '04, 38 tkl, 9 pbu. 10 st LY, 51 tkl, 8 pbu. **26** Manny Collins (5-10 180 Sr) 1 st, 37 tkl, L2Y. **39** Devin McCourty (5-11 175 rFr) PS#385.

CB 24 Joe Porter Sr. 6-0 200 PS#204. RU 200m on track tm. 11 st '04, 5 int, 6 pbu. 2 st, 7 pbu LY. **28** Leslie Jackman (5-11 175 So) PS#137. **25** Jason McCourty (5-11 175 So) 9 tkl LY.

SS 43 RON GIRAULT JR. 5-11 195 PS#228RB. L/6 st true. 61 tkl, 3 int. 12 st LY. 86 tkl, 3 int. **31** Anthony Miller (6-0 170 So) **PS#63WR.** 6 tkl true, RS LY. **20** Robert Baham (6-0 195 So) PS#325.

FS 36 COURTNEY GREENE SO. 6-1 180 12 st true, **#1 w/116 tkl,** 5.5 tfl, Fr AA. **29** Glen Lee (6-2 195 So) PS#306. 18 tkl true. Zaire Kitchen (6-1 215 Fr) PS#352. 42 tkl at Hargrave LY.

P 30 JOE RADIGAN SR. 6-5 220 PS#19. 60 punts as rFr, 39.3 average, 33.8 net. 52 punts '04, 38.4 average, 35.8 net. 60 punts last year, 39.3 avg, net of 31.9.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Kordell Young 5-9 185 PS#78
WR	Kenny Britt 6-4 205 PS#73
LB	Ryan D'Imperio 6-2 230 PS#74
WR	Shamar Graves 6-3 200 PS#74
TE	Jefl Minemyer 6-6 250 PS#36
LB	Antonio Lowery 6-1 210 PS#95
LB	Blair Bines 6-2 230 PS#96
LB	Andres Morales 6-2 260 PS#97
TE	Jesse Cisco 6-5 250 PS#50
DL	Matt Hardison 6-4 250 PS#132LB
QB	Chris Paul-Etienne 6-2 180 PS#97
WR	Tim Brown 5-8 150 PS#129
RB	Edmond Laryea 6-0 202 PS#196
QB	Tom Lang 6-3 205 PS#134
OL	Mo Lange 6-7 351 PS#240
DL	Markus White 6-4 235 PS#243
DL	Charlie Noonan 6-2 255 PS#270OL
LB	Sorie Bayoh 6-2 225 PS#252
RB	Jack Corcoran 6-1 230 PS#273LB
DL	Eric Wilson 6-2 300 PS#446JC
DB	Zaire Kitchen 6-1 215 PS#352
OL	Marlon Romulus 6-3 307 PS#419
LB	Patrick Nemorin 6-3 205 PS#390
WR	Julian Hayes 6-1 205 PS#475DB
DB	Kevin Holloway 5-9 175 PS#560

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

New Brunswick, NJ
Weather (609) 261-6600 Ext. 1

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#79

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score RU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 2	at North Carolina	G					
Sep. 9	Illinois	A					
Sep. 16	Ohio	A					
Sep. 23	Howard	A					
Sep. 29	at South Florida (Fri)	G					
Oct. 7							
Oct. 14	at Navy	A					
Oct. 21	at Pittsburgh	G					
Oct. 28	Connecticut	A					
Nov. 4							
Nov. 9	Louisville (Thur)	A					
Nov. 18	at Cincinnati	A					
Nov. 25	Syracuse	A					
Dec. 2	at West Virginia	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Knights are 8-2 ATS the last 10 Homecoming games.
Last year Rutgers had their 1st winning season since going 7-4 in 1992.
Rutgers is 16-10 ATS off a SU loss the last 4 years.

Rutgers is 10-4-1 their last 15 games on the road vs non-conf teams.
Scarlet Knights are 2-0 SU vs the Tar Heels all-time, the last gm was in 1919.

Rutgers is 17-8-1 SU but 6-11 ATS since 1980 in home openers.
RU built a 27-7 3Q led in their only meeting LY vs Illinois only to lose in OT.

Only meeting was in 1937 as Rutgers lost 13-0 vs Ohio.
Rutgers is 7-2-1 SU & 3-6 ATS all-time vs current MAC teams.

The Bison finished 4-7 LY in the MEAC League as a IAA program.
RU has fell victim to 2 IAA programs in the L4Y (New Hampshire in '04 & Villanova in '02).

Rutgers is 7-12-1 ATS the last 7 years after a SU win.
Scarlet Knights are 5-32 SU & 11-25-1 ATS in Big East road games since '95.

Rutgers is 6-17-1 ATS the last 24 games after a bye week.
The Knights are 5-2 SU & ATS vs Navy the last 6 meetings.

The Knights snapped a 6 game losing streak with their win over Pitt LY.
Rutgers is 4-11 SU but 9-6 ATS vs Pittsburgh since 1991.

In Big East home openers, Rutgers is 2-9 ATS since 1995.
Rutgers leads this series 17-8 but is 0-3-1 ATS.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Ryan Hart 8,482 2002-'05
Rushing: Terrell Willis 3,114 1993-'95 Receiving: Tres Moses 2,522 2001-'05

Could apply: RU is 7-3 ATS (2-8 SU) their last 10 games as a conf HD.
The Knights are 4-1 SU & 2-1-1 ATS vs Louisville.

The Scarlet Knights are 2-8-1 ATS the last 11 November road games.
Rutgers rushed for a season high 337 yds & rolled up 574 total yards LY.

Rutgers is 3-16 SU & 5-14 ATS vs Syracuse since 1987.
Scarlet Knights are 7-2 ATS in home finales since 1997.

Rutgers has allowed a WV 100 yard rusher for 10 years straight.
The home team has covered 11 out of the last 15 games in this series.

GREG SCHIANO (Career 19-39)

6th Year at Rutgers
Schiano's SU Bowl Record: 0-1

Schiano's records AT RUTGERS

19-39	Straight Up	4-5	Home Favorite
28-25-1	Vs The Spread	12-7	Home Underdog
19-15	Off A SU Loss	2-3	Away Favorite
16-18	Vs Conference	10-10-1	Away Underdog
12-7-1	Vs Non-Conf	4-4-1	Off A Bye

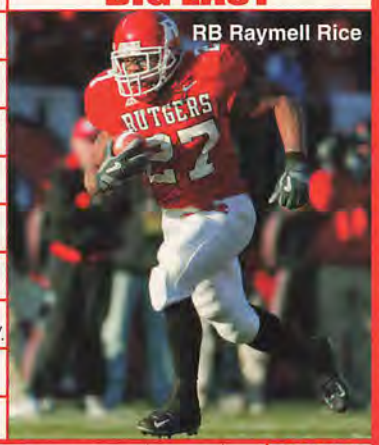
2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (17,23,2)
Lost: 16 (7,9,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 33,184

BIG EAST



STADIUM: RUTGERS STADIUM (41,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	3-8	2-9	1-11	5-7	4-7	7-4	23-56
Home	1-5	2-4	1-6	1-5	3-3	3-3	4-2	15-28
Away	0-5	1-4	1-3	0-6	2-4	1-4	3-2	8-28
ATS	4-7	4-6	4-7	6-5	10-1-1	4-6	4-6	36-38-1
Home Fav	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-2	2-1	5-5
Home Dog	2-4	1-3	2-3	3-1	4-1	2-1	1-1	15-14
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-3	2-3
Away Dog	2-3	2-3	0-3	3-3	4-0-1	2-3	1-1	14-16-1
Favorite	0-0	1-0	2-1	0-1	2-0	0-2	2-4	7-8
Dog	4-7	3-6	2-6	6-4	8-1-1	4-4	2-2	29-30-1
Grass	4-5	3-4	4-5	6-3	8-1-1	1-2	0-1	26-21-1
Artificial	0-2	1-2	0-2	0-2	2-0	3-4	4-5	10-17
vs Conf	1-6	2-5	1-6	4-3	6-1	2-4	3-4	19-29
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-1	3-1	2-2	4-0-1	2-2	1-2	17-9-1
Off SU Win	0-1	1-2	0-2	1-0	3-0-1	0-3	2-4	7-12-1
Off SU Loss	3-6	3-4	3-5	5-5	6-1	3-3	2-1	25-25

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Raymell Rice	195	1153	33	1120	5	5.7
Brian Leonard	173	768	28	740	11	4.3
Clarence Pittman	9	73	5	68	0	7.6
Tiquan Underwood	19	66	3	63	0	3.3
Willie Foster	4	21	0	21	0	5.2
Ryan Hart	25	57	75	-18	0	-0.7
Mike Teel	9	1	39	-38	0	-4.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ryan Hart	255	155	60.8	2135	18	8
Mike Teel	101	51	50.5	683	2	10
Tiquan Underwood	1	0	0.0	0	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Tres Moses	45	758	16.8	5	44
Clark Harris	38	584	15.4	4	38
Brian Leonard	55	568	10.3	6	38
Shawn Tucker	32	484	15.1	1	43
Willie Foster	8	129	16.1	0	39
Marcus Daniels	5	101	20.2	1	55
Sam Johnson	9	76	8.4	3	24
Ray Rice	8	65	8.1	0	26
Tiquan Underwood	4	47	11.8	0	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Joe Radigan	60	2361	39.3	8	31.9	1	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jeremy Ito	40-40	8-8	4-7	6-10	2-2	20-27	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Courtney Greene	116	1.5	4	4	0
Devraun Thompson	97	2	6	3	1
Ron Girault	86	0	4.5	1	3
Ryan Neill	71	10	11.5	0	0
Ramel Meekins	63	9	6	0	0
Derrick Roberson	51	0	1	8	0
Quintero Frierson	46	2.5	2.5	0	0
Will Gilkison	42	1	4	1	0
Val Barnaby	41	10	3	0	0
Corey Barnes	37	0	2	2	1
Chenry Lewis	32	1.5	2	2	0
Jamaal Westerman	28	4	2.5	0	0
Manny Collins	27	0.5	1	2	0
Terry Bynes	26	1	1	0	0
Joe Porter	26	0	2	7	0
Glen Lee	18	0	0.5	1	0
Cam Stephenson	10	1	1	0	0
Luis Rivas	9	0	1	0	0
Clarence Pittman	9	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Willie Foster	15	164	10.9	1
Manny Collins	2	22	11.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Willie Foster	30	736	24.5	1
Tiquan Underwood	11	298	27.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
78	Garden St	+11	Arizona St	18-34	L
05	Insight	+9	Arizona St	40-45	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Rutgers' All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-2

RUTGERS'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	28.7	20	162	4.3	235	57.7	13.9	-3	2005	8	25.6	22	133	3.3	239	61.2	14.6
9*	24.5	21	83	2.5	311	64.1	16.1	-7	2004	7	31.2	21	178	4.3	251	60.6	13.7
7*	27.4	20	139	3.3	230	59.1	13.4	-6	2003	7	29.5	18	163	4.2	216	51.6	12.9
8*	13.9	14	52	1.5	162	45.5	15.4	-13	2002	8	33.1	20	207	4.7	198	51.4	12.2
5	10.8	13	105	2.5	137	45.4	22.3	-22	2001	8	36.1	20	230	5.4	190	54.6	11.6
6*	21.2	17	106	3.4	229	48.9	15.8	-7	2000	3	36.3	23	222	4.3	201	59.2	11.7

2005 STATS BY GAME

RU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFF Rush-YDS	OFF AVG	OFF CO-ATT	OFF YDS	OFF SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEF Rush-YDS	DEF AVG	DEF CO-ATT	DEF YDS	DEF SKS BY	TURN
–	at Illinois	21	27 - 175	6.5	27 - 44	342	1	26	48 - 204	4.3	24 - 34	233	3	+3
–	Villanova	24	33 - 96	2.9	19 - 28	276	2	28	31 - 85	2.7	33 - 54	359	5	+1
–	at Buffalo	13	32 - 138	4.3	14 - 29	150	0	21	44 - 121	2.8	25 - 41	228	4	-1
–	Pittsburgh	19	43 - 203	4.7	14 - 28	250	1	24	25 - (-11)	-0.4	35 - 59	371	5	+1
–	West Virginia	17	40 - 124	3.1	18 - 31	171	2	15	43 - 236	5.5	9 - 11	78	3	-4
–	at Syracuse	15	39 - 103	2.6	13 - 28	203	3	11	37 - 65	1.8	14 - 28	173	5	+2
–	at Connecticut	22	42 - 238	5.7	15 - 33	270	1	17	33 - 97	2.9	18 - 35	196	4	-1
–	Navy	20	50 - 114	2.3	18 - 21	221	4	22	49 - 207	4.2	9 - 20	124	5	+3
–	South Florida	25	40 - 165	4.1	16 - 27	233	2	22	57 - 242	4.2	13 - 22	135	0	-6
–	at Louisville	9	26 - 96	3.7	12 - 24	91	1	25	43 - 161	3.7	23 - 31	339	3	-1
–	Cincinnati	29	50 - 337	6.7	16 - 26	237	2	14	28 - (-23)	-0.8	15 - 24	169	9	0
–	† Arizona St	24	32 - 158	4.9	24 - 38	374	0	33	45 - 212	4.7	23 - 35	467	1	0
TOTALS		238	454 - 1947	4.3	206 - 357	2818	19	258	483 - 1596	3.3	241 - 394	2872	47	-3
AVERAGES		19.8	38 - 162	4.3	17 - 30	235	1.6	21.5	40 - 133	3.3	20 - 33	239	3.9	-0.3

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Buffalo	-15	31-15	W
at Miami, Fl - #1	+44	0-61	L
Virginia Tech - #9	+28	0-50	L
Connecticut	-18'	19-20	L
Syracuse	+25	17-24	W
at Temple	+12	5-30	L
Navy	E	23-17	W
at West Virginia	+18	7-80	L
Pittsburgh	+21	0-42	L
Boston College	+30	7-38	L
California	+11	10-20	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Villanova	NL	19-37	–
Buffalo	-7	11-34	L
Army	+4	44-0	W
at Pittsburgh	+26'	3-23	W
at Tennessee - #11	+41	14-35	W
West Virginia	+13	0-40	L
at Virginia Tech - #3	+40'	14-35	W
at Syracuse	+16	14-45	L
Miami, Fl - #1	+39	17-42	W
Temple	+7'	17-20	W
at Notre Dame - #8	+28	0-42	L
at Boston College	+28	14-44	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Buffalo	-12	24-10	W
at Michigan St	+19	28-44	W
at Army	-6'	36-21	W
Navy	+1'	48-27	W
Virginia Tech - #4	+27'	22-48	W
at West Virginia	+17	19-34	W
Pittsburgh	+16	32-42	W
at Temple	+3'	30-14	W
at Connecticut	+7	31-38	T
Boston College	+7'	25-35	L
at Miami, Fl - #14	+27	10-34	W
Syracuse	+5'	24-7	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Michigan St	+4'	19-14	W
New Hampshire	NL	24-35	–
Kent St	-12'	29-21	L
at Syracuse	+6	31-41	L
at Vanderbilt	+6	37-34	W
Temple	-13	16-6	L
at Pittsburgh	+5'	17-41	L
West Virginia - #15	+14'	30-35	W
at Boston College - #24	+14'	10-21	W
at Navy	+3'	21-54	L
Connecticut	+3	35-41	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Illinois	-2'	30-33 OT	L
Villanova	NL	38-6	–
at Buffalo	-21	17-3	L
Pittsburgh	+1'	37-29	W
West Virginia	+3'	14-27	L
at Syracuse	+2	31-9	W
at Connecticut	-3'	26-24	L
Navy	-6'	31-21	W
South Florida	-2'	31-45	L
at Louisville - #23	+21	5-56	L
Cincinnati	-13'	44-9	W

CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - What a difference a year makes. Last year this unit had 7 career pass attempts. This year three different players return with starting experience. Dan Orlovsky was PS#62 and was forced into the starting role as a true frosh in 2001. Orlovsky, at 6'5" with a strong arm, improved each year and left with almost every UC passing record. He threw for 3,354 (63%) with a 23-15 ratio as a senior. Matt "Bones" Bonislawski has good size and is a better runner than Orlovsky. He was 5-2 as the starter. Matt was thin in HS and has added 32 lbs since. He broke his collarbone vs Syracuse and reinjured it vs USF. In 7 starts Bones threw for 836 yards (50.6%) with a 6-7 ratio and also rushed for 320. DJ Hernandez (PS#66) is the best runner of the QB's and started vs Cincy. He was injured and did not start again until the season finale in which he threw for 255 with 49 net rush. True frosh QB Dennis Brown (PS#128) missed most of his junior year in HS but showed good composure in his two starts and threw for 293 yards (51.9%) with a 2-2 ratio. He is mostly a pocket passer (7 sks vs W Virg). Another true frosh, Billy Cundiff (PS#304), who has the quickest release of any QB that Edsall has had here, redshirted. This year Brown will be redshirted with Cundiff being the #3QB and Hernandez was #1 out of spring.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 true frosh Terry Caulley (PS#148), who was compared to Joe Morris at 5-7 185 with 4.4 speed, had a huge impact. He rushed for 1,247 yards (5.7), which was the most by any true frosh in the NCAA since 1997. He scored 16 TD's and added 25 rec despite missing 2 games. Caulley was simply leading the NCAA in rushing in 2003 with 601 in the first 4 after trimming his 40 time down to 4.3 but tore his ACL. Chris Bellamy took over and had 212 vs Kent and 101 vs Akron but suffered a neck injury. Cornell Brockington had 186 vs WM and 182 in the finale vs WF. Brockington (nephew of former Packer great John) rushed for 1,218 (5.1) with 34 rec's in '04 as Caulley redshirted. Last year Caulley had 100 vs Buffalo and Brockington 115 vs Liberty. Caulley led the team the next 4 games but fell down twice midseason on phantom tackles due to a fatigued nerve. He had just 145 in the last 5. Brockington (337, 4.0) got into the coaches' doghouse and opted to leave early for the NFL. Lou Allen ripped off a 60 yard TD run on the 3rd play vs USF and had 101. Caulley led with 659 (4.7) and Allen was #2 with 381 (4.4). Caulley is another year removed from his injury and also in the mix are super returnman Larry Taylor (5-6 167 Jr) who was inj'd in spring, Andre Dixon (6-2 197 rFr, PS#130) and this year's true frosh. I look for more production from the Huskies RB's and Caulley was back to his 2003 form in spring.

RECEIVERS - The Huskies had to replace their #1 and #3 receivers last year and their leading returnee was Jason Williams who had 44 (15.0). Brandon Young, who had 4.38 speed prior to a car accident in 2004, returned from injury but did not regain his speed completely. With the QB troubles, naturally the receiving totals fell. Williams led with just 32 (9.8) and Young had a team high 371 yards receiving (13.2). TE Dan Murray made 2nd Tm Big East with 23 rec (12.9). This year they lose Williams, David Sanchez and TE Ziggy Goryn but have everyone else back. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Robert Theoudele (6-4 216 So) and Travis Watson (6-3 211 rFr, PS#241). Two true frosh expected to have an impact are Kevin Poles (6-1 190, PS#184) and Brad Kanuch (5-11 180 PS#99DB). Also adding depth are TE Matt Gray (6-7 245 So) and Nollis Dewar (PS#157) who had 4 of his 7 rec in the season finale when he led with 89 yards, the highest total for a receiver all year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 UC's O-line averaged just 279 lbs per man and has gotten progressively larger. Not coincidently, the team's ypc rushing improved from 2.3 in 2001 to 3.6 and 4.7 the next two years. Surprisingly with four starters back in 2004, it slipped to 4.2 but they allowed just 15 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters and three backups and then lost projected starting C true frosh Joe Akers (PS#34) to injury. Two converted DL's started and at the end of the year, C Keith Gray (3 st) and LT William Beatty (4 st) were seeing most of the time. UC only avg 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing 35 sacks. This year they lose RT Craig Berry (7 st, 2 yr st'r), LT Grant Preston (11 st, 4 yr st'r), OT Aloys Manga and C Trey Tonsing (8 st) who has been suspended for the year. They have three of five starters from late in the year back and this unit looks stronger in 2006.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 UC lost four of their top five DL's and their lone returnee missed six games with a broken leg. They still only allowed a respectable 3.7 ypc rush but the defense had just 23 sacks. Last year only one player (6 st) departed. The Huskies improved allowing 3.4 ypc rush while the defense had 27 sacks. This year they lose DT Deon McPhee (11 st, 2nd Tm BE, 3 sk, Tm MVP), DE Shawn Mayne (11 st, 42 tkl, 10.5 tfl) and DE John Baranowsky (10 tkl). This unit should be just as solid as 2005's D-line.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Huskies had to replace the #1 and #3 tacklers in the Big East including a #3 DC. The unit was hit hard by injuries and at one point a different player started at MLB in four consecutive games. This year they lose their top LB, James Hargrave (11 st, 1st Tm BE), as well as Taurien Sowell (8 st, 51 tkl) and SLB Anthony Rouzier (1 st, 7 tkl, 2 int). Three LB's return with starting experience. This unit is more experienced than 2005 and should stay healthier.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003 three frosh DB's played regularly and UC still finished #44 in my pass D rankings. They only had to replace one starter in 2004 and were #51. Last year they had to replace two starters then lost starting CB Ernest Cole after six starts due to injury and projected starter Donta Moore prior to the season. The lightly experienced group somehow managed to rise to #33 allowing 46.6% with a 10-14 ratio. This is one of the most experienced secondaries in the country. Seven players return with starting experience. Not even listed in the 3 deep below is Glen Mourning (6-1 200 rFr, PS#265QB) and this year's excellent crop of true frosh including 1 VHT & 1 HT.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 the Huskies finished #115 in my ST rankings. Matt Nuzie was doing so poorly on FG's that walk-on Graig Vicidomino took his place but missed an xp and two FG's. Nuzie hit his final 4 FG's after retaking the job. After the BC game in 2004, he had missed 11 of 14 FG's from 30+ and Edsall talked about using true frosh Tony Ciaravino (PS#37). Once again Nuzie responded and in fact hit a 51 yard FG vs GT, his 10th straight successful FG and hit 20 of 28 for the season. All 3 returned last year but Nuzie hit just 10 of 19 (long of 50). Vicidomino hit 2 of 2 (long 40) and P Shane Hussar (PS#84) struggled as a true frosh (hamstring) having three of his punts blocked and dropped a punt vs Syracuse. Chris Pavasaris had 5 punts (36.5). Hussar clearly won the job in '04 but struggled again (36.9). Coming into 2005 Edsall had said that they could have one of the top ST units in the country, but I'm sure he did not anticipate losing his star KR (34.2)/PR (12.3) Larry Taylor to injury after 6 games. Darius Butler had a 90 yard KR for a TD vs USF (33.8). Despite the aforementioned troubles, Connecticut still finished a respectable #36. Hussar (50, 39.2) transferred in the spring but if Nuzie lives up to his potential and Taylor returns healthy, they can live up to Edsall's 2005 expectations this year.

COACHES - Randy Edsall returns for his eighth year. He was the Georgia Tech DC in 1998 and was the Jacksonville Jags' DB Coach from 1994-1997. Norries Wilson was one of six finalists for the Broyles Award in 2004 and leaves after four years. The new OC is 5 year QB coach Rob Ambrose. Hank Hughes was promoted to Asst HC of the defense LY after serving as the DC three years prior to that. Hughes was previously the DC for the Montreal Machine of the WLAF in 1992. His D ranked #19 in the NCAA in 2002 and #32 in 2003. Last year they finished an outstanding #6 in the NCAA in total defense. The DC is Todd Orlando who is in his 8th year on the staff as the LB coach and 2nd year as DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Connecticut had their most successful three year run in school history from 2002 to 2004 winning 23 games including a 21-7 record over the last 28 in that span. In their final year of IAA ball, UC was just 4-7 and then 3-8 in their inaugural IA season. In 2003 they reached the full allotment of 85 scholarship players for the first time and I called for their first winning season since 1998. They did not disappoint as they were 9-3 outgaining 11 of their 12 foes. In 2004 they had a senior QB in Dan Orlovsky, two veteran TB's and an O-line with 4 starters back and had an explosive offense averaging 30.3 ppg and 430 ypg. UC not only made it to a bowl game, they destroyed Toledo 39-10. UC had just 11 returning starters in 2005 having to replace 24 lettermen. They had a soft non-conf schedule and had four home games in Big East play but suffered their first losing record in four years. Their six senior starters were the 6th lowest in the NCAA. They opened up crushing Buffalo and Liberty by a combined 97-0 margin but those easy games masked how inexperienced the team really was. In league play, UC finished just 2-5 and was outgained by 59 ypg. They suffered major injuries on both sides of the ball losing starting QB Bonislawski as well as back up Hernandez (also a LB & KR/PR). As you would expect, this year the Huskies return the 2nd most starters in the Big East (14). All four units on the offense are improved, especially at QB, and should easily top last year's 24.7 ppg. Despite injuries, last year's D allowed just 19.2 ppg partially due to a soft schedule (also GT & L'ville without starting QB's) but this year's D with 7 starters back will be tougher. UC has an excellent home field advantage with 12 consecutive sellouts at Rentschler Field. The Huskies have an excellent shot at garnering their 2nd bowl in school history.

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OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 14 DJ HERNANDEZ SO. 6-1 205 **PS#66**. 2 st, 515 (51%) 6-1 ratio. **16** Matt Bonislawski (6-3 212 Sr) 7 st, 836 pass (51%), 320 rush. **11** Dennis Brown (6-3 192 So) PS#128. 2 st as true.

RB 44 TERRY CAULLEY SR. 5-7 185 4.3 spd, 24 career st, 2564 (5.7) 66 rec. **5** Lou Allen (6-1 247 So) 3 sts, 10 games, 381 (4.4) rFr. **34** Donald Brown (5-10 207 rFr) PS#103DB.

FB 30 Deon Anderson Sr. 5-11 249 **PS#98**. 6 st '02. 5 st '03. 4 st '04. RS LY. 342 career rush (3.8). 34 rec (8.6). **31** Anthony Barksdale (6-1 248 So) PS#162. 2 st, 31 yd true.

WR 88 BRANDON McLEAN JR. 5-10 166 PS#141. 14 rec true. 9 st LY, 15 (12.0). **82** Seth Fogarty (6-0 206 Jr) PS#106. 6 rec LY. **87** Ellis Gaulden (6-2 192 So). **84** Matt D'Agata (5-10 185 Jr).

WR 83 BRANDON YOUNG SR. 5-11 189 22 rec true. 1 st '03, 28 (14.2). 7 st LY, 28 (13.2). **81** Nollis Dewar (6-4 193 So) PS#157. 1 st, 7 rec. **84 Todd Dorcelus** (6-1 190 rFr) PS#65. 4.5 spd.

TE 46 DAN MURRAY SR. 6-5 250 4 st rFr, 9 rec. 11 st in '04, 28 (14.1). 10 st LY, 23 (12.9), **2nd Tm BE**. **90** Steve Brouse (6-4 255 So) PS#66. 3 rec rFr. **95** Matt Gray (6-7 245 So).

C 68 Keith Gray So. 6-2 283 PS#336DL. Move OL. L3 st at C LY. **74** Alex LaMagdelaine (6-3 287 rFr) PS#192. **LS 91** Martin Bedard (6-3 223 So) PS#205TE. Canadian.

RG 61 IMMANUEL HUTCHERSON SO. 6-1 286 PS#326. 11 start at RG as rFr. Good mobility. **55** Donald Thomas (6-3 280 Sr) 10 gm LY. **77** Bobby Fry (6-3 269 rFr) PS#395, dropped 11 lbs.

LG 57 MATT APPLEBAUM SR. 6-3 292 4 tkl, 2Y DL. 11 st at LG LY, move to OL in spg. **75** Brian Kersmanc (6-5 309 Jr) is PS#293. 2 games as rFr. 8 games LY. Added 10 lbs.

RT 79 Mike Hicks rFr. 6-7 336 PS#226. **huge**. Added 36 lb. **73** Dan Ryan (6-8 295 rFr) PS#218. MedRS (knee inj) LY. **58** Andrew Presnell (6-4 285 rFr) PS#225DL.

LT 64 William Beatty So. 6-5 271 PS#461DL. 4 sts, 8 gms at LT in '05. #1 LT in spg. **71** Matt Wood (6-5 307 So) 3 gms (inj last 3) LY. Added 14 lbs. Alex Polito PS#562.

K 98 MATT NUZIE SR. 5-11 200 41 of 68 FG's in 3 yr including 50 & 51 yarders. **94** Graig Vicidomino (6-1 194 Sr) PS#103. 2 of 4 FG. **97** Tony Ciaravino (6-2 229 So) PS#37.

DE 50 Cody Brown So. 6-3 235 PS#377DL. 1 st, 20 tkl, 5 tfl true. Added 20 lbs. **4** Harold Stanback (6-2 250 Jr) PS#150LB. 6 tkl 2Y. **96** Gary Mack (6-3 234 Jr) PS#381.

DT 53 Ray Blagman Sr. 6-3 319 1 st, 8 tkl '04. 15 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. **62** Lawrence Green (6-4 304 rFr) PS#207OL. **52** Brandon Dillon (6-3 258 rFr) PS#396. Fork Union.

DT 93 RHEMA FULLER SR. 6-2 266 PS#126. 14 tkl rFr. 12 st '04, 31 tkl, 8 tfl. 11 st LY, 33 tkl, **2nd Tm BE**. **99** Nate Tucker (6-2 271 So) PS#240. **65** Rob Lunn (6-3 273 So). 11 gms.

DE 6 DAN DAVIS JR. 6-1 264 **PS#106**. 8 tkl, 1.5 sk true. 10 st LY, 29 tkl, 9 tfl. **59** Jason Ward (6-3 250 Sr) PS#162. 6 st, 36 tkl, 3Y. **19** Kelvin Quarles (6-2 227 rFr).

WLB 48 DANNY LANSANAH JR. 6-1 248 23 tkl as rFr. 10 st last year, 80 tkl, 11 tfl, 5 pbu. **22** Johnathon Smith (6-2 208 So) 2 st rFr, 49 tkl. Lawrence Wilson (6-1 210 Fr) PS#192LB.

MLB 43 Ryan Henegan Jr. 6-1 241 PS#211. 8 tkl rFr. 1 st, 24 tkl LY. **45** Julius Williams (6-3 243 So) 4.6 spd. 7 tkl '04. **23** Matt Ashmead (6-0 222 rFr). Greg Robinson PS#262.

SLB 14 Justin DeRubertis Jr 5-11 216 11 tkl 2Y. **38** Ricky McCollum (6-1 222 Jr) 5 tkl '04. MedRS (shoulder) LY. **25** Carl Teague (6-0 217 rFr) PS#258DB. **18** Aaron Bryant (6-4 213 rFr).

CB 29 TYVON BRANCH JR. 6-0 192 PS#277. 1 st (12 games) rFr. Last 5 st LY, 42 tkl, 4 pbu. **41 Ernest Cole** (5-11 175 Sr) 9 st rFr. 8 st '04. 6 st LY (inj). 86 tkl, 14 pbu 3Y.

CB 28 DARIUS BUTLER SO. 5-11 181 11 st rFr, 36 tkl, 4 int, 8 pbu. **9** Courtney Robinson (6-0 192 So). **27** Jahi Smith (5-9 193 Sr) PS#249. **20** Terry Baltimore (5-10 168 rFr) PS#246RB.

SS 35 MJ ESTEP SR. 6-1 212 **12 st FS** '04, 66 tkl, 4 pbu. 6 st LY, 35 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **36** Dahna Deleston (6-0 201 So) PS#248DB. 8 st SS rFr, 43 tkl. **21** Donta Moore (6-1 205 Jr) 16 tkl 2Y.

FS 10 MARVIN TAYLOR JR. 6-0 191 PS#327. 12 tkl rFr. Last 8 st FS LY, 64 tkl, 4 pbu. **15** Donnell Ford (6-1 198 Jr) 10 games, 5 tkl LY. **26** Allan Barnes (6-0 194 Sr) 6 st, 3Y, 56 tkl.

P 6 Chris Pavasaris Sr. 6-2 216 26 punts last year 36.5 avg (32.3 tm net). 5 punts '04 (34.4). Desi Cullen PS#102. 4 KO through goal posts in HS. Only 3 KO's ret'd as Sr.

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TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DB	Robert Vaughn 6-0 195 PS#60LB
DB	James Nixon 6-0 175 PS#94
WR	Brad Kanuch 5-11 180 PS#99DB
RB	Anthony Davis 5-11 230 PS#186
WR	Kevin Poles 6-1 190 PS#184
LB	Lawrence Wilson 6-1 210 PS#192
LB	Greg Robinson 6-2 211 PS#262
LB	Scott Lutrus 6-2 210 PS#334
DL	Lindsey Witten 6-5 215 PS#343LB
WR	Terence Jeffers 6-1 200 PS#327
RB	Robert McClain 5-9 190 PS#397
DL	Zach Hurd 6-7 265 PS#401
TE	Derek Rich 6-4 255 PS#157
LB	Jarvis Hicks 6-1 200 PS#441 '05
TE	Martin Bedard 6-3 232 PS#205
OL	Kindly Jacques 6-5 295 PS#562
OL	Mathieu Olivier 6-5 285 PS#562
OL	Alex Polito 6-6 260 PS#562
LB	Mike Cox 6-2 215 PS#485
LB	Corey Stringer 6-2 212 PS#485
DB	Stormy Butler 5-10 180 PS#560
DB	Darren McKhan 6-0 180 PS#560
K	Desi Cullen 6-0 185 PS#102

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Edsall's records AT CONNECTICUT

37-43	Straight Up	9-5-1	Home Favorite
35-23-1	Vs The Spread	7-4	Home Underdog
17-11	Off A SU Loss	6-3	Away Favorite
8-9	Vs Conference	13-11	Away Underdog
27-14-1	Vs Non-Conf	4-4	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (16,21,4)
Lost: 17 (11,6,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 40,000

BIG EAST

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UC	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Aug. 31	Rhode Island (Thur)	G					
Sep. 9							
Sep. 16	Wake Forest	G					
Sep. 23	at Indiana	A					
Sep. 30	Navy	G					
Oct. 7	at South Florida	G					
Oct. 14	Army	G					
Oct. 20	West Virginia (Fri)	G					
Oct. 28	at Rutgers	A					
Nov. 4							
Nov. 11	Pittsburgh	G					
Nov. 18	at Syracuse	A					
Nov. 25	Cincinnati	G					
Dec. 2	at Louisville	A					

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2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Connecticut is 12-4-1 ATS in November/December games since 2001.
Huskies are 7-2 SU & 3-0 ATS since 1997 in home openers.
Connecticut is 35-23-1 ATS since joining Division IA in 2000.

Connecticut leads all-time 48-34-8 SU over Rhode Island meeting every year from 1946-2000. URI won the last meeting 26-21 in Storrs (2000).

The Huskies are 27-14-1 ATS vs non-conference teams in Div IA play.
Connecticut is 2-19-2 SU (6-7 ATS) vs current ACC members.

The Huskies are 4-2 ATS in road openers since 2000 (0-2 SU & ATS L2Y).
Connecticut is 2-5 ATS their last 7 games on artificial turf.

The Huskies handed Navy their last shutout in 2002.
Huskies are 1-5 SU vs Navy but won & covered the last game in 2002.

These conf opponents are the farthest apart (1,310 miles) of any BE school.
Last year's game was 33°, the coldest South Florida has ever played in.

The Huskies are 3-0 SU & ATS outscoring Army 135-37 the last 3 years.
Connecticut is 6-2 ATS (7-1 SU) as an away favorite the last 4 years.

Connecticut is 0-7 SU (3-4 ATS) all-time against ranked opponents.
Last year's 12 yds rushing by the Huskies is a Div IA era low.

Coming into 2006, the Huskies are 14-9 off a straight up loss the L/5 years.
Connecticut is 8-17 SU but 3-0-1 ATS vs the Scarlet Knights.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Dan Orlovsky 10,706 2001-'04
Rushing: Wilbur Gilliard 2,624 1992-'95 Receiving: Mark Didio 3,535 1988-'91

The Huskies only shutout as a IA program came last year vs Pittsburgh.
LY UC had FD (20-11), yd (299-192) & TOP (32:59-27:01) edges vs Pitt.

The home team & favorite are 2-0 SU & ATS in their only 2 meetings.
Randy Edsall is a 1980 graduate of SU & coached there from 1980-'90.

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Straight Up	4-7	3-8	2-9	6-6	9-3	7-4	5-6	36-43
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Away	1-4	2-4	1-5	3-3	4-2	1-3	1-4	13-25
ATS	0-0	3-4	7-3	9-2	6-4-1	4-6	6-4	35-23-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-1	2-1-1	3-2	2-0	9-5-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	3-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	3-0	7-4
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	6-3
Away Dog	0-0	3-2	4-2	4-0	2-1	0-3	0-3	13-11
Favorite	0-0	0-1	0-1	4-1	4-2-1	4-2	3-1	15-8-1
Dog	0-0	3-3	7-2	5-1	2-2	0-4	3-3	20-15
Grass	0-0	1-3	5-2	8-2	5-3-1	3-4	5-2	27-16-1
Artificial	0-0	2-1	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-2	1-2	8-7
vs Conf	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	2-4	4-3	8-9
vs Non-Conf	0-0	3-3	6-2	8-2	6-4-1	2-2	2-1	27-14-1
Off SU Win	0-0	0-1	1-1	4-1	4-3-1	2-4	2-2	13-12-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	2-3	5-2	4-1	1-1	2-2	3-2	17-11

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Terry Caulley	141	710	51	659	6	4.7
Lou Allen	86	408	27	381	3	4.4
Cornell Brockington	85	359	22	337	4	4.0
DJ Hernandez	64	347	61	286	1	4.5
Matt Bonislawski	62	320	81	239	3	3.9
Dennis Brown	27	62	95	-33	0	-1.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Matt Bonislawski	162	82	50.6	836	6	7
DJ Hernandez	90	46	51.1	515	6	1
Dennis Brown	54	28	51.9	293	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brandon Young	28	371	13.2	2	30
Jason Williams	32	315	9.8	5	25
Dan Murray	23	296	12.9	3	34
Brandon McLean	15	180	12.0	0	57
Terry Caulley	27	176	6.5	0	25
Nollis Dewar	7	103	14.7	2	57
Larry Taylor	7	48	6.9	0	14
Lou Allen	5	47	9.4	1	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Shane Hussar	50	1962	39.2	9	32.3(T)	0	11
Chris Pavasaris	26	949	36.5	5	–	1	7

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Nuzie	27-29	3-5	3-7	3-6	1-1	10-19	50
Graig Vicidomino	3-4	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	2-2	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Danny Lansanah	80	3	8	5	2
Marvin Taylor	64	0	1.5	4	2
James Hargrave	62	5	8.5	3	1
Taurien Sowell	51	2.5	4	1	0
Johnathon Smith	49	1	0.5	1	0
Dahna Deleston	43	0	2.5	1	1
Tyvon Branch	42	0.5	0	4	2
Shawn Mayne	42	4	6.5	2	0
Darius Butler	36	0	0	8	4
MJ Estep	35	0	3.5	0	0
Rhema Fuller	33	1	3.5	0	0
Deon McPhee	31	3	2.5	1	0
Dan Davis	29	3	6	3	0
Ryan Henegan	24	0	2.5	0	0
Jason Ward	20	1	1.5	0	0
Cody Brown	20	1	4	2	0
Ernest Cole	18	0	3.5	3	0
Ray Blagman	15	0	1.5	0	0
Justin DeRubertis	10	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Larry Taylor	23	283	12.3	0
Brandon McLean	12	84	7.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darius Butler	10	338	33.8	1
Jimmy McClam	12	260	21.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
04	Motor City	+3'	Toledo	39-10	W

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CONNECTICUT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	24.7	19	175	4.0	149	50.8	13.1	+4	2005	6	19.2	16	139	3.4	158	46.6	15.5
8*	30.3	22	148	4.2	281	62.9	14.2	-5	2004	7	21.7	17	136	3.7	191	50.7	15.1
8*	34.0	25	180	4.7	298	58.6	14.0	0	2003	6	25.0	19	139	3.7	201	53.2	13.6
7*	31.1	19	137	3.6	223	59.2	11.6	+12	2002	10	22.5	16	156	4.1	160	50.3	14.0
6	17.5	16	77	2.3	169	44.9	14.1	-5	2001	9	33.6	21	179	4.3	227	60.1	12.1
7	20.0	20	82	2.7	262	54.2	17.2	-7	2000	7	33.5	22	223	4.8	200	62.7	12.6

2005 STATS BY GAME

UC 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Buffalo	24	55-290	5.3	14-21	132	2	6	28-65	2.3	10-20	60	3	-1
–	Liberty	37	62-376	6.1	19-27	224	1	9	28-29	1.0	11-16	132	4	+4
–	at Georgia Tech	6	33-129	3.9	7-25	67	3	23	54-165	3.1	11-30	142	2	-2
–	at Army	19	44-167	3.8	18-27	180	1	17	40-71	1.8	19-42	190	5	+4
–	Syracuse	18	58-297	5.1	6-15	45	0	13	34-148	4.4	10-31	125	2	+3
–	at Cincinnati	25	47-165	3.5	19-43	191	6	15	40-223	5.6	9-21	125	2	-3
–	Rutgers	17	33-97	2.9	18-35	196	4	22	42-238	5.7	15-33	270	1	+1
–	at West Virginia	9	38-12	0.3	11-21	117	7	22	57-228	4.0	9-18	144	0	0
–	at Pittsburgh	20	37-143	3.9	18-35	156	4	11	34-76	2.2	12-21	116	2	-3
–	South Florida	12	41-160	3.9	8-26	81	3	11	40-83	2.1	10-26	168	3	+3
–	Louisville	21	38-87	2.3	18-32	255	4	23	51-200	3.9	16-25	271	3	-2
TOTALS		208	486-1923	4.0	156-307	1644	35	172	448-1526	3.4	132-283	1743	27	+4
AVERAGES		18.9	44-175	4.0	14-28	149	3.2	15.6	41-139	3.4	12-26	158	2.5	0.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech - #9	+49	10-52	W
E Washington	NL	17-35	–
Buffalo	-6'	20-37	L
at Rutgers	+18'	20-19	W
E Michigan	+1'	19-0	W
at South Florida	+17'	21-40	L
Ball St	+10'	5-10	W
at Cincinnati	+25	28-45	W
Utah St	+15	31-38	W
at Middle Tenn	+26'	14-38	W
at Temple	+19	7-56	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston College	+33	16-24	W
Georgia Tech	+23	14-31	W
at Buffalo	-2	24-3	W
Ohio	-4	37-19	W
Ball St	-6	21-24 OT	L
at Miami, Fl - #1	+43'	14-48	W
Temple	+1	24-38	L
at Vanderbilt	+8	24-28	W
Florida Atlantic	NL	61-14	–
Kent St	-6'	63-21	W
at Navy	-4'	38-0	W
at Iowa St	+17	37-20	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana	-6	34-10	W
at Army	-16'	48-21	W
Boston College	+4	14-24	L
at Buffalo	-23'	38-7	W
at Virginia Tech - #5	+21	13-47	L
Lehigh	NL	35-17	–
at NC State	+15'	24-31	W
at Kent St	-11'	34-31 OT	L
Akron	-8	38-37	L
W Michigan	-13	41-27	W
Rutgers	-7	38-31	T
at Wake Forest	+9'	51-17	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Murray St	NL	52-14	–
Duke	-15	22-20	L
at Boston College	+7	7-27	L
Army	-22'	40-3	W
Pittsburgh	-6'	29-17	W
West Virginia - #17	+6'	19-31	L
Temple	-18'	45-31	L
at Syracuse	+2'	30-42	L
at Georgia Tech	+9	10-30	L
Buffalo	-25'	29-0	W
at Rutgers	-3	41-35	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Buffalo	-18	38-0	W
Liberty	NL	59-0	–
at Georgia Tech - #16	+14'	13-28	L
at Army	-10'	47-13	W
Syracuse	-7	26-7	W
at Cincinnati	-7'	17-28	L
Rutgers	+3'	24-26	W
at West Virginia - #18	+14'	13-45	L
at Pittsburgh	+12	0-24	L
South Florida	+7	15-10	W
Louisville - #16	+14'	20-30	W

CINCINNATI BEARCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 the Bearcats had to replace their all-time career leader in total offense in Deontey Kenner. They got a huge signee in Gino Guidugli (PS#47). The true frosh started the final 10 and guided three 4Q comeback wins including TD passes with :07 and :04 left. Guidugli started all 4 years and left as the school's all-time career leading passer. In 2004 his 26 TD's broke Greg Cook's (1968) school record and he threw for 2,633 (61.4%) with just 8 int's. Dustin Grutza, who Dantonio called "the QB of the future", battled JUCO Nick Davila (PS#53) and good sized Todd Spitzer (6-5 228 Jr), who was the Scout Team Off POY in 2003. Dantonio compared Grutza to Stefan LeFors of Louisville (mobile). Grutza became the first frosh QB ever to start an opener here and was the Big East Off POW vs EM. Joe Paterno said that he scrambled well and had a lot of poise for a frosh. He had a rough outing vs W Car when he hit just 10 of 24 for 88 yds although there were 6 drops and he was under heavy pressure. Grutza also had 5 int vs Miami and only had 6 in the other 10 games. He threw for 1,799 (56%) with an 11-11 ratio (300 rush). Davila played in 5 throwing for 344 (58%) with a 4-2 ratio. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Tony Pike (6-6 210 rFr), Kurt Shoemaker (6-2 202 So, PS#150) and David Wess (6-2 215 So) who had 12 tackles at safety in '05. With a much more veteran cast around him, expect Grutza to show significant improvement as a soph.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 DeMarco McCleskey set a single season school rushing record with 1,361 yards. Ohio St transfer Richard Hall (PS#41) would have topped 1,000 in 2003 but he missed most of 4 games (777, 4.2). Due to injuries, Hall started just 10 in '04 and still finished with 1,012 (4.8). Dantonio worked in two true frosh, Butler Benton who had 453 (4.5) and Bradley Glatthaar who had 315 (4.4). Mike Daniels (5-7 185 Sr, PS#181QB), who was a sprinter on his HS track tm, began at WR but moved to RB. The biggest addition last year appeared to be VHT Delbert Ferguson (PS#22) but he did not play. Dantonio used a RB by committee approach. Glatthaar did have 75 yds vs EM but bruised his shoulder and had just 3 vs Penn St. He had 107 vs W Car and 123 vs Connecticut and led with 620 (4.5). Good sized Greg Moore (6-2 225) had an impressive drive vs Louisville in which he had 7 straight carries for 48 yards getting them to the 2. He was taken out and UC did not score which Dantonio caught some flak for. Surprisingly Moore finished with just 297 (4.8) and in the last 3 had just 24 yards. Benton was #3 with 287 (4.0). This year everyone returns.

RECEIVERS - The Bearcats had to replace their top two receivers from 2004 but had already started a youth movement by playing true frosh Earnest Jackson and soph TE Brent Celek who combined for 46 rec in 2004. WR Bill Poland missed most of August 2005 following arthro knee surgery. He got off to a slow start with just 7 rec in his first 9 but had 10 for 191 yards in the last 2 and should be a bigger factor. Celek had 32 (11.3). Derick Ross (PS#107) had 11 starts in '03 and '04 combined with 41 rec's (16.0) and led in '05 with 33 (10.2). The only loss this year is Ross and not listed in the 2 deep below are Derrick Stewart (5-11 175 So), Charley Howard (6-4 200 rFr), TE's Taylor Porter (6-3 235 rFr), true frosh Ben Guidugli (brother of Gino) and Reggie Fugett.

OFFENSIVE LINE - A veteran senior-laden O-line in 2004 opened holes for 4.2 ypc while allowing just 14 sacks. Last year they had to replace four starters including 1st and 3rd Tm CUSA choices. The O-line was overwhelmed by the D-line in the spring game so they moved TE Digger Bujnoch to RT where he started 8. Last year's O-line only paved the way for 3.2 ypc and the QB's were on the run most of the year with 40 sacks allowed. This year they lose LT Steve Eastlake (11 st, 3 yr st'r, Top OL Award), RG Ryan Brown (11 st), C Matt Webster (11 st) and backup C Joel Yakovac (3 gm). Despite only returning two full-time starters, this group has 6 players who return with starting experience. They also add a couple of JUCO's who were in for the spring and should play immediately.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UC had to replace three players who combined for 17 starts in 2004 but the relatively veteran unit still allowed 4.4 ypc rush. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a #5DC and a backup. Four true frosh played with 3 of them combining for 22 starts! I mentioned in last year's magazine to keep an eye on Terrill Byrd who was just PS#170 but that is because he is just 6'1" and he was highly productive on the football field as a senior in HS with 21 sacks and 178 tackles. He lived up to that billing by being named the team's Def Newcomer of Year, starting all 11. This year they lose DE's Adam Roberts (11 st, 50 tkl, 6 sk, 6.5 tfl, Tm MVP) and Donald Germany (8 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back and those four true frosh now have the benefit of spring practice. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ohio Wesleyan transfer Charles Harbin (6-0 275 So), Derrick Haithcock (6-2 245 Jr, PS#299LB) and this years true frosh. The Bearcats allowed the same 4.4 ypc rush as last year and yielded 33 ypg more (worst in 5 years, 180.4) but are much stronger up front.

LINEBACKERS - UC had their entire LB corps back in 2004 but last year the losses were heavy. They had to replace all 3 starters and 3 backups including a #5DC and 2nd and 3rd Tm CUSA players. True frosh Corey Smith was leading the team in tackles after 9 when he was injured. JUCO Kevin McCullough, who took over at MLB, also missed two starts and finished 4th with 60 tackles. Anthony Williams, who was the most experienced returning LB in 2005 (2 tkl '04), was the #2 tackler LY (8 sts, 66 tkl). This year the entire 2 deep returns and added to the mix is Freddie Lenix (orig signed w/Ohio St) who I plug in at starter. An amazing 7 players return with starting experience and not listed in the 3 deep below are Leo Morgan (6-1 230 Sr, PS#220JC) and Torry Cornett (6-2 225 So).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UC finished #29 in my pass D rankings in 2002 and #28 in 2003. In 2004 they had to replace two starters and finished #43. Last year they had to replace five players who combined for 31 starts. True frosh Mike Mickens not only started, he was 2nd Tm All Big East with 14 pbu! FS Haruki Nakamura is one of the hardest workers in the conf and led the team with 76 tackles. The lightly experienced group slipped to #99 in my pass D rankings. This year they lose just one player from the 2 deep in CB Walter Dudley (1 st, 10 tkl, 2 pbu) while eight players return with starting experience. Not listed in the 3 deep below is true frosh Peter Carriere, who would have a higher PS# but he is from Canada and was recruited by USC and KL Smith (6-0 175 So, PS#179), who was not in for spring but could return in the fall.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bearcats have had finishes of #12 ('97) and #29 ('98) in my ST rankings. In 2003 the unit was just #113 and in Dantonio's first year, #106. Last year everyone returned but they were just #113. Three year punter Chet Ervin actually lost his starting job to Kevin Huber in the opener. Huber avg'd just 29.2 vs EM and Ervin reclaimed his job and was the Big East Sp Tms POW vs Syracuse. He leaves as the school's all-time career leader in both punts and punt yards. In 2004 K Kevin Lovell hit 11 of 15 FG's with a long of 49. In '05, he had a 51 yard FG bounce off the upright vs W Car but surprisingly hit just 4 of 9 with 2 misses from 50+. ST's cost them the Pitt game as they had two long returns and a blocked punt. Mike Daniels, who avg'd 11.8 on PR's in '04, slipped to 5.8. He avg'd 19.9 on KR's and true frosh WR Dominick Goodman (former QB) avg'd 18.7. I look for Lovell to regain 2004's form and for the Bearcats to move up to the middle of the pack in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Mark Dantonio had been the DC at Ohio St for 3 years including their National Championship season before coming here in '04. His OC, Don Treadwell, was the Mich St WR coach from '00-'02, enters his 3rd year. DC Pat Narduzzi was the Miami, OH DC in 2003 and also enters his 3rd year here.

FS Haruki Nakamura

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2003 UC actually outgained league foes by 86 ypg, the 3rd best mark in the league but in a jinxed season, finished just 2-6 in CUSA games and Rick Minter was let go. It was a great situation for Mark Dantonio to step into in 2004 as he had the most veteran team in the league (17 starters) led by senior QB Gino Guidugli. They opened up just 2-4 but outgained league foes by 118.6 ypg (not counting their season finale vs Louisville in which they were outgained by 305 yds without Guidugli). The Bearcats won the Ft Worth Bowl 32-14 over Marshall. Dantonio was just the 2nd UC coach to take his team to a bowl in his first year (Sid Gillman 1949). Last year they had to replace Guidugli, a 1,000 yard rusher, their top two receivers, top 8 tacklers and lost 26 seniors overall. With just 11 seniors back (only 3 were starters in 2004), they had just 6 returning starters. Last year I called for a losing season. UC performed better than expected as they avoided the cellar in the Big East with a 2-5 record but were outgained by 104.7 ypg in conf play. They trailed EM 20-14 at the half and EM missed a 2 pt conv which would have tied it in the 4Q. UC scored a lot of garbage points including two late scores vs Penn St, one vs Miami and another vs Louisville. IAA W Carolina actually had a 284-273 yd edge but had a TD called back and was int'd at the UC 2 yd line in a 7-3 UC win. One of their BE wins came vs Connecticut, who was forced to start a backup QB and Cincy sacked him six times. They also got a 17 yard fumble return for a TD for the winning points late vs Syr in their other BE win. UC was shutout for the first time since 1998 when WV drilled them 38-0 and their -23 yards rushing vs Rutgers was the second worst total in school history. The Bearcats started 5 true frosh on defense at times. The Bearcats' closest loss was by 15, so they achieved their best case scenario at 4-7 and with 3 close wins, could have been 1-10. This year UC has the most returning starters in the Big East (17). Dantonio talked about building his team to stop a pattern of losing years following winning years and will be trying for UC's 5th bowl in the past 7 years. They get 4 home games in Big East play but also have some tough non-conf games (Ohio St and VTech). Last year the Bearcats had just 3 returning starters on the offense and only scored 17.5 ppg, their lowest amount since 1994 (14.5). This year they have 7 offensive starters back and have experience at QB. UC has their top rushers and 12 of the 13 players who caught a pass LY back. Look for a significant increase in production. On defense, the Bearcats had just 3 starters back last year and allowed 31.4 ppg, their highest since 1998. This year 10 full-time starters return and 20 defensive players overall with starting experience making them a vastly improved unit. With 7 home games, the Bearcats have a shot at achieving bowl eligibility but may be a year away from contending with the big boys of the Big East.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 4 DUSTIN GRUTZA SO. 6-2 202 PS#178. 11 st rFr, 1799 (56%) 11-11 ratio. **9** Nick Davila (6-3 200 Sr) PS#53JC. 344 pass (58%) 4-2 ratio LY. **7** Craig Carey (6-4 215 rFr) PS#212.

RB 11 BRADLEY GLATTHAAR JR. 5-11 225 PS#198. 10 st 2Y, 935 (4.4). **48** Greg Moore (6-2 225 Sr) PS#172. 297 (4.8). **23** Butler Benton (6-1 210 Jr) 740 (4.3) 2Y. Mike Daniels 1279 all-purp 3Y.

FB 86 DOUG JONES JR. 6-4 282 14 st 2Y, 408 all-purp yd. **3 Delbert Ferguson** (6-1 225 So) **PS#22**. **34** Brad Bury (6-1 240 So) PS#210LB. 1 st LY. **35** Marcus Waugh (5-11 250 rFr).

WR 14 EARNEST JACKSON JR. 6-3 215 PS#83QB. 3 st, 24 (13.1) true. 10 st LY, 27 (13.5). **16** Dominick Goodman (6-1 200 So) PS#255QB. 610 all-purp true. **24** Jared Martin (6-1 180 rFr).

WR 84 Bill Poland Sr. 6-3 205 PS#121. 5 st as true, 13 (11.1). 12 gm '04, 5 (17.6). 2 st LY, 10 rec last 2 gm. **81** Antwuan Giddens (6-3 190 Jr) PS#90. 1 st, 20 (7.7) LY.

TE 85 BRENT CELEK SR. 6-4 255 3 st true. 10 st '04, 22 (11.5). **2nd Tm CUSA**. 11 st LY, 32 (11.3). **8** Kazeem Alli (6-2 230 rFr) PS#48. **89** Connor Barwin (6-4 240 So) PS#168. 1 st true, 8 rec.

C 73 Mario Duenas Jr. 6-3 280 PS#170JC. In for spg. **59** Chris Jurek (6-2 260 rFr) PS#603. **LS 96** Patrick Farfsing (6-3 240 Sr) **4th year, 3L.** Rodney Pompey (6-9 380 So).

RG 57 JEFF REINSTATLER SR. 6-2 287 PS#489. 2 gm rFr. 4 gm 2004. 6 st RG in '05. **63** Jon Tobin (6-2 290 Jr) PS#384. 1 st RG LY (knee inj). **65** Steve Huff (6-6 300 rFr). PS#679.

LG 76 Trevor Canfield So. 6-5 300 PS#666. 3 st RG, 8 gm rFr. **74 Ken Rodriguez** (6-3 305 Jr) **PS#424JC.** In for spring. **64** Chris Flores (6-2 280 Jr) PS#232DL. 1 game LY.

RT 72 DIGGER BUJNOCH JR. 6-5 290 PS#401. 1 st TE rFr, 8 st RT LY (inj). **79** Khalil El-Amin (6-5 305 So) PS#245. 4 gm true. **66** JP Simon (6-6 310 Jr) PS#359. 6 games '05.

LT 77 Jeremy Bolton Jr. 6-5 310 PS#398. 5 gm rFr. 3 st RT LY, 8 gm. **78 Frank Straub** (6-6 310 Sr) **PS#75**. 11 gm '03 & '04. 1 st RG LY. **71** Jeffrey Linkenbach (6-6 315 rFr) PS#332.

K 15 KEVIN LOVELL SR. 5-10 155 PS#65 '02. JUCO. 11 of 15 FG's '04, long 49. 4 of 9 FG's LY, long 45, 2 misses 50+. Added 20 lbs. **9** Brandon Yingling (6-1 160 So) PS#104.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 56 TREVOR ANDERSON SO. 6-2 258 PS#144. 8 st true, 31 tkl, 4 sk, 4.5 tfl. **53** Tony Carvitti (6-0 235 Sr) 21 tkl 3Y. **46** Donnell McKenzie (6-2 235 rFr) PS#179LB. **51** Nick DeFilippo (6-2 235 So).

DT 54 JON NEWTON JR. 6-3 290 PS#193. 8 st LY, 20 tkl. 3 tfl. **75** Thomas Claggett (6-2 280 So) PS#206OL. 3 st true, 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **81** Steve Gawronski (6-3 285 rFr). Oren Wilson is PS#134.

DT 95 TERRILL BYRD SO. 6-1 285 PS#170. **Def Newc of Yr**, 11 st true, 22 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **98** Patrick Mimms (6-3 290 So) PS#335. 2 tkl true. **60** Adam Hoppel (6-2 270 So) PS#376.

DE 12 Anthony Hoke Jr. 6-1 245 PS#166LB. CUSA Fr Tm, 12 tkl true. 4 st LY, 21 tkl, 2 sk. **10** Lamonte Nelms (6-3 235 So) 7 tkl LY. **91** Tyler Clifford (6-4 235 rFr) PS#149.

OLB 42 COREY SMITH SO. 6-1 215 PS#275RB. 9 st true, #1 tkl'r before inj, **2nd Tm BE**. **31** Jon Carpenter (6-0 230 Jr) PS#153RB. 2 st, 26 tkl 2Y. **50** Andre Revels (6-0 235 rFr) PS#138.

MLB 52 KEVIN McCULLOUGH SR. 6-2 240 JC. 9 st (inj), 60 tkl, 10 tfl. **45** Ryan Manalac (6-0 215 So) 2 st, 22 tkl rFr. **82** Angelo Craig (6-5 220 Jr) 1 st, 20 tkl 2Y. **2** Delbert Ferguson (6-1 225 So) PS#22RB.

OLB NA FREDDIE LENIX FR. 6-0 215 **PS#42. Ohio St signee. 37 Anthony Williams** (6-1 200 Jr) PS#261. 8 st LY, **#2 tkl'r w/66. 39** Tyjuan Jones (6-2 220 Jr) PS#108DB. 1 st, 11 tkl LY.

CB 5 ANTOINE HORTON SR. 5-11 190 PS#327. 7 st '04, 19 tkl, 3 pbu. 9 st LY, 37 tkl, 4 pbu. **19** Marshwan Gilyard (6-1 180 So) PS#347RB. Brandon Miller is PS#444. 4.55 spd.

CB 21 MIKE MICKENS SO. 6-0 165 **2nd Tm Big East true**, 11 st, 51 tkl, **14 pbu**! **33** John Bowie (5-11 190 Sr) PS#285. 1 st, 17 tkl 3Y. **25** Brad Jones (6-2 190 rFr) PS#82.

SS 49 DOMINIC ROSS SR. 6-0 200 8 st at FS '04, 37 tkl. 10 st SS LY, 59 tkl, 2 int. **38** JaJuan Hall (6-0 195 Sr) 2 st, 31 tkl, **5 int** 3Y. Aaron Webster (6-3 207 Fr) PS#186WR.

FS 13 HARUKI NAKAMURA JR. 5-10 185 11 st LY, #1 tkl'r w/76, 2 int, 4 pbu. **18** Cedric Tolbert (6-0 195 So) PS#122RB. 1 st true, 15 tkl. **44** Evan Sparks (6-0 200 Sr) 3 tkl LY.

P 47 Kevin Huber So. 6-1 205 All-league punter in HS. 6 punts as rFr, 35.7 avg. **88** Brian Steel (6-1 220 Jr) 40.0 avg JUCO '03. 14 punts, 36.8 in '04. RS last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

LB	Freddie Lenix 6-0 215 PS#42 '05
OL	Mario Duenas 6-3 280 PS#170JC
RB	Jacob Ramsey 6-0 215 PS#106
DL	Oren Wilson 6-3 270 PS#134
RB	John Goebel 6-1 210 PS#154
WR	Aaron Webster 6-3 207 PS#186
DL	Ricardo Matthews 6-3 265 PS#219
DL	Chris Harrison 6-4 270 PS#248
OL	Ken Rodriguez 6-3 305 PS#424JC
TE	Ben Guidugli 6-2 220 PS#245LB
TE	Reggie Fugett 6-6 250 PS#97
DB	Jason Whitehead 6-1 185 PS#298
WR	Lance Jeter 6-3 215 PS#333
DB	Brandon Miller 6-2 185 PS#444
OL	Toby Boeckman 6-7 240 PS#452
WR	Marcus Barnett 6-1 170 PS#373
RB	Robby Armstrong 6-2 210 PS#419
OL	CJ Cobb 6-4 310 PS#476
DL	Ralston Reeves 6-3 240 PS#495
DB	Peter Carriere 6-0 202 PS#560
WR	Lance Jeter 6-3 215 PS#485
RB	Martez Williams 5-10 195 PS#515

CINCINNATI BEARCATS

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MARK DANTONIO (Career 11-12)
3rd Year at Cincinnati
Dantonio's SU Bowl Record: 1-0

Dantonio's records AT CINCINNATI

11-12	Straight Up	2-2	Home Favorite
8-12-1	Vs The Spread	3-2	Home Underdog
5-4	Off A SU Loss	0-3	Away Favorite
7-8	Vs Conference	3-5-1	Away Underdog
1-4-1	Vs Non-Conf	2-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (19,23,2)
Lost: 13 (7,5,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,423

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#43

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UC	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Eastern Kentucky	A					
Sep. 8	Pittsburgh (Fri)	A					
Sep. 16	at Ohio St	G					
Sep. 23	at Virginia Tech	G					
Sep. 30	Miami, Oh	A					
Oct. 7	Akron	A					
Oct. 14	at Louisville	A					
Oct. 21	South Florida	A					
Oct. 28	Syracuse	A					
Nov. 4							
Nov. 11	at West Virginia	A					
Nov. 18	Rutgers	A					
Nov. 25	at Connecticut	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Bearcats are 1-7-1 ATS as double digit dogs under Dantonio.
Cincinnati is 1-8 SU & 2-6-1 ATS on grass the last 3 years.
UC is 5-7 SU & 8-4 ATS the last 6 years in November/December AG's.

This will be the 1st meeting between these 2 tms that are less than 100 miles apart.
The Colonels finished 7-4 last year as IAA Ohio Valley Conf members.

Cincinnati is 5-9-1 ATS the last 3 years after a SU win.
The Cats are 13-8 in their last 21 conference home games.

Cincy is 17-11-1 ATS their last 29 lined games vs non-conference teams.
This series began in 1893 w/Ohio St leading 12-2 SU but Cincy 2-1 ATS.

Other than VT, UC is 4-24 SU & 6-11 ATS vs current ACC members.
Cincinnati is 4-2 ATS all-time vs the Hokies.

The favorite is 4-8 ATS in the Battle for the Bell since 1994.
The schools' bill this as the oldest rivalry west of the Allegheny Mountains.

This is the 1st meeting of these in-state schools since 1992.
Cincinnati's HC Dantonio was the DB coach for Akron in 1985.

These schools have averaged 776 ppg over the last 3 years.
Cincinnati is 1-7 SU & ATS the last 8 years vs Louisville.

UC had 2 costly TO's in the 3Q last year resulting in 2 USF TD's.
This will be the schools' 4th all-time meeting as Cincy has covered the L2Y.

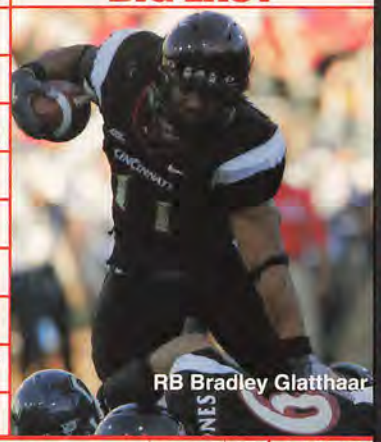
In this series the dog is 5-1 ATS all-time, the 1st game was in 1993.
Cincinnati is 6-3 SU & 6-2 ATS their last 9 games before a bye week.

The Bearcats are 11-4 ATS after a bye the last 10 years.
Cincinnati is 1-12-1 SU & 2-5-1 ATS vs the Mountaineers all-time.

Cincinnati is 8-4-1 in home finales the last 13 years.
The Bearcats are 1-4-1 SU & 4-2 ATS their last 6 games vs Rutgers.

Could apply: Bearcats are just 2-8 ATS since 2001 as an away favorite.
Cincinnati has outsacked Connecticut 9-3 in their 2 meetings.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Gino Guidugli 11,453 2001-'04
Rushing: Reggie Taylor 4,242 1983-'86 Receiving: LaDaris Vann 2,483 1999-'02


RB Bradley Glatthaar

STADIUM: NIPPERT STADIUM (35,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	7-4	7-4	7-6	5-7	6-5	4-7	39-41
Home	2-4	6-0	3-3	3-3	4-2	4-1	3-2	25-15
Away	1-4	1-4	4-1	4-3	1-5	2-4	1-5	14-26
ATS	6-4	7-4	6-5	9-4	4-7	5-6	3-6-1	40-36-1
Home Fav	1-1	3-1	2-1	3-3	1-3	2-1	0-1	12-11
Home Dog	1-2	2-0	2-1	1-0	0-1	2-0	1-2	9-6
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-3	2-1	0-1	0-3	0-0	3-8
Away Dog	4-1	1-3	2-0	3-0	3-2	1-2	2-3-1	16-11-1
Favorite	1-1	4-1	2-4	5-4	1-4	2-4	0-1	15-19
Dog	5-3	3-3	4-1	4-0	3-3	3-2	3-5-1	25-17-1
Grass	4-1	1-2	2-2	4-0	1-3	0-2	1-1-1	13-11-1
Artificial	2-3	6-2	4-3	5-4	3-4	5-4	2-5	27-25
vs Conf	2-4	4-3	4-3	6-2	2-6	4-4	3-4	25-26
vs Non-Conf	4-0	3-1	2-2	3-2	2-1	1-2	0-2-1	15-10-1
Off SU Win	1-1	5-1	3-3	4-2	2-3	3-3	0-3-1	18-16-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	2-2	2-2	4-2	1-4	2-2	3-2	18-17

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Bradley Glatthaar	139	658	38	620	7	4.5
Greg Moore	62	311	14	297	0	4.8
Butler Benton	71	304	17	287	1	4.0
Mike Daniels	18	84	1	83	0	4.6
Dustin Grutza	106	300	272	28	2	0.3
Nick Davila	4	12	0	12	0	3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dustin Grutza	300	168	56.0	1799	11	11
Nick Davila	45	26	57.8	344	4	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Earnest Jackson	27	364	13.5	3	56
Brent Celek	32	361	11.3	3	47
Derick Ross	33	338	10.2	1	27
Bill Poland	17	255	15.0	2	56
Dominick Goodman	12	163	13.6	2	46
Antwuan Giddens	20	154	7.7	1	26
Connor Barwin	8	144	18.0	1	38
Doug Jones	15	107	7.1	0	14
Greg Moore	4	94	23.5	1	38
Bradley Glatthaar	11	77	7.0	0	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chet Ervin	67	2632	39.3	9	30.9(T)	0	16
Kevin Huber	6	214	33.2	1	–	0	3

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kevin Lovell	18-18	2-2	1-3	1-2	0-2	4-9	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Haruki Nakamura	76	1	1.5	4	2
Anthony Williams	66	2	2.5	3	0
Corey Smith	64	1	6	1	0
Kevin McCullough	60	3.5	6.5	0	1
Dominic Ross	59	0.5	3	4	2
Mike Mickens	51	0	2.5	14	1
Adam Roberts	50	6	6.5	2	0
Antoine Horton	37	0	2	4	0
Trevor Anderson	31	4	4.5	0	0
Terrill Byrd	22	0	6.5	1	0
Ryan Manalac	22	0	0	0	0
Anthony Hoke	21	2	0	0	0
Jon Newton	20	1	2	0	0
Angelo Craig	19	0	1.5	0	0
Thomas Claggett	18	1	1.5	0	0
Cedric Tolbert	15	0	0	0	0
Jon Carpenter	15	1	1	0	0
Tony Carvitti	13	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Haruki Nakamura	11	88	8.0	0
Mike Daniels	13	75	5.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dominick Goodman	21	393	18.7	0
Mike Daniels	14	279	19.9	0
Marshwan Gilyard	7	176	25.1	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Cincinnati's All-Time SU Bowl Record 3-4

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Humanitarian	-2'	Utah St	35-19	W
00	Motor City	-2'	Marshall	14-25	L
01	Motor City	+4	Toledo	16-23	L
02	New Orleans	-7'	North Texas	19-24	L
04	Fort Worth	-1	Marshall	32-14	W

CINCINNATI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
3	17.5	20	125	3.2	200	56.6	18.6	-7	2005	3	31.4	21	180	4.4	221	57.5	12.8
9*	28.7	21	183	4.2	222	58.0	14.1	-5	2004	8	26.7	16	147	4.4	194	49.7	12.8
5*	25.3	21	165	3.8	228	52.7	15.6	0	2003	4	26.6	17	144	3.7	189	50.4	12.5
8*	29.2	20	137	3.5	261	54.4	13.6	+1	2002	8	23.5	18	138	3.6	180	51.5	13.5
4	28.0	22	135	3.4	271	58.2	14.5	+4	2001	5	24.2	20	189	4.7	199	53.2	16.1
10*	24.1	20	137	3.4	214	51.4	14.6	+12	2000	8	23.8	19	143	3.8	225	58.7	15.5

2005 STATS BY GAME

UC 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	E Michigan	29	55-293	5.3	17-26	176	1	18	31-149	4.8	22-33	167	2	-1
–	at Penn St	23	34-31	0.9	29-49	329	4	19	37-148	4.0	15-22	245	1	-1
–	W Carolina	16	41-185	4.5	10-24	88	3	17	34-82	2.4	20-40	202	2	+1
–	at Miami, Oh	21	27-66	2.4	27-46	248	3	28	40-174	4.4	23-37	365	0	-4
–	at Pittsburgh	18	41-113	2.8	13-32	199	4	16	41-146	3.6	14-32	175	1	0
–	Connecticut	15	40-223	5.6	9-21	125	2	25	47-165	3.5	19-43	191	6	+3
–	Louisville	28	50-149	3.0	20-41	235	5	26	32-244	7.6	21-27	303	0	0
–	at Syracuse	24	47-182	3.9	16-25	150	4	15	40-52	1.3	14-26	285	5	+1
–	West Virginia	15	33-62	1.9	21-29	207	2	17	50-297	5.9	8-13	109	1	-4
–	at South Florida	17	30-89	3.0	20-31	273	3	19	52-190	3.7	12-21	155	4	-2
–	at Rutgers	14	28-(-23)	-0.8	15-24	169	9	29	50-337	6.7	16-26	237	2	0
TOTALS		220	426-1370	3.2	197-348	2199	40	229	454-1984	4.4	184-320	2434	24	-7
AVERAGES		20.0	39-125	3.2	18-32	200	3.6	20.8	41-180	4.4	17-29	221	2.2	-0.6

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Purdue	+8	14-19	W
at Army	-5	24-21	L
at Miami, Oh	-2'	14-21	L
Tulane	-10	46-33	W
at UAB	+7'	31-17	W
at Houston	-10'	29-28	L
Louisville	+3'	13-28	L
Connecticut	-25	45-28	L
East Carolina	+7'	26-28	W
at Memphis	+3'	36-34	W
ULM	-26'	42-10	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	-3'	36-29 OT	W
West Virginia	-4'	32-35	L
† Ohio St - #6	+18'	19-23	W
at Temple	-4'	35-22	W
Miami, Oh	-5'	26-31	L
at Tulane	-4'	17-35	L
at S Mississippi	+10	14-23	W
Memphis	-6'	48-10	W
at Louisville	+9	24-14	W
Houston	-14'	47-14	W
at Hawaii	+3'	19-20	W
UAB	-17	31-23	L
at East Carolina	-7'	42-26	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
East Carolina	-8	40-3	W
at West Virginia	+7	15-13	W
Temple	-13'	30-24 3OT	L
at Miami, Oh	+7	37-42	W
S Mississippi	-7'	20-22	L
at UAB	-5'	14-31	L
Army	-27'	33-29	L
at South Florida	+3	17-24 2OT	L
Rhode Island	NL	31-24	–
at TCU - #10	+7	10-43	L
at Memphis	+10	16-21	W
Louisville	+2'	40-43	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio St	+14	6-27	L
Miami, Oh	+3'	45-26	W
at Syracuse	-3	7-19	L
at East Carolina	-11'	24-19	L
UAB	-1	27-30	L
at Army	-14'	29-48	L
Memphis	+6	49-10	W
TCU	-6	21-10	W
at S Mississippi - #21	+6	52-24	W
South Florida	-12'	45-23	W
at Louisville - #7	+21	7-70	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Michigan	-10	28-26	L
at Penn St	+18	24-42	T
W Carolina	NL	7-3	–
at Miami, Oh	+10	16-44	L
at Pittsburgh	+12'	20-38	L
Connecticut	+7'	28-17	W
Louisville	+21'	22-46	L
at Syracuse	+4	22-16	W
West Virginia - #16	+14	0-38	L
at South Florida	+21	16-31	W
at Rutgers	+13'	9-44	L

SYRACUSE ORANGE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - This school has had its share of super QB's like Marvin Graves, Donovan McNabb and Don McPherson who are the top three in terms of career passing yards. Since McNabb left, the last seven years have been plagued by erratic QB play. In 2004 Perry Patterson (PS#30) threw for 1,851 yards (58.1%) with a 7-10 ratio and Joe Fields, who began '04 as the starter, threw for 192 (44.8%) with a 1-3 ratio. Last year they switched from the freeze option to the West Coast offense and as you would expect with option QB's, they struggled. Patterson started the first 7 and the offense was ineffective so Fields took off his RS vs Connecticut. In relief he was no better hitting 1 of 8 with 2 int (in 3 gms), but still was named the starter for the next two (Cincy and USF). Fields left the UC game with spasms in his hand during the 4Q. Patterson started vs ND, but Fields started vs Louisville and was replaced after 2 incompletions on the 1st series. Patterson threw for 1,504 (47.6%) with a 6-11 ratio. Fields (113 rush) is the fastest of the QB's (4.59 spd). Patterson (215 rush) finished with his best game vs Louisville hitting 19 of 39 for 259 with 1 TD. They both return along with Matt Hale (6-5 221 Jr, PS#252) and Cameron Dantley (6-1 222 rFr). True frosh Andrew Robinson could play immediately. Patterson should have a much better year in the team's second season of the West Coast offense.

RUNNING BACKS - Syracuse has had some outstanding runners like Larry Csonka, Jim Nance and Joe Morris. In addition, three players wore the famed "44" in Ernie Davis, Floyd Little and the great Jim Brown and Syracuse retired that number last year. In 2002 true frosh Damien Rhodes (4.35 spd), was offered the number 44 but opted for #1 and played immediately. He rushed for 568 (4.1) despite having a slight tear in his PCL. Walter Reyes, a powerful back with 4.36 speed, rushed for 1,135 (6.2) and set a school record with 17 rushing TD's. Both returned in 2003 but Rhodes missed the last 7 (inj) while Reyes rushed for 1,347 (5.3) breaking his own record with 20 rush TD's. Reyes rushed for 527 in the first five of 2004 but was injured and finished with just 803 (5.4). Rhodes had 870 (5.7) starting 5. Rhodes opened 2005 with 236 vs Buffalo which was just 16 shy of Joe Morris' 1979 single game record. In the new offense, opponents keyed on Rhodes and his ypc dropped to (4.1) but he still rushed for 900 yds finishing #9 all-time (2,461). RFr Kareem Jones (PS#81) rushed for 108 (2.6) and Paul Chiara, who was the personal protector on punts, had 94 (5.9). Rhodes departs but everyone else returns. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Jeremy Sellers (6-0 203 Jr) and this year's true frosh.

RECEIVERS - The Orange has had some fine WR's through the years including their career leader Marvin Harrison. Last year they had to replace their top receiver and moved the #2 WR, Steve Gregory, back to DB. The top returning receiver was TE Joe Kowalewski (14) and the top WR was Landel Bembo (14). Bembo was lost for the year 2 days before the opener. Kowalewski had 7 rec for 96 yards vs Virginia but injured his shoulder and played in just 8 with 16 (12.4). JJ Bedle (PS#44) has 4.3 speed and solid strength but had trouble grasping the offense and had just 3 (9.3). True frosh Lavar Lobdell (PS#38) was injured and redshirted. Rice Moss (Randy's 2nd cousin) emerged down the stretch and finished with 26 (13.8). The top WR turned out to be Tim Lane, who played mostly ST his first two years and had 27 (12.6). This year they lose Kowalewski as well as backup TE Alex Shor (3 st, 9 rec). Two players who were not on the roster in the spring, but could return for the fall are Richard Abney (6-1 193 rFr, PS#39) and Landel Bembo (5-8 163 Sr, PS#170). Not listed in the FOUR deep below is TE Kyle Bell (6-1 231 Jr, PS#139). Even with the losses, the unit is more experienced in the 2nd year of the new offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 they had to replace two starters on the O-line but had 7 of the top 10 back and the unit was basically injury free as all 5 starters started all 12 games. The unit opened holes for 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing 24 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters including a #2DC and another 1st Tm Big East OL but had 8 of the top 10 back. They, of course, changed blocking schemes and going from the option to a dropback passer caused the unit to struggle. LG Jason Green quit the team after 5 starts and LT Kurt Falke missed 4 sts with injury. SU only avg'd 3.0 ypc, their worst in over 2 decades and allowed 37 sacks. This year they must replace RG Steve Franklin (11 st, 3 yr st'r), RT Quinn Ojinnaka (#5DC ATL, 11 st, 2 yr st'r), LT Kurt Falke (7 st) and LG Jason Greene (5 st). They really only had 9 players on the 2 deep last year and while just 5 return, it is the 2nd year of the new system and they could improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Orange had to replace 3 starters from up front and allowed 4.4 ypc rush and only had 17 sacks. Last year they only lost one starter. DT Tony Jenkins started 11 in 2004 but lost his spot to Chris Thorner. The more experienced line still allowed 4.3 ypc but the sack total increased to 25. This year they lose both of their top pass rushing DE's in James Wyche (#7DC JAX, 11 st, 58 tkl, 4.5 sk) and Ryan LaCasse (#7DC BAL, 11 st, 1st Tm BE, 52 tkl, 12 tfl). Also departing are DT Kader Drame (11 st, 26 tkl, 4 tfl), DE Cory Brooks (2 tkl) and DT Eugene Brown (3 tkl). Five of the top 8 are back plus they return two players who have been full-time starters and bring in 2 LB's in Jameel McClain and Jamar Atkinson at DE.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the entire 2 deep returned and Robinson said SU's LB's were comparable to those he had at Texas. They moved OLB Kelvin Smith inside and he led the team in tackles. This year they lose Kellen Pruitt (11 st, 56 tkl, 4 tfl), Tommy Harris (8 st, 45 tkl, 2 tfl) and two backups move to the DL. 2004's #1 tackler, Jerry Mackey (PS#50), was bothered by shoulder and elbow problems last year but should return to form. This unit is less experienced but Robinson is still high on their athleticism.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Orange finished in the Top 21 of my pass D rankings from 1998-2001 but dropped to #110 and #50 the next two years. The 303.8 ypg passing allowed was last in the NCAA in 2002. In 2004 they only had to replace one starter but surprisingly dropped to #93. Last year they moved WR Steve Gregory back to CB and only had to replace one starter and two backups (5 st). CB De'Andre LaCaille lost his starting spot to Gregory and only had 7 tackles. The Orange moved up to #36 allowing a 12-14 ratio and FS Anthony Smith (#3DC PIT) was voted 1st Tm Big East and Tm MVP. This year they lose FS Smith (11 st, 71 tkl, 8 pbu, 6 int), CB Gregory (11 st, 60 tkl, 3 pbu), CB Thomas Whitfield (8 tkl) and CB LaCaille. CB Marcus Clayton (5-7 184 Sr) had 1 st in 3 years and quit after spring. Jackson was the team's top CB and SS Dowayne Davis has emerged as one of the BE's best young stars. There is good experience in the 3 deep I list below, but they will drop a notch or two in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Syracuse had some fine finishes in my ST rankings under Paul Pasqualoni including #2, #11, #8 (1995-'97) and #15 in 2002. They slipped to #95 in 2003 and #64 in 2004. Last year they had to replace their K and top KR then lost top PR Bembo prior to the season. Due to injuries, the return game was in a constant state of flux and top PR Steve Gregory (11.5) returned two punts inside his own 10 vs Cincinnati so Bruce Williams (9.7) and JJ Bedle (4.0) saw action. Kareem Jones led on KR's (23.4). Ricky Krautman (PS#5) was the FG man but after a miss vs Buffalo, he handled just xp's (17 of 18). Walk-on John Barker hit 8 of 12 FG's with a long of 45. Carney had 13 TB's on 39 KO's. Naturally with the woeful offense, Carney set school records for most punts and yards in a season and landed 1st Tm BE honors last year. Almost everyone returns and they should improve upon last year's #80 ranking.

COACHES - The Orange brought in just their 5th head coach since 1949 last year and Robinson was the first HC hired from outside the program since 1981. Greg Robinson was the DC of the Denver Broncos and KC Chiefs and then moved on to Texas in '04 in that same role. His new OC is Brian White, who was Wisconsin's OC the past 6 years. Robinson, like Pete Carroll, serves as his own DC and inherited a D that finished #101 in the NCAA rankings in 2004 including #90 in pass D. In Robinson's first year, they moved up to #57 (#21 pass D).

LB Kelvin Smith

PHIL'S FORECAST

Paul Pasqualoni had 11 winning seasons in his first 11 years but in his final 3 went just 4-8, 6-6 and 6-6. In his final season (2004) they faced the toughest schedule of any BE team (#47) facing non-conf foes Purdue, Virginia and Fla St. They also had their lowest attendance in the Carrier Dome in 18 years but made it to a bowl. Pasqualoni's job appeared secure until a 51-14 rout at the hands of GT. Last year Greg Robinson inherited a veteran defense and as mentioned in the coaches section, showed big-time improvement. Pasqualoni had rules against dreadlocks, jewelry and facial hair but Robinson allowed those things in 2005. SU had four BE home games but had their usual tough non-conf slate (Virg, FSU, ND). Orange fans were enthusiastic but any time you switch from an option based attack to the West Coast offense, you can expect a 3 to 4 year learning process (ask ND and Nebraska). The Orange saw their total offense go from 349 ypg to a paltry 257, the third worst in the NCAA. They topped 300 yards just three times including 302 in the final vs L'ville. That was a veteran Syracuse team with 17 of their 22 starters being upperclassmen at midseason, but they finished just 1-10 which was their worst mark since 1948 and their first 10 loss season in school history. A 17 yard fumble return for a TD provided Cincinnati the winning points in the Carrier Dome. When they faced Rutgers, the Knights had the worst defense in the Big East but held Syracuse to just 116 yards on their first 13 poss. In their final home game, with 21 seniors and retiring the #44, they lost to USF, 27-0. They gave up a 19 yard FG to Virginia on the last play and lost by 3. They only trailed ND 14-3 at the half and UL 27-17 in the 4Q but was -141.7 ypg in league play. Their 73 total points in league play was the worst in the Big East since 2001 (Rutgers 36). As mentioned, last year's offense was woeful with 13.8 ppg their lowest since 1984 (13.7). Now in the 2nd year of the new offense, there will be some improvement even with just 6 starters back. While this is the second year in Robinson's system, SU does return the fewest starters in the BE and also must play 4 league road games. The Orange defense had 9 starters back last year and made improvements in the ppg allowed (26.8) and ypg (373). This year they lose 6 of their top 8 tacklers and have just 4 starters back on that side but could be tougher to score upon (offense hopefully staying on the field longer). The Orange will top 2005's one win total but vs a tough schedule, will suffer their 2nd straight losing season.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

QB 10 PERRY PATTERSON SR. 6-4 242 **PS#30**. 17 st 2Y, 3355 pass (53%), 13-21 ratio, 527 rush. **5 Joe Fields** (6-1 215 Jr) PS#40. 6 st, 347 pass 2Y. **Andrew Robinson PS#55QB.**

RB 34 Paul Chiara So. 5-11 210 PS#188. 124 ttl yd rFr. **22 Curtis Brinkley** (5-9 197 So) **PS#42**. 380 all-purp yds true. **21** Kareem Jones (5-11 211 So) PS#81. 549 all-purp rFr.

FB 38 BREYONE EVANS JR. 6-0 239 PS#89. 4 st FB 2Y, 104 yd. **48 Stephen McDonald** (6-0 240 Sr) **6 st**, 28 yd. **43** Tony Fiammetta (6-1 237 So) PS#155. **35** Elon Mitchell (6-2 260 rFr).

WR 12 RICE MOSS JR. 6-2 201 PS#118. 11 st, 26 (13.8). **Andrey Baskin PS#15.** **82** Taj Smith (6-1 184 Jr) PS#145JC. In for spg. **87** Daniel Bailey (5-7 165 rFr) PS#164.

WR 81 TIMOTHY LANE SR. 6-2 206 PS#107. 11 st, 27 (12.6). **80** Lavar Lobdell (6-3 201 rFr) PS#38. **2** JJ Bedle (5-9 181 So) PS#44. 1 st, 3 rec. **16** Jeremy Horne (6-2 184 rFr).

TE 84 Brandon Darlington Sr. 6-4 260 PS#101OL. 2 st, 1 rec LY. Tom Ferron (6-3 252 So) PS#124DL. 3 rec rFr. JJ Nesheiwat (6-4 246 Jr) PS#274JC. RS. Arthur Kapalanga (6-1 255 Sr) 1 st, 1 rec LY.

C 60 JUSTIN OUTTEN SR. 6-1 274 PS#116. 2nd string rFr. 7 gm '04. 11 st C LY. **67** Marvin McCall (6-2 292 Jr) PS#377. 3 gms '04. DNP LY. Larry Norton PS#432JC.

RG 75 Ryan Durand So. 6-5 312 PS#151. 2nd string rFr, 7 game. **76** Mike Sklarosky (6-4 277 Sr) PS#122JC. RS '04. 1 st LT LY. Lost 17 lbs. Ryan Bartholomew PS#161.

LG 59 CARROLL MADISON JR. 6-2 316 PS#280. 4 games as rFr. 9 st LY (6 LG, 3 LT). **68** David Bouchard (6-5 297 So) PS#226. Jim McKenzie PS#253. Lou Falzone PS#366.

RT 78 Eugene Newsome Jr. 6-7 322 PS#236. Huge. 2nd string LY, 8 gm. **79** Adam Rosner (6-6 315 Fr) PS#122DL. Milford LY. **74** Ryan Ehrie (6-6 295 So) PS#123. 2nd string rFr.

LT 72 Ian Hammond Jr. 6-3 308 **PS#43JC.** Only all'd 5 sk JC 2Y. In for spring. **64** Corey Chavers (6-5 295 So) PS#136OL. Jonathan Meldrum (6-5 300 Fr) PS#416. Hargrave.

K 6 JOHN BARKER SO. 5-8 148 Hit 8 of 12 FG's as true, long 45. 1 of 4 from 40+. **42** Patrick Shadle (5-8 203 So) **PS#14**. 50 yd FG in HS. 0-1 as a true (39). 1st true to att FG S/'01.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

DE 99 Cornelius Campbell Jr. 6-4 290 PS#153. 9 tkl, 1 sk LY. **53** Jamar Atkinson (6-2 235 Sr) PS#85LB. JUCO. 3 tkl LB LY. **62** Andrew Lewis is PS#152LB '05. In for spring.

DT 56 CHRIS THORNER SR. 6-4 299 PS#337. 23 tkl, 1 tfl '04. 11 st at DT LY, 26 tkl. **83** Shadeed Harris (6-3 270 Sr) PS#38TE. 6 tkl, 3Y. **77** Anthony Perkins PS#102OL. Milford.

DT 51 Tony Jenkins Jr. 6-3 285 PS#120. **11 st DT** rFr. 49 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 35 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **97** Arthur Jones (6-4 283 rFr) PS#58. **95** Nick Santiago (6-3 298 So) PS#122. 9 gm, 3 tkl.

DE 55 Lee Williams Jr. 6-3 262 PS#135. 8 gm ST rFr. 11 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **52** Jameel McClain (6-1 252 Jr) PS#164LB. 31 tkl, 1 sk at LB 2Y. **61** Brandon Gilbeaux (6-3 256 rFr) PS#308.

SLB 57 Jerry Mackey Sr. 6-1 233 **PS#50**. 11 st '04, **#1 tkl'r w/106**, 7 tfl. 2 st LY (inj), 29 tkl. **30** Vincenzo Giruzzi (6-3 230 Jr) PS#84. **33** Ben Maljovec (6-3 214 So) PS#82DB.

MLB 8 KELVIN SMITH SR. 6-2 233 PS#129. 11 st OLB rFr, 68 tkl, 6 tfl. 12 st '04, 53 tkl. 11 st MLB LY, #1 tkl'r w/84, 7 tfl. **58** Michael Stenclik (6-0 227 rFr) PS#66. Parker Cantey PS#107.

WLB 19 Luke Cain Sr. 6-0 225 PS#215. 3 st, 36 tkl 3Y. **45** Jake Flaherty (6-1 222 So) PS#124. **36** Oliver Fernandez (6-1 215 So). **54** Mike Owen (6-4 238 rFr) PS#111.

CB 28 TANARD JACKSON SR. 6-1 193 PS#100. 11 st '04. 56 tkl, 2 int. 11 st LY, 44 tkl, 6 pbu. **4** Terrell Lemon (5-10 180 Sr) 2 st, 19 tkl 3Y. Jason Tanner (5-11 205 Jr) PS#173JC.

CB 27 Nicholas Chestnut So. 5-11 182 PS#190. 8 rec (16.9) as true. **14** Quinton Brown (5-11 174 Jr) PS#72WR. 2 KR (18.0) as true, 6 yd rush LY. **23** Derek Bailey (5-8 189 rFr) PS#197.

SS 26 DOWAYNE DAVIS JR. 6-0 200 PS#123. 7 tkl true. 11 st in '05, 78 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **86** Bruce Williams (6-0 190 So) PS#162. 4 rec true. **32** Lamar McPherson (5-9 190 rFr) PS#63RB.

FS 18 Reggie McCoy Jr. 6-0 197 PS#151. 1 st, 10 tkl 2Y. **17** AJ Brown (6-0 193 So) PS#69. **6** Donta Herrod (5-11 198 So) PS#107. 5 tkl rFr. **31** Andrew Taitt (6-1 190 So).

P 47 BRENDAN CARNEY SR. 6-5 205 **1st Tm Big East**. PS#34. 60 punts (43.0) true. 57 punts (42.8) 7-7 xp's in '04, net 36.6. 82 punts (42.6) 35.0 net LY. 13 TB's on 39 KO's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	Andrey Baskin 6-3 203 PS#15
OL	Ian Hammond 6-3 308 PS#43JC
QB	Andrew Robinson 6-3 217 PS#55
WR	Taj Smith 6-1 184 PS#145JC
RB	Delone Carter 5-10 200 PS#97
DL	Anthony Perkins 6-4 251 PS#102OL '05
WR	Dan Sheeran 6-3 200 PS#96
WR	Mike Williams 6-2 205 PS#98
DB	Nico Scott 5-9 180 PS#81QB
LB	Parker Cantey 6-3 205 PS#107
OL	Adam Rosner 6-6 315 PS#122DL '05
RB	Derrell Smith 6-1 215 PS#148
OL	Ryan Bartholomew 6-3 300 PS#161
DB	Jason Tanner 5-11 205 PS#173JC in '05
DB	Derek Hrinya 6-0 200 PS#160
DL	Jared Kimmel 6-6 230 PS#154LB
DL	Andrew Lewis 6-3 267 PS#152LB '05
DB	Matt Reid 6-0 170 PS#254
OL	Jim McKenzie 6-4 290 PS#253
OL	Larry Norton 6-3 310 PS#432JC
OL	Tucker Baumbach 6-5 330 PS#332
OL	Lou Falzone 6-4 284 PS#366
LB	Jermaine Pierce 6-3 230 PS#485
OL	Jonathan Meldrum 6-5 300 PS#416

SYRACUSE ORANGE

Syracuse, New York
Carrier Dome

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#35

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at Wake Forest	G					
Sep. 9	Iowa	A					
Sep. 16	at Illinois	A					
Sep. 23	Miami, Oh	A					
Sep. 30	Wyoming	A					
Oct. 7	Pittsburgh	A					
Oct. 14	at West Virginia	A					
Oct. 21	Louisville	A					
Oct. 28	at Cincinnati	A					
Nov. 4							
Nov. 11	at South Florida	G					
Nov. 18	Connecticut	A					
Nov. 25	at Rutgers	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Syracuse is 23-8 ATS vs non-conference opponents since 1999.
Syracuse is 11-24 ATS as an away dog since 1991.
SU was 1-5 at home LY, the worst record since the dome was built in '80.

The Orange is 10-5 ATS in road openers the last 15 years.
Syracuse is 6-21 SU & 10-17 ATS their last 27 games on natural grass.

The Orange is 21-8 ATS as a home dog since 1983.
Syracuse is 7-16 ATS since 1981 in home openers.

The Orange is 1-9 SU & 2-2 ATS vs Illinois dating back to 1909.
Illinois crushed Syracuse in their last meeting 47-10 in 1982.

The Orange is 14-6-1 SU & 8-1 ATS all-time vs current MAC members.
Syracuse is 18-6 SU & 17-7 ATS since 2000 as a home favorite.

Could apply: Syracuse is 15-8 ATS the last 5 years after a SU victory.
This is the 1st ever meeting between these 2 schools (1,674 miles apart).

The visiting team is 3-7 ATS the last 10 years in this series.
The favorite has covered 5 out of the last 6 years in this series.

The favorite is 13-4-1 ATS in this series since 1988.
The Orange is 7-17 ATS in Big East road games the last 7 years.

The last & only time SU beat UL in the Carrier Dome was in '85 (1st meeting 48-0).
In their 10 losses LY, the Orange's opp's had a 17 pt avg margin of victory.

Could apply: SU is 1-4 ATS the last 5 years as a conference away fav.
In their L/3 meetings, these tms have scored a combined 86 pts between them.

The Orange is 4-11 ATS coming off a bye since 1998.
Last year's shutout loss vs USF came on the day they retired #44.

LY's gm marked the 15th time S'58 SU competed against a tm coached by a former asst.
The Orange is 6-2 SU & 5-3 ATS in their last 8 Carrier Dome finales.

Syracuse has never dropped B2B gms vs Rutgers as they began play in 1914.
The home team is 7-1 ATS the last 8 years in this series.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Marvin Graves 8,466 1990-'93
Rushing: Joe Morris 4,299 1978-'81 Receiving: Marvin Harrison 2,728 1992-'95

GREG ROBINSON (Career 1-10)
2nd Year at Syracuse
Robinson's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Robinson's records AT SYRACUSE

1-10	Straight Up	1-3	Home Favorite
4-7	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Underdog
3-6	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
1-6	Vs Conference	2-3	Away Underdog
3-1	Vs Non-Conf	0-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (1-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (17,23,2)
Lost: 24 (10,13,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 40,252

BIG EAST

RB Kareem Jones

STADIUM: CARRIER DOME (49,262)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	6-5	9-3	4-8	6-6	6-5	1-10	38-42
Home	4-2	4-2	6-0	3-3	5-2	4-1	1-5	27-15
Away	2-3	2-3	3-3	1-5	1-4	2-4	0-5	11-27
ATS	5-6	7-4	8-4	4-7	7-5	8-3	4-7	43-36
Home Fav	3-2	4-0	5-1	1-2	3-1	3-0	1-3	20-9
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	8-4
Away Fav	1-2	2-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	6-7
Away Dog	0-2	0-2	2-2	2-3	1-2	2-2	2-3	9-16
Favorite	4-4	6-1	6-2	1-3	4-2	4-1	1-3	26-16
Dog	1-2	1-3	2-2	3-4	3-3	4-2	3-4	17-20
Grass	0-3	0-1	3-3	2-1	2-3	2-2	1-3	10-16
Artificial	5-3	7-3	5-1	2-6	5-2	6-1	3-4	33-20
vs Conf	1-6	5-2	4-3	2-5	3-4	4-2	1-6	20-28
vs Non-Conf	4-0	2-2	4-1	2-2	4-1	4-1	3-1	23-8
Off SU Win	3-3	2-3	5-3	3-1	2-3	4-1	1-0	20-14
Off SU Loss	1-3	4-1	2-1	1-5	4-2	4-1	3-6	19-19

SYRACUSE ATHLETICS

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
97	Fiesta	+3	Kansas St	18-35	L
98	Orange	+6'	Florida	10-31	L
99	Music City	+3	Kentucky	20-13	W
01	Insight	+6	Kansas St	26-3	W
04	Champs Sports	+5'	Georgia Tech	14-51	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Syracuse's All-Time SU Bowl Record 12-9-1

SYRACUSE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	13.8	13	107	3.0	151	45.7	18.6	-4	2005	9	26.8	18	187	4.3	186	54.9	13.9
6	23.9	18	179	4.5	170	56.7	14.6	+2	2004	5	28.7	22	187	4.4	240	60.2	14.9
7	26.7	18	189	4.5	180	59.8	13.9	+7	2003	7	25.1	19	138	3.6	222	60.0	14.4
3*	28.9	20	189	4.3	188	52.3	13.0	+2	2002	6	33.8	21	172	4.2	304	58.1	14.1
8*	25.7	17	170	3.5	152	51.3	12.5	+18	2001	6	19.0	18	160	4.3	191	49.5	18.5
5	26.7	18	207	4.5	171	55.5	14.1	-6	2000	8	19.3	15	136	3.8	175	45.4	16.1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Damien Rhodes	219	989	89	900	7	4.1
Kareem Jones	42	123	15	108	0	2.6
Paul Chiara	16	98	4	94	1	5.9
Joe Fields	25	113	49	64	0	2.6
Curtis Brinkley	7	28	2	26	0	3.7
Tim Washington	7	25	0	25	0	3.6
Perry Patterson	72	215	252	-37	3	-0.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Perry Patterson	273	130	47.6	1504	6	11
Joe Fields	28	9	32.1	155	0	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Rice Moss	26	359	13.8	0	50
Tim Lane	27	341	12.6	1	44
Damien Rhodes	23	270	11.7	0	70
Joe Kowalewski	16	199	12.4	2	31
Nicholas Chestnut	8	135	16.9	3	36
Alex Shor	9	104	11.6	0	21
Bruce Williams	4	52	13.0	0	22
Tom Ferron	3	46	15.3	0	30
Kareem Jones	5	43	8.6	0	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brendan Carney	82	3491	42.6	18	35.0	2	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
John Barker	0-0	3-3	4-6	1-3	0-0	8-12	45
Ricky Krautman	17-18	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	21

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kelvin Smith	84	2	5	3	1
Dowayne Davis	78	1	2	4	2
Anthony Smith	71	3	2	8	6
Steve Gregory	60	1	5	3	2
James Wyche	58	4.5	2	3	0
Kellen Pruitt	56	1	3	5	1
Ryan LaCasse	52	9	3	1	1
Tommy Harris	45	0	2	1	0
Tanard Jackson	44	0	2.5	6	1
Tony Jenkins	35	1	1	2	0
Jerry Mackey	29	0	2.5	0	0
Kader Drame	26	0	4	3	0
Chris Thorner	26	0	0.5	0	0
Jameel McClain	20	1	0	1	0
Lee Williams	11	0	2	0	0
Marcus Clayton	11	0	0	0	0
Luke Cain	10	0.5	0.5	0	0
Cornelius Campbell	9	1	0	0	0
Reggie McCoy	9	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steve Gregory	10	115	11.5	0
Bruce Williams	9	87	9.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kareem Jones	17	398	23.4	0
Curtis Brinkley	17	354	20.8	0

2005 STATS BY GAME

SU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	West Virginia	7	26-18	0.7	15-31	85	3	16	45-172	3.8	17-27	167	1	+3
–	Buffalo	20	55-348	6.3	10-22	139	1	6	29-50	1.7	9-27	73	4	+2
–	Virginia	16	36-80	2.2	17-26	172	3	17	44-271	6.2	16-26	145	1	+3
–	at Florida St	12	31-45	1.5	14-25	189	7	18	36-116	3.2	22-36	396	4	-2
–	at Connecticut	13	34-148	4.4	10-31	125	2	18	58-297	5.1	6-15	45	0	-3
–	Rutgers	11	37-65	1.8	14-28	173	5	15	39-103	2.6	13-28	203	3	-2
–	at Pittsburgh	11	34-113	3.3	9-26	89	1	22	50-177	3.5	18-28	201	1	-2
–	Cincinnati	15	40-52	1.3	14-26	285	5	24	47-182	3.9	16-25	150	4	-1
–	South Florida	12	37-117	3.2	8-26	65	4	20	51-338	6.6	5-14	89	1	-2
–	at Notre Dame	11	38-143	3.8	9-22	78	3	20	36-134	3.7	22-38	286	1	-1
–	at Louisville	14	28-43	1.5	19-41	259	3	21	40-220	5.5	17-29	285	5	+1
TOTALS		142	396-1172	3.0	139-304	1659	37	197	475-2060	4.3	161-293	2040	25	-4
AVERAGES		12.9	36-107	3.0	13-28	151	3.4	17.9	43-187	4.3	15-27	186	2.3	-0.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Georgia Tech - #10	+8	7-13	W
at Tennessee - #8	+15	9-33	L
UCF	-10	21-10	W
Auburn	-2'	31-14	W
East Carolina	-7	44-30	W
at Rutgers	-25	24-17	L
at Pittsburgh	-3'	42-10	W
Temple	-17	45-3	W
at Virginia Tech - #5	+17'	22-14	W
West Virginia	-14'	24-13	L
at Miami, FI - #1	+20'	0-59	L
Boston College - #25	-3'	39-28	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+3	21-42	L
North Carolina	-5'	22-30	L
Rhode Island	NL	63-17	–
at Auburn	+15	34-37 OT	W
Pittsburgh	-2	24-48	L
at Temple	-4	16-17	L
at West Virginia	+7'	7-34	L
Rutgers	-16	45-14	W
at UCF	+5	38-35	W
Virginia Tech - #8	+10	50-42 3OT	W
at Boston College	+7	20-41	L
Miami, FI - #1	+20'	7-49	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at North Carolina	-1'	49-47 3OT	W
Louisville	-3'	20-30	L
UCF	-4'	38-14	W
Toledo	-3'	34-7	W
at Virginia Tech - #4	+17'	7-51	L
Boston College	+3'	39-14	W
at Pittsburgh	+6'	14-34	L
Temple	-18	41-17	W
at Miami, FI - #14	+19	10-17	W
West Virginia - #25	+2	23-34	L
at Rutgers	-5'	7-24	L
Notre Dame	+2'	38-12	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Purdue - #24	+12'	0-51	L
at Buffalo	-15'	37-17	W
Cincinnati	+3	19-7	W
at Virginia - #13	+26'	10-31	W
Rutgers	-6	41-31	W
Florida St - #8	+19	13-17	W
at West Virginia - #15	+15	6-27	L
Connecticut	-2'	42-30	W
Pittsburgh	-4	38-31 2OT	W
at Temple	-8	24-34	L
at Boston College - #17	+12	43-17	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
West Virginia	-2'	7-15	L
Buffalo	-24	31-0	W
Virginia - #25	+7	24-27	W
at Florida St - #6	+21	14-38	L
at Connecticut	+7	7-26	L
Rutgers	-2	9-31	L
at Pittsburgh	+12'	17-34	L
Cincinnati	-4	16-22	L
South Florida	+7'	0-27	L
at Notre Dame - #6	+34	10-34	W
at Louisville - #17	+36	17-41	W

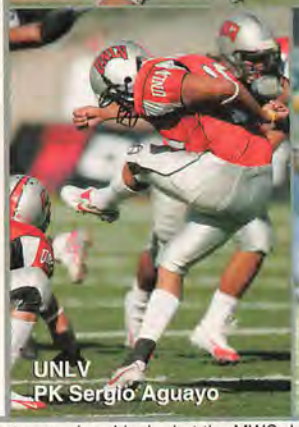
MT WEST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 MT WEST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	John Beck, BYU	Shaun Carney, Air Force	Kevin O'Connell, SDSt	Rocky Hinds, UNLV
RB	Curtis Brown, BYU	Robert Merrill, TCU	Jacobe Kendrick, Air Force	Aaron Brown, TCU
RB	Lynell Hamilton, SDSt	Kyle Bell, Colorado St	Darryl Poston, Utah	Lonta Hobbs, TCU
WR	Johnny Walker, Colorado St	Michael DePriest, TCU	Damon Morton, Colorado St	Marquis Wilson, Utah
WR	Chazeray Schilens, SDSt	Brent Casteel, Utah	Aaron Straiten, UNLV	Alex Ghebreselassie, SDSt
WR	Brian Hernandez, Utah	Michael Ford, Wyoming	Travis Brown, New Mexico	McKay Jacobson, BYU
TE	Jonny Harline, BYU	Daniel Coats, BYU	Kory Sperry, Colorado St	Chad Andrus, TCU
C	Nick Allotta, Colorado St	Tom Sorensen, BYU	Aaron Mueller, UNLV	Stuart Perlow, Air Force
G	Robert Turner, New Mexico	Josh Day, Colorado St	Ray Feinga, BYU	Matty Lindner, TCU
G	Dallas Reynolds, BYU	Bo Greer, New Mexico	Brandon Gray, UNLV	Brandyn Dombrowski, SDSt
T	Jake Kuresa, BYU	Chase Johnson, Wyoming	Eddie Keele, BYU	Clint Oldenburg, Colorado St
T	Herbert Taylor, TCU	Tavo Tupola, Utah	Anthony Kilby, New Mexico	Marco Guerra, UNLV
DL	Tommy Blake, TCU	Jesse Nading, Colorado St	Michael Tuohy, New Mexico	Soli Lefiti, Utah
DL	Kelly Talavou, Utah	Blake Smith, Colorado St	Howie Fuimaono, UNLV	Nick Osborn, SDSt
DL	Jonathan Bailes, SDSt	Aaron Robbins, Wyoming	Lorenzo Jones, TCU	Paul Soliai, Utah
DL	Chase Ortiz, TCU	Antwan Applewhite, SDSt	Martail Burnett, Utah	Gilberto Perez, Air Force
LB	Jason Phillips, TCU	Robert Henson, TCU	Joe Jiannoni, Utah	Joe Martin, SDSt
LB	Cameron Jensen, BYU	Russell Allen, SDSt	Austin Hall, Wyoming	Drew Fowler, Air Force
LB	Quincy Black, New Mexico	Beau Bell, UNLV	Ward Dobbs, Wyoming	Jeff Horinek, Colorado St
CB	Eric Weddle, Utah	John Guice, UNLV	Donny Baker, SDSt	Vernon Russell, TCU
CB	Robert Herbert, Colorado St	Eric Wright, UNLV	Chris Sutton, Air Force	Kayle Buchanan, BYU
SS	Marvin White, TCU	Casey Evans, Utah	DeAndre Wright, New Mexico	Reggie Grigsby, SDSt
FS	Ben Stratton, Colorado St	John Wendling, Wyoming	Tony Cade, UNLV	Bobby Giannini, Air Force
K	Sergio Aguayo, UNLV	Garrett Palmer, SDSt	Chris Manfredini, TCU	Kenny Byrd, New Mexico
P	Michael Hughes, SDSt	Jimmie Kaylor, Colorado St	Kip Facer, UNLV	Derek McLaughlin, BYU
KR	Brent Casteel, Utah	Bryce Mahuika, BYU	Erick Jackson, UNLV	George Hill, Colorado St
PR	Hoost Marsh, Wyoming	Johnny Walker, Colorado St	Eric Weddle, Utah	Chris Sutton, Air Force

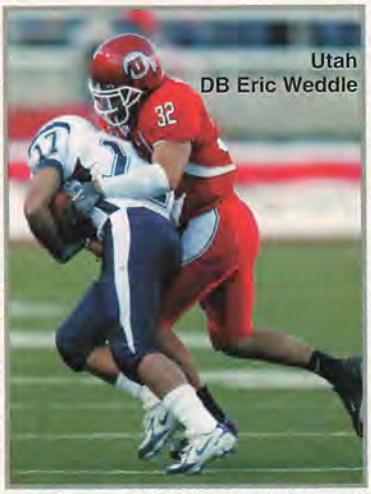
Utah
WR Brian Hernandez

TCU
LB Jason Phillips


UNLV
PK Sergio Aguayo

Wyoming
FS John Wendling

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 MT WEST FORECAST


Utah
DB Eric Weddle

1. UTAH - The Utes were arguably the best team in the MWC last season but did not take home the Title. They surprisingly finished just 4-4 despite outgaining MWC foes by a league best 86.5 ypg. That was an inexperienced Utah team which had the 2nd fewest returning starters in the MWC. This year they have the most returning starters (13), have the deepest QB spot in the NCAA, and come in with my #2 rated offense and #2 rated defense. They also get key games vs TCU and BYU at home. Three of my 7 sets of power ratings call for the Utes to go unbeaten overall (much like 2004) so it could be another special season.

2. TCU - Everything went TCU's way last season and they finished with an unbeaten MWC record an overall 11-1 mark. Four sets of my power ratings say they are the most talented team in the league this year and they have my #1 rated defense in the MWC. The thing that concerns me most about this year's Frog squad is how fortunate they were last season. They benefitted from +21 in turnovers, +5 net close wins and meet the criteria for both my offensive and defensive ypp (see page 299). With just 12 starters back, odds are they will not be as fortunate as last season but it still should be another outstanding year.

3. BYU - The Cougars outgained league foes by 59.8 ypg last year, the third best mark in the league and finished 5-3 in the MWC despite having 2 net close losses. Because of a tough non-conf slate, they finished the year just 6-6 after losing their bowl game. This year BYU has the most explosive offense (my #1 rated) in the MWC and the defense should remain healthier. While they have tough conf road games (TCU, AF, Colo St, Utah), they will make some noise in an ever-improving conference.

3. SAN DIEGO ST - Chuck Long steps into a good situation inheriting an underperforming team that is the 3rd most experienced in the MWC and had 2 net close losses last year (see pg 299). The Aztecs' D is much improved. San Diego St will have their first winning season since 1998 and are a bonafide contender in the MWC for 2006.

5. COLORADO ST - The Rams missed out on a bowl in 2004 and while they made it back to one in 2005, they were embarrassed by Navy and did not finish with a winning record (6-6). This is not the dominating Colorado St team that always finished near the top of the MWC. Last year they were 5-3 in the MWC but were actually outgained by 17.3 ypg and lost 73 man games to injury, so they figure to be healthier this season. The Rams have their best defense in years and while they likely won't match last year's five MWC win total, they will likely find their way to the post season.

6. UNLV - As you recall, last year when I looked at the MWC, I thought 8 teams had the "potential" to be bowl teams and finish with winning records. The only MWC team that I did not place in that category was UNLV. The Rebels were a good distance from the rest of the pack as they were outgained by 101.1 ypg, the worst mark in the league by almost 50 yards. They finished just 1-7 being outscored by 20.2 ppg in league play. While UNLV had a lot of ground to make up with the rest of the conference, they are the most improved team in the league and almost qualified for my Turnovers=Turnaround article at -8 turnovers. This year's team will bare no resemblance to the 2005 version and should flirt with a bowl eligible season.

7. AIR FORCE - AF has had back-to-back losing seasons for the first time ever under DeBerry. He normally returns very few starters but this year actually has the most experienced team in the league (pg 311). Last year's AF squad was injury plagued and had 3 net close losses losing 4 games by a total of 10 points. They were also -7 in turnovers, almost qualifying for my Turnovers=Turnaround. The Falcons' 67-41 record since 1997 is the 24th best in the NCAA and they will be a much tougher team in 2006.

8. WYOMING - Showing the effect of Turnovers=Turnaround, last year Wyoming forced 26 fumbles and only recovered 6 and while they only fumbled the ball 15 times, they lost 13 of those. The Cowboys, after a 4-1 start, lost their last 6 and finished in 8th place in the conference. Being -12 in turnovers is a positive sign for this year and I think they'll receive improved play from their QB if Karsten Sween lives up to my expectations. The Cowboys are the 2nd least experienced team in the MWC and have a tough schedule. That has me calling for a lower division finish.

9. NEW MEXICO - This is a difficult pick for me. In Rocky Long's first few years I picked the Lobos higher than most folks and was rewarded, but the last couple of years, I have picked the Lobos lower and they have surpassed my expectations. This year they lose their top 2 players on offense in RB Moore and WR Baskett and switch from a run-based attack to a pass offense which may take a few years for that to have success. The defense has only 4 starters back. While still solid (I rate 4th in the league) they probably won't be able to carry the team through its tough MWC schedule where they face the top 2 teams (TCU and Utah) at home and have most of their winnable games on the road. I love the coaching staff at New Mexico and this year's squad has just 8 senior starters, the fewest in the league and will likely be an underrated team in 2007.

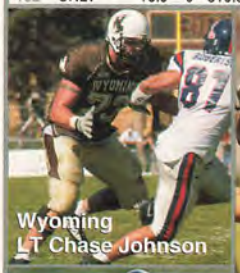
MWC Notes: CSU started league play 0-2 in the MWC's inaugural 1999 season and came back to tie Utah and BYU with a 5-2 record. No MWC Champion has lost more than one conf game since. Last year I said just one MWC team did not have a shot at bowl eligibility and that was UNLV which finished in the basement. This year there is no such team in the league. The MWC was 13-15 in non-conf games and their 41.7% winning percentage (5-7) vs BCS conf schools was actually the 6th best record overall out of all the conferences topping that of the Big East, Independents, CUSA, MAC, WAC and SBC. In fact, the MAC, WAC, SBC and CUSA combined for 5 wins vs BCS conf schools, the same amount as the MWC had. The MWC also had 12 players selected in the NFL draft, which was the 6th best of all the conferences and had one team in the final Top 25. The MWC was 2-2 in bowl games last year. This year the MWC gets an extra bowl game added to its slate as the New Mexico Bowl will host the #4 MWC team. The MWC's bowl ties are with the Las Vegas, Ft Worth, Poinsettia and New Mexico but with the plethora of bowl games this year, may get some of their bowl eligible teams invited to others.

2005 MWC vs MWC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

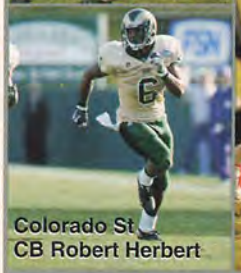
Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
16	BYU	37.1	2	492.8	1	184.4	4	4.8	2	308.4	1	64.4	1	13.3	7	12.0	2	17	5
27	Utah	30.9	4	474.0	2	167.3	5	4.0	5	306.8	2	59.1	5	15.4	3	14.0	3	21	7
32	Air Force	32.8	3	428.3	4	258.6	1	4.7	3	169.6	9	56.3	7	13.1	8	19.0	7	11	1
37	TCU	38.3	1	431.1	3	226.3	2	4.8	1	204.9	7	53.8	9	11.3	9	9.0	1	15	3
46	San Diego St	25.8	6	362.6	8	157.3	6	4.2	4	205.4	6	57.7	6	14.1	5	17.0	5	13	2
48	N Mexico	28.8	5	396.4	5	191.9	3	4.0	6	204.5	8	60.3	4	13.8	6	19.0	7	16	4
59	Colorado St	24.6	7	379.6	6	113.5	7	3.2	8	266.1	3	62.2	2	15.4	2	14.0	3	19	6
72	Wyoming	24.4	8	365.8	7	105.9	8	3.5	7	259.9	4	62.1	3	15.0	4	26.0	9	21	7
102	UNLV	16.9	9	310.5	9	83.5	9	2.6	9	227.0	5	55.3	8	18.4	1	18.0	6	29	9

2005 MWC vs MWC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
22	TCU	18.9	1	350.1	1	110.3	1	2.9	1	239.9	6	52.0	1	18.5	9	28.0	1	30	1
43	Utah	27.1	4	387.5	2	165.4	4	4.3	6	222.1	3	56.0	2	14.3	5	13.0	7	21	3
54	N Mexico	31.3	6	392.1	3	128.6	2	3.8	2	263.5	7	59.6	5	12.5	2	13.0	7	26	2
58	San Diego St	23.0	2	415.9	7	182.4	7	4.0	5	233.5	4	59.9	6	18.1	8	20.0	2	14	6
60	Wyoming	31.4	7	404.5	5	190.1	8	3.9	3	214.4	2	57.3	3	12.9	3	14.0	6	17	4
68	BYU	29.6	5	433.0	8	160.6	3	4.4	7	272.4	8	60.1	7	14.6	6	16.0	4	17	4
75	Colorado St	26.3	3	396.9	4	205.5	9	4.8	9	191.4	1	58.3	4	15.1	7	18.0	3	12	8
95	UNLV	37.1	9	411.6	6	177.4	6	4.0	4	234.3	5	65.9	8	11.1	1	11.0	9	13	7
96	Air Force	34.8	8	449.4	9	168.3	5	4.4	8	281.1	9	66.0	9	12.9	4	15.0	5	12	8


Wyoming
LT Chase Johnson

TCU
DE Tommy Blake


Colorado St
CB Robert Herbert

2005 MWC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2005	2004	2003
TCU	8	0	306	151	11	1	398	223	+81.0	+5.3	+64.0
BYU	5	3	297	237	6	6	396	351	+59.8	+54.5	-11.0
Colorado St	5	3	197	210	6	6	321	369	-17.3	-45.1	+53.8
Utah	4	4	247	217	7	5	360	289	+86.5	+132.0	+38.1
New Mexico	4	4	230	250	6	5	326	327	+4.3	-44.0	+157.0
San Diego St	4	4	206	184	5	7	323	325	-53.3	-16.5	+33.5
Air Force	3	5	262	278	4	7	330	349	-21.1	+23.7	-42.7
Wyoming	2	6	195	251	4	7	271	297	-38.7	-54.6	-113.2
UNLV	1	7	135	297	2	9	207	381	-101.1	-49.9	-115.5

Coach of the Year: Gary Patterson, TCU

2004 MWC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Utah	7	0	351	178	12	0	544	234
N Mexico	5	2	136	125	7	5	244	224
BYU	4	3	200	171	5	6	267	295
Wyoming	3	4	173	196	7	5	315	297
Air Force	3	4	218	220	5	6	326	342
Colorado St	3	4	182	201	4	7	261	325
San Diego St	2	5	138	194	4	7	234	282
UNLV	1	6	140	253	2	9	229	357

Coach of the Year: Urban Meyer, Utah

2003 MWC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Utah	6	1	213	144	10	2	344	229
N Mexico	5	2	206	138	8	5	391	290
Colorado St	4	3	216	162	7	6	381	318
Air Force	3	4	161	169	7	5	322	242
San Diego St	3	4	111	145	6	6	224	207
BYU	3	4	114	161	4	8	196	310
UNLV	2	5	132	169	6	6	256	272
Wyoming	2	5	141	206	4	8	286	360

Coach of the Year: Urban Meyer, Utah

San Diego St
RB Lynell Hamilton

UNLV
LB Beau Bell

Utah
DE Martail Burnett

2005 MWC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Brian Johnson, Utah	**330**	**210**	**63.6**	**7**	**2892**	**8.8**	**18**	**151.0**
Shaun Carney, AF	**148**	**95**	**64.2**	**7**	**1393**	**9.4**	**7**	**149.4**
Justin Holland, CSU	369	235	63.7	15	3185	8.6	23	148.6
Jeff Ballard, TCU	**232**	**139**	**59.9**	**7**	**1801**	**7.8**	**13**	**137.6**
John Beck, BYU	**513**	**331**	**64.5**	**13**	**3709**	**7.2**	**27**	**137.6**
Kole McKamey, NMex	**231**	**144**	**62.3**	**9**	**1682**	**7.3**	**13**	**134.3**
Kevin O'Connell, SDSt	**375**	**233**	**62.1**	**12**	**2663**	**7.1**	**19**	**132.1**
Corey Bramlet, WY	359	214	59.6	18	2610	7.3	16	125.4

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
David Anderson, CSU	12	86	1221	8	101.8	7.2	14.2
Jovon Bouknight, Wyoming	11	77	1116	12	101.5	7.0	14.5
Hank Baskett, New Mexico	11	67	1071	9	97.4	6.1	16.0
Jeffrey Webb, SDSt	12	92	1109	10	92.4	7.7	12.1
Travis LaTendresse, Utah	9	55	810	8	90.0	6.1	14.7
Jason Brown, Air Force	11	49	874	5	79.5	4.5	17.8
Jonny Harline, BYU	**12**	**63**	**853**	**5**	**71.1**	**5.3**	**13.5**
John Madsen, Utah	10	55	672	6	67.2	5.5	12.2
Brian Hernandez, Utah	**11**	**39**	**709**	**3**	**64.5**	**3.5**	**18.2**
Cory Rodgers, TCU	12	52	685	5	57.1	4.3	13.2
Todd Watkins, BYU	12	49	678	9	56.5	4.1	13.8
Johnny Walker, CSU	**12**	**43**	**663**	**2**	**55.3**	**3.6**	**15.4**
Greg Estandia, UNLV	11	49	563	7	51.2	4.5	11.5
Greg Kirkwood, Air Force	11	30	555	4	50.5	2.7	18.5
Kory Sperry, Colorado St	**12**	**42**	**547**	**4**	**45.6**	**3.5**	**13.0**

San Diego St
P Michael Hughes

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
DonTrell Moore, N Mexico	11	275	1298	4.7	14	118.0
Kyle Bell, Colorado St	**12**	**276**	**1288**	**4.7**	**10**	**107.3**
Quinton Ganther, Utah	11	205	1120	5.5	7	101.8
Curtis Brown, BYU	**12**	**210**	**1123**	**5.3**	**14**	**93.6**
Wynel Seldon, Wyoming	**11**	**187**	**871**	**4.7**	**11**	**79.2**
Robert Merrill, TCU	**12**	**187**	**911**	**4.9**	**10**	**75.9**
Lynell Hamilton, SDSt	**11**	**190**	**819**	**4.3**	**9**	**74.5**
Aaron Brown, TCU	**11**	**128**	**758**	**5.9**	**6**	**68.9**
Shaun Carney, Air Force	**11**	**170**	**710**	**4.2**	**11**	**64.5**
Erick Jackson, UNLV	**11**	**174**	**673**	**3.9**	**6**	**61.2**

New Mexico
LB Quincy Black

Air Force
FB Jacobe Kendrick

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDSPG
Brian Johnson, Utah	**10**	**152**	**478**	**330**	**2892**	**3370**	**337.0**
John Beck, BYU	**12**	**73**	**61**	**513**	**3709**	**3770**	**314.2**
Kevin O'Connell, SDSt	**12**	**140**	**402**	**375**	**2663**	**3065**	**255.4**
Justin Holland, CSU	12	37	-174	369	3185	3011	250.9
Corey Bramlet, Wyoming	11	82	109	359	2610	2719	247.2
Jeff Ballard, TCU	**10**	**93**	**314**	**232**	**1801**	**2115**	**211.5**
Kole McKamey, NMex	**9**	**119**	**429**	**231**	**1682**	**2111**	**234.6**
Shaun Carney, Air Force	**11**	**170**	**710**	**148**	**1393**	**2103**	**191.2**
DonTrell Moore, NMex	11	275	1298	2	41	1339	121.7

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Freddy Keiaho, SDSt	11	68	45	113	10.3
Spencer Toone, Utah	12	52	61	113	9.4
Joe Miklos, UNLV	11	60	38	98	8.9
Beau Bell, UNLV	**11**	**50**	**42**	**92**	**8.4**
Bobby Giannini, Air Force	**11**	**49**	**43**	**92**	**8.4**
Miles Kochevar, CSU	12	63	28	91	7.6
Reggie Grigsby, SDSt	12	57	33	90	7.5
Casey Evans, Utah	**12**	**43**	**46**	**89**	**7.4**
Travis Garcia, Colorado St	12	55	33	88	7.3
Ron Rockett, Wyoming	11	42	43	85	7.7
Mike Mihoric, New Mexico	11	41	44	85	7.7
Cameron Jensen, BYU	**11**	**44**	**40**	**84**	**7.6**

Utah
DB Casey Evans

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Chase Ortiz, TCU	**10**	**64**
Tommy Blake, TCU	**7**	**45**
Mike Groover, Wyoming	**7**	**40**
Steve Fifita, Utah	7	38
John Flora, Wyoming	6	36
Cody Kase, New Mexico	**6**	**35**
Antwan Applewhite, SDSt	**6**	**28**
Evroy Thompson, N Mexico	6	37
Justin Maddux, BYU	5	29
Justin Luettgerodt, BYU	5	27

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Cory Rodgers, TCU	19	290	0	15.3
Chris Sutton, Air Force	**16**	**150**	**0**	**9.4**
Hoost Marsh, Wyoming	**25**	**205**	**0**	**8.2**
Gabriel Fulbright, N Mexico	22	169	0	7.7
Nathan Meikle, BYU	**21**	**146**	**0**	**7.0**
Eric Weddle, Utah	**24**	**154**	**0**	**6.4**
Michael Franklin, SDSt	20	105	0	5.2

**Numbers come from MWC final statistics.*

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Cory Rodgers, TCU	17	515	2	30.3
Jovon Bouknight, Wyoming	20	555	0	27.8
Greg Kirkwood, Air Force	14	355	0	25.4
Brent Casteel, Utah	**20**	**464**	**0**	**23.2**
Donell Wheaton, UNLV	12	248	0	20.7
George Hill, Colorado St	**31**	**626**	**0**	**20.2**
Breyon Jones, BYU	28	551	0	19.7
Gabriel Fulbright, N Mexico	17	333	0	19.6
Michael Franklin, SDSt	29	527	0	18.2

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Chris Manfredini, TCU	**10**	**13**	**13**	**100.0**	**43**
Jason Smith, CSU	**6**	**9**	**10**	**90.0**	**41**
Garrett Palmer, SDSt	**12**	**15**	**17**	**88.2**	**48**
Kenny Byrd, N Mexico	**11**	**13**	**15**	**86.7**	**46**
Dan Beardall, Utah	12	16	19	84.2	47
Jared McLaughlin, BYU	**12**	**14**	**19**	**73.7**	**47**
Sergio Aguayo, UNLV	**11**	**12**	**16**	**75.0**	**52**
Scott Eberle, Air Force	11	10	16	62.5	49
Deric Yaussi, Wyoming	11	9	16	56.2	53
Peter LoCoco, TCU	**12**	**4**	**9**	**44.4**	**52**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Jimmie Kaylor, CSU	**12**	**53**	**2400**	**45.3**
Michael Hughes, SDSt	**12**	**67**	**3003**	**44.8**
Kip Facer, UNLV	**11**	**66**	**2709**	**41.0**
Tyler Gaus, New Mexico	11	52	2117	40.7
Derek McLaughlin, BYU	**12**	**48**	**1922**	**40.0**
Brian Cortney, TCU	**12**	**62**	**2394**	**38.6**
Louie Sakoda, Utah	**12**	**54**	**2002**	**37.1**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Steve Fifita, Utah	17	59
Chase Ortiz, TCU	**15**	**75**
Tommy Blake, TCU	**15**	**56**
Leon Moore, UNLV	14	43
Eric Weddle, Utah	**13**	**46**
Cody Kase, N Mexico	**13**	**43**
Justin Luettgerodt, BYU	12	52
Freddy Keiaho, SDSt	12	48
Evroy Thompson, NMex	12	47
Courtney Jones, CSU	11	23

TCU
DE Chase Ortiz

PHIL'S MOUNTAIN WEST UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
TCU	5	1	5	8	1	1	5	1	3
Air Force	3	4	9	2	8	9	6	5	1
Wyoming	8	7	6	5	5	5	9	3	5
Colorado St	8	5	2	8	6	7	2	6	1
UNLV	6	8	7	6	7	8	3	2	8
San Diego St	3	2	4	7	4	2	3	3	9
BYU	1	3	1	1	9	2	8	8	7
New Mexico	6	9	8	2	3	4	6	7	4
Utah	2	6	3	4	2	6	1	8	6

UTAH UTES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - This is one of, if not the deepest QB units in the NCAA. Last year they were trying to figure out how to replace Alex Smith, who was simply the 1st overall pick in the NFL draft after completing 67.5% with a 32-4 ratio (774 rush). Brian Johnson played in 10 games as a true frosh with 142 yards passing (108 rush). They brought in JUCO Brett Ratliff, who set the Butte JC record with 41 career TD passes. They also signed true frosh Kevin Dunn (6-3 220, PS#265). Johnson threw for 2,892 (only 60 less than Smith's senior year) completing 63.6% with an 18-7 ratio (690 rush). He was injured with 1:44 left vs New Mexico. The inexperienced Ratliff started the must-win game vs BYU throwing for 240 and 4 TD's while also rushing for 112 and one TD. Ratliff sprained his ankle during post season preparations but still shredded a super GT defense in the bowl hitting 30 of 41 for 381 and 4 TD's. This year they bring in VHT Oklahoma transfer Tommy Grady (**6-7** 233 Jr, PS#6). Grady, with a powerful arm and outstanding size was impressive running the scout team and his brother played for OC Ludwig at Fresno St. If this was an NFL team, the Utes would be able to use some of the backups as trade bait.

RUNNING BACKS - Marty Johnson (PS#20JC) had 405 yards (7.0) in his first two games in 2002 but was injured and then was suspended for 2003. He got off to a tentative start in 2004 but still led with 802 (4.9) with 14 TD's. Quinton Ganther (PS#66JC) was #2 with 654 (6.0) and the Utes redshirted Mike Liti (PS#133) who had 207 (4.9) and 3 starts in 2003. Ganther and Liti returned in '05 and they were supposed to add USC transfer Darryl Poston (PS#19). Poston suffered an ankle inj in August and played in just 7 (19 yd). He was granted a 6th year. Only 7 Utes had topped 1,000 yards rushing in a season in school history, the last one being Dameon Hunter in 2001. Ganther became #8 with 1,120 yards (5.5). HB Brent Casteel was used as a RB/WR and had 208 (5.9). True frosh Darrell Mack (PS#178) had 147 (3.8). Liti injured his ankle (7 gm, 28 yd). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ray Stowers (6-1 224 So, PS#147) and Jarrell Woods (5-10 195 rFr). Ganther (#7DC TEN) has 4.5 speed and benches 430 lbs and will be tough to replace. The Utes usually bring in a JUCO RB but felt good enough about this unit to just sign true frosh.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 Oregon transfer Paris Warren set the school record for rec in a season with 76. In 2004 he found himself double teamed but broke his own record with 80 (13.4). Last year they had to replace their top 2 WR's who combined for 147 of the team's 232 completions (63.4%). The #3 WR was Travis LaTendresse who had 27 (15.2) and he improved his speed and agility. The #4 man was John Madsen who had 27 (14.0). LaTendresse missed 3 (ankle) and Madsen missed the last 2 (ankle). They still, once again, tied for the same amount of rec's, this time it was 55. Madsen was #1 but LaTendresse passed him in the bowl where he tied an NCAA bowl record with 4 TD's with an amazing 16 rec for 214 yards. They took the redshirt off of true frosh Marquis Wilson after 5 games (9 rec). Much like last year the top 2 receivers depart but those two combined for 110 of the 258 rec (42.6%). Ludwig says the unit will have more speed and Brian Hernandez and HB Casteel each had 39 rec's. Hernandez had a team best 18.2 ypc and reminds some of ex-Ute Steve Smith (Carolina star, WR). They also add S Utah trans Bradon Godfrey. Casteel was averaging 109.4 all-purp ypg but got in the coach's doghouse and had just 1 rec in the last 2. Gone this year are TE's Chad Jacobsen (6 st, 4 rec), Willie Sao (2 st), Thomas Huff and Ameen Shaheen (1st, 3 rec) but despite the losses, the unit is actually a little more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Utes had to replace 3 starters but did have 7 of the of the top 10 back and thanks to a mobile QB, the unit paved the way for 5.4 ypc rushing while allowing just 20 sacks. All 5 OL's played almost every play so the backups were lightly experienced. Last year they had to replace two of those starters and the unit allowed 9 sacks vs NM and 29 on the season while only opening holes for 4.3 ypc. RFr Robert Conley beat out Eric Pettit for the starting RG spot in the final five. This year they lose outstanding C Jesse Boone (12 st, 1st Tm MWC, 2 yr st'r), LG David Dirkmaat (12 st, 2 yr st'r), backup C Andrew Johnson (12 gm) and OT Mitch Arquette (11 gm). Backup RT Jason Voss (6-3 268 Sr) moves to TE, so just 5 of the top 10 are back. The unit is in better shape than it sounds as 4 players return who started 5 or more last year and they add Hawaii transfer Jeremy Inferrera, who June Jones said was one of their top OL's having 13 starts there in two years.

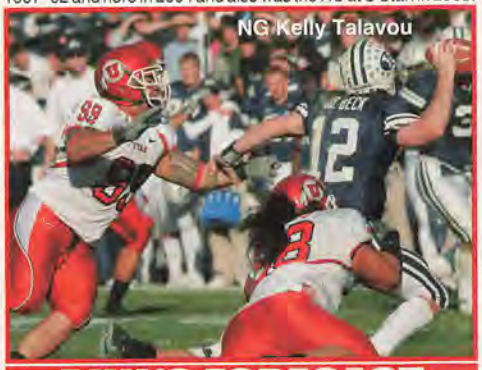
DEFENSIVE LINE - This is Utah's primary recruiting emphasis every year and the Utes have sent many players to the NFL from this position. In 2003 and 2004 the Utes surprisingly allowed 3.8 ypc rushing, their highest in 5 years. Last year they had to replace two starters (#3 and #7 DC's) and two backups and then lost starting DE Marquess Ledbetter for the season. The only starter returning was their star, Steve Fifita but the unit did get better as the season went on. Still, the Utes allowed 4.0 ypc, their highest total since 1996 while the D had just 29 sacks. This year they lose Fifita (1st Tm MWC, 14 tfl, 12 st) and DE Kite Afeaki (6 st, 14 tkl, 3 tfl). While Fifita is a big loss, I like the talent in the 3 deep I list below and Paul Soliai and Kelly Talavou are both All-MWC caliber DT's. This unit is more experienced and should be tougher vs the run.

LINEBACKERS - While the Utes had to replace two LB starters last year, four of the top six returned including their #1 tackler Spencer Toone (4.47 spd). Grady Marshall began the year as the starting MLB but lost his spot to soph Joe Jiannoni. Kyle Brady took over Malakai Mokofisi's starting SLB spot. This year they must replace ROV Toone (#7DC TEN, #1 tkl'r, 1st Tm MWC), Marshall (1 st, 42 tkl) and Afa Garrigan (2 tkl). They add Alabama transfer Ryan Morrow and JUCO Chet Blasucci. This unit is more experienced overall but loses its top player.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Since Kyle Whittingham became DC, Utah's lowest finish in my pass D rankings has been #41. They were #24 in 2003 and #18 in 2004. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 27 starts including a 1st Tm MWC FS. The unit got better as the season went on once S Eric Weddle moved to CB. Weddle held WY WR Bouknight to 4 rec's and then held GT AA WR, Calvin Johnson, to just 2 and was the MWC Def POY. Utah finished #31. This year the only losses are CB Eugene Oates (9 st, 43 tkl, 3 pbu), SS Tim Harris (3 st, 40 tkl) and SS Kawika Casco (11 tkl). CB Ryan Smith quit the team in spring but remains in school and could come back. Six players return with starting experience. John Peel (6-2 196 So, PS#82) moves in from WR, and Weddle's presence makes it one of the top secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Urban Meyer was the ST coach at Notre Dame and put a high priority on this unit. His stated goal in his first year was to be the best punt blocking team in the MWC and in '04 they blocked 5. In Meyer's first year they finished #23 in my ST rankings and moved up to #8 in 2004. Last year they had to replace their top K and P and top KR Justin Walker redshirted. As expected they dropped to #81. Sakoda had 13 TB's on 63 KO's. Sakoda also handled the punting and avg'd just 37.1 (net 32.7). FG man Dan Beardall was amazing hitting 16 of 19 with a long of 47 and he broke the school record by connecting on 12 straight FG's (old record of 11, Andre Guardi 1985). He was the 3rd new K in 3 years but also the 1st Ute PK to be named 1st Team All Conf since 1981. Surprisingly Eric Weddle avg'd just 6.4 on PR's after avg'ing 10.5 in 2004 and Brent Casteel avg'd 23.2 on KR's. They must replace Beardall as well as Grady Marshall who had 4 punt blocks in two years, but I look for the Utes to move up in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Kyle Whittingham was fought over by BYU and Utah for the head coaching job and he opted to stay here. Whittingham has been the DC at Utah since 1995 and is a BYU graduate. He made a great hire bringing in Andy Ludwig, who was the OC at Oregon from '02-'04 and was a Broyles Award finalist in 2001 when he was the OC at Fresno St. The DC is Gary Anderson who is in his 9th year at Utah. He was the DL coach from 1997-'02 and here in 2004 and also was the HC at S Utah in 2003.



PHIL'S FORECAST

Many times teams that underachieve one year are dangerous the next and such was the case with Utah which was much better than their 5-6 record in 2002. In 2003, even with just 10 starters back they rolled to a 10-2 record and a MWC Title in Urban Meyer's first year despite the fact that only three players were named 1st Tm MWC. I mentioned in 2004's magazine that 4 of my 7 sets of power ratings called for the Utes to have an unbeaten season and not only did they achieve that, they became the first non-BCS team to make it to one of the BCS bowls. They dominated Pitt 35-7 in the Fiesta Bowl much like they dominated foes all year long outscoring them by an average of 45.3 to 19.5. They beat Texas A&M, which went on to the Cotton Bowl, by a 41-21 margin and in league play outgained foes by an average of 132 ypg with their closest game being a 14 point win over Air Force. Their #4 finish in the AP poll was their highest ever and they came into last year with 16 straight wins. Not only did they have to replace HC Meyer, but also QB Smith (1st pick NFL draft), 4 of their top 5 rushers, top 2 WR's and 8 of their top 14 tacklers. They had just 9 starters returning from a team that benefitted from +15 in turnovers. Season tickets sales were up over 30,000 for the first time ever and they came in to the season #28 in the AP poll. After a 2-0 start, they lost to TCU in OT and after beating AF to go 3-1 dropped their next 3 games. Utah's problem was that they moved the ball great all season avg 473 ypg but just 30.0 ppg (vs SDSt they had 592 yds but scored just 19 pts). They actually had a 4-4 record in MWC play but outgained MWC foes by a league best 86.5 ypg. The Utes were forced to go with their backup QB when they travelled to Provo needing a win to qualify for a bowl and got it in OT vs BYU. They had perhaps their best game vs a disinterested GT team that they waxed 38-10 rolling up 550 yards vs a top-notch D. This year they have the most returning starters in the league (13). The Utes had just 5 starters back on offense last year and saw the ppg drop from 45.3 to 30.0 but they only avg'd 27 ypg less. This year with experienced QB's, they will easily top 2005's 30.0 ppg, despite losing their top RB and WR. Defensively the Utes had just 4 starters back and yielded 24.1 ppg, which was their worst since 1996 and with 7 starters back including super CB Eric Weddle, they will be one of the MWC's top D's. The Utes are my pick to win the MWC and 3 of my sets of power ratings call for them to go unbeaten overall this season (much like 2004).

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 3 BRIAN JOHNSON JR. 6-2 205 10 st LY, 2892 (63.6%), 18-7 ratio, 690 rush, **2nd Tm MWC. 15 Brett Ratliff** (6-4 224 Sr) 2 st, 642 pass, 8-2 ratio. **8 Tommy Grady PS#6.**

RB 10 Darryl Poston Sr. 5-11 197 **PS#19.** 38 yd **USC** true. Transfer & inj 4 year. **12** Darrell Mack (6-0 216 So) PS#178. 147 (3.8). **20** Mike Liti (5-10 215 Jr) PS#133. 2 st, 28 (2.3).

WR 5 BRENT CASTEEL SO. 5-10 193 5 st rFr, 39 (10.9), 208 rush, 4.49 spd. **27** Sean Smith (6-3 207 rFr) PS#427RB. Matt Simms (6-1 259 Jr) PS#214JC. **85** Drew Hackett (6-3 196 Sr).

WR 26 Derrek Richards Jr. 5-11 175 **4.41 spd!** 6 st LY, 16 (14.9). **88** Freddie Brown (6-3 217 So) JUCO, 2 rec. 4.55 spd. **81** Bradon Godfrey (6-3 198 So) Southern Utah transfer.

WR 16 BRIAN HERNANDEZ SR. 6-0 175 PS#260JC. 5 st LY (inj), 39 rec **(18.2)! 17** Fano Tagovailoa (6-1 202 Sr) PS#251JC. 6 rec. Susp ? George Molifua (5-10 220 Fr) orig signed '02, LDS mission.

WR 2 Marquis Wilson So. 5-11 173 **PS#56.** 3 st true, 9 (16.6). **TE 80 Chris Joppru** (6-6 241 rFr) PS#43. **84** Lance Bordeleau (6-4 253 rFr) PS#109. **48** Colt Sampson (6-4 240 So).

C 70 Jeremy Inferrera Jr. 6-3 292 PS#271. 8 st OT as true at **Hawaii.** 5 st RT in '04. Hand inj in spg. **63** Kyle Gunther (6-4 302 Jr) PS#124. 7 gm as rFr. 3 games in '05. 505 squat.

RG 66 ROBERT CONLEY SO. 6-1 311 PS#396. 425 bench, 523 snaps as rFr, started L/5 at RG. **74** Corey Seiuli (6-3 326 So) JC, in for spg. **57** Tyler Williams (6-1 292 rFr) PS#342.

LG 75 Eric Pettit Sr. 6-4 306 PS#484. 2 gms as rFr. 3 st at LG '04. **7 st** at RG '05, 462 snaps reg ssn. **68** Zane Beadles (6-4 308 rFr) PS#588. **Walter Watts is PS#45.**

RT 69 JASON BOONE JR. 6-4 294 11 gm rFr, 2nd string. 12 st RT LY, 916 snaps, 26 kd. **65** Dustin Hensel (6-7 322 So) PS#278JC. In for spg. Caleb Schlauderaff PS#284.

LT 78 TAVO TUPOLA SR. 6-3 300 PS#303DB. 9 st LT rFr. 12 st at LT '04, 760 plays. 12 st LT LY, **2nd Tm MWC.** 832 snaps, 27 kd LY. **60** Terrence Apted (6-3 317 So).

K 35 Louie Sakoda So. 5-10 175 PS#68. 13 TB on 63 KO LY. 98 of 103 FG in HS, long 47. Also punter LY as true. **30** Ben Vroman (5-11 187 So). **62** Bart-Jonah Gaison (6-0 232 Jr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 97 SOLI LEFITI SR. 6-4 265 **PS#81JC.** Last 7 starts LY, 24 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 2 pbu. **91** Casey Sutera (6-3 262 Jr). Southern Utah trans. **58** Semisi Livai (6-0 284 rFr) PS#434.

NG 98 KELLY TALAVOU SR. 6-2 307 **9 st at Idaho,** 30 tkl, 5 tfl '03. 12 st here LY, 31 tkl, 2 tfl, 2 pbu. 405 bench. **95** Bryce Scanlon (6-2 274 So) PS#397LB. Pauli Latu is PS#158.

DT 90 Paul Soliai Sr. 6-4 318 **PS#7JC.** OL @JC, 1st Tm JCAA. 5 tkl, 1 sk here '05. **96** Derek Beardall (6-1 293 Sr) JC. 2 tkl LY. **92** Kenape Eliapo (6-0 290 rFr) added 20 lbs.

DE 93 MARTAIL BURNETT JR. 6-3 248 PS#149WR. 40.5" VL. 5 tkl rFr. Last 8 st LY, 53 tkl, 3.5 sk. **45** Alex Puccinelli (6-1 236 Jr) PS#258LB. 3 st, 10 tkl 2Y. **56** Greg Newman (6-4 256 So).

SLB 14 KYLE BRADY JR. 6-1 232 PS#186DB. 4.66 spd. 20 tkl rFr. 5 st LY, 26 tkl. **22 Malakai Mokofisi** (6-2 228 Jr) **3 st** 15 tkl LY. **53** Ryan Morrow (6-1 239 So) Alabama transfer.

MLB 37 Loma Olevao Jr. 6-1 232 PS#257WR. 3 tkl, 9 gm LY. **47** Chet Blasucci (6-1 241 Jr) PS#477JC. In for spring. **38** Reggie Turner (6-1 239 Sr) PS#295JC. 1 tkl in 3 gm LY.

ROV 44 JOE JIANNONI JR. 6-1 230 PS#129. 17 tkl rFr. 11 st MLB LY, 73 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **54** Taylor Miller (6-1 222 Jr) PS#228. 2 tkl '04. 3 tkl LY. **13** JJ Williams (6-0 222 rFr) down 27 lbs.

CB 32 ERIC WEDDLE SR. 6-0 200 9 st true, 3 int. 11 st SS '04, 75 tkl, 4 int. **MWC Def POY '05,** 4 int, 12 pbu, 11 tfl, 78 tkl. **6** Brice McCain (5-9 178 So). **29** Eric Shyne (5-10 178 Sr) PS#102RB.

CB 21 SHAUN HARPER SR. 5-9 180 9 st 3Y, 57 tkl. **10** Ryan Smith (5-10 165 Jr) PS#301. 11 st rFr, 44 tkl, 7 pbu. 6 st LY, 27 tkl, 4.42 spd. **7** Mombroso Washington PS#171JC.

SS 31 CASEY EVANS SR. 6-0 202 1 st '04, 36 tkl. 12 st FS LY, 89 tkl, **2nd Tm MWC.** **82** John Peel (6-2 196 So) PS#82. **24** Kyler Rushton (6-0 203 rFr) PS#309 in '01, on mission.

FS 28 Steve Tate Jr. 5-11 197 PS#255QB. 26 tkl '01. Mission. 5 st LY, 46 tkl, 2 tfl. **36** Joe Guiliani (6-1 201 rFr) PS#292. **19** Danny Copinga (6-1 197 rFr) PS#318. BYU trans.

P 35 LOUIE SAKODA SO. 5-10 175 PS#68. 54 punts as true, 37.1 average, net 32.7. **59** Brent Rawlings (5-7 171 Jr) 7 punts, 36.0 avg. **62** Bart-Jonah Gaison (6-0 232 rFr) added 27 lbs.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Walter Watts 6-2 329 PS#45
DL	Aaron Tonga 6-2 280 PS#88JC
DL	Joe Faifili 6-2 296 PS#64
DB	Mombroso Washington 6-0 173 PS#171JC
RB	Kenton Thomas 6-1 198 PS#103
TE	Matt Sims 6-1 259 PS#214JC
DB	Mookie Murphy 5-10 172 PS#140RB
DL	Pauli Latu 6-0 295 PS#158
OL	Dustin Hensel 6-7 322 PS#278JC
DL	Nick Binks 6-5 209 PS#182
DL	Neil A'asa 6-2 290 PS#196
DL	Bubba Tuinei 6-4 206 PS#231
DL	Zane Taylor 6-3 295 PS#238
OL	Caleb Schlauderaff 6-5 270 PS#284
RB	RJ Stanford 5-11 180 PS#276
DB	Justin Jones 5-10 169 PS#333
WR	Sean Fitzgerald 6-3 177 PS#251
DB	Joe Dale 5-11 190 PS#336WR
TE	Peter Tuitupou 6-4 223 PS#452OL
WR	Tony Smith 6-0 176 PS#373
DL	Zeke Wily 6-4 300 PS#419
OL	Corey Seiuli 6-3 326 PS#363JC '03
LB	Chet Blasucci 6-1 241 PS#477JC
LB	Stevenson Sylvester 6-2 212 PS#177TE
RB	George Molifua 5-10 220 PS#515

UTAH UTES

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KYLE WHITTINGHAM (Career 7-5)
2nd Year at Utah
Whittingham's SU Bowl Record: 1-0

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#85

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score Utah	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 2	at UCLA	G					
Sep. 9	Northern Arizona	A					
Sep. 16	at Utah State	A					
Sep. 23	at San Diego St	G					
Sep. 30	Boise St (HC)	A					
Oct. 5	TCU (Thur)	A					
Oct. 14	at Wyoming	A					
Oct. 19	at New Mexico (Thur)	G					
Oct. 28	UNLV	A					
Nov. 4							
Nov. 11	Colorado St	A					
Nov. 18	at Air Force	A					
Nov. 25	BYU	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Utes are 8-4 ATS the last 3 years on natural grass.
Utah is 11-5 ATS since 1995 in November road games.
The Utes are 22-8 ATS since 1989 in non-conference away games.

The Utes are 9-3 ATS the last 12 road openers of the season.
Utah is 21-4 ATS as an away dog since 1994.

The Lumberjacks finished 3-8 last year as IAA Big Sky Conf members.
NAU last beat a IA opponent in 1987, posting a 7-37 all-time record.

Utah is 15-8 ATS the last 3 years after a SU victory.
Utes lead the all-time series 72-29-4 SU & are 12-5 ATS the L/17 games.

Utah is 8-5 SU & 4-9 ATS since 2001 as a MWC away favorite.
The SU winner is 16-1 ATS the last 17 meetings in this series.

Utah is 2-3 SU & 0-2 ATS all-time vs Boise St (last gm was in '99).
Last yr Utah was 1-5 ATS at Rice-Eccles Stadium after '03-'04's 10-2 ATS mark.

Last year Utah had their 18 gm winning streak snapped in OT vs TCU.
Could apply: Utah is 4-1 ATS as a home dog S/'96 with 4 outright upsets.

LY QB Johnson tied a career high w/4 TD passes while racking up 451 ttl yds (80%).
Utah is 10-3 SU & 9-4 ATS the last 13 games vs Wyoming.

Since '61 these tms have played every yr except '82, Utah leads 29-16-2.
Utah is 7-4 SU & ATS vs New Mexico since 1995.

In 7 MWC meetings, Utah is 7-0 SU & 6-1 ATS with an avg win of 42-19 vs UNLV.
Utah is 16-5 ATS since 1990 in games before a bye week.

Utes are 10-3 SU & ATS the last 13 games after a bye.
The home team is 4-10 ATS in this series since 1989.

The Utes have gone 2-7 ATS their last 9 games vs the Falcons.
These 2 teams have combined to average 64 ppg since 1983 (20 gms).

This will be the 82nd "Holy War" as Utah leads 49-28-4 (uninterrupted S/'46).
The last time Utah beat BYU 5 years in a row was from 1960-'64.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Scott Mitchell 8,981 1987-'89
Rushing: Eddie Johnson 3,219 1984-'88 Receiving: Bryan Rowley 3,143 1989-'93

Whittingham's records AT UTAH

7-5	Straight Up	1-5	Home Favorite
3-8	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
2-3	Off A SU Loss	0-2	Away Favorite
3-5	Vs Conference	2-1	Away Underdog
0-3	Vs Non-Conf	1-0	Off A Bye

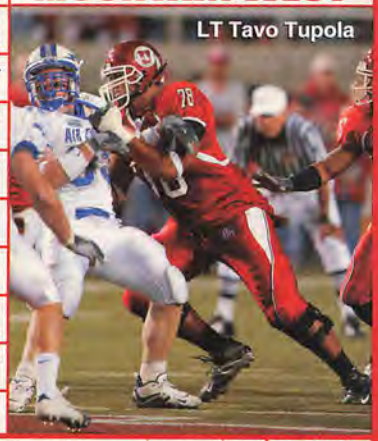
2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (16,18,2)
Lost: 29 (12,14,3)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,536

MOUNTAIN WEST



STADIUM: RICE-ECCLES STADIUM (45,017)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	4-7	7-4	5-6	9-2	11-0	6-5	50-27
Home	4-1	1-5	5-0	3-2	5-1	6-0	4-2	28-11
Away	4-2	3-2	2-4	2-4	4-1	5-0	2-3	22-16
ATS	8-3	4-7	7-4	4-7	9-2	9-2	3-8	44-33
Home Fav	4-1	0-5	3-2	2-3	4-1	5-1	1-5	19-18
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Away Fav	1-1	3-1	1-2	1-4	1-1	4-1	0-2	11-12
Away Dog	3-1	0-1	3-0	1-0	3-0	0-0	2-1	12-3
Favorite	5-2	3-6	4-4	3-7	5-2	9-2	1-7	30-30
Dog	3-1	1-1	3-0	1-0	4-0	0-0	2-1	14-3
Grass	7-2	4-7	6-4	2-4	3-1	3-1	2-2	27-21
Artificial	1-1	0-0	1-0	2-3	6-1	6-1	1-6	17-12
vs Conf	5-2	3-4	4-3	1-6	5-2	5-2	3-5	26-24
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-3	3-1	3-1	4-0	4-0	0-3	18-9
Off SU Win	5-2	2-2	5-2	1-3	6-2	8-2	1-4	28-17
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-4	2-1	2-4	2-0	0-0	2-3	12-13

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Quinton Ganther	205	1168	48	1120	7	5.5
Brian Johnson	152	690	212	478	8	3.1
Brent Casteel	35	212	4	208	1	5.9
Darrell Mack	39	150	3	147	0	3.8
Brett Ratliff	22	131	30	101	1	4.6
Eric Weddle	7	36	1	35	1	5.0
Mike Liti	12	29	1	28	0	2.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brian Johnson	330	210	63.6	2892	18	7
Brett Ratliff	77	48	62.3	642	8	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Travis LaTendresse	55	810	14.7	8	51
Brian Hernandez	39	709	18.2	3	60
John Madsen	55	672	12.2	6	47
Brent Casteel	39	426	10.9	2	41
Quinton Ganther	25	314	12.6	1	47
Derrek Richards	16	239	14.9	4	52
Marquis Wilson	9	149	16.6	0	25
Chad Jacobsen	4	69	17.2	1	34
Fano Tagovailoa	6	66	11.0	0	24

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Louie Sakoda	54	2002	37.1	14	32.7(T)	0	22
Brent Rawlings	7	252	36.0	3	–	0	2

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dan Beardall	40-42	5-6	6-6	5-6	0-1	16-19	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Spencer Toone	113	2.5	2.5	0	0
Casey Evans	89	2	2	3	5
Eric Weddle	78	4	7	12	4
Joe Jiannoni	73	0.5	2	0	0
Martail Burnett	53	3.5	3.5	2	0
Steve Tate	46	0	2	0	1
Steve Fifita	44	6	8	1	0
Eugene Oates	43	1	1	3	0
Grady Marshall	42	2	1	0	0
Tim Harris	40	0	0	0	1
Kelly Talavou	31	1.5	0.5	2	0
Ryan Smith	27	0	1.5	2	1
Kyle Brady	26	0.5	1	0	1
Soli Lefiti	24	1	2.5	2	0
Shaun Harper	19	0	1	2	2
Antonio Young	19	0	1	0	0
Malakai Mokofisi	15	0	2	0	0
Kite Afeaki	14	1.5	1.5	0	0
Brice McCain	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eric Weddle	24	154	6.4	0
Marquis Wilson	5	25	5.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brent Casteel	20	464	23.2	0
Derrek Richards	7	151	21.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
99	Las Vegas	-4'	Fresno St	17-16	L
01	Las Vegas	+3'	USC	10-6	W
03	Liberty	-2	S Mississippi	17-0	W
04	Fiesta	-15	Pittsburgh - #19	35-7	W
05	Emerald	+9	Georgia Tech - #24	38-10	W

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UTAH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	30.0	23	179	4.3	295	62.2	15.8	-1	2005	4	24.1	20	151	4.0	222	54.3	15.5
7*	45.3	25	236	5.4	264	67.4	11.0	+15	2004	7	19.5	18	140	3.8	203	52.7	17.6
5*	28.7	20	161	3.6	214	61.9	13.1	+9	2003	5	19.1	18	140	3.8	199	49.3	17.7
5*	22.6	20	164	4.1	208	56.4	16.4	-1	2002	8	20.5	18	105	2.9	227	52.4	16.2
7	27.4	22	219	4.7	204	55.0	15.4	-1	2001	4	17.5	16	108	3.3	187	49.9	16.9
7*	21.3	17	133	3.5	204	48.4	15.8	-11	2000	7	18.8	17	128	3.2	160	47.6	15.3

2005 STATS BY GAME

UTAH 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Arizona	19	38-226	5.9	19-31	220	0	25	33-104	3.2	24-42	287	2	+3
–	Utah St	26	49-242	4.9	18-22	268	2	16	38-163	4.3	12-25	95	2	0
–	at TCU	14	50-109	2.2	15-31	208	3	14	46-228	5.0	8-17	88	3	-1
–	Air Force	23	43-152	3.5	21-30	305	2	26	50-251	5.0	13-27	234	2	+1
–	at N Carolina	22	38-167	4.4	22-34	211	4	20	39-85	2.2	16-31	267	2	-3
–	at Colorado St	18	45-170	3.8	15-27	255	2	18	30-151	5.0	18-26	226	0	-1
–	San Diego St	30	43-175	4.1	31-48	417	3	17	34-166	4.9	17-23	219	1	-2
–	at UNLV	23	36-242	6.7	20-29	264	0	28	40-132	3.0	29-55	356	5	+1
–	Wyoming	25	41-179	4.4	32-45	384	0	15	32-146	4.6	15-30	133	3	+3
–	New Mexico	19	32-60	1.9	18-41	381	9	16	44-88	2.0	16-30	197	6	-3
–	at BYU	24	44-251	5.7	17-35	240	2	20	31-176	5.7	27-48	309	1	+1
–	† Georgia Tech	31	35-169	4.8	30-42	381	2	20	37-127	3.4	18-38	258	2	0
TOTALS		274	494-2142	4.3	258-415	3534	29	235	454-1817	4.0	213-392	2669	29	-1
AVERAGES		22.8	41-179	4.3	22-35	295	2.4	19.6	38-151	4.0	18-33	222	2.4	-0.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah St	-9	23-19	L
at Oregon - #7	+17'	10-24	W
at Indiana	+3	28-26	W
New Mexico	-8	37-16	W
South Florida	-13'	52-21	W
Wyoming	-17'	35-0	W
at Colorado St	-2'	17-19	L
at UNLV	-1	42-14	W
San Diego St	-17'	17-3	L
at BYU - #8	+7	21-24	W
at Air Force	-16'	37-38	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah St	-11	23-3	W
Indiana	-14	40-13	W
at Arizona	-3	17-23	L
at Michigan - #14	+10'	7-10	W
Air Force	-8'	26-30	L
at San Diego St	-10'	17-36	L
Colorado St	-1	20-28	L
at New Mexico	-6'	35-42 2OT	L
UNLV	-10'	28-17	W
at Wyoming	-11'	23-18	L
BYU	-8	13-6	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah St	-19'	40-20	W
at Texas A&M	+9'	26-28	W
California	-1	31-24	W
at Colorado St	+6'	28-21	W
Oregon - #19	+3	17-13	W
San Diego St	-9'	27-6	W
at UNLV	-2	28-10	W
New Mexico	-8	35-47	L
at Air Force	+3	45-43 3OT	W
Wyoming	-12'	47-17	W
at BYU	-7	3-0	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas A&M	-8'	41-21	W
at Arizona	-13'	23-6	W
at Utah St	-19	48-6	W
Air Force	-22	49-35	L
at New Mexico	-10	28-7	W
North Carolina	-22	46-16	W
UNLV	-24	63-28	W
at San Diego St	-18'	51-28	W
Colorado St	-26'	63-31	W
at Wyoming	-23	45-28	L
BYU	-21	52-21	W

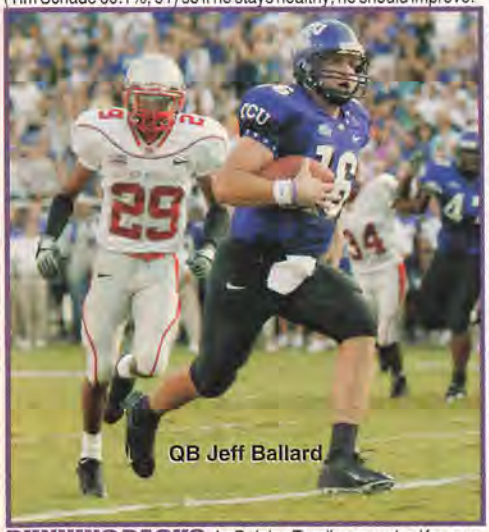
2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	-7'	27-24	L
Utah St	-24'	31-7	L
at TCU	-3'	20-23 OT	L
Air Force	-7	38-35	L
at North Carolina	+4	17-31	L
at Colorado St	+4'	17-21	W
San Diego St	-10	19-28	L
at UNLV	-11'	42-32	L
Wyoming	-2'	43-13	W
New Mexico	-6	27-31	L
at BYU	+10	41-34 OT	W

TCU HORNED FROGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Tye Gunn had an injury-plagued career but was 13-3 as a starting QB. Due to injuries in '04, Gunn and Brandon Hassell split the duties (Hassell 6 st, Gunn 4). Kyle Kummer started vs Army when both were injured. Last year they had to replace Hassell and Gunn's expected backup was VHT James Battle (PS#17). Battle, however, transferred over the summer. Chad Huffman, who has the best arm of the QB's, was #2 but opted to play baseball so he lost his advantage. Jeff Ballard, (PS#44) who had been the team's 4th string QB the previous 2 years, worked his way to #2. Gunn went down to inj vs BYU and did not return. He threw for 646 (47.1%) with a 2-4 ratio. Ballard led the comeback vs BYU. In his 1st start (vs NM) he was the MWC Off POW and had 302 yds pass vs Air Force. Ballard is an outstanding 8-0 as the starting QB and threw for 1,801 (59.9%) with a 13-7 ratio (440 rush) in '05. This year they must replace Gunn and Kummer (3 gm). With TCU's option offense, it's tough for the starter to stay healthy all year, so the backup spot is very important. The candidates this year are Marcus Jackson (PS#74), Huffman (if he does not play baseball full-time) and this year's true frosh. Last year Ballard had the 2nd best comp % in school history (Tim Schade 60.1%,'91) so if he stays healthy, he should improve.


QB Jeff Ballard

RUNNING BACKS - LaDainian Tomlinson rushed for over 4,000 yds in his last 2 years here and has gone on to NFL fame. They have had solid RB's since and in '02 true frosh Lonta Hobbs emerged when the starter was injured, rushing for a TCU frosh record 1,029 (super 6.6 ypc). He was CUSA Fr of the Yr in '02 but in '03 was not 100% (ankle) rushing for just 659 (3.9) including 117 in the bowl. Robert Merrill (PS#104) broke Hobbs' frosh rushing record with 1,107 (5.5) and was 2nd Tm CUSA with 10 starts in '03. Hobbs had 12 TD's in the first 5 in '04 but suffered a concussion and Merrill suffered injuries in a Sept car accident and was not back to full speed until late. Merrill finished with 753 (4.2) and Hobbs 647 (5.2). They both returned for '05 but Hobbs injured his groin vs SMU (med RS). In the 3rd game, true frosh Aaron Brown got his first carry and had 163 on 17 att. Brown led in rushing 3 times finishing with 758 (5.9). Merrill rushed for 170 vs SDSt and finished with 911 (4.9). Justin Watts (5-10 198 So) had 103 (5.7) and Detrick James (5-8 180 So, PS#152WR) had 56 (5.1). This year the top 3 return and this looks like the deepest RB corps in the MWC.

RECEIVERS - Last year TCU had to replace their starting WR and TE but had 3 of the top 5 back including Cory Rodgers, who had the 2nd highest reception total in a single season for TCU with 61 (13.7). Rodgers, who was also the most dangerous returnman in the MWC, led again with 52 (13.2). He had 10 rec vs Okla and tied Mike Renfro's school record for career TD rec with 17. Quentily Harmon has 48 in 2 years and is the team's best route runner. Donald Massey (PS#139) had 21 (9.7). The only losses this year are Rodgers (11 st) who declared early for the NFL draft (#4DC GB), Matthew Grimmett (10 st, 10 rec) and Ryan Pearson (6 rec). The TE's are very deep and former QB Shae Reagan (4.6 spd) was moved into that unit. Not listed below are WR's William Cage (6-4 207 So), Prince Bynum (6-3 185 So), Grant Ball (6-1 190 rFr) and TE Tom Stevens (6-6 235 Jr). This has the makings of a solid receiving corps again but with the loss of their top guy, is clearly a few notches below the 2005 unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '04, despite having 4 starters back, the O-line only paved the way for 3.8 ypc rush while allowing 25 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters (all invited to NFL camps) but the less experienced line opened holes for 4.3 ypc with 24 sacks (6.3%). One of the keys to the improvement was good health as the same 5 started every reg season game with only RG Ben Angeley missing the bowl. This year the losses are heavy as gone are C Stephen Culp (12 st, 2nd Tm MWC), LT Michael Toudouze (12 st, 1st Tm MWC, #5DC IND), LG Shane Sims (12 st, 550 bench, 2 yr st'r) and RG Angeley (11 st). Although only one starter returns, keep in mind that is just one less than '05 and Patterson usually forms a solid offensive front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Patterson almost always fields a top-notch defensive front. In '03 they had 7 of their top 8 back and for the 5th straight year allowed 2.7 or less ypc rushing. In '04 they had to replace all 4 starters but were still respectable allowing 3.2 ypc with the D recording 31 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 17 starts then returning starter DE Jamison Newby lost his spot. They moved starting DE Ranorris Ray to DT and at just 275 lbs he was one of the strongest Frogs and earned 2nd Tm MWC honors. Chase Ortiz moved from LB and earned 1st Tm MWC leading the conf in sacks with 9. His cohort at DE, Tommy Blake, who had 1 st at DE in '04, added 7 sacks and 6.5 tfl, earning 1st Tm MWC. TCU led the conf with 41 sacks and allowed just 2.8 ypc rush. This year they lose NT Jared Kesler (9 st, 15 tkl, 3.5 sk), DT Ray (12 st, 32 tkl, 2.5 sk), NT Zarnell Fitch (3 st, 24 tkl, 4 tfl), DE Chris Hayes (6 tkl) and DE Jesse Hejny (8 tkl, 2 sk). Not listed in the 3 deep below are this year's true frosh including Wayne Daniels (PS#57). While this unit is a little less experienced than 2005, it's not often that a team returns both 1st Tm Conf DE's and as usual, this is one of the top DL's in the league.

LINEBACKERS - TCU runs a 4-2-5 defense and all of their safeties are legitimate safeties but I will list the SS with the LB's. Patterson says the SLB position has a chance to make the most plays on the defense as it is usually covered up by one of the best DL's and that spot has produced the team's leading tackler in each of the last 6 years. Last year the starting SLB was rFr Jason Phillips who was the Scout Tm Off MVP in '04 at FB. He became the first frosh def player in MWC history to be named 1st or 2nd Tm MWC. While last year's unit had just 1 starter returning, they return their entire 3 deep this year including LSU transfer Darius Ingram (banged up most of '05) and Colorado transfer Andrew Ward (7 st, 45 tkl '04), who is now 3rd string on this deep unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - TCU has traditionally finished high in my pass D rankings including #5 in '02 led by Jason Goss, who tied a school record with 8 int. With one starter back in '03, TCU had slipped to #43. In '04 they had to replace two starters and brought in two JUCO CB's, Quincy Butler and Drew Coleman. Surprisingly they dropped to #94 allowing an eye opening 304 ypg. Last year they only had to replace one starter and I said TCU had a chance to make the biggest improvement in the pass D rankings of any NCAA team. TCU moved all the way up #10 allowing just 52.2% with a 14-26 ratio. This year they suffer some major losses in CB's Butler (12 st, 1st Tm MWC, 5 int, 8 pbu) and Coleman (#6DC NYJ, 12 st, 2nd Tm MWC, 36 tkl, 4 int, 8 pbu) as well as FS Jeremy Modkins (2nd Tm MWC, 12 st, 67 tkl, 3 int, 8 pbu). Not listed below are Chris Clarke (5-9 180 Jr), Justin Zavala (5-10 180 Jr) and S Ark trans Andy Burrell (6-2 200 So). This figures to be an underrated secondary, but will drop in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This is usually an area of strength under Patterson as they were #22 and #35 in my ST rankings in '02 and '03. In '04 they surprisingly dropped to #84 despite Cory Rodgers avg 23.3 on KR's and 10.2 on PR's. Last year Rodgers returned and they brought in Cincinnati transfer Chris Manfredini to battle returning K Peter LoCoco (9 of 15 L/47 in '04). They also brought in a JC P Brian Cortney. Rodgers improved his PR avg to 15.3 and was #3 in the NCAA avg 30.3 on KR's. LoCoco improved over the summer hardly missing any FG's in practice, but lost his job after missing 3 of 4 vs SMU and finished hitting 4 of 9 but hit a 52 yd FG INTO the wind vs Wyoming. LoCoco also had 30 TB's on 71 KO's. Manfredini was 13 for 13 on FG's but had just one att beyond 40 as LoCoco handled long attempts. Cortney avg'd 38.6 on punts. Derek Wash battled Cortney closely in Aug and had 4 punts with a 36.2 avg. Overall, TCU moved up to #25 in my ST rankings but with the loss of Rodgers, figures to drop some.

COACHES - Gary Patterson has done a fine job here taking over when Franchione bolted prior to the 2000 bowl. Patterson was CUSA's 2002 Coach of Yr & won the MWC Coach of Yr in '05. The OC for the 9th straight year is Mike Schultz. Patterson brought DC Dick Bumpas in '04. Patterson was an asst under Bumpas at both Navy and Utah St and was able to hire the solid DC away from W Mich. Bumpas runs a 4-2-5 D which is the same alignment the Frogs have employed for years. Patterson is a Kansas St alumni and was given a 4 year extension through 2012 at reportedly $1 million per year when the KSt job became open LY. His 43-18 record here is the best after 61 games since Dutch Meyer was 44-13-4 from 1934-'39.

PHIL'S FORECAST

TCU is fast becoming like Virg Tech was a few years ago. Despite not getting the most highly touted HS recruits, they have a great weight training program which builds bigger, stronger and faster athletes. Almost 75% of the roster can bench 400 lbs. After being a member of the SWC, TCU has had some outstanding seasons like 10-2 ('02) and flirted with a 2003 BCS bowl berth before losing a late game at S Miss. They have been to a bowl in 7 of the last 8 years with the lone non-bowl season being a 5-6 ('04). In the 6 years prior to '04, TCU's D had allowed 40+ pts 5 times (avg of less than 1 per year) but in '04 yielded 40+ five times. Last season they moved into their 4th conf in 10 years. They had to replace 25 lettermen (MWC's highest) and returned just 13 starters. They were picked 6th in the 2002 CUSA media poll and won that title and were picked 6th in the MWC and responded with a dream season. In the opener they knocked off #7 Oklahoma on the road, their first win over an opponent ranked that high since a 6-0 win over #1 Texas in 1961. They then ended Utah's 18 game win streak with a 3 point home win in OT. They were very fortunate to get an OT win vs BYU, a game they trailed by 18 in the 2H, as BYU had 9 defensive starters out. They were a dominant team down the stretch (only close win vs SDSt) and achieved their 4th ten-win season in six years and got their first outright conf title since 1958 (SWC). They have won a league title in 3 different conferences in the past six years and finished #11 in the AP Poll (#9 coaches). It was their first undefeated conf mark since 1938. They come into 2006 with the 2nd longest win streak in the NCAA (10). They wrapped up the season with a solid win vs Iowa St in the bowl. TCU set a school record scoring 50 TD's last year and avg'd 33.2 ppg, their best since 2000. This year they have six offensive starters back again but may not match last year's totals with an inexperienced O-line. I rate their defense #1 in the MWC. Four of my 7 sets of power ratings call them the best team in the league and most call for them to have a double digit win season. A couple things have me concerned for the Frogs as they had 5 net close wins LY (see pg 299) and also qualify both offensively and defensively for the ypp section on that page. They were also +21 in turnovers last year (pg 312). The Frogs are a better team than last year but probably won't have as much good fortune.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 16 JEFF BALLARD SR. 6-1 208 PS#44. 8-0 as st'r, 1801 pass (59.9%), 13-7 ratio, 440 rush LY. **11** Marcus Jackson (6-1 200 rFr) PS#74. **12** Chad Huffman (6-1 206 Jr) PS#137.

RB 33 ROBERT MERRILL SR. 5-10 204 25 st 3Y, 2771 (4.9), 50 rec. **30 Lonta Hobbs** (5-10 220 Sr) 11 st, 4Y, 2406 (5.1). **23 Aaron Brown** (6-1 190 So) 2 st LY, 758 (5.9), 11 rec.

WR 3 Marcus Brock Jr. 6-0 185 PS#128. 238 ttl yds '04. Inj LY. **21** Ervin Dickerson (6-1 200 Jr) PS#156. **FB 47** William Jackson (6-0 237 Jr). **36** Chris Smith (5-11 230 rFr) PS#128.

WR 19 MICHAEL DePRIEST SR. 6-0 192 **TCU track tm**. 36 rec (17.5), 3Y. **2** Donald Massey (5-11 170 Jr) PS#139. 21 (9.7) LY. **85** Walter Bryant (6-4 205 So). Clint Renfro is PS#49.

WR 18 QUENTILY HARMON SR. 6-1 184 8 st, 3Y, 59 (13.0). **13** Derek Moore (6-3 174 Jr) 6 st LY, 19 (11.7). **22** Ryan Christian (5-11 185 rFr). **89** Quinton Cunigan (6-3 225 Jr).

TE 81 CHAD ANDRUS SR. 6-4 246 8 st LY. 18 rec (10.1), 4Y. **80 Brent Hecht** (6-4 256 Sr) **PS#26JC**. 4 st, 6 rec LY. **86** Shae Reagan (6-4 245 So) PS#34QB. Trey Englert (6-3 245 Jr) PS#60. 2 st '04.

C 75 Blake Schlueter So. 6-3 260 PS#271. 2nd string rFr, 12 gm. **76** Ryan Sefton (6-5 290 Jr) PS#185JC. In for spg. **50** Tyler Marrou (6-5 245 rFr) PS#387. **LS 83** Jared Retkofsky.

RG 64 Matty Lindner Jr. 6-4 293 PS#522. Move from DT '04. 2nd string OL LY, 10 gm. **66** Robert Clark (6-6 245 So) **PS#95OL**. TE in '05. **73** Josh Karlin (6-4 266 rFr).

LG 65 Giles Montgomery So. 6-5 275 PS#323DL. 1 st (bowl) as rFr LY. **60** Preston Phillips (6-6 270 So) 2nd string rFr. **68** Adam Lowery (6-2 270 Jr). **74** Tony Savino (6-2 255 Jr).

RT 78 HERBERT TAYLOR SR. 6-4 287 PS#212. 13 st RT rFr. 11 st RT '04. 12 st RT '05. **1st Tm MWC. 70** Will Oliver (6-3 290 Jr) **PS#48. 63** Heath Raetz (6-5 280 So). 2 gm LY.

LT 77 Maurice Bouldwin Sr. 6-4 290 PS#58TE. 13 tkl rFr DL. 2nd string OL in '05. **79** Nic Richmond (6-8 285 rFr) PS#98DL. **71** Wade Sisk (6-7 270 Jr) PS#279. 8 gms last year.

K 44 CHRIS MANFREDINI JR. 5-9 170 10 of 11 FG's at Cincinnati '03, long of 41. 13-13 FG's TCU LY, long 43. **13** Peter LoCoco (6-1 201 Sr) 13 of 24 FG's 2Y, long 52. 30 TB's on KO's.

RDE 97 TOMMY BLAKE JR. 6-3 250 PS#189OL. 1 st, 23 tkl, 5 sk rFr. 12 st LY, **1st Tm MWC**, 7 sk, 6.5 tfl. **95 Jamison Newby** (6-3 252 Sr) **11 st at DE '04**. 72 tkl, 5.5 sk, 6 tfl, 3Y.

DT 55 James Vess So. 6-3 260 PS#377. 7 tkls as true last year. **56** Cody Moore (6-1 275 So) 5 tkls as rFr. Henry Niutei (6-4 275) is PS#209. **41** Eric Moore (6-1 245 rFr).

NT 99 Lorenzo Jones So. 6-4 300 **PS#43**. 11 tkl, 3.5 tfl true. **58** Jarrarcea Williams (6-0 310 Sr) 2 st, 8 tkl, 3.5 tfl 3Y. **98** Michael Knight (6-2 250 rFr). **91** Allen Christopher (6-4 225 rFr).

LDE 93 CHASE ORTIZ JR. 6-3 250 PS#168. 12 st LY, **1st Tm MWC**, 37 tkl, **9 sk**, 5 tfl. **83** Jared Retkofsky (6-5 270 Sr) 24 tkl 2Y, 6.5 tfl, 410 bench. **42** Matt Panfil (6-2 230 So) PS#212DB.

SLB 51 ROBERT HENSON SO. 6-1 222 PS#278. 2 sts, **HM MWC**, 69 tkls, 8.5 tfl as rFr. **46** David Hawthorne (6-0 235 Jr) 14 st, 59 tkl 2Y. **35** Andrew Ward (6-2 232 Sr) PS#61DL. **7 st '04.**

MLB 39 JASON PHILLIPS SO. 6-1 240 PS#232QB. 12 st rFr, **2nd Tm MWC**, #1 tkl'r w/71, 8.5 tfl. **37 Darius Ingram** (6-2 218 Jr) **PS#95. LSU trans. 10** Ryan Schlenger (6-3 218 Sr) 1 st, 20 tkl, 3Y.

SS 25 ERIC BUCHANAN SR. 5-11 196 3 st, 35 tkl first 2Y. 6 st LY, 35 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **6** Brian Bonner (5-11 203 Jr) PS#205QB. 6 st, 71 tkl, 8 tfl 2Y. **1** Ken Lewis (6-0 202 Sr) 17 tkls 2Y.

CB 9 Vernon Russell Sr. 6-0 195 **PS#56. Orig at LSU**. 51 tkl at SE Louis '03. 6 tkl here LY. **19** Corderra Hunter (6-2 180 rFr) PS#75. **14** Rafael Priest (5-10 175 rFr) PS#462.

CB 7 Mike Salvage Sr. 5-10 190 PS#80JC. 8 tkls last year. Torrey Stewart (5-11 175 Jr) PS#255JC. **20** Nick Sanders (5-10 170 rFr) PS#358. **48** Kenneth Ruelas (5-11 184 Jr).

WS 26 MARVIN WHITE SR. 6-2 200 **PS#19JC**. 9 sts LY, **HM MWC**, 67 tkl, 3 int. **29** Stephen Hodge (6-0 210 So) PS#91. 15 tkl LY. **43** Chase Gibson (5-11 200 rFr) PS#202.

FS 31 Elvis Gallegos Sr. 6-0 200 **8 st**, 85 tkl, 5 int in 3Y. **27 David Roach** (6-2 210 Jr) **4 st**, 60 tkl, 2 int, in 2 years. **38** Steven Coleman (6-3 205 So) 4.4 spd. 10 tkl as rFr, 1 int.

P 40 BRIAN CORTNEY SR. 6-4 215 Avg 40.1 at JUCO '04. 62 punts here LY, 38.6 avg, net 34.0. **92** Derek Wash (6-4 172 Jr) 4 punts LY 36.2 avg. **54** Landry Lawson (6-1 170 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Wayne Daniels 6-2 230 PS#57
WR	Clint Renfro 6-0 160 PS#49
OL	Ryan Sefton 6-5 290 PS#185JC
QB	Andy Dalton 6-3 185 PS#74
DB	Torrey Stewart 5-11 175 PS#255JC
OL	Josh Vernon 6-2 295 PS#185
DL	Henry Niutei 6-4 275 PS#209
DB	Colin Jones 6-0 205 PS#231RB
OL	Marcus Cannon 6-5 319 PS#275
RB	Jerry Hughes 6-2 225 PS#286
WR	Jimmy Young 6-1 200 PS#294RB
QB	Zack Eskridge 6-3 195 PS#317
DL	Clarence Leatch 6-4 210 PS#436
TE	Evan Frosch 6-4 235 PS#205
DB	Jake Kirkpatrick 6-3 273 PS#562
OL	Marshall Newhouse 6-3 317 PS#562
DL	Cory Grant 6-2 293 PS#495
DB	Alex Ibiloye 6-0 170 PS#560

TCU HORNED FROGS

Fort Worth, Texas
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GARY PATTERSON (Career 43-18)
6th Year at TCU
Patterson's SU Bowl Record: 2-3

Patterson's records AT TCU

43-18	Straight Up	11-11	Home Favorite
26-28-1	Vs The Spread	3-1	Home Underdog
7-7	Off A SU Loss	4-9-1	Away Favorite
20-18-1	Vs Conference	8-7	Away Underdog
6-10	Vs Non-Conf	6-5	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (11-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (25,25,4)
Lost: 21 (12,8,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 31,254

MOUNTAIN WEST

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#82

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TCU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Sep. 2	at Baylor	A					
Sep. 9	UC Davis	G					
Sep. 16	Texas Tech	G					
Sep. 23							
Sep. 28	BYU (Thur)	G					
Oct. 5	at Utah (Thur)	A					
Oct. 14							
Oct. 21	at Army	A					
Oct. 28	Wyoming (HC)	G					
Nov. 4	at UNLV	A					
Nov. 11	at New Mexico	G					
Nov. 18	San Diego St	G					
Nov. 25	at Colorado St	A					
Dec. 2	Air Force	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

TCU posted its 1st undefeated conf record since 1938 (National Champs).
Patterson is the only TCU HC to record 3, 10 win seasons.
Horned Frogs are 4-10 ATS in their conference openers since 1992.

TCU is 1-10-1 ATS in their last 12 games on artificial turf.
Horned Frogs are 9-3 ATS the last 12 season openers.

The Aggies were 6-5 last year including a 20-17 win at Stanford.
TCU last played a IAA opponent in '01, a 27-24 (OT) loss to Northwestern St.

The 70 pts TT hung on TCU in '04 was the 4th most ever given up.
These two schools played every yr from 1958-'95 as SWC rivals.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Max Knake 7,370 1992-'95
Rushing: LaDainian Tomlinson 5,263 1997-'00 Receiving: Mike Renfro 2,739 1974-'77

Could apply: TCU enters '06 at 31-2 SU & 21-12 ATS as a home fav S/'99.
TCU finished 8-0 SU & 7-1 ATS in their 1st year as MWC members LY.

Horned Frogs are 7-11-1 ATS their last 19 conf road gms (3-1 ATS LY).
These high powered offenses have only avg'd 40 ppg in their 3 meetings.

Bonus: The Frogs & Black Knights were CUSA members from 2001-2004.

TCU is 5-0 SU vs Army but has dropped the last 3 years ATS.
Could apply: Horned Frogs are 7-15-1 ATS as an away favorite since '99.

The home team is 0-2 ATS in their only 2 games in this series ('98 & '05).
WY outgained TCU LY, but the Frogs forced 7 Cowboy TO's in a misleading final.

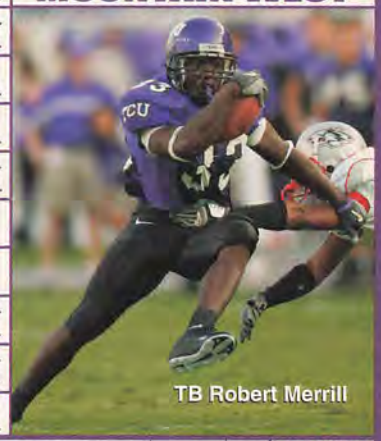
TCU is 2-5 SU & 1-6 ATS in November road games since 2000.
The visitor is 3-1 ATS in their only 4 meetings.

The visitor is 2-5 ATS all-time in this series (1st gm 1991).
Patterson was the DC/safeties coach at New Mexico from 1996-'97.

Horned Frogs are 13-1 SU & 11-3 ATS in November home games S/'99.
Both of the schools all-time leading rushers are future NFL Hall of Famers.

The favorite & home team are 2-0 SU & ATS in this short series ('98 & '05).
In their last & only visit to Ft Collins, TCU was hammered 42-21 giving up 589 yds & 29 FD's.

TCU is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS in their last 7 home finales.
These 2 universities played in the '59 Cotton Bowl that ended in a 0-0 tie.


TB Robert Merrill

STADIUM: AMON G. CARTER STADIUM (44,008)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	10-1	6-5	9-2	11-1	5-6	10-1	58-20
Home	5-1	6-0	2-2	6-0	6-0	4-2	5-0	34-5
Away	2-3	4-1	4-3	3-2	5-1	1-4	5-1	24-15
ATS	7-4	7-4	6-4	4-6-1	5-7	3-8	8-3	40-36-1
Home Fav	5-0	5-1	1-0	2-4	3-3	2-3	3-1	21-12
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	4-1
Away Fav	1-3	2-3	2-2	1-1-1	1-3	0-1	0-2	7-15-1
Away Dog	0-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	0-4	4-0	8-8
Favorite	6-3	7-4	3-2	3-5-1	4-6	2-4	3-3	28-27-1
Dog	1-1	0-0	3-2	1-1	1-1	1-4	5-0	12-9
Grass	6-3	6-3	5-2	4-5	5-5	3-4	7-2	36-24
Artificial	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-1-1	0-2	0-4	1-1	4-12-1
vs Conf	5-2	5-3	4-3	3-4-1	4-4	2-6	7-1	30-23-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	10-13
Off SU Win	4-2	5-4	2-2	3-4-1	5-5	1-4	6-3	26-24-1
Off SU Loss	2-2	1-0	3-2	1-1	0-1	2-3	1-0	10-9

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Robert Merrill	187	943	32	911	10	4.9
Aaron Brown	128	779	21	758	6	5.9
Jeff Ballard	93	440	126	314	8	3.4
Justin Watts	18	108	5	103	0	5.7
Chad Huffman	11	86	2	84	1	7.6
Tye Gunn	18	18	69	-51	0	-2.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jeff Ballard	232	139	59.9	1801	13	7
Tye Gunn	136	64	47.1	646	2	4
Chad Huffman	9	6	66.7	46	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Cory Rodgers	52	685	13.2	5	55
Quentily Harmon	28	318	11.4	1	43
Michael DePriest	9	223	24.8	3	84
Derek Moore	19	222	11.7	1	24
Donald Massey	21	203	9.7	0	33
Aaron Brown	11	146	13.3	3	35
Walter Bryant	13	117	9.0	0	26
Chad Andrus	10	115	11.5	1	38
Matt Grimmett	10	115	11.5	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Cortney	62	2394	38.6	9	34.0	1	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Manfredini	40-44	6-6	6-6	1-1	0-0	13-13	43
Peter LoCoco	3-3	2-2	0-2	1-3	1-2	4-9	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jason Phillips	71	1	7.5	1	0
Robert Henson	69	2	6.5	0	0
Marvin White	67	0	2	2	3
Jeremy Modkins	67	0	4	8	3
Tommy Blake	57	7	6.5	1	0
Quincy Butler	53	0	2	8	5
Brian Bonner	43	2	2	3	4
David Hawthorne	41	2.5	4	2	0
David Roach	41	0	1	2	2
Chase Ortiz	37	9	5	1	0
Drew Coleman	36	0	0	8	4
Eric Buchanan	35	1.5	2	4	1
Ranorris Ray	32	2.5	3	0	0
Zarnell Fitch	24	1.5	2.5	3	2
Jamison Newby	19	3.5	0	0	0
Stephen Hodge	15	0	1	0	0
Jared Kesler	15	3.5	2	1	0
Lorenzo Jones	11	1.5	2	0	0
Elvis Gallegos	11	0	0	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cory Rodgers	19	290	15.3	0
Drew Coleman	5	32	6.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cory Rodgers	17	515	30.3	2
Michael DePriest	4	65	16.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Mobile Alabama	-7	S Mississippi	21-28	L
01	galleryfurniture.com	+5	Texas A&M	9-28	L
02	Liberty	+5	Colorado St - #23	17-3	W
03	Fort Worth	+11	Boise St - #18	31-34	W
05	Houston	-3	Iowa St	27-24	T

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TCU's All-Time SU Bowl Record 8-13-1

TCU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	33.2	21	192	4.3	208	55.3	12.1	+21	2005	6	18.6	18	108	2.8	221	52.2	17.7
8*	32.9	22	166	3.8	265	55.9	13.1	+4	2004	4	33.9	22	122	3.2	304	55.8	12.6
4	29.2	23	208	4.1	222	57.0	14.7	+4	2003	6	21.2	17	94	2.7	256	51.5	16.5
8	30.1	18	203	4.1	167	57.8	12.3	+15	2002	6	18.5	13	65	2.0	175	38.9	13.0
4*	24.1	18	112	2.8	209	55.4	13.3	-1	2001	4	23.8	16	95	2.7	226	53.0	13.5
10*	35.9	20	265	5.0	143	56.3	11.4	+10	2000	8	11.2	15	91	2.5	161	44.5	22.5

2005 STATS BY GAME

TCU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Oklahoma	19	35 - 58	1.7	24 - 45	226	1	14	36 - 97	2.7	13 - 31	128	3	+2
#22	at SMU	16	32 - 119	3.7	16 - 36	134	1	18	52 - 172	3.3	11 - 21	101	2	-3
–	Utah	14	46 - 228	5.0	8 - 17	88	3	14	50 - 109	2.2	15 - 31	208	3	+1
–	at BYU	25	37 - 127	3.4	24 - 50	348	2	33	39 - 97	2.5	30 - 51	517	4	+3
–	New Mexico	13	34 - 272	8.0	16 - 28	192	0	24	45 - 175	3.9	25 - 44	245	4	+5
–	at Wyoming	19	53 - 145	2.7	9 - 24	112	6	17	32 - 73	2.3	16 - 36	220	6	+5
#25	Army	26	48 - 184	3.8	22 - 30	219	1	22	34 - 110	3.2	22 - 40	252	1	+2
#21	at Air Force	24	42 - 220	5.2	22 - 32	326	0	24	55 - 239	4.3	11 - 22	148	1	+2
#20	at San Diego St	24	58 - 291	5.0	13 - 23	112	2	20	33 - 125	3.8	25 - 46	235	3	-1
#20	Colorado St	25	46 - 241	5.2	13 - 25	160	2	17	30 - 59	2.0	22 - 39	194	5	+3
#18	UNLV	29	60 - 286	4.8	21 - 35	301	0	6	25 - 5	0.2	12 - 31	152	4	+1
#14	† Iowa St	21	46 - 135	2.9	21 - 33	275	6	12	25 - 34	1.4	20 - 33	254	5	+1
TOTALS		255	537 - 2306	4.3	209 - 378	2493	24	221	456 - 1295	2.8	222 - 425	2654	41	+21
AVERAGES		21.3	45 - 192	4.3	17 - 32	208	2.0	18.4	38 - 108	2.8	19 - 35	221	3.4	1.8

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska - #4	+30	7-21	W
at North Texas	-17	19-5	L
at SMU	-13	38-10	W
Northwestern St	NL	24-27 OT	–
at Houston	-7'	34-17	W
at Tulane	-10	22-48	L
Army	-13'	38-20	W
East Carolina	+6'	30-37	L
at UAB	+6	17-38	L
Louisville - #17	+8	37-22	W
at S Mississippi	+10	14-12	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+3'	29-36 OT	L
at Northwestern	-6	48-24	W
SMU	-17'	17-6	L
North Texas	-12'	16-10	L
Houston	-10'	34-17	W
at Army	-19	46-27	T
at Louisville	+12'	45-31	W
S Mississippi	-2'	37-7	W
Tulane	-13'	17-10	L
at East Carolina	-8'	28-31	L
Memphis	-14'	27-20	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tulane	-6'	38-35	L
Navy	-23	17-3	L
Vanderbilt	-11'	30-14	W
at Arizona	-14	13-10 OT	L
Army	-30'	27-0	L
at South Florida	+2	13-10	W
UAB	-10'	27-24	L
at Houston	-6	62-55	W
Louisville	-2	31-28	W
Cincinnati	-7	43-10	W
at S Mississippi	+3	28-40	L
at SMU	-24	20-13	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Northwestern	-6	48-45 2OT	L
SMU	-22'	44-0	W
at Texas Tech	+5'	35-70	L
South Florida	-10	44-45 2OT	L
at Army	-18'	21-17	L
at UAB	+7	25-41	L
Houston	-6'	34-27	W
at Cincinnati	+6	10-21	L
at Louisville - #12	+24	28-55	L
S Mississippi	+1	42-17	W
Tulane	-13'	31-35	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma - #7	+25	17-10	W
at SMU	-14'	10-21	L
Utah	+3'	23-20 OT	W
at BYU	+3	51-50 OT	W
New Mexico	-1'	49-28	W
at Wyoming	+6'	28-14	W
Army	-22	38-17	L
at Air Force	E	48-10	W
at San Diego St	-6'	23-20	L
Colorado St	-7	33-6	W
UNLV	-29	51-3	W

BYU COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 BYU had an injury plagued QB unit with Matt Berry hurting the finger on his passing hand and throwing for 1,445 (62.6%) with a 7-14 ratio. John Beck threw for 864 (50.3%) with a 5-5 ratio (181 rush). For the first time since 1995 they signed a JUCO QB in Jason Beck (no relation). John Beck started the final 9 of '04 and threw for 2,563 (56%) with a 15-8 ratio. He set the school record with 67 pass attempts vs UNLV (old record 65 by Jim McMahon in '81). John Beck earned 2nd Tm MWC despite playing most of the year with tape and pads on his throwing shoulder and having to take injections prior to games. Jason Beck, in just one game, threw for 232 (50%) but with an 0-3 ratio. Matt Berry played in 4 (228 yd). All 3 returned last year and John Beck had an outstanding season being voted 1st Tm MWC throwing for 3,709 (64.5%) with a 27-13 ratio. Berry played in 3 throwing 2 passes. Beck's 352 vs Cal set a Las Vegas Bowl record. Berry departs but Jason Beck returns and adding depth are Max Hall (PS#52) who is an Ariz St transfer, Brock Hansen (6-3 210 rFr) and Jacob Bower (6-4 220 Fr, PS#49) who originally signed in 2004. This will be Beck's second year in OC Anae's offensive system.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 it appeared that all of BYU's top backs were returning but the top 3 departed for different reasons leaving Curtis Brown, who had just 299 (4.2) in '02 and redshirted in '03, as the top returnee. Brown led with 789 (5.0) and also had 27 rec's. Naufahu Tahi (PS#102), who led in rushing in 1999 and went on a mission, rushed for 339 (3.6). Both backs returned last year and Brown was the MWC's #4 rusher with 1,123 (5.3) with 14 rushing TD's. He was also #2 on the team in rec with 53 (8.6). Brown is already BYU's career leader in 100 yard rushing games with 11 and became the school's first 1,000 yard rusher since 2001. True frosh Wayne Latu, who is 222 lbs and served on a mission, had 93 yards on 15 carries vs UNLV. BYU improved its team rushing totals from 105.8 ypg to 152.3. Replacing Tahi (497, 5.1) will be tough but they bring in Fui Vakapuna who was the #2 rusher in 2003 with 157 (5.2). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Manase Tonga who signed with Utah in 2002 and had 2 starts and 78 yards as a "true" last year, Joe Semanoff (5-10 215 Jr), Ray Hudson (5-10 205 So), Isaac Taylor (5-11 200 So) and Daniel Tervort (5-11 195 Fr). Brown had the 5th best rushing total in school history last year and should top that this season.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 the Cougars had to replace their leading receiver and while they had 3 of their top 4 returning, they got 2 super additions in JUCO Todd Watkins (PS#51) and true frosh Austin Collie (PS#58). Those two gave BYU the game breaking speed they had been lacking while accounting for 59% of BYU's pass yards with Watkins having 1,042 (20.0) and Collie 771 (14.5). Last year Collie left for a two year mission. Watkins had trouble with dropped passes and was #3 in rec's with 49 but #2 in yards with 678 (13.8). They returned starting TE Daniel Coats but a backup TE, JUCO Jonny Harline, led with 63 (13.5). Two of the top 4 receivers were RB's as you would expect with Anae bringing over the TTech offense. Nathan Meikle had 36 (8.1). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Troy Sheide (5-10 170 Jr), Sean Mosman (6-2 190 Fr), Ryan Neeley (6-0 180 Jr) and TE Andrew George (6-4 226 rFr, PS#74). This year they lose Watkins (#7DC ARZ) but everyone else returns. True frosh McKay Jacobson was in for the spring and is perhaps the fastest on the team. This looks like an improved group, even with the loss of Watkins.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Three frosh started on the O-line in 2003 and paved the way for just 3.0 ypc rushing while allowing 35 sacks. In 2004 they had to replace 3 starters but had 4 VHT's on the front wall. They still only averaged 3.0 ypc (39 sk) as they suffered through an injury plagued season. Last year they had to replace two starters and three backups. The unit had little cohesion in the spring as many times just 8 of the 15 OL's were available for practice due to injuries. BYU had the heaviest O-line in the NCAA last year. In the first year of the Anae offense, they made dramatic strides improving to 4.4 ypc rush and trimming the sack total to 25 (4.8%). This year they lose C Lance Reynolds (12 st, 2nd Tm MWC, 2 yr st'r) and LG Brian Sanders (11 st, 2 yr st'r) but have 8 of the top 10 back and they get some excellent additions including Tom Sorensen, who was on the All-SEC Frosh Tm starting 8 as a true in 2003. This is clearly the biggest and also probably the best O-line in the MWC.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After allowing 3.7 ypc rush in 2004, the entire D-line was wiped out by injuries vs TCU and was injury-plagued the rest of the year. NT Daniel Marquardt was lost after 6 starts (ACL) and none of the DL's started more than 10. With the LB's also banged up, BYU allowed 4.2 ypc rushing, their highest in 4 years and the D recorded just 23 sacks. Gone this year are DE Manaia Brown (10 st, 31 tkl, 1.5 sk, 2nd Tm MWC), DE Justin Maddux (10 st, 30 tkl, 5 sk), DE Vince Feula (8 st, 26 tkl, 5.5 tfl), NT Daniel Marquardt (6 st, 15 tkl, 1.5 sk) and DE TJ Sitake (17 tkl). Basically the top 5 DL's are gone. It would not surprise me to see the 3rd stringers I list below, who are all newcomers in the fall, taking over the majority of the minutes. While this unit should stay healthier than 2005, it is clearly far less experienced and this position is my main concern for the BYU team in 2006.

LINEBACKERS - BYU is technically switching from a 3-3-5 to a 3-4 but I've always listed one of the S positions with the LB unit. Last year's starting RKAT, KC Bills, was 218 lbs which is actually heavier than most of this year's WLB's. On paper this may seem to be an inexperienced group as they lose Paul Walkenhorst (11 st, 43 tkl, 2 sk), Justin Luettgerodt (12 st, 72 tkl, 4.5 sk, HM MWC) and RKAT KC Bills (8 st, 42 tkl, 2 tfl). In reality, this is a deep and veteran unit. Cameron Jensen is labeled "The General" and basically runs the LB corps (2nd Tm MWC). They move in starting COUGAR Dustin Gabriel to the open WLB spot. Last year the unit had to replace two starters and were hit hard by injuries vs TCU forcing a lot of players to gain experience. Wash St trans Aaron Wagner was lost to an ACL midseason. Utah St transfer Kelly Poppinga redshirted as did David Nixon (PS#62) and JUCO Chris Bolden. Nixon had 57 tackles and 11 tfl in 2003. This is a very experienced and deep unit and not listed in the 3 deep below are Wes Anderson (5-11 240 So), Rex Doman (6-1 220 Jr JUCO) and Richard Nehring (6-1 215 So).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - BYU finished #32 in my pass D rankings in 2003 and #35 in 2004. Last year Mendenhall called the secondary his primary concern on the D. They had to replace 3 players who combined for 24 starts and had 11 DB's injured at various times in August. Good sized CB Kayle Buchanan (6'1"), who has 4.41 speed, missed the first 5 with a hamstring injury. The other CB, Justin Robinson (5'7"), is one of the smallest in the NCAA. CB Nate Soelberg broke his arm after 7 starts. Due to the myriad of injuries, 8 different DB's started and Mendenhall's concerns were justified, dropping to #110. This year they lose Soelberg, S Spencer White (11 st, 46 tkl, 4.5 tfl), CB Ryan Beck (1 st, 5 tkl), CB Chris Hale (1 st, 3 tkl), CB O'Neil Howell (5 tkl), S Kyle Tew (1 tkl) and Dustin Gabriel who moves to LB. Even with the losses, five players including 2 starters return. The Cougars' secondary can only be healthier and move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - BYU finished #13 in my ST rankings in 2004 thanks to the presence of K/P Matt Payne who had a super net of 41.1 and hit 15 of 22 FG's with a long of 53. Bryce Mahuika led the team in KR's (22.5) and PR's (7.4). Unfortunately Mahuika missed all but 2 games LY with injury. James Dye had 5 return TD's from 1995-'96 but the school has only had 2 since and did not record one last year. Breyon Jones took over the KR duties vs SDSt, returning his first kick 32 yards which was the team's long at that point (19.7 year). Nathan Meikle led the team in PR's (7.0). ST's cost them in numerous games. After having punts blocked vs AF and UNLV, Mendenhall brought in some OL's to protect the punter but then allowed a long PR by Wyoming. Washington transfer P Derek McLaughlin had nets of 33.7 and 34.3 at UW and 31.7 here LY. His brother, Jared, hit 14 of 19 FG's with a long of 47. Due to some coverage problems, BYU dropped all the way to #100 in my ST rankings. Almost everyone returns plus they get Mahuika back and should have one of the most improved ST units in the NCAA.

COACHES - Bronco Mendenhall was the DC at New Mexico five years prior to coming here in 2003 and has been one of my favorite DC's throughout the years. He took over as the head man here in 2005. His OC is Robert Anae who was the Texas Tech OL coach and is well versed in the spread offense. Mendenhall is his own DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When Gary Crowton took over in 2001, it was a dream season as they piled up 44.1 ppg, 524 ypg and were 12-0 lobbying for a BCS bowl berth before 2 losses to end the season at 12-2. They actually then suffered 3 straight losing years and had their NCAA record streak of not being shutout end at 361 games (28 years) in 2003. The Cougars did have 3 close losses in 2004 and could have easily had a winning record outgaining league foes by 54.5 ypg, the second best mark in the league but finished just 5-6 with a tough non-conf slate including ND, USC and Boise St. Last year BYU reverted to their old style of uniforms they used in the '80's and '90's. The Cougars 2005 season had its ups and downs but they did return to a bowl for the first time since 2001 although they dropped their home finale to a Utah team with its backup QB and the bowl game to Pac 10 power California. BYU suffered 3 more losses to teams that finished in the Top 20 in BC, ND and TCU. Also the D suffered major injuries vs the Frogs. Leading TCU 41-29, nine different defensive starters were injured and TCU had the miracle and questionable comeback for the win. The next week the banged up D was shredded by SDSt but after playing #9 ND much closer than the final score, BYU destroyed AF, UNLV and Wyoming including 683 yards vs the Falcons. BYU's offense avg 76 ypg and 8.7 ppg more than in 2004. BYU outgained MWC foes by 59.8 ypg (3rd best). In the first year of Anae's offense, the Cougars avg'd 33.0 ppg and with 8 starters back including an outstanding O-line and veteran QB, they should be even more potent in 2006. Defensively injuries hurt the Cougars greatly last year and it was part of the reason why they allowed 29.3 ppg. Although they have just 4 starters back on D this year, I think they can be stronger, provided the unit stays healthier. Despite a tough non-conf slate (Ariz, Tulsa, BC), I'll call for BYU to have their first winning season since '01.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 12 JOHN BECK SR. 6-2 212 PS#159. 26 st 3Y, 7136 pass (59.5%) 47-26 ratio, 611 rush. **7** Jason Beck (6-2 207 Sr) PS#73JC. 232 yd '04, RS LY. Max Hall (6-1 185 rFr).

RB 6 CURTIS BROWN SR. 6-0 205 **1st Tm MWC**. 17 st 3Y, 2211 rush (5.0), 95 rec. **1** Tau "Fui" Vakapuna (6-1 225 So) 157 (5.2) '03. **33** Wayne Latu (6-0 222 So) 98 (6.1) true.

WR 9 NATHAN MEIKLE SR. 5-9 175 JUCO '01. 4 st, 36 (8.1) LY. **2** Bryce Mahuika (5-10 185 So) 613 return yds '04. RS LY. **5** Brett Cooper (5-11 189 Sr) PS#150. 11 games.

WR 80 McKay Jacobson Fr. 6-0 185 **PS#38**. 4.38 spd in spg. **3** Michael Reed (6-1 201 So) PS#196. 5 st, 18 (13.1) 11 games. **83** Saia Hafoka (5-9 179 So). PS#419WR in '01.

WR 10 MATT ALLEN JR. 5-11 180 PS#140. 3 st, 21 (13.0). Zac Collie (5-11 190 Sr) Sign '00. 4 st LY, 11 (14.4). Vic So'oto (6-3 240 So) PS#28TE. 1 st true. Matt Smith (6-2 185 Jr).

TE 13 JONNY HARLINE SR. 6-4 226 PS#268JC. 9 starts, 63 (13.5). **1st Tm MWC. 20 Daniel Coats** (6-3 256 Sr) **PS#42WR, 25 st** 3Y, 64 (11.4). **86** Philip Niu (6-5 243 Jr) Inj'd LY.

C NA Tom Sorensen So. 6-4 300 PS#201. **8 st** @C Vanderbilt '03. **All SEC Fr Tm. 67** Sete Aulai (6-0 313 Jr) PS#115JC. RS LY. **55** Jeff Rhea (6-3 292 Jr) 4 games LY.

RG 76 Ray Feinga So. 6-5 334 **PS#61**. 1 st RT rFr, 8 gm. **71** Terence Brown (6-4 326 So) PS#107. 1 st RG LY. No spring. **74** Travis Bright (6-5 315 So) **PS#89**. Inj'd '05.

LG 65 DALLAS REYNOLDS SO. 6-4 345 Signed '03. Mission. 12 st LG "true". Huge. 3rd Team Frosh AA. **79** Erik Freeman (6-3 290 Jr) JUCO RS LY. Ryan Freemanis PS#155.

RT 73 JAKE KURESA SR. 6-4 339 **PS#37**. 12 st rFr. 11 st RG '04. HM MWC. 11 st RT LY, **2nd Tm MWC**. **72** Nick Longshore (6-5 297 Sr) PS#134 in '99. JUCO. Inj'd LY.

LT 59 EDDIE KEELE SR. 6-5 312 PS#107. 4 st LT '03. 2 st LT '04. 12 st LT LY. 400 bench. **68** David Oswald (6-8 303 So) 12 gm '02. Mission. RS LY. Braden Hansen PS#133.

K 30 JARED McLAUGHLIN SR. 6-4 198 Orig signed 2000. Hit 14-19 FG in '05, long 47. 3-8 from 40+. **38** Mitch Payne (6-3 192 Fr) PS#73 in '03. HS punt avg 41.6. No missed xp.

DE 84 Jan Jorgensen rFr. 6-3 255 PS#302. Kentucky trans. Mission **91** Judd Anderton (6-5 269 Jr) PS#115. Romney Fuga PS#120OL. **96** Tyler Berry (6-5 230 So) Utah St trans.

NT 70 Hala Paongo Sr. 6-2 280 4 st, 3Y, 20 tkl, 2 tfl. **94 Russell Tialavea** (6-3 300 rFr) **PS#51**. Susp indef 4/1. Matangi Tonga PS#84. **93** Sean Sullivan (6-4 240 Jr).

DE 92 Brett Denney rFr. 6-4 250 PS#140 '03, mission. **54** Kyle Luekenga (6-3 263 So) 3 tkl true. Mosese Foketi (6-1 225 Jr) PS#477JC. Jordan Richardson is PS#449.

WLB 28 DUSTIN GABRIEL JR. 6-1 201 19 tkl rFr. 10 st FS LY, 55 tkl, 2 tfl. **41** Bryan Kehl (6-2 219 Jr) PS#181. 14 tkl true '02 mission. 30 tkl LY. **48** Andrew Stacey (6-2 218 Sr).

BLB 35 CAMERON JENSEN SR. 6-2 241 11 st rFr, **103 tkl, 12 tfl.** 11 st LY, **2nd Tm MWC**, 84 tkl, 6 tfl. **52** Aaron Wagner (6-3 247 Sr) Wash St. 15 tkl until ACL LY. **32** Terrance Hooks (6-1 215 rFr).

MLB 36 Markell Staffieri Jr. 6-3 233 2 st rFr, 25 tkl, 2 tfl. 3 st LY, 35 tkl, 4 tfl. **48** Kelly Poppinga (6-2 237 Jr) PS#304 '99! Utah St trans. **56** Dan Bates (5-11 228 Sr) 6 tkl.

SLB 43 David Nixon So. 6-3 220 **PS#62**. 2 st true '03. **57 tkl, 11 tfl**. Mission. **31** Chris Bolden (6-1 230 Jr) PS#260JC. RS. **42** Gary Lovely (6-1 198 Sr) **PS#79**. 12 tkl, 2 years.

CB 34 KAYLE BUCHANAN JR. 6-1 197 8 tkl rFr. **4.41 speed, 6'1"**. 5 st LY (inj 5). 26 tkl, 4 pbu. Nate Moncur (6-0 190 Fr) 4.5 speed. **49** Aaron Singh (6-0 215 rFr) PS#206. 4.5 forty.

CB 15 JUSTIN ROBINSON SR. 5-7 154 PS#273JC. 11 st LY, 55 tkl, **10 pbu**. **4** Brandon Howard (5-10 165 rFr) 4.4 spd. Andre Saulsberry (5-11 175 Jr) PS#233JC. 1st TM all-conf JC LY.

KAT 14 Corby Hodgkiss Jr. 5-11 196 2 st LY, 26 tkl, 2 sk, 3 pbu. **39** Cole Miyahira (6-0 195 Sr) JUCO. 14 tkl, 1 int LY. **26** Aaron Gordon (6-0 189 Sr). Robbie Buckner PS#153.

FS 25 Quinn Gooch Jr. 6-0 194 PS#89. 2 st, 41 tkl 2Y. **23** David Tafuna (6-1 198 Jr) 2 st, 23 tkl 2Y. **16** Adam Nelson (6-0 190 So). **17** Tico Pringle (6-0 185 Jr) PS#210JC in for spg.

P 29 DEREK McLAUGHLIN SR. 6-1 203 **PS#16**. HM P10 as true. **Washington trans.** 58 (40.8) '01. 57 (38.5) '02. Mission, transfer. 48 (40.0) here '05. **30** Jared McLaughlin (6-4 198 Sr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	McKay Jacobson 6-0 185 PS#38
DL	Matangi Tonga 6-2 270 PS#84
QB	Max Hall 6-1 185 PS#52 in '04
QB	James Lark 6-3 205 PS#58
DL	Romney Fuga 6-2 280 PS#120OL
OL	Braden Hansen 6-6 265 PS#133
DB	Tico Pringle 6-0 185 PS#210JC
LB	Brandon Olgetree 6-0 215 PS#119
OL	Ryan Freeman 6-4 275 PS#155
DB	Robbie Buckner 5-10 165 PS#153
K	Riley Stephenson 6-0 175 PS#14
RB	Mike Hague 6-0 210 PS#189DB
OL	Tom Sorensen 6-4 300 PS#201 in '03
OL	Rick Wolfley 6-4 310 PS#283
DB	Andre Saulsberry 5-11 175 PS#233 '05
DB	Michael Moore 6-2 205 PS#247
DB	Brandon Bradley 6-1 180 PS#262 in '03
TE	Mike Muehlmann 6-5 230 PS#102
QB	Sam Doman 6-4 200 PS#188 in '04
LS	Matthew Johnson 6-0 245 PS#455JC
WR	Rhen Brown 5-11 175 PS#332
LB	Nate Moncur 6-0 190 PS#463DB
DL	Mosese Foketi 6-1 225 PS#477JC
DL	Jordan Richardson 6-4 250 PS#449
OL	Walter Kahaialii 6-4 303 PS#562
DL	Ian Dulan 6-1 245 PS#495
OL	Garrett Reden 6-3 275 PS#589 UNLV '03

BYU COUGARS

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BRONCO MENDENHALL (Career 6-6)
2nd Year at BYU
Mendenhall's SU Bowl Record: 0-1

Mendenhall's records AT BYU

6-6	Straight Up	1-2	Home Favorite
5-5	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Underdog
2-1	Off A SU Loss	2-1	Away Favorite
5-3	Vs Conference	1-1	Away Underdog
0-2	Vs Non-Conf	0-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (18,20,2)
Lost: 23 (7,15,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 58,204

MOUNTAIN WEST

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#52

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BYU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at Arizona	G					
Sep. 9	Tulsa	G					
Sep. 16	at Boston College	A					
Sep. 23	Utah St	G					
Sep. 28	at TCU (Thur)	G					
Oct. 7	San Diego St	G					
Oct. 14							
Oct. 21	UNLV	G					
Oct. 28	at Air Force	A					
Nov. 4	at Colorado St	A					
Nov. 9	Wyoming (Thur)	G					
Nov. 18	New Mexico	G					
Nov. 25	at Utah	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

BYU is just 5-12 SU & ATS since '98 when visiting non-conf opponents.
Cougars are 5-10 ATS as an away favorite the last 6 years.
BYU is 8-5 SU & 4-9 ATS in their last 13 Homecoming games.

First gm was in '36, last gm was in UA's final season as a WAC member ('77).
BYU is 3-15 ATS since 1988 in their 1st away game of the season.

Could apply: The Cougars are only 13-24 ATS the L6Y after a SU win.
The Cougars are 7-3 SU & ATS the last 10 home openers.

BYU is 5-1 ATS their last 6 games on art turf & 1st trip to Chestnut Hill.
Could Apply: The Cougars have covered 8 of the L/12 gms as away dogs.

Provo is just 127 miles south of Logan, UT (tms in state play for Beehive Boot).
In their last 8 games (S/'93), these in-state teams have averaged 71 ppg.

BYU is 8-3 SU & ATS in Mt West Conf road games the last 3 years.
Last yr John Beck threw for a MWC single game record 517 yds vs TCU.

BYU leads SDSU all-time 22-7-1 SU & have never lost twice in a row to the Aztecs.
Cougars are 9-6 SU & 9-5 ATS their last 15 games before a bye week.

BYU is 6-5 SU but 3-8 ATS the last 11 games after a bye week.
Cougars are 7-2 SU but 3-6 ATS the last 9 games vs the Rebels.

In MWC play, BYU & AF have avg'd 66 ppg including LY's most ever 103 pts.
The SU winner is 18-1 ATS since 1985 in the BYU/Air Force series.

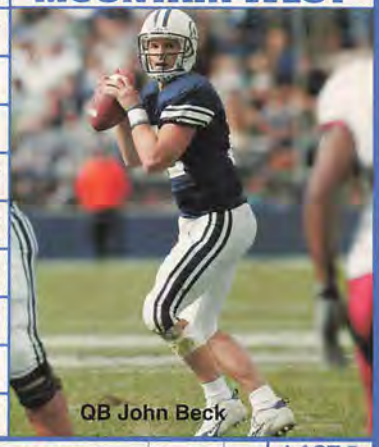
BYU is 17-6 SU & 18-5 ATS S/'88 in their 2nd consecutive AG of the season.
Cougars are 21-5 SU since '76 & 9-5 ATS the last 14 games vs the Rams.

Last yr BYU scored 21 pts off 5 Wyoming TO's in their 14 pt win in Laramie.
Cougars are 13-7 SU & 7-12 ATS in November home games since 1994.

Mendenhall was the DC at NM from 1998-'02, installing the 3-3-5.
BYU is 4-8 ATS the last 12 years in home finales.

The dog is 11-2 ATS since 1993 in the "Holy War".
The home team is 2-12 ATS in this in-state rivalry series since 1992.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Ty Detmer 15,031 1988-'91
Rushing: Jamal Willis 2,970 1991-'94 Receiving: Eric Drage 3,065 1990-'93


QB John Beck

STADIUM: LAVELL EDWARDS STADIUM (65,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	6-6	12-1	5-7	4-8	5-6	6-5	46-36
Home	4-2	4-2	6-0	4-2	1-5	3-3	3-3	25-17
Away	4-1	2-4	6-1	1-5	3-3	2-3	3-2	21-19
ATS	5-6	4-8	7-6	4-8	6-6	6-5	5-5	37-44
Home Fav	2-4	2-3	5-1	2-4	1-3	2-2	1-2	15-19
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	3-4
Away Fav	3-2	0-1	2-5	0-2	1-1	0-0	2-1	8-12
Away Dog	0-0	2-3	0-0	2-2	3-1	3-2	1-1	11-9
Favorite	5-6	2-4	7-6	2-6	2-4	2-2	3-3	23-31
Dog	0-0	2-4	0-0	2-2	4-2	4-3	2-2	14-13
Grass	5-6	4-7	7-5	3-7	5-6	5-4	3-5	32-40
Artificial	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	2-0	5-4
vs Conf	4-3	2-5	3-4	2-5	4-3	4-3	5-3	24-26
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-3	4-2	2-3	2-3	2-2	0-2	13-18
Off SU Win	4-4	1-4	6-6	0-5	1-3	2-3	3-3	17-28
Off SU Loss	0-2	3-3	0-0	3-3	4-3	3-2	2-1	15-14

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Curtis Brown	210	1176	53	1123	14	5.3
Naufahu Tahi	97	507	10	497	6	5.1
Wayne Latu	16	100	2	98	1	6.1
John Beck	73	242	181	61	2	0.8
Nathan Meikle	7	41	2	39	1	5.6
Manase Tonga	6	28	0	28	0	4.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
John Beck	513	331	64.5	3709	27	13
Matt Berry	2	1	50.0	12	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jonny Harline	63	853	13.5	5	37
Todd Watkins	49	678	13.8	9	67
Curtis Brown	53	454	8.6	2	37
Naufahu Tahi	41	375	9.1	2	27
Nathan Meikle	36	292	8.1	0	22
Matt Allen	21	272	13.0	2	28
Michael Reed	18	236	13.1	1	50
Dan Coats	21	189	9.0	3	15
Zac Collie	11	158	14.4	2	37
Luke Ashworth	6	90	15.0	0	34
Manase Tonga	5	50	10.0	0	20

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Derek McLaughlin	48	1922	40.0	4	31.7	2	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jared McLaughlin	46-48	2-2	9-9	3-8	0-0	14-19	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Cameron Jensen	84	1	5	4	0
Justin Luettgerodt	72	4.5	6	0	3
Justin Robinson	55	0	1	10	0
Dustin Gabriel	55	1	1	2	1
Spencer White	46	1.5	3	1	1
Paul Walkenhorst	43	2	1	1	0
KC Bills	42	1	1	0	0
Markell Staffieri	35	0	4	1	0
Nathan Soelberg	35	0	2	0	0
Manaia Brown	31	1.5	1.5	0	0
Justin Maddux	30	5	2	0	0
Quinn Gooch	30	0	4	1	1
Bryan Kehl	30	0	1	1	0
Corby Hodgkiss	26	2	0	3	1
Kayle Buchanan	26	0	0.5	4	1
Vince Feula	26	1	4.5	3	0
David Tafuna	19	0	0	1	0
TJ Sitake	17	0	0.5	0	0
Aaron Wagner	15	0	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Nathan Meikle	21	146	7.0	0
Bryce Mahuika	5	32	6.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Breyon Jones	28	551	19.7	0
Brett Cooper	6	75	12.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
96	Cotton	+3'	Kansas St	19-15	W
98	Liberty	+7	Tulane	27-41	L
99	Motor City	+3	Marshall	3-21	L
01	Liberty	+3	Louisville - #23	10-28	L
05	Las Vegas	+8	California	28-35	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

BYU's All-Time SU Bowl Record 7-16-1

BYU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	33.0	26	152	4.4	310	64.3	14.0	+2	2005	6	29.2	22	148	4.2	269	63.0	14.3
6*	24.3	20	106	3.0	280	55.3	15.9	-10	2004	3	26.8	19	149	3.7	229	54.4	14.1
5*	16.3	17	98	3.0	215	54.6	19.3	-14	2003	10	25.8	17	132	3.2	175	52.5	11.9
3	22.7	21	121	3.5	261	55.3	16.8	-7	2002	6	27.8	21	178	4.1	207	52.0	13.9
7*	44.1	26	208	5.4	316	63.5	11.9	+5	2001	6	30.3	23	193	4.8	244	53.9	14.4
5	23.3	21	99	3.0	275	55.9	16.0	-9	2000	7	25.8	17	122	3.3	223	58.6	13.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

BYU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Boston College	22	16 - 8	0.5	41 - 60	330	2	22	31 - 133	4.3	27 - 35	232	2	+1
–	E Illinois	21	32 - 176	5.5	26 - 41	255	1	9	30 - 70	2.3	14 - 29	126	2	-1
–	TCU	32	39 - 97	2.5	30 - 51	517	4	25	37 - 127	3.4	24 - 50	348	2	-3
–	at San Diego St	15	19 - 44	2.3	25 - 49	261	3	26	55 - 265	4.8	21 - 31	243	1	-2
–	at New Mexico	27	30 - 93	3.1	34 - 44	371	4	28	45 - 244	5.4	18 - 28	218	0	0
–	Colorado St	23	52 - 274	5.3	13 - 18	168	0	15	21 - 30	1.4	22 - 30	281	4	-1
–	at Notre Dame	26	34 - 75	2.2	26 - 45	317	4	27	23 - 44	1.9	32 - 41	467	1	0
–	Air Force	39	42 - 300	7.1	31 - 43	383	1	21	38 - 200	5.3	17 - 31	279	2	+3
–	at UNLV	29	46 - 224	4.9	24 - 35	279	2	19	20 - 2	0.1	31 - 53	329	5	+3
–	at Wyoming	26	50 - 267	5.3	20 - 29	179	2	21	33 - 166	5.0	20 - 25	241	1	+5
–	Utah	20	31 - 176	5.7	27 - 48	309	1	24	44 - 251	5.7	17 - 35	240	2	-1
–	† California	27	27 - 94	3.5	35 - 53	352	1	26	43 - 241	5.6	16 - 23	228	1	-2
TOTALS		307	418 - 1828	4.4	332 - 516	3721	25	263	420 - 1773	4.2	259 - 411	3232	23	+2
AVERAGES		25.6	35 - 152	4.4	28 - 43	310	2.1	21.9	35 - 148	4.2	22 - 34	269	1.9	0.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tulane	-11	70-35	W
Nevada	-25'	52-7	W
at California	-3'	44-16	W
at UNLV	-7'	35-31	L
Utah St	-19'	54-34	W
at New Mexico	-14	24-20	L
Air Force	-12'	63-33	W
at San Diego St	-14	59-21	W
Colorado St	-14'	56-34	W
at Wyoming	-24	41-34	L
Utah	-7	24-21	L
at Mississippi St	-4	41-38	L
at Hawaii	-3	45-72	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Syracuse	-3	42-21	W
Hawaii	-11	35-32	L
at Nevada	-14	28-31	L
at Georgia Tech	+9'	19-28	W
at Utah St	-17'	35-34	L
at Air Force - #21	+4'	9-52	L
UNLV	-10	3-24	L
at Colorado St	+13	10-37	L
San Diego St	-1'	34-10	W
Wyoming	-11	35-31	L
New Mexico	-4'	16-20	L
at Utah	+8	6-13	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Georgia Tech	-3'	24-13	W
at USC - #4	+21'	18-35	W
at New Mexico	-2'	10-7	W
Stanford	-7	14-18	L
Air Force	-1/2	10-24	L
at San Diego St	+2'	44-36	W
Colorado St	-1/2	13-58	L
at Wyoming	-1	10-13	L
at UNLV	+3'	27-20 OT	W
Boise St	+8'	12-50	L
at Notre Dame	+8'	14-33	L
Utah	+7	0-3	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Notre Dame	+5	20-17	W
at Stanford	+4	10-37	L
USC - #1	+26'	10-42	L
at Boise St - #21	+22	27-28	W
at Colorado St	+3	31-21	W
UNLV	-10'	20-24	L
Wyoming	-7'	24-13	W
at Air Force	+2'	41-24	W
San Diego St	-10'	49-16	W
New Mexico	-6'	14-21	L
at Utah - #5	+21	21-52	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston College - #22	+2'	3-20	L
E Illinois	NL	45-10	–
TCU	-3	50-51 OT	L
at San Diego St	-1	10-31	L
at New Mexico	+7'	27-24	W
Colorado St	+3	24-14	W
at Notre Dame - #9	+18'	23-49	L
Air Force	-6'	62-41	W
at UNLV	-12	55-14	W
at Wyoming	-4'	35-21	W
Utah	-10	34-41 OT	L

SAN DIEGO ST AZTECS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - The returning starter in 2003 was Texas transfer Adam Hall (PS#53) who suffered through an injury-plagued season. Illinois transfer Matt Dlugolecki threw for 1,248 (57.8%) with a 4-8 ratio replacing Hall. In 2004 Dlugolecki had to battle rFr Kevin O'Connell, who is 6-6 220 but mobile, as well as true frosh Darren Mougey (PS#57). Mougey, who works out in the offseason with the same trainer that Donovan McNabb uses, can bench 225 19x's, has 4.53 speed and can throw a football 60 yards flatfooted. They opted to redshirt Mougey and O'Connell separated his shoulder (missed two gm). Dlugolecki started the first six but struggled vs Colo St. He then suffered a sprained ankle and also fell into the coaches' doghouse. O'Connell started the final five and attempted every QB pass then on but rushed for 466 yds compared to Dlugolecki's 63. Against BYU, he became the first Aztec QB to rush for 100 yards and pass for over 200 yds in a game. Statistically, Dlugolecki was the better passer throwing for 1,349 (60.6%) with a 6-8 ratio while O'Connell threw for 1,328 (48.7%) with a 9-9 ratio. He returned in the fall and underwent shoulder surgery and missed spring 2005. O'Connell had a fine year throwing for 2,663 (62.1%) with a 19-12 ratio (647 rush, 4.6). Mougey played in 6 (26 passes) while Dlugolecki had just one rush attempt. O'Connell and Mougey return this year and added to the mix is Kevin Craft (6-4 190 rFr), former HC Tom Craft's son. With a new HC, they must learn a new offense, but I look for continued improvement from the Aztec QB's.

QB Kevin O'Connell

RUNNING BACKS - The Aztecs have had some fine RB's including a guy named Marshall Faulk. In 2003 VHT true frosh Lynell Hamilton (PS#21) became the 2nd Aztec frosh RB to top 200 in a game and was nearing Faulk's frosh rush record when he broke his ankle and missed the final two. He finished with 1,087 (4.6). Michael Franklin was the next top returning rusher in 2003 (346, 5.6). He had 100+ yds in each of the last 2 and ended up with 371 (4.3). Both returned in 2004 along with Brandon Bornes who has speed and was very impressive in practice in 2003. Hamilton redshirted so Franklin was the starter early. Bornes was the more effective back down the stretch and rushed for 349 in the last 4 to finish with 578 (4.3) and Franklin added 463 (4.3). All 3 returned last season. Hamilton got off to a slow start, as perhaps Craft was reluctant to give him full duties. In the first 4 he had just 65 carries averaging 57 ypg. Against BYU he rushed for 161 but suffered a hamstring injury in the 1Q vs UNLV. In a 4 game stretch he had just 21 carries for 57 yards. Hamilton was finally healthy for the final 3 and topped 100 yards in each and finished with 819 (4.3). Bornes had 369 (4.0) although QB O'Connell led in rushing in 3 of the games that Hamilton was injured for and Franklin had just 36 (4.5). This year they must replace Franklin and Alex Thompson (11 yd). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Atiyyah Henderson (5-9 180 rFr) who was impressive in the spring, Tyler Campbell (6-1 210 So, PS#100), Tom Delash (5-11 210 Jr) Armon Torres (5-8 170 Jr, N Ariz trans) and this years true frosh. When the team uses a FB they have Josh Ulibarri (6-2 250 So). The Hamilton/Bornes combo should be one of the best in the MWC and Long is putting more emphasis on the running game.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 JR Tolver and Kassim Osgood set an NCAA record combining for 236 rec and an amazing 3,337 yards shattering the old record by 563. Both had to be replaced in 2003 and good sized Jeff Webb stepped up and led with 55 (12.8) and USC transfer Devin Pitts had 39 (12.3). Nine of the top 10 returned in '04 including the #3 man, Robert Ortiz (33 rec). Ortiz and Webb each topped 100 vs Michigan and combined for 123 rec and 1,591 yards. That combo was back in 2005 and they only had to replace Pitts but unfortunately dropped passes hurt the unit as they had 3 TD drops on the same drive vs BYU and 6 drops vs N Mex including 3 by Ortiz. The new starter was good sized soph Chazeray Schilens (6-4 205) who was recruited by UCLA and once drafted by the MLB Detroit Tigers. Brett Swain also had an impressive 80 yard TD vs Ohio St on the first play. Webb (#6DC KC) led the MWC in rec (92) while Ortiz had 39 (10.8). Those two must be replaced along with TE Adam Miller (1 st) and WR Marcus Edwards (4 rec). Schilens and Swain will be the main targets. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jon Toledo (6-3 200 rFr, PS#206), Brian Spinks (6-2 205 Sr) and Tobias Shanks (6-2 175 rFr). A great addition this year is VHT Alex Ghebreselassie who sat out last year after transferring from UCLA. It appeared that all of the TE's were back but Eric Miclot (6-5 235 Jr, 8 st, 4 rec) who tore his ACL in the spring and is out for the year and Lance Louis (4 st) who also suffered a knee injury and is questionable for the season.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Ed White, who was the OL coach here from 1994-1997 returned last year and inherited a good situation. In 2004 they used 9 different starting lineups due to injuries and by the 4th game, the starters were all players who had never started at SDSt prior to 2004. There were 3 frosh in the starting lineup at the end of the season. Last year they had to replace one starter and got back C Jasper Harvey who had 22 starts but missed '04 (suspended). Much was expected of the O-line but surprisingly the Aztecs only improved the ypc rush from 3.8 to 3.9 and only cut the sack total by 2 (27). This year they lose Harvey (12 st, HM MWC), LG Taylor Schmidt (12 st, 2 yr st'r) and LT Chris Pino (12 st, PS#11JC) but do have 7 of the top 10 back. LG Mike Kravetz, who missed almost all of last year (shoulder), also returns. Projected starting C Patrick Justman had 10 starts in '04 and they add several promising JUCO's and true frosh. While a little less experienced than last year and needing to learn new blocking schemes, this O-line is comparable to 2005's group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Aztecs had just one starter back on the D-line in both 2003 and 2004 but "The Dark Side D" allowed just 3.3 and 3.4 ypc rushing. Last year they only had to replace two starters and two backups but had 4 players back with starting experience. Surprisingly they allowed 46 ypg more rushing (4.3) while the sack total dropped from 29 to 17. They had expected big things from Dallas Mauga (PS#2JC) but he was ruled ineligible and Robert Miller, who had 4 starts in '04, DNP and was granted a Med RS. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Emil Metroka (6-3 270 Jr, 6 tkl LY), Avery Williams (6-3 225 rFr) who was the Scout Team Def MVP and Andrew Sterndale (6-4 265 rFr). This year they lose DE Kurt Kahui (12 st, 72 tkl, 5 tfl, 2nd Tm MWC) but have 7 of the top 8 back and they add some top-notch JUCO's. This is the most experienced Aztec D-line in quite some time.

LINEBACKERS - The Aztecs had arguably the best set of LB's in the MWC in 2003 and 2004, but last year the LB corps was wiped out by graduation as four players who combined for 35 starts departed including #2 and #3 DC's! Freddy Keiaho (#3DC IND) simply tied as the MWC's #1 tackler (113) and was 1st Tm MWC in his first year as a starter. He departs but 5 of the top 6 are back and due to last year's injuries, four have starting experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003 the Aztecs' "Dark Side D", with 7 of their top 8 DB's back, recorded their highest finish ever in my pass D rankings at #26. In 2004 they had to replace both starting CB's but still finished #34. Last year they had to replace 3 starters. Both starting CB's were 1st year starters and Donny Baker was undersized at 5'9". The unit still performed well as they allowed just 5 TD passes in the first 11 games but then allowed 5 vs Hawaii in the finale. They still yielded just a 10-18 ratio and finished #7 in my rankings. This year they must replace FS Marcus Demps (1st Tm MWC, 72 tkl, 4 int), CB Eric Hodge (11 tkl) and CB James Finkle (3 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back including 5 with starting experience. This could be the MWC's top secondary for a 2nd straight year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Tom Craft's first three years the Aztecs finished #78, #85 and #90 in my ST rankings. Last year they had to replace their top returnman, and they ranked dead last in the MWC in both KR and PR. K Garrett Palmer was solid hitting 15 of 17 FG's with a long of 48. P Michael Hughes avg'd a nifty 44.8 and despite the team allowing 121 yards on 3 PR's to UCLA's Drew and Markey and having to face Ohio St's dangerous PR's Ginn and Holmes, Hughes still had a net of 36.6 and had 10 TB's on 60 KO's. They lose their top returnman in Michael Franklin but their outstanding kickers were the reason they finished #67. With an improved return game, they have Top 25 potential.

COACHES - Chuck Long steps into a great situation here. Long, who was a QB at Iowa under Hayden Fry, has been an asst under Fry, Bob Stoops and Kirk Ferentz. He's been the OC at Oklahoma the last 4 years. He takes over a talented, underachieving team. Del Miller is the OC and was the OC at Kansas St from 2003-'05. Also gone this year is Thom Kaumeyer whose "Dark Side" defense had a lot of success. The new DC is Bob Elliott who had been at Kansas St the last 4 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When Tom Craft took over in 2002, he inherited an underachieving 3-8 team with just 9 starters back and despite playing four MWC road games they finished 4-3. In 2003 thanks to a much improved "Dark Side Defense" which went from #95 in the NCAA rankings to #8, the Aztecs finished with their first non-losing record since 1998. In 2004 they lost RB Lynell Hamilton for the season and their O-line was banged up. The Aztecs went just 2-5 in league play and 4-7 overall. Last year Craft was under pressure to produce a winning year and had one of the most talented teams in the conf but the traditionally underperforming team continued to underperform. Even TCU's HC Patterson told his Frogs all week that the Aztecs were not the normal MWC team as they matched up with TCU both size and speed-wise. The Aztecs did finish 4-4 and tied for 4th in MWC play despite being picked 8th by the media in the 9 team conf (I had them 3rd). The Aztecs lost to 3 teams that finished in the Top 15 last year in Ohio St, UCLA and TCU and beat 3 bowl teams in BYU, Utah and Colo St by an avg 16.7 ppg. Their midseason loss to a poor UNLV was the key to their losing season. They led TCU 13-7 at the half but missed a 35 yd FG and were int'd in the EZ, coming up short by 3 at home. The Aztecs avg'd 26.9 ppg on offense, their best since 1996. They will run the ball more this year but lose 3 OL starters and 2 of their top 3 WR's and might not top that total. The "Dark Side D" had just 3 starters back last year and allowed 27.1 ppg, their worst since 2002. This year they are much tougher on that side of the ball with 8 starters back and good talent throughout and could compare to the 2003 squad (17.3 ppg). The Aztecs are the only MWC team that has not been to a bowl since the conference's inception in 1999. They have also not had a winning season in 7 years. Last year's squad was one of the most talented in the MWC and did outscore league foes by 22 points and was 4-4 in the standings. I think the Aztecs are capable of achieving their 1st winning season since 1998 and will contend for the MWC crown.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 7 KEVIN O'CONNELL JR. 6-6 220 PS#129. 17 st 2Y, 3991 (55%), 28-21 ratio, 1113 rush. **4** Darren Mougey (6-5 220 So) PS#57. 231 ttl yds as rFr. 4.53 speed. 33" VJ.

RB 22 LYNELL HAMILTON JR. 6-1 220 **PS#21**. 8 st true, 1087 (4.6) until injury. RS '04. Not 100% LY, 819 (4.3). **37** Brandon Bornes (6-1 215 Jr) 8 st, 2Y, 947 (4.2), 15 rec (6.6).

WR 16 Brett Swain Jr. 6-1 200 PS#157DB. 4.5 speed. 4 sts 2Y, 28 (14.0). **18** Roberto Wallace (6-4 205 rFr) PS#64. **2** Ramal Porter (5-9 170 Sr) 5 st, 3Y, 24 (11.3).

SE 12 Alex Ghebreselassie Jr. 5-11 180 **PS#29. UCLA trans**. **85** Justin Amaral (5-11 190 Sr) 1 st, 167 ttl yds LY. **5** Mekell Wesley (5-10 180 rFr) PS#79. **9** Justin Shaw (6-0 185 So).

FL 1 CHAZERAY SCHILENS JR. 6-4 205 7 st LY, 34 (13.0). **15** DeMarco Sampson (6-2 200 So) PS#94DB. 1 st, 6 (10.0) as true. **10** Marcus Montgomery (6-2 215 So) PS#148.

TE 81 Steve Schmidt Sr. 6-5 240 PS#63. 14 rec JC '04. **86** Waika Spencer (6-4 230 rFr). **89 Lance Louis** (6-3 260 Jr) 8 st, 15 rec 2Y. Inj? **88** Matthew Kawulok (6-2 210 rFr) PS#283LB.

C 75 Patrick Justman Sr. 6-5 305 **10 st '04** (5LG, 5RG). 778 plays. 11 gm, 2nd string LY. **Whitley Fehoko PS#109. Peter Manuma PS#342JC. LS 52** Tyler Schmitt (6-2 220 Jr).

RG 62 BRANDYN DOMBROWSKI JR. 6-5 325 PS#328. 5 st LG rFr, 287 plays. 12 st RG LY. **74** Ramsey Fiapai (6-3 285 Sr) **PS#68JC**. 4 gm LY. **67** Ikaika Aken-Moleta (6-3 300 rFr).

LG 70 Mike Kravetz Jr. 6-5 290 PS#302. 9 st in '04 (5RG, 4RT). 1 st LY (inj). **77** Mike Schmidt (6-2 300 So) PS#397DL. 3 tkl true. **64** Matthew Callahan (6-5 290 Jr) 11 gm LY.

RT 79 Robert Nelson Sr. **6-10** 330 PS#246JC. 5.0 spd. 7 gm LY. Largest in SDSt history. **71 Eric Rouser** (6-8 250 So) PS#125. 3 st RT rFr, 480 squat. Dan Hathaway is PS#243JC.

LT 76 WILL ROBINSON JR. 6-6 270 PS#419. 6 st rFr (1LT, 1LG, 4RT). Last 8 st at RT LY. **59** Nick Smith (6-6 280 Sr) **PS#70JC**. Susp LY. **68** Jason Alexander (6-6 295 So).

K 14 GARRETT PALMER JR. 6-2 180 12 of 21 FG's as true, long 50, 26-27 xp's. 15 of 17 FG's LY, long 48. 4-5 40+. **17** Michael Hughes 54 yd FG HS. **27** Stephen Robles (6-0 160 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 92 Siaosi Fifita So. 6-4 245 2 sts as rFr, 10 tkl. Brain Stanbra is PS#115JC. **41** Tony DeMartinis (6-5 225 rFr) PS#241. **65** Josh Duran (6-3 240 Sr). **54** Peter Nelson (6-5 255 rFr).

DT 94 NICK OSBORN JR. 6-4 255 PS#327. 8 tkls as rFr. 12 sts, 47 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **95** Robert Miller (6-6 245 Sr) 4 st, 22 tkl '03-'04. Inj LY. **91** Ornan Nwansi (6-3 305 Jr) PS#274JC.

DT 99 JONATHAN BAILES SR. 6-1 297 PS#119. 11 st '04, 25 tkl, 6 tfl. 9 st LY, 38 tkl, 3.5 sk. **56** Jonathan Soto (6-3 265 So) PS#308. 1 st, 11 tkl Fr. **96** Frederick Amano (6-3 300 Jr) SE MO trans.

DE 93 ANTWAN APPLEWHITE JR. 6-3 235 PS#189. Scout POY '03. 2 st rFr, 4.5 sk. 12 st LY, 56 tkl, 5.5 sk, 4.6 spd. **98** Sean McMaster (6-2 255 Jr) PS#178JC. **47** Kwan Howard (6-0 215 Sr) PS#256LB.

SLB 46 RUSSELL ALLEN SO. 6-3 225 PS#71. 4.65 spd. 7 st rFr, 61 tkl, 2 int. **45** Andrew Schantz (6-2 235 So) PS#127DL. 5 st LY, 4 tfl, 4.55 spd. **49** Stephen Houston (6-1 205 So) PS#210RB.

MLB 51 JOE MARTIN SR. 6-1 225 1 sts, 24 tkls first 2Y. 10 st LY, 81 tkl, 4 tfl, **HM MWC**. **58** Marc Hull (6-2 215 Jr) PS#92. 4.6 spd. **34** Jerry Milling (5-10 230 rFr) PS#363. **50** Ted Edwards (6-0 240 Jr).

WLB 36 Brett Martin Jr. 6-0 215 PS#68. 9 tkl rFr. 1 st, 30 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **35** Luke Laolagi (6-0 200 rFr) **PS#84**. **48** Trevor Parrington (6-0 235 Sr). **44** Josh Cunningham (6-2 210 rFr).

CB 3 DONNY BAKER SR. 5-9 165 PS#264. 1 st, **13 pbu** '04. 12 st LY, 60 tkl, **12 pbu**. **39** Scotty James is PS#150JC. **24** Freddy Dunkle (6-1 210 Jr) 15 tkl 2Y. Rico Thomas is PS#251.

CB 9 TERRELL MAZE SR. 5-11 170 21 tkls first 2Y. 11 sts LY, 59 tkl, 3 int, **12 pbu**. **2** Ray Bass (6-0 190 Jr) PS#89. Hawaii trans. **10** Josh Walker (6-2 180 rFr) PS#222. 4.66 spd.

SS 31 REGGIE GRIGSBY SR. 5-11 205 PS#100. 26 tkl first 2Y. 12 st LY, 90 tkl, 1 int, **HM MWC**. **40** Kwincy Edwards (5-10 160 rFr) PS#330. **37** Matt Barbier (6-0 180 Sr) 13 tkl LY.

FS 12 Brett Sturm Sr. 6-2 200 1 st LY, 26 tkl, 3 int, 1 pbu. **13** TJ McKay (6-0 195 So). 2 st, 19 tkl, 1 int. No spring. **26** Gerard Armstrong (6-0 205 So). Martrell Fantroy is PS#294.

P 17 MICHAEL HUGHES JR. 5-10 185 PS#64. 44 punts rFr, (38.0), net 33.2. **2nd Tm MWC** LY, 67 punts (44.8) net 36.6. **14** Garrett Palmer (6-2 180 Jr). **26** Alan Gomez (6-2 210 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Brian Stanbra 6-4 215 PS#115JC
DB	Scotty James 5-11 180 PS#150JC
LB	Marcus Yarbrough 6-2 255 PS#86
OL	Whitley Fehoko 6-0 320 PS#109
RB	Brandon Sullivan 5-11 210 PS#120
OL	Dan Hathaway 6-7 300 PS#243JC
OL	Peter Manuma 6-4 280 PS#342JC
DB	Rico Thomas 5-11 190 PS#251
QB	Kelsey Sokoloski 6-2 175 PS#160
RB	Davon Brown 5-9 170 PS#244
DL	Jacob Manuel 6-4 260 PS#255
DB	Martrell Fantroy 6-1 200 PS#294
P	Alan Gomez 6-2 210 PS#431JC
RB	Tyler Campbell 6-1 210 PS#443JC
OL	Jimmie Carmack 6-4 270 PS#330
DL	Ryan Chohany 6-3 225 PS#330
DL	BJ Williams 6-3 220 PS#386
LB	Andrew Preston 6-1 215 PS#445
DL	Ernie Lawson 6-3 250 PS#495
DL	Eric Ikonne 6-0 200 PS#495
DB	Raymond Patterson 5-11 185 PS#560

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#81

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SDSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	UTEP (Thur)	G					
Sep. 9							
Sep. 16	at Wisconsin	A					
Sep. 23	Utah	G					
Sep. 30	at San Jose St	G					
Oct. 7	at BYU	G					
Oct. 14							
Oct. 21	Air Force	G					
Oct. 28	Cal Poly (HC)	G					
Nov. 4	at Wyoming	A					
Nov. 11	UNLV	G					
Nov. 18	at TCU	G					
Nov. 25	at New Mexico	G					
Dec. 2	Colorado St	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Chuck Long becomes the 16th head coach in school history.
SDSt is 6-14 SU & 10-6-1 ATS the last 20 non-conference games.
Aztecs are 7-2 ATS the last 9 games after a bye week.

Aztecs are 12-6-1 SU & 10-5 ATS S/'87 in home openers (1-4 ATS L8Y).
San Diego St is 5-1 ATS (5-2 SU) the last 7 games before a bye week.

Bonus. San Diego St is 0-13 SU & 4-9 ATS the last 13 road openers.

Aztecs are 13-3-1 ATS the last 7 years as a double digit away dog.
First yr HC's Long & Bielema coached together at Iowa under Hayden Fry.

San Diego St is 11-4 ATS (0-3 ATS L3Y) S/'91 in their conference opener.
The SU winner has won by at least 14 pts in MWC gms, except for LY's 9 pt SDSU win.

San Diego St is just 1-3-1 ATS as an away favorite since 2002.
Aztecs are 13-2-1 SU & 5-0 ATS since 1966 vs the Spartans.

Aztecs are 2-6 SU & ATS being outscored 254-137 L8Y vs the Cougars.
San Diego St is 5-9-1 ATS (6-9 SU) the last 4 years in MWC road games.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Todd Santos 11,425 1984-'87
Rushing: Marshall Faulk 4,589 1991-'93 Receiving: JR Tolver 3,572 1999-'02

Could apply: San Diego St is 7-3 SU & ATS the last 10 gms as a home fav.
The favorite is just 4-9 ATS the last 13 games in this series.

Mustangs finished 9-4 LY (#6 IAA) advancing to the quarterfinals last season.
These in-state schools have met 22 times (SDSU leads 13-9) but last gm was in '67.

San Diego St is 12-7 ATS since 1994 in November road games.
Aztecs are 6-2-1 ATS (7-2 SU) their last 9 games vs the Cowboys.

SDSt 140 yds of off LY was their worst effort in a MWC gm & lowest S/'98 122 yds vs BYU.
The favorite is 5-2 ATS in this series as MWC members.

The 291 yds rushing the Aztecs allowed LY was the most a tm gained on them in 1 gm.
This will be SDSt's 1st trip to Ft Worth & 4th gm in Texas S/'89 (4-0 ATS).

SDSt & NM are avg'g just 39 ppg in their Mt West Conference meetings.
The dog is 11-5 ATS since 1990 with 6 outright upsets.

The home team is 1-7 ATS since 1997 in this series.
From 1992-'98 SDSt was 1-6 ATS in home finales, but have gone 5-2 ATS L7Y.

CHUCK LONG (Career 0-0)

1st Yr at San Diego St
Long's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Long's records AT SAN DIEGO ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-0	Off A Bye

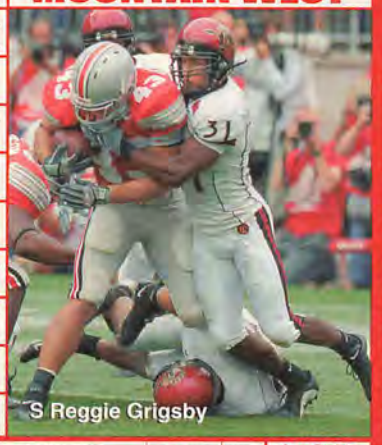
2005 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (18,20,3)
Lost: 17 (11,6,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 36,223

MOUNTAIN WEST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STADIUM: QUALCOMM STADIUM (54,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	3-8	3-8	4-9	6-6	4-7	5-7	30-51
Home	2-3	0-5	2-4	2-3	4-2	3-2	3-3	16-22
Away	3-3	3-3	1-4	2-6	2-4	1-5	2-4	14-29
ATS	6-4	5-6	4-6	6-6-1	5-4-1	4-6	7-5	37-37-2
Home Fav	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	7-6
Home Dog	2-1	1-4	0-2	1-3	1-1	0-1	2-1	7-13
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	2-4-1
Away Dog	3-1	4-2	3-2	4-2	2-2-1	2-3	3-2	21-14-1
Favorite	1-2	0-0	1-2	1-1-1	2-1	2-2	2-2	9-10-1
Dog	5-2	5-6	3-4	5-5	3-3-1	2-4	5-3	28-27-1
Grass	5-3	5-5	4-6	5-5-1	3-3-1	3-6	6-3	31-31-2
Artificial	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-2	6-6
vs Conf	4-3	3-4	3-4	3-3-1	3-4	2-5	5-3	23-26-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	1-2	3-3	2-0-1	2-1	2-2	14-11-1
Off SU Win	2-2	0-3	0-2	2-1-1	2-1-1	2-1	2-3	10-13-2
Off SU Loss	4-2	4-3	4-3	3-5	3-3	2-5	5-1	25-22

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lynell Hamilton	190	870	51	819	9	4.3
Kevin O'Connell	140	647	245	402	5	2.9
Brandon Bornes	92	375	6	369	2	4.0
Darren Mougey	17	115	19	96	0	5.6
Michael Franklin	8	40	4	36	0	4.5
Justin Amaral	1	22	0	22	0	22.0
Matt Dlugolecki	1	0	1	-1	0	-1.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kevin O'Connell	375	233	62.1	2663	19	12
Darren Mougey	26	13	50.0	116	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jeff Webb	92	1109	12.1	10	60
Chazeray Schilens	34	441	13.0	2	41
Robert Ortiz	39	422	10.8	5	27
Brett Swain	15	288	19.2	1	80
Lynell Hamilton	26	144	5.5	0	17
Lance Louis	9	131	14.6	1	44
Brandon Bornes	12	72	6.0	0	15
DeMarco Sampson	6	60	10.0	1	23
Marcus Edwards	4	42	10.5	0	14
Eric Miclot	4	23	5.8	0	8

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Michael Hughes	67	3003	44.8	3	36.6	0	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Garrett Palmer	36-38	5-5	6-7	4-5	0-0	15-17	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Freddy Keiaho	113	1	10.5	4	1
Reggie Grigsby	90	0	1	3	1
Joe Martin	81	1.5	2.5	2	1
Marcus Demps	72	2	4.5	4	4
Kurt Kahui	72	3	2	1	0
Russell Allen	61	0	1	3	2
Donny Baker	60	0	2	12	1
Terrell Maze	58	0.5	2.5	12	3
Antwan Applewhite	56	5.5	3	2	0
Nick Osborn	47	2	1.5	0	0
Jonathan Bailes	38	1.5	3	0	0
Brett Martin	30	0	2.5	2	1
Andrew Schantz	29	0	4	1	0
Brett Sturm	26	0	0	1	3
TJ McKay	19	0	1	1	1
Matt Barbier	13	0	0	0	0
Freddy Dunkle	12	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Soto	11	0	0	0	0
Eric Hodge	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Franklin	20	105	5.2	0
Freddy Keiaho	1	34	34.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Franklin	29	527	18.2	0
Justin Amaral	9	131	14.6	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
48	Harbor	NL	Hardin-Simmons	0-53	–
69	Pasadena	NL	Boston University	28-7	–
86	Holiday	+7'	Iowa	38-39	W
91	Freedom	-2'	Tulsa	17-28	L
98	Las Vegas	+7	North Carolina	13-20	T

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	26.9	20	148	3.9	232	61.3	14.1	+2	2005	3	27.1	22	185	4.3	221	58.0	15.0
6*	21.3	20	130	3.8	245	54.1	17.6	-1	2004	6	25.6	20	139	3.4	227	54.0	14.3
5*	18.7	19	123	3.6	217	54.5	18.2	-1	2003	7	17.3	16	130	3.3	160	51.0	16.8
4*	23.8	22	73	2.6	331	60.3	17.0	0	2002	5	31.6	23	171	3.9	240	55.9	13.0
10*	16.7	17	148	3.8	175	48.0	19.3	-9	2001	8	26.4	17	141	3.5	198	55.0	12.8
5*	15.5	17	78	2.3	227	51.6	19.7	-5	2000	2	24.8	19	146	3.5	205	57.9	14.1

2005 STATS BY GAME

SDSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	UCLA	23	46-156	3.4	24-35	246	4	16	35-191	5.5	12-18	158	2	-2
–	at Air Force	26	33-164	5.0	27-44	253	0	25	67-272	4.1	10-12	231	2	-2
–	at Ohio St	3	19-13	0.7	14-22	166	3	21	46-179	3.9	23-36	196	0	+1
–	San Jose St	28	57-210	3.7	25-33	303	6	12	30-132	4.4	12-40	101	0	0
–	BYU	26	55-265	4.8	21-31	243	1	15	19-44	2.3	25-49	261	3	+2
–	at UNLV	10	35-34	1.0	14-28	106	5	13	49-153	3.1	8-18	88	1	-1
–	at Utah	17	34-166	4.9	17-23	219	1	30	43-175	4.1	31-48	417	3	+2
–	New Mexico	15	25-94	3.8	15-35	197	3	33	63-286	4.5	21-32	248	0	-1
–	TCU	20	33-125	3.8	25-46	235	3	24	58-291	5.0	13-23	112	2	+1
–	at Colorado St	18	42-196	4.7	14-24	179	0	20	37-187	5.1	19-37	165	1	+2
–	Wyoming	22	42-214	5.1	17-29	211	0	20	28-51	1.8	37-55	346	2	0
–	at Hawaii	31	37-133	3.6	33-51	421	1	34	39-262	6.7	25-39	326	1	0
TOTALS		239	458-1770	3.9	246-401	2779	27	263	514-2223	4.3	236-407	2649	17	+2
AVERAGES		19.9	38-148	3.9	21-33	232	2.3	21.9	43-185	4.3	20-34	221	1.4	0.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Arizona	-2	10-23	L
at Arizona St	+7	7-38	L
at Colorado St	+6'	14-7	W
Air Force	-3'	21-45	L
E Illinois	NL	40-7	–
at UNLV	+4	3-31	L
at Ohio St	+22'	12-27	W
BYU - #16	+14	21-59	L
New Mexico	+2	15-20	L
at Utah	+17'	3-17	W
Wyoming	-6'	38-16	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Fresno St	+17	14-16	W
at Colorado - #17	+22	14-34	W
Arizona St	+6	28-39	L
at Idaho	-7'	38-48	L
UCLA	+15	7-43	L
Utah	+10'	36-17	W
at Wyoming	-4	24-20	T
UNLV	-3	31-21	W
at BYU	+1'	10-34	L
at New Mexico	+5	8-15	L
Colorado St - #21	+12'	21-49	L
at Air Force	+16'	38-34	W
at Hawaii	+14'	40-41	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Washington	NL	19-9	–
at Ohio St - #2	+30'	13-16	W
at UTEP	-19'	34-0	W
Samford	NL	37-17	–
at UCLA	+10	10-20	T
BYU	-2'	36-44	L
at Utah	+9'	6-27	L
New Mexico	+1/2	7-30	L
Wyoming	-3	25-20	W
at UNLV	+5	7-0	W
at Colorado St	+13'	6-21	L
Air Force	+4	24-3	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho St	NL	38-21	–
at Michigan - #17	+20	21-24	W
Nevada	-14'	27-10	W
at UCLA	+6	10-33	L
at Wyoming	-3	10-20	L
Colorado St	-4	17-21	L
at New Mexico	+4'	9-19	L
Utah - #9	+18'	28-51	L
at BYU	+10'	16-49	L
at Air Force	+6	37-31	W
UNLV	-10	21-3	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UCLA	+9'	21-44	L
at Air Force	+7'	29-41	L
at Ohio St - #9	+27'	6-27	W
San Jose St	-13'	52-21	W
BYU	+1	31-10	W
at UNLV	-9'	10-13	L
at Utah	+10	28-19	W
New Mexico	-3	24-47	L
TCU - #20	+6'	20-23	W
at Colorado St	+8	30-10	W
Wyoming	-7	34-21	W
at Hawaii	+3	38-49	L

COLORADO ST RAMS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - CSU has a record of 44-18 under Lubick with a senior incumbent QB. Justin Holland (PS#12) threw for 480 yds (55%) with a 4-5 ratio in 2002. He saw limited action but started the bowl in 2003 (381 yds on the yr). Holland started in 2004 but after the team got off to a 2-4 start, he was lost to injury (1,622, 61.4%, 6-10 ratio). Caleb Hanie started the final five and threw for 1,204 (57.8%) with an 8-7 ratio and is mobile with good speed (167 rush). His backup was walk-on Joey Kearney who moved to WR last year. Holland was never a fan favorite and finished 8-11 as the starter. In fact, after opening 0-2 LY, talk-shows called for Hanie to replace him. He did throw for a career high 419 vs Wyoming and had his 6th career 300 yd game vs New Mexico. After that he did not top 200 yds until he had 381 and 3 TD's in the bowl tying Scooter Molander for the 2nd most 300 yd passing games in CSU history. Holland also had 23 TD passes setting a CSU single season record, but had 4 int vs both Colorado and TCU. After a Holland fumble vs UNLV led directly to a TD and a 10 pt deficit, Hanie led the comeback but hit just 1 of 3 passes while running for 23 yds with a 4Q PR TD being the key. Holland, who has an NFL caliber arm, departs but Hanie (PS#78) has plenty of experience. It'll be tough to replace Holland's talent but the passing numbers shouldn't drop too much.

RUNNING BACKS- In 2004 the Rams rushed for the fewest amount of yards in Lubick's 12 seasons (112 ypg, 3.1). Their leading rusher was Jimmy Green 436 (3.3). They moved Tristan Walker (49 yds) to LB in the spring but moved him back to FB as they used that position more in 2005. UCLA transfer Nnamdi Ohaeri (PS#22) won the starting job but was inj'd in the 2Q vs Colorado and was not 100% until late in the year. He played in just 9 with 140 (3.7). Green started game 2 but after rushing for just 44 yds on 19 carries in the 1st 2 games, the job was given to Kyle Bell. Bell had just 84 yds in the first two but set a CSU soph rushing record with 1,288 (4.7) surpassing Kevin McDougal's 1997 mark. Approximately 57.6% of his yards came after contact. He had 380 in his first 2 starts, the best 2-game total here since 1996. Tramell McGill (PS#96) is one of the fastest RB's but his biggest action came as the Scout Tm QB prior to the AF game. Adding depth at RB are Alex Square (5-9 165 rFr, PS#272), true frosh John Mosure and FB Kyle Van Horn (6-2 248 Jr) while Ohaeri moves to DB. CSU managed just 3.5 ypc as a team but Bell should be the first CSU RB since Steve Bartalo in '85-'86 to top 1,000 two straight years.

RECEIVERS - It definitely will be strange to tune into a CSU game and not see #4 David Anderson. Anderson, who became the first frosh WR to catch a pass here since 1997, simply became the first player in MWC history to have two 1,000 yd seasons. Anderson set the school's single season reception mark with 72 in 2003 then broke his own record with 86 last year. Speedster Johnny Walker was #2 with 43 (15.4). Colorado St uses a TE and a H-back and HB Kory Sperry (PS#39TE) had 42 (13.0) while TE Matt Bartz, who is more of a blocker, had just 12 (11.1). This year they must replace Bartz and Anderson (#7DC HOU) and I list the 3 deep below. With the loss of their top guy, this unit will be down a few notches in 2006.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Rams had to replace 2.5 starters from the O-line in 2004 and only opened holes for 3.1 ypc rushing while allowing 24 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter but C Albert Bimper only started 6 due to injury. They allowed only 3 sacks in the first 5 games but yielded 22 in the last 7. They improved their ypc to 3.5. This year they lose LT Michael Brisiel (11 st, 2nd Tm MWC, 4 yr st'r), C Bimper (4 yd st'r) and LG Brandon Alconcel (10 st, 2 yr st'r). Nick Allotta started 9 so I will count the unit as having 3 returning starters. While less experienced than the 2005 version, they should be just as solid.

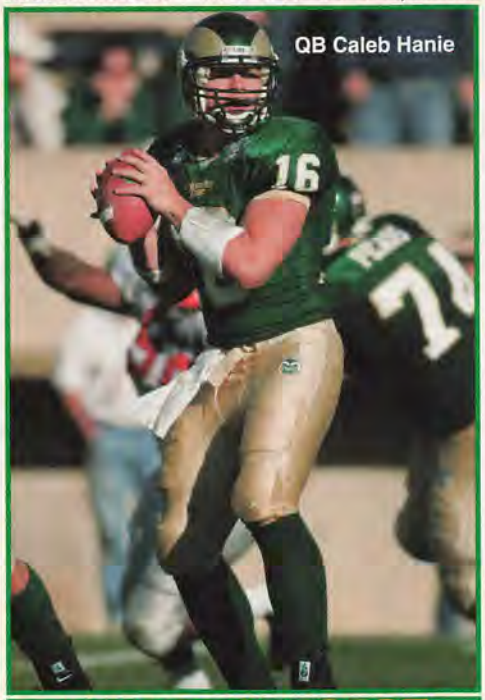
DEFENSIVE LINE - Rush defense has been a problem for Colorado St as the 4.1 ypc rushing they allowed in 2003 is actually their best in the last 5 years. In 2004 they had an injury-plagued group that had to replace three starters and allowed 221.7 ypg (5.2) rushing which was #111 in the NCAA. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup and the unit struggled again allowing 5.1 ypc while the defense posted just 18 sacks. This year they lose NT Delroy Parke (5 st, 22 tkl, 3 tfl) and DE Terrance Carter (9 st, 23 tkl, 4 tfl). This unit suffered injuries in 2005 with three different players starting at NT. This year six players with starting experience return, and this looks like the Rams best defensive front in years.

LINEBACKERS- In 2003 injuries ravaged this unit as just one of the top six LB's from the 2003 spring 2 deep was around at the end of the year. The 2004 unit had to replace all three starters and then not a single player started all 11. That year three of the top four tacklers on the team were DB's! Last year all three starters returned. Starting SLB Jahmal Hall only started 6 games before suffering a knee injury and was replaced by John Nichols who started one game until a shoulder injury. The top LB tackler in 2004 was Luke Adkins (57) but he didn't play his first (and only) game until TCU (Nov 5th) and had just 4 tackles. This year they lose MLB Courtney Jones (12 st, 74 tkl, 11 tfl) and SLB Hall (36 tkl). JUCO Jon Radford started the last 5 at SLB and was productive (43 tkl). With the return of Adkins, it's like having 3 returning starters and 5 players have starting experience. I look for the best Ram LB unit in years, provided they can stay healthy.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Colorado St was #55 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and last year lost one starter. They then lost their top defensive player, FS Ben Stratton, for the season. One of the two returning starters, CB Brandon Cathy, lost his spot so they basically had just one starter returning. As you would expect, the Rams dropped to #86. This year they lose SS Miles Kochevar (12 st, 91 tkl, HM MWC) and FS Travis Garcia (12 st, 88 tkl, HM MWC). CSU not only has 3 CB's who have been full time starters returning, they get Stratton back and add VHT Nnamdi Ohaeri from RB. This is a deep and experienced unit and not even listed in the 3 deep below are Micah Crews (5-11 187 rFr), Ciarre Campbell (6-3 188 So), Zac Bryson (6-1 223 Jr, 7 tkl), Lukas Davis (6-1 205 Sr, PS#187DB), Steve Juedes (6-0 203 Jr) and Shane Wise (6-0 190 Sr).

SPECIAL TEAMS - This is always an area of strength under Lubick with two #1 finishes and five top 13 finishes from 1997-2004. They were #21 in 2003 with Jeff Babcock handling both P & K duties and he returned in 2004 and became CSU's all-time career leader in FG's. Surprisingly CSU finished just #67 in my ST rankings in 2004. Last year the Rams moved up to #46 and would have been higher if not for inconsistent FG kicking early. Kevin Mark hit just 4 of 9 FG's with a long of 34 and was replaced by Jason Smith midyear who hit 9 of 10 with a long of 41. In his three years here, Mark handled the KO's with 98 TB's and he will be missed. Babcock's replacement at punter, Jim Kaylor, simply was #4 in the NCAA avg 45.3 ypp (net 34.6). This is another top-notch Rams ST unit.

COACHES - CSU had been to just two bowl games prior to Sonny Lubick's arrival but he has guided them to 9 bowls in the last 12 years and six league titles. In November of 2002 Lubick was given a $2.5 million, five year contract extension. In 2003 the home stadium was named Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium. Lubick is 70-28 in conf games (not including '97 Conf Title win) at CSU and has been the Conference Coach of the Year four times ('94, '97, '99 and 2000). The team has had three end of the season Top 25 rankings (1994 #15, 1997 #16, 2000 #14). Dan Hammerschmidt was the co-OC for three years before taking over as the sole OC the last two years and enters his 11th year with the Rams. The DC is Steve Stanard who was the DC of N Mex St from 1999-'02 and enters his 4th year here.



PHIL'S FORECAST

Sonny Lubick had recorded 10 straight winning seasons including winning or sharing the conf title 6 times from '94-'03. In 2000 they finished #14 in the polls, their highest finish ever in a 10-2 season and including bowls, had won at least 7 games for ten straight years heading into 2004. In 2004, they had just 10 starters back and lost their QB midyear. They shockingly dropped to 4-7 because, as expected, their young D with just three starters back had one of the weakest seasons in the Lubick era allowing 416 ypg and 29.5 ppg. CSU was also -12 in turnovers. CSU only lost 11 lettermen last year, so I forecasted a return to the post season. While the Rams did not disappoint with a 6-5 regular season record, surprisingly, with 6 starters back, the defense yielded 30.8 ppg and 428.8 ypg. CSU finished 5-3 in the MWC but was outgained by 17.3 ypg and actually outscored by 13 points in league play. Lubick used to be gold in November with his teams going 21-4 in his first 9 years but is actually just 6-7 SU since 2002 in that month. Despite their 6-6 finish last year, the Rams were actually outscored by 48 points on the season. To get to a bowl, they had to come from behind vs a 2-8 UNLV team (trailed by 10) in the 3Q and were then blown out in the Poinsettia Bowl by Navy. CSU has finished last in the MWC in rush D for two straight years. In 2004 CSU lost 29 man-games due to injury but in 2005 lost 73! Last year's team only scored TD's on 9 of their last 26 trips inside the 20 yard line. Having to replace 3 OL starters, their QB and star WR, it may be tough to top last year's 26.8 ppg. It appeared the Rams had eight starters back on defense last year but they lost their best defensive player, FS Ben Stratton, prior to the year and two starting LB's for most of the season. The Rams allowed 30.8 ppg, which was the worst total in the Lubick era. This year they have 7 defensive starters back plus get back two full-time starters from 2004 who missed last year and add VHT Nnamdi Ohaeri who moves to CB from RB. They should be vastly improved on that side of the ball. Colorado St has a good shot at returning to the post season this year.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

QB 16 Caleb Hanie Jr. 6-2 236 PS#78. 5 st '04. 13 gm, 1485 pass (56%) 10-7 ratio, 241 rush 2Y. **18** Grant Stucker (6-2 189 rFr) PS#101. **15** Billy Farris (6-3 215 So).

RB 34 KYLE BELL JR. 6-2 226 PS#119. 96 (3.7) as true. 10 st LY, 1288 (4.7), **2nd Tm MWC. 5** Gartrell Johnson III (6-0 225 So) PS#177. **36** Tramell McGill (5-10 185 So) PS#96.

HB 80 KORY SPERRY JR. 6-6 250 PS#39TE. 6 st '04, 15 (15.0). 4 st LY, 42 (13.0). Kevin McPeek (6-5 237 So) PS#77. **31** Dion Morton PS#95QB. **FB 33** Tristan Walker (6-0 255 Sr) 5 st 4Y.

WR 87 Damon Morton Jr. 5-11 177 **PS#59.** 2 st, 10 rec (21.3) 2Y. **85** Dustin Osborn (6-0 194 Sr) 9 st, 30 (18.5) '04. 8 st LY, 19 (15.4). **82** Luke Roberts (6-2 218 Jr) 16 (18.3) LY.

WR 7 JOHNNY WALKER JR. 6-0 190 35 rec (12.8) '04. 2 st LY, 43 rec (15.4). **27** George Hill (5-11 177 Jr) PS#134RB. 4.4 spd. 17 rec (9.1) 2Y. **47** Tim LeBlanc (5-10 245 Jr). **86** Chaz Miles (6-2 192 rFr).

TE 88 Chris Kawulok So. 6-3 251 PS#162DL. RS at DE in '04. 1 st at TE as rFr. **24** Chase Weber (5-10 171 Sr) PS#289DB. JUCO. 3 tkl LY. **93** Tyler Jorgensen (6-4 239 rFr).

C 64 NICK ALLOTTA JR. 6-3 304 PS#270. Last 9 st LY (6 C, 3 OG). **57** Tim Walter (6-6 281 rFr) PS#141. **69** Scott Benedict (6-4 299 rFr). **94** Kellar Harrell (6-4 250 So).

RG 76 JOSH DAY SR. 6-4 304 PS#138. 11 st LG '04. 11 st LY, **HM MWC. 79** Dan Crews (6-4 313 So) PS#282. **62** James Morehead (6-6 268 rFr). **73** Patrick Majcher (6-3 296 Jr).

LG 67 Jerome Williams Sr. 6-2 324 1 st at RG LY, 2nd string & lettered. Marvin Arnold is PS#125JC. **60** Adrian Martinez (6-4 292 rFr). **94** Kellar Harrell (6-4 250 So).

RT 75 Dane Stratton So. 6-5 299 PS#354. 2nd string rFr, lettered. **74** Shelley Smith (6-4 280 rFr) PS#221DL. **55** Justin D'Arcy (6-3 315 Sr) 2nd string. JUCO transfer.

LT 71 CLINT OLDENBURG SR. 6-5 297 PS#132TE. 10 st RG '04. 12 st LY OT, **HM MWC. 53** Cole Pemberton (6-7 311 rFr) PS#393. **66** Richie Plunkett (6-6 300 So) PS#282.

K 37 JASON SMITH SO. 6-2 201 Last 5 st LY. Hit 9 of 10 FG's, long 41 (only 1 att from 40+) 12-12 xp's. **4 Durrell Chamorro** (6-1 191 rFr) PS#15. 48 yd FG in high school.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

DE 59 JESSE NADING JR. 6-5 258 PS#153. 5 st rFr, 30 tkl, 3 tfl. 12 st LY, 56 tkl, 4 sk, 7 tfl, **HM MWC. 91** Tommie Hill (6-6 227 So) PS#150. 13 tkl rFr. Nick Eaton is PS#196LB.

DT 45 MATT RUPP SO. 6-3 275 PS#152. 3 st rFr, 14 tkl, 2 sk, 2 tfl. **95** Erik Sandie (6-2 296 Jr) **PS#192OL.** 4 st, 2Y, 32 tkl, 8 tfl. 3 blk K LY. **61** Kenton Baron (6-4 275 rFr).

DT 97 BLAKE SMITH JR. 6-2 269 PS#95. 8 st rFr, 11 tkl, 3 sk. 12 st LY, 25 tkl, 6 tfl. **92** Shawn McGoveran (6-3 286 So) PS#153. **96** Devin McWilliams (6-1 318 So) PS#288.

DE 44 Bob Vomhof Jr. 6-3 250 PS#331LB. 2 st, 29 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **93** Wade Landers (6-6 235 So) PS#108TE. 1 st, 6 tkl true. **53** Brandin Santi (6-1 220 Jr). **65** Brian Abata (6-3 251 rFr).

WLB 25 JON RADFORD SR. 6-1 241 PS#161JC. Last 5 st here LY, 43 tkl, 3 tfl, 3 pbu. **38** Nathan Pauly (6-1 218 Jr) PS#179. 4 st, 37 tkl, 6 tfl, 2Y. **41** Sedric Patterson (6-1 231 rFr) PS#343.

MLB 51 JEFF HORINEK SO. 6-3 236 PS#236. 11 st rFr, 61 tkl, 5 tfl, 1 pbu. **42** Jake Pottorff (6-4 238 rFr) PS#231. **56** Matt Hendrick (6-2 231 rFr) PS#490. Zach Morse (6-4 253 Jr) PS#140.

SLB 9 Luke Adkins Sr. 6-2 241 8 tkl, 2 sk rFr. **9 st '04**, 57 tkl, 3 tfl. 3 gm then inj LY. **49** John Nichols (6-2 226 Jr) PS#48TE. 1 st, 20 tkl, 3 tfl, 2Y. Ricky Brewer is PS#108DB.

CB 39 DARRYL WILLIAMS JR. 5-9 180 PS#343. 10 st LY, 49 tkl, 2 int. **22 Nnamdi Ohaeri** (5-9 202 Sr) **PS#22RB.** UCLA. 1 st, 140 yd at RB LY. **28** Liddon Levine (5-10 190 Jr) 14 tkl 2Y.

CB 6 ROBERT HERBERT SR. 6-1 208 PS#241JC. 11 st, 58 tkl, 11 pbu '04. 12 st, 9 pbu, 3 int, 72 tkl '05. **1 Brandon Cathy** (5-10 190 Sr) **11 st '04. 29** Joey Rucks (5-10 190 Jr) 10 tkl.

SS 20 Klint Kubiak So. 6-0 190 PS#231. 9 tkl, 1 pbu true. **12** Michael Myers (6-1 203 So) PS#215RB. 5 tkl rFr. **15** Jake Galusha (5-10 195 So) NMSt trans. **19** Shane Marsh (6-1 192 Sr).

FS 3 Ben Stratton Sr. 6-2 207 13 st CB '03, 79 tkl, 4 int, 9 pbu. 11 st FS '04, 88 tkl, **Top Def Ply'r**. Inj'd LY. **35** Mike Pagnotta (6-0 198 So). **77** Zach Heim (6-2 203 rFr) PS#383.

P 8 JIM KAYLOR JR. 6-3 198 PS#38. 4 punt rFr (43.0). **1st Tm MWC LY, #4 NCAA 45.3 avg**, net of 34.6. **7** Jared Lamb (6-2 202 Jr) was an all-state punter in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Marvin Arnold 6-4 285 PS#125JC
LB	Ricky Brewer 6-2 200 PS#108DB
DB	Josh Dorsey 6-0 180 PS#140WR
OL	Brian Lepak 6-5 285 PS#192
DB	DeAngelo Wilkinson 5-10 175 PS#189
WR	RJ Sanders 6-0 185 PS#193RB
LB	Nick Eaton 6-3 235 PS#196
OL	Guy Miller 6-3 265 PS#244
OL	Mark Starr 6-5 250 PS#243
OL	Ryan Griffith 6-4 250 PS#265
RB	John Mosure 5-10 190 PS#253
LB	Zach Pauga 6-0 210 PS#258RB
QB	Nick Neuenfeldt 6-4 240 PS#184
QB	Sean McDougal 6-2 200 PS#214
DB	Michael Johnson 5-10 205 PS#384
TE	Cory Macon 6-6 220 PS#141
DL	Grant Detwiler 6-4 230 PS#412
DL	Patrick Massey 6-5 215 PS#433
DL	Anthony Jones 6-2 295 PS#435
WR	Brett Willis 6-3 185 PS#485
TE	Adam Seymore 6-4 235 PS#205
DL	Michael Maracle 6-3 200 PS#495
DL	Jake Mechler 6-3 245 PS#495

COLORADO ST RAMS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#63

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Weber St	A						CSU is 41-24 (63%) ATS under Lubick the last 5 games of the reg season. Colorado St is 9-2 ATS as a home dog under Lubick with 5 outright upsets. Rams are 12-3 SU but 4-8-1 ATS since 1991 in home openers.
Sep. 9	† Colorado (Invesco Field)	G						Wildcats finished 6-5 LY as IAA Big Sky members (lost 55-17 to Fresno St). Weber St is coached by the former Utah HC Ron McBride.
Sep. 16	at Nevada	A						Colorado St is just 5-11 ATS their last 16 games after a SU win. The Rams are 4-12 SU but 11-5 ATS since 1986 vs the Buffaloes.
Sep. 23								CSU is 8-15 ATS S/'93 on art turf which was installed at Hughes Stadium for '06. Colorado St is 8-17 ATS as an away favorite since '98 (0-7 ATS last 3 yrs).
Sep. 30	at Fresno St	G						Rams are 17-4 ATS the week after a bye since 1986. CSU & FSU both were WAC members prior to CSU joining the MWC in '99.
Oct. 7	UNLV (HC)	A						The dog is 8-2 ATS all-time in this series. Rams are 9-1 SU but just 3-7 ATS the last 10 games vs the Rebels.
Oct. 12	at Air Force (Thur)	A						Colorado St has covered just 2 of their last 10 MWC road games. The favorite is 5-10-1 ATS since 1990 in this series.
Oct. 21	at Wyoming	A						The dog is 10-4 ATS the last 14 years in the Border War. Rams have taken home the "Bronze Boot" 10 of the last 13 in this rivalry.
Oct. 28	New Mexico	A						LY CSU trailed 25-12 at the half, but converted 3 NM TO's into 17 pts in the 2H. The favorite is 3-10 ATS the last 13 meetings in this series.
Nov. 4	BYU	A						Colorado St is 5-15 ATS their last 20 November games. The SU winner has won every gm by DD in MWC action in this series, avg win by 23 pts.
Nov. 11	at Utah	A						The dog is 7-2 ATS since 1994 in this series. The CSU defense stopped Utah 4 consecutive times inside the C4 as time ran out LY.
Nov. 18								ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Kelly Stouffer 7,141 1984-'86 Rushing: Steve Bartalo 4,813 1983-'86 Receiving: David Anderson 3,634 2002-'05
Nov. 25	TCU	A						Rams were sacked 5 times & int'd 4 times in LY's 1st MWC gm vs TCU. Colorado St is 8-5 ATS in their last 13 home finales.
Dec. 2	at San Diego St	G						The Rams are 7-3 SU & ATS in their last 10 meetings with the Aztecs. CSU will finish their reg ssn in Dec for the 1st time S/'87 (30-26, +12 SU loss vs BYU in Australia).

SONNY LUBICK (Career 101-57) (Div IAA 21-19)
14th Yr at Colorado St
Lubick's SU Bowl Record 3-6

Lubick's records AT COLORADO ST

101-57	Straight Up	26-27	Home Favorite
79-65-1	Vs The Spread	9-2	Home Underdog
23-24	Off A SU Loss	18-21	Away Favorite
56-42-1	Vs Conference	26-15-1	Away Underdog
23-23	Vs Non-Conf	10-4	Off A Bye

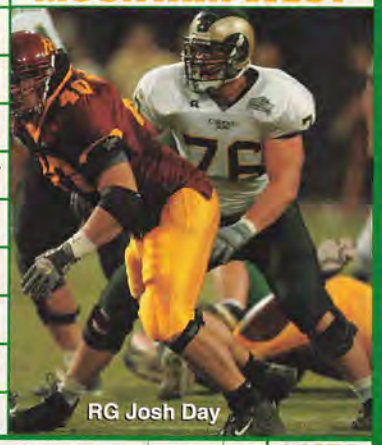
2005 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (17,27,2)
Lost: 15 (8,6,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 29,347

MOUNTAIN WEST


RG Josh Day

STADIUM: SONNY LUBICK FIELD at HUGHES STADIUM (34,400)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf 1st yr)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	9-2	6-5	10-3	7-5	4-7	6-5	50-30
Home	4-1	5-0	3-2	4-1	4-2	3-3	4-1	27-10
Away	4-2	4-2	3-3	6-2	3-3	1-4	2-4	23-20
ATS	6-5	5-5	6-5	7-6	5-6	4-6	5-6	38-39
Home Fav	3-2	1-3	0-3	2-3	3-2	2-2	3-2	14-17
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-1
Away Fav	1-2	2-2	1-0	2-2	0-4	0-1	0-2	6-13
Away Dog	2-1	2-0	3-2	3-1	2-0	2-2	2-2	16-8
Favorite	4-4	3-5	1-3	4-5	3-6	2-3	3-4	20-30
Dog	2-1	2-0	5-2	3-1	2-0	2-3	2-2	18-9
Grass	6-5	4-5	6-5	6-5	4-5	4-5	5-4	35-34
Artificial	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-2	3-5
vs Conf	4-3	3-4	4-3	4-3	3-4	3-4	3-5	24-26
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	2-2	3-3	2-2	1-2	2-1	14-13
Off SU Win	3-4	3-4	3-2	5-5	2-3	1-3	2-3	19-24
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-1	3-2	1-1	3-2	2-3	2-3	14-13

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kyle Bell	276	1350	62	1288	10	4.7
Nnamdi Ohaeri	38	148	8	140	1	3.7
Jimmy Green	28	94	3	91	1	3.2
Caleb Hanie	12	74	17	57	0	4.8
Damon Morton	3	57	10	47	1	15.7
Gartrell Johnson III	11	29	3	26	0	2.4
Justin Holland	37	25	199	-174	0	-4.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Justin Holland	369	235	63.7	3185	23	15
Caleb Hanie	29	13	44.8	251	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
David Anderson	86	1221	14.2	8	82
Johnny Walker	43	663	15.4	2	54
Kory Sperry	42	547	13.0	4	43
Dustin Osborn	19	293	15.4	5	33
Luke Roberts	16	293	18.3	2	50
Matt Bartz	12	133	11.1	3	33
George Hill	12	118	9.8	1	33
Damon Morton	4	101	25.2	0	52
Kyle Bell	9	33	3.7	0	14

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jimmie Kaylor	53	2400	45.3	6	34.6	1	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kevin Mark	22-24	3-4	1-2	0-3	0-0	4-9	34
Jason Smith	12-12	5-6	3-3	1-1	0-0	9-10	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Miles Kochevar	91	1	1	5	2
Travis Garcia	88	0	5	2	3
Courtney Jones	74	3	8	2	0
Robert Herbert	72	0	1	9	3
Jeff Horinek	61	0	5	1	0
Jesse Nading	56	4	7	1	1
Darryl Williams	49	1	1	1	2
Jon Radford	43	2	1	3	1
Jahmal Hall	36	0	3	1	0
Bob Vomhof	29	0	2	0	0
Blake Smith	25	1	5	1	1
Erik Sandie	23	0	5	0	0
Terrance Carter	23	2	2	0	0
Delroy Parke	22	1	2	0	0
John Nichols	16	0	1	0	0
Matt Rupp	14	2	2	0	0
Tommie Hill	13	2	1	0	0
Brandon Cathy	13	0	0	0	0
Mike Pagnotta	11	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Johnny Walker	11	124	11.3	1
Dustin Osborn	9	75	8.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
George Hill	31	626	20.2	0
Robert Herbert	12	256	21.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Liberty	-2	Louisville	22-17	W
01	New Orleans	-11	North Texas	45-20	W
02	Liberty	-5	TCU	3-17	L
03	San Francisco	E	Boston College	21-35	L
05	Poinsettia	+3	Navy	30-51	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Colorado St's All-Time SU Bowl Record 4-7

COLORADO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	26.8	20	122	3.5	286	61.7	15.3	+5	2005	6	30.8	22	223	5.1	206	58.8	13.9
7	23.7	20	112	3.1	261	59.7	15.7	-12	2004	3	29.5	23	222	5.2	194	56.7	14.1
8*	29.3	21	191	4.6	248	60.8	15.0	-15	2003	7	24.5	19	155	4.1	215	57.3	15.1
6*	29.9	20	206	4.6	183	52.4	13.0	+3	2002	6	23.7	20	168	4.3	206	58.3	15.7
5	24.8	17	195	4.6	152	47.8	14.0	+1	2001	7	22.8	22	205	4.6	215	57.6	18.4
8*	30.3	21	139	3.7	240	58.1	12.5	+1	2000	7	18.8	17	140	3.7	194	55.9	17.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

CSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at Colorado	21	34-95	2.8	28-43	291	1	19	29-113	3.9	22-33	283	4	-1
–	at Minnesota	18	25-59	2.4	21-42	362	2	27	59-355	6.0	11-24	190	0	-2
–	Nevada	24	43-257	6.0	15-27	223	0	22	31-95	3.1	23-34	324	2	+2
–	Air Force	23	42-213	5.1	18-29	338	0	16	44-227	5.2	9-20	130	0	0
–	Utah	18	30-151	5.0	18-26	226	0	18	45-170	3.8	15-27	255	2	+1
–	at BYU	15	21-30	1.4	22-30	281	4	23	52-274	5.3	13-18	168	0	+1
–	Wyoming	20	42-102	2.4	20-37	419	2	25	30-155	5.2	25-39	312	3	+4
–	at New Mexico	19	41-31	0.8	20-26	312	5	16	39-191	4.9	14-23	160	2	+4
–	at TCU	17	30-59	2.0	22-39	194	5	25	46-241	5.2	13-25	160	2	-3
–	San Diego St	20	37-187	5.1	19-37	165	1	18	42-196	4.7	14-24	179	0	-2
–	at UNLV	20	41-135	3.3	17-27	194	2	21	41-190	4.6	16-28	167	3	-1
–	† Navy	26	34-141	4.1	28-39	431	3	33	69-467	6.8	5-11	144	0	+2
TOTALS		241	420-1460	3.5	248-402	3436	25	263	527-2674	5.1	180-306	2472	18	+5
AVERAGES		20.1	35-122	3.5	21-34	286	2.1	21.9	44-223	5.1	15-26	206	1.5	0.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	+4	14-41	L
Nevada	-29'	35-18	L
San Diego St	-6'	7-14	L
at Wyoming	-3'	42-14	W
at Louisville	+8	2-7	W
Fresno St - #8	+7'	22-25 OT	W
at UNLV	+4'	26-24	W
Utah	+2'	19-17	W
at BYU - #13	+14'	34-56	L
Air Force	-8	28-21	L
at New Mexico	+3	24-17	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia	E	35-29	W
† Colorado - #7	+8	19-14	W
at UCLA	+7	19-30	L
Louisville	-2'	36-33	W
at Nevada	-11'	32-28	L
at Fresno St	-5'	30-32	L
Wyoming	-25	44-36	L
at Utah	+1	28-20	W
BYU	-13	37-10	W
at Air Force	-1'	31-12	W
at San Diego St	-12'	49-21	W
New Mexico	-16'	22-14	L
UNLV	-17	33-36	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Colorado	-2	35-42	L
at California	+2'	23-21	W
Weber St	NL	31-7	–
Miami, Oh	-6'	21-41	L
Utah	-6'	21-28	L
Fresno St	-5	34-10	W
at BYU	E	58-13	W
Air Force	-5'	30-20	W
at Wyoming	-10'	28-35	L
at New Mexico	-1	34-37	L
San Diego St	-13'	21-6	W
at UNLV	-7	24-23	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colorado	+4	24-27	W
at USC - #1	+24'	0-49	L
Minnesota - #22	+3'	16-34	L
Montana St	NL	39-14	–
BYU	-3	21-31	L
at San Diego St	+4	21-17	W
Wyoming	-4	30-7	W
New Mexico	-2	17-26	L
at Utah - #7	+26'	31-63	L
UNLV	-6'	45-10	W
at Air Force	-1'	17-47	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colorado	+7	28-31	W
at Minnesota	+13	24-56	L
Nevada	-17'	42-21	W
Air Force	-3'	41-23	W
Utah	-4'	21-17	L
at BYU	-3	14-24	L
Wyoming	-3	39-31	W
at New Mexico	+6	35-25	W
at TCU - #20	+7	6-33	L
San Diego St	-8	10-30	L
at UNLV	-15	31-27	L

UNLV REBELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Due to an injury to 2004's starting QB, Shane Steichen was tossed into the lineup and had 5 starts. Steichen threw for 1,011 (49.2%) with a 7-10 ratio (71 rush). He added 15 lbs in the weight room and was a much more dangerous runner in 2005. Steichen became UNLV's first ever QB to have 200 yards passing and 100 yards rushing in the same game (Idaho) but broke his ring finger vs Utah St and missed the next six. Jarrod Jackson took on some tough defenses and threw for 356 vs Utah, although a lot of those yards came with the team down 35-13. There was talk of taking the redshirt off true frosh Mike McDonald (PS#171) but Sanford instead used WR Kirkland as the backup. Jackson threw for 1,321 (54.4%) but with a 6-12 ratio. Kirkland attempted 5 passes for 101 yards while Steichen threw for 967 (55.3%) with a solid 8-5 ratio and rushed for 464 in just 5 games. While all 3 QB's return, I expect the starter to be Rocky Hinds, a rare VHT. Hinds (PS#11), who is 6'5" 220 and runs the 100m in 10.47, showed good passing skills during his transfer year at USC and spent 2004 learning under Norm Chow. Adding depth are Travis Dixon (6-2 190 Fr, PS#79) and Tennessee transfer Dack Ishii (6-2 225 So). This should be one of the most improved QB units in the NCAA.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 diminutive, but speedy Dominique Dorsey (4.35 spd), simply led the MWC in rushing with 1,261 yards (5.6). Last year he had to be replaced as did the #2 rusher. Much was expected of Ohio St transfer JaJa Riley (PS#40) but he wasn't 100% in spring. Erick Jackson, who is one of the shortest RB's in the NCAA (5'6") and has breakaway speed, won the starting job. Jackson topped 100 yards twice including the season finale and finished with 673 (3.9). The #2 rusher was actually QB Steichen (only 5 gm!) and #3 was WR/QB Kirkland who had 109 (5.4). Riley (81) was kicked off the team in November. Nebraska transfer Ronnie Smith (5-10 170 Jr) had a 61 yard run vs Utah and his only other carry was for -2 so he averaged 29.5 ypc. David Peeples (PS#135) had 1 att for 4 yards. The only loss from the group is Riley and added to the mix are rFr Torrie Coleman (6-2 220, PS#407), Lafayette Fletcher (5-8 170) and Chris Brogdon (5-8 215). Coleman has the best size/speed package of the group and was a HS star in Las Vegas. This group is a lot more experienced and should put up much better rushing numbers.

NG Howie Fuimaono

RECEIVERS - Last year the Rebels had to replace their top receiver who was a rare VHT in Earvin Johnson (PS#20, 60 rec). Their #2 receiver, Alvin Marshall (PS#4JC) did not play his senior season due to an enlarged heart. The #3 from 2004, Michael Freund, suffered a knee injury then quit the team, so the top returning receiver was Shelvion Williams (6 rec). They did get back TE Greg Estandia who had 20 rec's in 2003 but missed 2004 with injury and Tremayne Kirkland (PS#154QB) who also missed 2004. Donell Wheaton got off to a great start with 9 rec's for 137 vs NMex and had 22 rec's after 4 but finished with just 30. Kirkland, who played WR and QB, had 28 rec's despite missing 3 games but he opted to transfer. Estandia led with 49 (11.5) and was 2nd Tm MWC. Casey Flair had 32 (11.9). This year they must replace Estandia, Kirkland, Williams, Marshall and Wheaton. This will be a young receiving corps in 2006, but it is actually more experienced than the 2005 version. Sanford compares incoming JC Aaron Straiten to Keyshawn Johnson, Curtis Conway and Johnnie Morton (players he coached at USC).

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the O-line had two starters back and paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing 23 sacks. Last year they lost two starters and then returning starting RG Zach Gorham DNP and OG Marco Guerra suffered an ankle injury (1 st) so basically one starter returned and that was outstanding LT Chris Bowser who turned down offers from Colorado and Washington. The young group had to learn a new system. Sanford felt the O-line showed improvement weekly and the team did rush for 190 vs Colo St in the finale. Mobile QB's help an OL's stats but QB Steichen was limited to 5 games (464 gross rush). The Rebels managed just 3.2 ypc while allowing 39 sacks (9.9%). This year the only loss from the 2 deep is RT Jesse Knight (11 st) and with Guerra returning, it's like having 5 starters back, making this a vastly improved unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UNLV moved to a 3-man defensive front in 2003. They had 3 starters returning and allowed just 3.5 ypc rushing. All 3 starters departed in 2004 but the 3 backups had combined for 10 starts. As expected, the unit slipped some to 4.1 ypc allowed while recording 27 sacks. Last year they had 5 of their top 6 back. Much was expected of JUCO Cedrick Fisher but he was ineligible. Their star DL, Howie Fuimaono, was bothered by sore feet most of the year. With two starters back they improved to allowing 3.6 ypc (21 sk). At midseason LY, UNLV began switching up the defense using 4-3, 3-4 and 3-3-5. This year they lose DE Isaac Watts (8 st, 22 tkl, 5.5 tfl), NG Isaiah Tafua (9 st, 20 tkl, 2 tfl), DE Pete Dunbar (8 st, 22 tkl, 2.5 sk), DE Leon Moore (6 st, 46 tkl, 12.5 tfl) and DE Mario Hill (1 st, 6 tkl). NFL prospect, Fuimaono should be healthier. Not listed in the 3 deep below are N Arizona transfer Gilbert Gallahar (6-0 260 Jr), true frosh Malo Taumua who was in for the spring, Ryan Heise (6-4 255 Sr) and true frosh Tim High who Sanford thinks will play immediately. While not as experienced and going through another formation change, this looks like a decent front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Rebels had to replace their top six LB's including a pair of NFL DC's. Beau Bell, who has NFL potential, suffered through an injury-plagued year but still earned 2nd Tm MWC honors. Matt Pattison was having a fine year recording 54 tackles in 7 starts, but was lost for the season. This year they lose Bobby Kelly (9 st, 72 tkl, 3.5 tfl) but have everyone else back and add solid JUCO Adrian Bradley and safety Nate Kenion (3 st). UNLV lists a 3-3-5 depth chart, but I will list the Rebel position with the LB's and with two returning starters, this group is actually a lot more experienced than 2005.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishing #49 in my pass D rankings, UNLV had a veteran secondary in 2004 but only finished #80. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including their star SS. JUCO EJ Whitley was projected to start but was dismissed. As you would expect, the inexperienced secondary dropped to #115 snagging just 5 int's all year. This year they lose CB Chanti Bloomer (10 st, 43 tkl) and S Joe Miklos (11 st, 98 tkl, 2nd Tm MWC). Not only do six of the top 8 return, they get some tremendous additions in Eric Wright who started 4 games at USC in their 2004 National Title season, UCLA transfer Mil'Von James who was impressive on the scout team and Oklahoma transfer Tony Cade (PS#4!). The question mark as of this writing is Ernest Gordon who started 7 and is suspended indefinitely but could return. I'll call for UNLV to have the biggest improvement in the pass D rankings of any team in the NCAA this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UNLV finished just #97 in my ST rankings in 2004 and had to replace their P and top KR last season. They returned outstanding K Sergio Aguayo (PS#15) who hit 55 and 57 yarders in HS. Aguayo had a tremendous game vs SDSt banging home a pair of 52 yard FG's including the game winner with :09 left. Aguayo was 27 of 27 on xp's in '04, BUT surprisingly missed an xp vs New Mexico LY (only xp miss 2 yrs). He hit 12 of 16 FG's and 2 of the misses were blocks in 2005. P Brian Pacheco, who avg'd 46.0 at JC in '04, was expected to win the job but Kip Facer beat him out (41.0). Poor coverage resulted in some long returns but he still had a net of 34.8. Tremayne Kirkland led the team in PR's (6.3) and Wheaton avg'd 20.7 on KR's. UNLV finished #78 in my ST rankings in 2005. With the only losses being Kirkland and Wheaton and a lot of speed added by this year's newcomers, they have Top 25 ST potential. Sanford has also said he'd play more front liners on the ST's to help coverage problems.

COACHES - Mike Sanford took over last year after being the OC of Utah's potent attack the previous 2 years. Sanford was with Stanford in 2002 and with the Chargers from 1999-2001. His OC is Noah Brindise who was a former walk-on QB at Florida. Brindise followed Spurrier to the Redskins after spending the previous 3 years working for him as a graduate asst coach (1999-2001). He was the OC for E Carolina in 2004. The DC is Vic Shealy who was the DB coach at Air Force from '99-'04.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UNLV unfortunately underachieved in John Robinson's final 3 seasons. In 2003 they opened up 4-1 but after a couple of close losses including an OT setback to BYU, they collapsed and finished just 6-6 and did not get a bowl invite. In 2004 they had an experienced team but after benefitting from +12 in turnovers in 2003 (pg 312), they were -17 in turnovers. Robinson announced he was resigning and the team promptly won the next two games but six turnovers cost them vs NMex and they mailed it in the rest of the season finishing a disappointing 2-9. Last year I said that 8 MWC teams were bowl caliber and the only one I excluded was UNLV who had just 6 returning starters. They had also been outscored by 16.1 ppg in league play in 2004 and were changing schemes on both sides. UNLV has had just one winning season the last 11 years. A missed 2 pt conv cost them a possible MWC win LY vs NMex. They were competitive in just two other MWC games surprisingly beating an athletically superior SDSt team and then in the season finale with Colo St needing a win for a bowl, UNLV actually led 27-17 in the 3Q. For the season they finished in the MWC cellar and were outgained by a league worst 101.1 ypg and outscored by 20.25 ppg. They only averaged 19,914 fans last year. The Rebels' 2005 offense had just 3 starters back and had to learn new schemes and avg'd just 18.8 ppg, their lowest total since 1999. This year with a much improved O-line and the addition of USC transfer QB Hinds, I look for good-sized improvement in the Rebels' offensive numbers. While the Rebels only have 5 starters back on D, last year they only had 3 and allowed 34.6 ppg, their worst since 1998. They also get some significant transfers from USC, UCLA and Okla and return their top DL Howie Fuimaono and 2 potential star LB's in Bell and Pattison. I look for a significantly improved stop unit. This year's team will bare no resemblance to the 2005 version and could actually flirt with a bowl eligible season.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DB	Tony Cade 6-2 210 PS#4 '03
WR	Aaron Straiten 6-3 205 PS#146JC
DB	Kellen Moriarty 5-11 190 PS#50QB '05
OL	Joe Hawley 6-3 270 PS#112
LB	Bradley Niles 6-0 240 PS#177JC
QB	Travis Dixon 6-2 190 PS#79 '05
WR	Ryan Wolfe 6-1 200 PS#110 '05
DL	Jeremy Geathers 6-2 250 PS#258JC
OL	Ramsey Feagai 6-2 340 PS#196
LB	Adrian Bradley 5-11 225 PS#200 '04
DL	Tim High 6-2 300 PS#235
DL	Cedrick Fisher 6-3 320 PS#276JC '05
WR	DaVell Jackson 6-1 175 PS#224
DB	Michael Johnson 5-11 200 PS#297
LB	Ronnie Paulo 6-1 225 PS#335
RB	Channing Trotter 5-9 200 PS#274WR '05
DB	Quinton Pointer 5-9 180 PS#432
RB	Malosi Te'o 5-10 195 PS#419
OL	Tolu Pili 6-0 315 PS#456
DB	Daryl Forte 5-10 180 PS#462 '05
OL	Antoine Howard 6-3 240 PS#433DL
OL	Johan Asiata 6-5 340 PS#477JC
OL	Ray Lobato 6-2 285 PS#607 '05
OL	John Gianninoto 6-3 265 PS#525
WR	Rocki Sandusky 6-1 165 PS#485
OL	Evan Marchal 6-6 285 PS#562
DL	Aaitui Isaako 6-2 240 PS#495
DL	Philip Julien 6-3 215 PS#495
DL	Malo Taumua 6-0 295 PS#495
OL	Thomas Wren 6-5 250 PS#495DL
LB	Daniel Mareko 6-2 210 PS#485
DB	Starr Fuimaono 5-11 210 PS#560

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 3 **ROCKY HINDS SO.** 6-5 220 **PS#11. USC trans.** 15 **Shane Steichen** (6-4 195 Sr) 12 st 3Y, 2193 (51%) 15-16 ratio, 535 rush. 4 Jarrod Jackson (6-1 205 Sr) 6 st LY.

RB 26 **ERICK JACKSON SR.** 5-6 185 827 (4.0) 2Y.11 st LY, 36 rec (10.3). 20 David Peeples (5-9 190 So) PS#135. 2 Torrie Coleman (6-2 220 rFr). 28 Ronnie Smith (5-10 170 Jr).

WR 1 **Aaron Straiten Jr.** 6-3 205 PS#146JC. Sanford compares to Keyshawn Johnson. 17 Renan Saint Preux (6-1 180 So) 3 st true 18 (7.7). 43 Kamuela Kapanui (6-0 220 So).

WR 7 **Corey Anderson So.** 6-0 170 PS#181. 3 st true. 14 (14.6). 85 Marques Johnson (6-3 215 Jr) PS#438. Royce Campbell (5-9 165 So). Portland St trans. Emmanuel Burrell (6-0 180 rFr).

WR 80 **CASEY FLAIR SO.** 6-1 190 11 st rFr, 32 (11.9). 11 Justin Marvel (6-0 175 So) 2 rec as true. 88 Ryan Wolfe (6-1 200 Fr) **PS#110. GS.** Robert Lawrence (6-0 185 rFr).

TE 84 **Rodelin Anthony rFr.** 6-5 220 PS#147. No spg, ankle surg. 87 Chris Butler (6-3 235 Jr) PS#295JC. 46 Ryan Worthen (5-11 240 So). Joe Del Castillo (6-5 245 Jr) Inj prone.

C 54 **AARON MUELLER SR.** 6-2 290 4 gm '04. 8 st LY (5C, 3LG). 69 Kea Toledo (6-4 290 Sr) PS#354. JUCO. 9 gm LY. LS 72 Ryan Heise (6-4 255 Sr) 3 letters. Also DE.

RG 74 **MIKE McKISKI JR.** 6-6 320 PS#608. 3 st LT rFr. 11 st LY (10RG, 1LG). 71 Josh Smith (6-5 330 rFr) PS#416. 66 Ray Lobato (6-2 285 Fr) PS#607. GS. Mario Jeberaeel (6-4 265 So).

LG 63 **BRANDON GRAY SR.** 6-4 325 PS#237. 2nd string as rFr. 1 st LG '04. Last 7 st LG LY. 59 Joe Hawley (6-3 270 rFr) PS#112. 65 Ramsey Feagai PS#196. Tolu Pili is PS#456.

RT 70 **Marco Guerra Sr.** 6-5 335 PS#192. 8 st LT '04. 1 start at RG LY until inj. 55 Tim Goins (6-4 285 Jr) PS#573. 7 gm '04. 6 st C LY. 78 Johan Asiata (6-5 340 Jr) PS#477JC.

LT 77 **CHRIS BOWSER SR.** 6-6 285 PS#233JC. 11 starts at RT '04. 11 start LT LY. 75 Marcus Bryan (6-4 300 Sr) PS#459. 2nd string LY. 62 Dustin Forshee (6-5 300 So) PS#434.

K 10 **SERGIO AGUAYO JR.** 6-1 200 PS#15. Hit 11 of 15 FG rFr, long 41. 12 of 16 FG LY, **long 52**. 2 from 50+!, HM MWC. Kyle Watson (5-10 210 So). TX Southern trans.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 9 **Jeremy Geathers So.** 6-2 250 PS#258JC. In for spg. 7.5 sk JC LY. 58 Robert Travers (6-3 255 So) PS#299. 3 tkl rFr. 61 Mike Roland (6-4 245 So) PS#384. Fresno St trans.

NG 94 **HOWIE FUIMAONO SR.** 6-0 335 **435 bench.** 4 st, 22 tkl true. 11 st '04, 20 tkl. 10 st LY (inj), 21 tkl, 4.5 tfl, **HMMWC.** 96 Perry Eppenger (6-3 300 rFr) PS#162OL. 95 **Cedrick Fisher PS#276JC.**

DE 92 **Jacob Hales So.** 6-5 280 PS#327LB. Mission '02-'04. 7 tkl, 1.5 tfl "true".

39 Faauo Faga (6-2 270 Jr) 13 tkl 2Y. 91 Daniel Widders (6-5 290 Sr) PS#322JC. 12 tkl, 1 tfl '04.

LB 47 **BEAU BELL JR.** 6-3 235 26 tkl true. 7 st LY, **2nd Tm MWC,** 92 tkl, 7.5 tfl. 33 Jason Beauchamp (6-3 210 rFr). 56 Dan Rankin (6-2 220 So) PS#354. Ronnie Paulo PS#335.

LB 52 **Adrian Bradley Jr.** 5-11 225 PS#200LB '04. JC. 30 KC Asiodu (6-3 230 So) 26 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. 48 Omega Faga (5-10 225 So) PS#162RB. 1 st, 17 tkl, 1.5 tfl rFr. Tevita Fehoko (6-2 210 rFr).

LB 34 **MATT PATTISON SR.** 6-3 230 PS#313JC. 7 st LY until injury, 54 tkl, 2.5 sk, 4 tfl. 44 Bradley Niles (6-0 240 Jr) PS#177JC. In for spg. 57 Matt Seccombe (6-1 230 Sr) 14 tkl 2Y.

REB 36 **Nate Kenion Sr.** 5-10 200 63 tkl, 3 sks. JUCO '04. 3 starts DB, 26 tkl in '05. 40 Demario Reynolds (6-0 215 Sr) JUCO. 1 st, 9 tkl LY. 22 Wiselet Rouzard (5-9 195 rFr) PS#441.

CB 1 **JOHN GUICE SR.** 5-9 180 PS#88JC. 4.36 spd. 8 st, 55 tkl, 4 pbu, 5 tfl LY.

5 **Mil'Von James** (6-0 205 Jr) **UCLA trans!** 5 tkl '03. Impressive spg. Ryan Tillman (5-10 170 rFr).

CB 21 **Eric Wright Jr.** 5-11 190 PS#80. **4 starts @USC '04,** 32 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. 13 Solomon Smart (6-0 180 Jr) PS#141. **Ernest Gordon** (6-1 170 Sr) **7 st,** 7 pbu LY. Susp?

S 42 **JAY STAGGS SR.** 6-1 225 PS#374WR. 16 tkl, 2 int '04. 10 st LY, 62 tkl, 4 pbu. 41 Kellen Moriarty (5-11 190 Fr) **PS#50QB '05.** LY GS. 38 Will Tagoai (6-3 205 Sr) 4 st '03. Inj L2Y.

S NA **Tony Cade Jr.** 6-2 210 **PS#4!** 5 tkl **Oklahoma** rFr. 25 Daryl Forte (5-10 180 Fr) PS#462. GS. 31 Noble Richardson (5-11 205 Jr). Marquel Martin (5-11 180 rFr).

P 82 **KIP FACER SR.** 6-0 210 JUCO. 66 punts LY, 41.0 avg, net 34.8. 49 Brian Pacheco (5-9 190 Jr) PS#106JC. 2nd Tm JCAA. Avg 46.0 at JC in 2004. RS last year.

UNLV REBELS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#72

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UNLV	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Idaho St	A					
Sep. 9	at Iowa St	G					
Sep. 16	at Hawaii	A					
Sep. 23							
Sep. 30	Nevada	A					
Oct. 7	at Colorado St	A					
Oct. 14	New Mexico	A					
Oct. 21	at BYU	G					
Oct. 28	at Utah	A					
Nov. 4	TCU (HC)	A					
Nov. 11	at San Diego St	G					
Nov. 18	Wyoming	A					
Nov. 24	Air Force (Fri)	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Rebels are just 4-13 SU & 5-12 ATS in September since 2001.
UNLV is 6-15 ATS as a HF since 1996 & 1-6 ATS the last 7 Homecomings.
Seventh meeting all-time vs Idaho St with the last meeting in 1984.

The Bengals finished 5-6 LY as Big Sky Conference members.
ISU had a 448-310 yd edge LY vs Kentucky but gave up 2 TD's in the final 4:51 to lose.

UNLV is 3-13 ATS the last 5 years off a SU victory.
Rebels are 1-10 SU & 3-8 ATS their last 11 road openers.

The HT is 3-0-1 ATS in the L/4 meetings & UNLV is 5-11 ATS the L2Y after a SU loss.
UNLV is 2-6 ATS their last 8 games before a bye week.

Rebels are 10-18 ATS their last 29 reg season gms at Sam Boyd Stadium.
The home team is 7-2 ATS in the battle for the "Fremont Cannon".

The Rebels are 9-1 ATS since '96 in their 1st conference AG of the season.
UNLV is 7-22 SU & 10-19 ATS the last 4 years in MWC action.

Last 6 games in this series have been separated by a total of 31 pts.
The Rebels are 6-19 SU & 8-17 ATS when hosting MWC schools.

UNLV had a grand total of 9 yds rushing (0.1) vs BYU, TCU & AF last ssn.
The visitor is 8-1 ATS all-time in their lined meetings.

UNLV has never won SU or ATS in Salt Lake City (0-5 SU & 0-3 ATS).
Mike Sanford was the OC/RB coach at Utah from 2003-2004.

Could apply: Entering '06, UNLV is 15-6 ATS S/'96 as a 20 pt or more dog.
UNLV is 2-12 SU & 3-11 ATS in November home games since 1997.

The visitor has gone 1-4 SU & ATS since 2001.
UNLV & SDSt have averaged just 34 ppg in their MWC games.

These teams have avg'd 74 ppg combined in Mountain West Conf play.
The dog is 7-3 ATS in their last 10 meetings in this series.

The home team is 3-7 ATS in this series since 1996.
UNLV is 0-4 SU & ATS the last 4 yrs vs Air Force being outscored 142-56.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Randall Cunningham 8,020 1982-'84
Rushing: Mike Thomas 3,149 1973-'74 Receiving: Earvin Johnson 2,604 2001-'04

MIKE SANFORD (Career 2-9)

2nd Year at UNLV

Sanford's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Sanford's records AT UNLV

2-9	Straight Up	0-1	Home Favorite
4-7	Vs The Spread	3-1	Home Underdog
3-5	Off A SU Loss	0-2	Away Favorite
4-4	Vs Conference	1-3	Away Underdog
0-3	Vs Non-Conf	0-1	Off A Bye

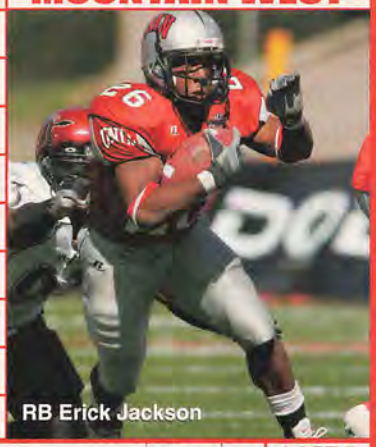
2005 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (22,17,2)
Lost: 26 (8,17,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,914

MOUNTAIN WEST


RB Erick Jackson

STADIUM: SAM BOYD STADIUM (36,800)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (TurfTech)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	7-5	4-7	5-7	6-6	2-9	2-9	29-51
Home	0-5	5-0	1-4	3-3	2-4	1-4	2-3	14-23
Away	3-3	2-5	3-3	2-4	4-2	1-5	0-6	15-28
ATS	5-6	7-5	6-5	3-8	6-6	3-8	4-7	34-45
Home Fav	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-3	1-2	1-4	0-1	5-13
Home Dog	1-4	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	0-0	3-1	9-9
Away Fav	1-0	1-2	2-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-2	5-6
Away Dog	3-2	3-1	2-2	2-4	2-1	2-4	1-3	15-17
Favorite	1-0	3-4	3-1	0-3	2-4	1-4	0-3	10-19
Dog	4-6	4-1	3-4	3-5	4-2	2-4	4-4	24-26
Grass	4-6	7-4	5-5	3-5	2-1	1-3	1-2	23-26
Artificial	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-3	4-5	2-5	3-5	11-19
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	4-3	2-5	3-4	1-6	4-4	21-29
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-2	2-2	1-3	3-2	2-2	0-3	13-16
Off SU Win	1-2	5-1	1-2	0-4	1-4	1-1	0-2	9-16
Off SU Loss	3-4	2-3	4-3	3-4	4-2	2-6	3-5	21-27

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	California	NL	Toledo	30-13	–
94	Las Vegas	-5	C Michigan	52-24	W
00	Las Vegas	-1	Arkansas	31-14	W

UNLV's All-Time SU Bowl Record 3-0

UNLV'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3*	18.8	18	108	3.2	217	54.6	17.3	-8	2005	3	34.6	23	156	3.6	250	65.8	11.7
5*	20.8	18	173	4.3	167	48.1	16.4	-17	2004	7	32.5	21	171	4.1	207	58.5	11.7
5	21.3	18	133	3.3	176	50.7	14.5	+12	2003	6	22.7	21	139	3.5	240	58.2	16.7
6*	24.3	21	214	5.2	195	49.0	16.8	-7	2002	5	30.5	21	159	4.0	235	56.3	12.9
7*	25.8	17	215	4.7	144	43.3	13.9	-2	2001	7	24.5	21	158	3.8	189	50.1	14.2
8*	28.5	19	230	5.0	164	53.8	13.8	-5	2000	7	21.2	18	139	3.6	208	52.9	16.4

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Erick Jackson	174	754	81	673	6	3.9
Shane Steichen	67	464	140	324	3	4.8
Tremayne Kirkland	20	146	37	109	0	5.4
JaJa Riley	30	85	4	81	1	2.7
Ronnie Smith	2	61	2	59	0	29.5
Renan Saint Preux	7	41	2	39	0	5.6
Jarrod Jackson	61	115	210	-95	0	-1.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jarrod Jackson	228	124	54.4	1321	6	12
Shane Steichen	159	88	55.3	967	8	5
Tremayne Kirkland	5	3	60.0	101	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Greg Estandia	49	563	11.5	7	30
Casey Flair	32	382	11.9	2	58
Donell Wheaton	30	381	12.7	3	39
Erick Jackson	36	370	10.3	1	62
Tremayne Kirkland	28	254	9.1	1	31
Corey Anderson	14	205	14.6	1	50
Renan Saint Preux	18	139	7.7	0	15
Justin Marvel	2	26	13.0	0	18
JaJa Riley	1	21	21.0	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kip Facer	66	2709	41.0	12	34.8	0	8

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sergio Aguayo	21-22	3-3	5-6	2-4	2-3	12-16	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Joe Miklos	98	0	3.5	1	2
Beau Bell	92	3.5	4	2	0
Bobby Kelly	72	1.5	2	0	0
Jay Staggs	62	0	2	4	0
John Guice	55	2	2.5	4	0
Matt Pattison	54	2.5	4	0	1
Leon Moore	46	4	8.5	2	0
Chanti Bloomer	43	0	1	2	1
Ernest Gordon	39	0	0	7	1
KC Asiodu	26	1	2.5	1	0
Nate Kenion	26	0	0	1	0
Isaac Watts	22	3	2.5	0	0
Pete Dunbar	22	2.5	2	0	0
Howie Fuimaono	21	0	4.5	1	0
Isaiah Tafua	20	0	2	0	0
Omega Faga	17	0	1.5	0	0
Matt Seccombe	12	0	1.5	0	0
Dan Catalano	11	0	2	0	0
Solomon Smart	10	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tremayne Kirkland	11	69	6.3	0
Casey Flair	4	28	7.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Erick Jackson	12	261	21.8	0
Donell Wheaton	12	248	20.7	0

2005 STATS BY GAME

UNLV 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at New Mexico	14	29-108	3.7	19-31	255	1	19	39-87	2.2	20-29	288	1	-1
–	Idaho	29	41-193	4.7	22-34	250	4	23	30-100	3.3	19-31	390	3	+1
–	at Nevada	12	34-205	6.0	7-26	58	4	24	49-131	2.7	21-33	265	2	-1
–	at Utah St	26	31-122	3.9	25-43	265	2	17	35-61	1.7	21-29	222	3	-1
–	at Wyoming	20	32-91	2.8	26-48	239	5	25	34-95	2.8	23-31	346	4	-3
–	San Diego St	13	49-153	3.1	8-18	88	1	10	35-34	1.0	14-28	106	5	+1
–	at Air Force	14	25-2	0.1	19-26	215	5	31	64-316	4.9	10-12	96	0	0
–	Utah	28	39-117	3.0	30-56	371	5	23	36-242	6.7	20-29	264	0	-1
–	BYU	19	20-2	0.1	31-53	329	5	29	46-224	4.9	24-35	279	2	-3
–	at TCU	6	25-5	0.2	12-31	152	4	29	60-286	4.8	21-35	301	0	-1
–	Colorado St	21	41-190	4.6	16-28	167	3	20	41-135	3.3	17-27	194	2	+1
TOTALS		202	366-1188	3.2	215-394	2389	39	250	469-1711	3.6	210-319	2751	21	-8
AVERAGES		18.4	33-108	3.2	20-36	217	3.5	22.7	43-156	3.6	19-29	250	1.9	-0.7

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arkansas	+5	10-14	W
Northwestern - #16	+3'	28-37	L
at Arizona	+2'	21-38	L
BYU - #20	+7'	31-35	W
at Nevada	-11	27-12	W
San Diego St	-4	31-3	W
Colorado St	-4'	24-26	L
at Wyoming	-9'	47-26	W
Utah	+1	14-42	L
at New Mexico	+2'	17-27	L
at Air Force	+2'	34-10	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wisconsin	+5'	7-27	N/A
Kansas	-14	31-20	L
at Oregon St	+16	17-47	L
at Toledo	+7'	21-38	L
Nevada	+1	21-17	W
New Mexico	-8	16-25	L
at BYU	+10	24-3	W
at San Diego St	+3	21-31	L
Wyoming	-8	49-48 OT	L
at Utah	+10'	17-28	L
Air Force	+5	32-49	L
at Colorado St - #16	+17	36-33	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Toledo	E	28-18	W
at Kansas	-10'	24-46	L
at Wisconsin - #14	+20	23-5	W
Hawaii	-1	33-22	W
at Nevada	-5'	16-12	L
at Air Force	+6'	7-24	L
Utah	+2	10-28	L
BYU	-3'	20-27 OT	L
at New Mexico	+9'	37-35	W
San Diego St	-5	0-7	L
Colorado St	+7	23-24	W
at Wyoming	-1	35-24	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee - #14	+19	17-42	L
at Wisconsin - #21	+15'	3-18	W
Air Force	-5'	10-27	L
Utah St	-13	21-31	L
Nevada	-5'	48-13	W
at BYU	+10'	24-20	W
New Mexico	-2	20-24	L
at Utah - #9	+24	28-63	L
Wyoming	-3	45-53 3OT	L
at Colorado St	+6'	10-45	L
at San Diego St	+10	3-21	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at New Mexico	+15	22-24	W
Idaho	-12	34-31	L
at Nevada	-1'	14-22	L
at Utah St	-3'	24-31	L
at Wyoming	+18'	17-42	L
San Diego St	+9'	13-10	W
at Air Force	+13'	7-42	L
Utah	+11'	32-42	W
BYU	+12	14-55	L
at TCU - #18	+29	3-51	L
Colorado St	+15	27-31	W

AIR FORCE FALCONS

QB Shaun Carney

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - The Falcons keep coming up with solid QB's every year. Mike Thiessen led the MWC in pass efficiency in 2000 and in Keith Boyea's first year as a full-time starter, he became the 13th player in NCAA history to rush and pass for 1,000 yards in the same season. Chance Harridge took over in 2002 and rushed for 1,229 net yards (4.9) and broke the NCAA record for rushing TD's by a QB (22). In 2003 he just missed becoming the 4th QB to top 1,000 both rushing and passing in consecutive seasons with 995 pass (49.7%) and 914 rush (5.1). The backup QB in 2003 was Adam Fitch who threw for 112 (64.3%) with a 1-0 ratio (51 rush). Fitch tore his Achilles heel in spring of '04 and Shaun Carney became the first ever true frosh Falcon QB to start an opener. Carney led his HS team in Cleveland, OH (St Ed's) to a 24-2 record as a starter. Carney hit a school record 61.1% (#10 NCAA pass eff if he had enough att). Fitch threw for 314 (62.9%) with a 1-1 ratio. In the 2005 opener Fitch came off the bench to hit 4 of 8 for 100 including a key 84 yard TD pass but Carney remained the starter. He hit 10 of 12 for 231 along with 81 yards rushing vs SDSt. When the team trailed Utah 38-21, Fitch came off the bench to direct two TD drives. Carney had 4 rushing TD's vs UNLV but cut his hand vs BYU after the 1Q. Fitch threw 5 TD passes hitting 13 of 24 for 265 and started the next week. Fitch hit just 1 of 2 and Carney QB'd the rest of the year hitting 27 of 35 (77%) for 190 ypg (198 rush) and 5 TD's in the last 2 games. Fitch departs and last year's 3rd string QB Lucas Ewing (6-0 190 Sr) and converted HB Jim Ollis (5-11 190 Jr) will battle for the backup spot. Carney should be one of MWC's top QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - The FB is usually the main ball carrier in DeBerry's wishbone offense. Last year the RB's were very inexperienced with the leading returnee being FB Jacobe Kendrick who was 7th with 232 yards (5.4) in 2004. Kendrick got off to a great start including 128 vs SDSt with 4 TD's (MWC Off POW). Unfortunately Kendrick was injured and despite only missing one game was limited in two others (3 att) and only finished with 532 (4.6). Soph Chad Hall (QB on JV team in '04) became the first HB to top 100 yards in a game since 2003 when Anthony Butler had 107 at Northwestern. He finished #3 with 344 (5.2). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Todd Newell (5-11 190 Jr), Brandon Gould (5-10 185 Sr), Ty Paffett (5-11 180 Jr), Rashad Mobley (5-11 183) and Daylan Phillips (5-11 200 So). Paffett had 1 start at LF in '05 with 20 tackles and an int. This unit is in much better shape than last year as basically everyone returns.

RECEIVERS - With defenses keying on the option attack, AF's WR's see a lot of one on one coverage and traditionally have some high ypc's. Last year they had to replace their top 2 WR's but had a pair of highly productive senior WR's. Greg Kirkwood opened with 6 catches (134 yd) including a crucial 84 yard TD vs Washington and finished with 30 grabs (18.5). Jason Brown (6-4 225) became the feature WR and had 49 (17.8). His 874 yards receiving was the 2nd best in the option era (Ryan Fleming 930 in 2000). Starting TE Robert McMenomy (2 rec) played in just 7 due to injury. This year they must replace Kirkwood, Brown, McMenomy and TE Carsten Stahr (1 st, 2 rec). Experience-wise, this group is close to last season but the Brown/Kirkwood combo (79 rec) will be difficult to replace.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 AF had one of their biggest and most experienced OL's ever but only opened holes for 4.7 ypc rushing, their weakest total since 1997 but amazingly allowed just 1 sack on 183 pass attempts. In 2004, a very inexperienced group still opened holes for 4.7 ypc and allowed 14 sacks (7.4%). Caleb Morris was the first frosh to start on the O-line under DeBerry. Last year it appeared that 9 of the top 10 would return but unfortunately Morris missed the year with injury. The veteran group opened holes for 4.6 ypc while allowing 14 sacks (6.8%). This year they must replace C Jon Wilson (11 st, 2 yr st'r), RT Ross Weaver (11 st, 2 yr st'r), LG Lawrence Hufford (6 st) and LT Bob Scott (2nd string). Three players who started the final 5 together return with Morris. New starting C Stuart Perlow had 2 starts in 2004. This looks like a solid Falcon offensive front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Falcons moved from a 3-3-5 to a 4-3 last year. With zero returning DL starters in 2004 AF allowed 4.9 ypc rushing. Last year they had 3 players who combined for 15 starts back and improved to allow 4.3 ypc, even though their star, Gilberto Perez, was lost for the year vs BYU. NG Russ Mitscherling hobbled through ankle problems all year and had just 23 tackles. This year they lose NG Mitscherling (11 st, 2 yr st'r), DE Nelson Mitchell (11 st, 28 tkl, 7.5 tfl), DE Erik Anderson (7 st, 21 tkl, 1 sk) and 3rd stringers NG Dave Shaffer (3 tkl) and Tyler Kimes (4 tkl). Despite the losses, this unit is just as experienced as 2005 and should stay healthier.

LINEBACKERS - The Falcons returned two starters in 2005 and switched to a 4-3. They list two FAL but one is more like a LB so I list that position here. They lost projected starting LB Marcus Brown (3 sts '04) and backup Rick Ricciardi who was injured and lost for the year. Joey Keller, who was a heavyweight boxer, grabbed one of the backup spots and Jared Baxley was the surprise of August. This year they lose LB Overton Spence (10 st, 52 tkl, 7 tfl), RF Denny Poland (11 st, 64 tkl, 7.5 tfl) and LB Andrew Braley (2 tkl). Four players return with starting experience but still this unit is close in terms of experience (14 starts returning, last year 19) and could improve.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2004 AF had to replace three starters from the secondary and finished #88 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had 3 starters returning but surprisingly FS Mark Carlson, the team's leading tackler in '04, was moved to FAL so basically just two starters were back. AF had their lowest finish yet in my rankings at #112 allowing 65.7%. This year almost everyone returns with the only losses being LF John Taibi (10 st, 75 tkl, 4 tfl), Carlson (8 tkl) and FS Andy Gray (8 tkl). This is the most experienced AF secondary since 2002 when they had 7 of their top 9 back and had their highest finish ever at #52 in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - When I think of Fisher DeBerry's ST units, I think of excellence as well as blocked kicks. DeBerry's units have the second most blocked kicks since 1990 (92) in the NCAA. Surprisingly in the last 2 years AF has blocked just one punt and had 8 blocked punts go against them. AF was #7 in my ST rankings in '03 but after the -5 blk/TD in 2004, finished just #118. Last year almost everyone returned and they moved up to #33. P Donny Heaton avg just 39.2 (30.6 net). Christopher Carp, who missed part of the season with an abdominal strain, took over late and had 2 punts blocked. K Scott Eberle hit 10 of 16 FG's with a long of 49 and had 1 att from 50+ (miss). O'Dea and Zach Sasser handled the KO's and each had 10 TB's. The top KR was Greg Kirkwood (25.4) and the top PR was Chris Sutton (9.4). AF has not had a KR for a TD in 241 games, the 2nd longest streak in the NCAA. This year they lose Eberle, Heaton and Kirkwood. Despite the losses, I would expect this unit to remain in the upper half of my rankings.

COACHES - Fisher DeBerry enters his 23rd year here which is the 3rd longest tenure of any active HC at the same school. Amazingly despite the academic restrictions of a service academy, he has had just four losing seasons. His OC is Chuck Petersen who is now in his 7th year in that role and in his 17th year at AF. His offenses led the MWC in scoring in 2000 and 2002. Richard Bell enters his 8th season as DC and his 12th at the academy. In 2002 he shifted the defense to a 3-3-5 and LY to a 4-3. Overall, DeBerry and his two coordinators combine for 100 years of IA coaching experience, the 3rd most of any program in the country. DeBerry caught some flak last year for some comments about needing to recruit more black athletes but his contract runs through 2009. Also former Ohio HC Brian Knorr is the RB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Falcons rarely return a lot of starters and in 2003 DeBerry had his most veteran squad yet with 13 returning starters and 51 lettermen back. At one point they rose to 5-0 and #25 in the AP poll. AF had a 3 OT loss in 2003 to eventual league champ Utah and surprisingly didn't land a bowl bid finishing at 7-5. Air Force had a great streak of 10 straight seasons of .500 or better but it ended in 2004 with a 5-6 season. That year they were very inexperienced with just six starters back overall attributing to the below .500 record. AF could have had a winning season except they were int'd at the SDSt 3 with :13 left and lost by 6. Despite their 3-4 MWC record, they actually outgained league foes by 23.7 ypg. Last year DeBerry had a much more experienced team with 12 returning starters but suffered HIS first back-to-back losing seasons ever here (1st time since '80-'81). Things started out well when they had comeback wins vs both Wash and SDSt to open up 2-0 but a missed xp cost them in a 1 pt loss to Wyoming. They led Navy by 7 with 3:00 left but lost in a game that they did not trail in until :01 was left. They were 3-4 when they were blown out by TCU and BYU allowing 546 and 683 yds ending their bowl hopes. AF had 14 players on the injury list while Army had zero and they lost to Army at home. AF had 4 losses by a total of ten points. AF was -7 in turnovers (page 312) and -3 in net close games (pg 299). Their 67-41 record since 1997 is 24th best in the NCAA. Offensively, AF showed more balance on offense than ever before rushing and passing for over 200 yards each in five different games. The Falcons' offense avg'd 30.0 ppg last year, which was their best since '02. For just the 2nd time this decade, AF returns 7 starters on that side this year including QB Carney and could be more potent. AF's defense was last in the MWC in ypg in 2004 and second to last in '05. AF has not had more than six starters back on defense since '92 so despite having only five starters back this year, it is a fairly experienced group for them and should be much tougher than the last two seasons. AF will top last year's 4 win total and have a decent shot at their first bowl bid since '02.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 5 **SHAUN CARNEY JR.** 5-10 190 8 st true, 1315 pass (61%), 11-6 ratio, 719 rush. 10 st LY, 1393 (schl rec 64%), 832 rush. 14 Lucas Ewing (6-0 190 Sr). 15 Jim Ollis PS#245.

FB 8 **JACOBE KENDRICK SR.** 6-0 230 336 (5.2) 1st 2Y. 8 starts LY, 532 (4.6), 3 rec. 21 Ryan Williams (5-9 215 Jr) PS#347. 290 (4.0) LY. 28 Charles Wells (5-10 200 Jr) 37 (6.2) LY.

SB 18 **JUSTIN HANDLEY SR.** 5-8 175 385 all-purp '04. 8 st HB LY, 165 (5.9). 17 Kip McCarthy (5-10 190 Jr) 84 (5.2), 11 gm LY. 40 Scott Peeples (5-10 220 Jr) 1 st, 74 (6.7) LY.

WB 1 **CHAD HALL JR.** 5-8 180 JV QB '04. 10 st HB LY, 344 (5.2), 16 rec (8.7). 24 Chad Smith (5-10 190 Jr) 3 st, 247 (5.5) 2Y. 22 Beau Suder (5-11 190 Sr). Move from LF.

WR 81 **Victor Thompson Sr.** 6-0 195 1 of top WR JV tm '04. 6 rec (9.8), 11 gms on varsity LY. 7 Mark Root (6-2 195 Jr) PS#180. 12 Mike Moffett (5-11 190 So) PS#366.

TE 86 **Chris Evans Jr.** 6-2 240 7 gm as true (inj 4). 5 st TE, 11 gms LY, 0 rec. 88 Travis Dekker (6-4 240 Jr) Missed LY with foot inj. 82 Michael Krogh (6-3 225 Jr).

C 60 **Stuart Perlow Sr.** 6-4 290 TE JV tm '03. **2 st C** '04, 8 gm as bkup, 53 kd. 10 gm bkup LY. 63 Andrew Pipes (6-1 240 So). LS 54 Bryan Jones (6-1 235 Sr). 11 gm LY.

RG 62 **CURTIS GRANTHAM SR.** 6-2 280 G on JV tm '02. 7 gm '03. 1 st RG '04 then broke leg in '05 opener & Med RS. 11 st @RG LY. 43 Brandon Bius (6-2 250 So) JV team LY.

LG 61 **TYLER DOHALLOW SR.** 6-3 280 JV tm '03. 1 st RG '04, 40 kd, 5 games. Last 5 st at LG LY, bkup 1st 6. 59 Thomas Crump (6-2 275 Sr) JV '03 & '04. 2nd string LY, 2 games.

RT 69 **Caleb Morris Jr.** 6-2 275 PS#287. L/6 st LG '04, 1st Fr OL to start under DeBerry, 76 kd. Wrist inj, out LY. 70 **Ryan Zeman** (6-4 265 Jr) OG JV tm '04. 9 games LY.

LT 72 **ROBERT KRAAY SR.** 6-8 295 PS#312. JV tm '03. 11 st LT '04, 163 kd (avg 14.8 kd per gm). 11 st LT LY. 64 Blaine Guenther (6-2 270 Jr). Varsity as true. 10 gms bkup LY.

K 47 **Zach Sasser Sr.** 6-1 175 PS#77. 10 TB's on 26 KO's LY. 98 Robert O'Dea (5-8 180 Sr) JV tm '03 & '04. 10 TB's on 34 KO's in the first 6 gms of last year.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 55 **GILBERTO PEREZ SR.** 6-3 275 PS#265OL. 3 tkl Fr. 3 gm '03. 2 st '04, 39 tkl, 4 tfl, 2 pbu. 9 st LY (til inj), 33 tkl, 9.5 tfl, 2 pbu, **HM MWC** despite inj. David Nan (6-2 240 So).

DT 96 **Grant Thomas Sr.** 6-1 275 PS#146. JV tm '03. 4 tkl, 2 pbu, 11 gm '04. L/2 st DE LY, 17 tkl, 1 tfl, 11 gm. 90 Chris Monson (6-4 240 Jr) 1 tkl '04. TE LY. Move to DL spg.

DT 93 **Kevin Quinn Sr.** 6-1 245 PS#678LB. Wrestler in HS. LB on JV tm in '03. DE on JV tm in '04. 3 tkl, 1 sk, 7 games in '05. 92 Keith Williams (6-6 235 So) PS#231TE.

DE 97 **Josh Clayton Jr.** 6-4 250 NG on JV tm '04. 14 tkl, 3 tfl LY. 95 Jake Paulson (6-5 260 So) PS#138LB. 89 Noah Garguile (6-4 240 Jr) TE '04. 5 tkl as DE LY.

ILB 9 **John Rabold Jr.** 6-4 220 JV tm '04. 1 st, 11 games LY, 36 tkl, 1 sk, 1.5 tfl. 26 **Jared Baxley** (6-0 200 Sr) JV tm '03. 1 st, 7 tkl '04. 2 st, 17 tkl LY. 53 Ben Ryan (6-1 215 So).

ILB 33 **DREW FOWLER JR.** 6-2 235 PS#319RB. 9 st LY, 77 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 42 Joey Keller (6-2 240 Sr). Hvywt boxer. 3 tkl '03. 5 tkl '04. 22 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. 52 Austin Randle (6-0 220 Jr).

RF 4 **Julian Madrid Jr.** 6-0 205 PS#521WR. 1 st, 11 games '04, 33 tkl, 1 pbu. 27 tkl, 1 sk LY. 10 Adam Zanotti (5-11 200 Sr) 12 tkl, 1 pbu 2Y. 30 Kevin Rivers (5-11 190 So).

CB 6 **CHRIS SUTTON SR.** 6-0 180 PS#502. 9 st, 65 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu '04. 11 st LY, 47 tkl, 2 int, 9 pbu. 29 Chris Huckins (5-10 180 Sr) 11 tkl LY. 16 Kellen Curry (5-10 165 So).

CB 2 **CARSON BIRD JR.** 5-11 190 1 st Fr, 13 tkl, 1 int. 9 st LY, 52 tkl, 1 int. 3 Nathan Smith (5-10 175 Jr) 2 st, 20 tkl LY. 39 Garrett Rybak (5-11 175 Jr) QB JV tm '04. 6 tkl CB LY.

LF 32 **Hunter Altman So.** 5-11 195 PS#283. JV as frosh in '05. 36 **Brad Meissen** (5-11 185 Sr) 3 st NB, 11 games LY, 20 tkl, 1 int. 20 Matt Chism (5-11 190 So) PS#577.

FS 11 **BOBBY GIANNINI JR.** 6-2 210 5 st Fr, 11 gm. **#3 tkl'r** with 67, 2 tfl, 1 int. 11 st last year, **HM MWC**, #1 tkl'r with 92 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 2 pbu, 3 int. 27 Trey Eaton (6-2 190 So).

P 87 **Christopher Carp Sr.** 5-9 170 Punter on JV team in '03 & '04. 9 punts LY, 35.1 avg, miss 2 with injury. 13 Ryan Harrison (6-1 165 So) **PS#45**. 0 TB's on 3 KO's last year.

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2005	5-2	2000	1-7	1995	5-1
2004	6-1	1999	2-4	1994	3-2
2003	6-1	1998	7-1	1993	4-2
2002	5-3	1997	6-1	1992	3-0-1
2001	6-2	1996	3-2	1991	7-2

JV FOOTBALL RECORDS

JV HEAD COACH: MAJOR STEVE SENN

We've listed the records of Air Force's JV teams for the last 15 years. Freshmen recruits are unavailable.

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FISHER DeBERRY (Career 165-101-1)
23rd Year at Air Force
DeBerry's SU Bowl Record: 6-6

DeBerry's records AT AIR FORCE

165-101-1	Straight Up	43-46-1	Home Favorite
114-126-2	Vs The Spread	14-14	Home Underdog
39-45	Off A SU Loss	29-40-1	Away Favorite
74-88-2	Vs Conference	28-26	Away Underdog
40-38	Vs Non-Conf	15-10-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (21,15,4)
Lost: 21 (10,9,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 35,982

MOUNTAIN WEST

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#34

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score AF	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2							
Sep. 9	at Tennessee	G					
Sep. 16							
Sep. 23	at Wyoming	A					
Sep. 30	New Mexico (HC)	A					
Oct. 7	Navy	A					
Oct. 12	Colorado St (Thur)	A					
Oct. 21	at San Diego St	G					
Oct. 28	BYU	A					
Nov. 3	at Army (Fri)	A					
Nov. 11	Notre Dame	A					
Nov. 18	Utah	A					
Nov. 24	at UNLV (Fri)	A					
Dec. 2	at TCU	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

DeBerry has the 3rd longest active tenure in Division IA ball.
Air Force is 13-5-1 SU & ATS after a bye since 1989.
AF is 16-8 SU & 14-8 ATS in the 1H of the season, 8-14 SU & ATS in 2H S/'02.

Air Force is 13-2 SU & 12-3 ATS since 1991 in their road opener.
The Falcons are 31-15 ATS (67%) the last 46 games in the dog role.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Dave Ziebart 4,789 1976-'79
Rushing: Dee Dowis 3,612 1986-'89 Receiving: Ernie Jennings 2,392 1968-'70

Air Force is 3-4 SU but 1-6 ATS vs Wyoming as MWC members.
Falcons are 13-2 ATS since 1998 on artificial turf.

Air Force is 16-5 SU & 14-6 ATS the week before Navy since 1984.
The home team is 7-2 ATS since 1995 in this series.

LY marked only the 4th time AF was swept by Army & Navy S/'72 (1st yr of trophy).
AF was 19-2 SU from '82-'02 vs Navy but they have dropped the L/3 SU & ATS.

This is the 13th meeting between the HC's; DeBerry is 4-9 SU & 4-8-1 ATS vs Lubick.
Air Force is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS during the week days the last 4 years.

In LY's game, FB Kendrick had a career high 128 yds rushing (4.9) w/4 TD's.
Falcons are 3-6 ATS since 1996 vs the Aztecs.

Air Force is 5-14 SU & 6-13 ATS since 1987 the game before Army.
Counting the '98 WAC Title game, AF is 5-4 SU & 6-3 ATS vs BYU S/'95.

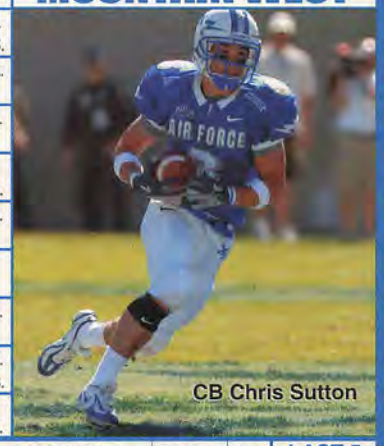
Could apply: Air Force is 5-10 ATS their last 15 games as an away favorite.
The visitor is 7-15 ATS their last 22 series battles (5-1 ATS L/6).

Falcons are 1-10 SU & 4-7 ATS since 1986 vs the Fighting Irish.
Air Force is 2-6 ATS since 2001 in November home games.

Since 1988 (15 gms) AF & UT have had 11 gms decided by 7 pts or less.
Falcons are 4-2 SU & ATS in their last 6 home finales.

QB Carney had a career high 4 rushing TD's as AF held UNLV to just 2 yds rushing LY.
In their MWC gms, the SU winner has won by DD each time, avg margin 21 pts.

Air Force is 1-3-1 SU & 1-3 ATS all-time vs TCU.
Falcons are 3-0-1 SU & 4-0 ATS S/'89 in Dec gms (not including bowls).



CB Chris Sutton

STADIUM: FALCON STADIUM (46,692)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf 1st yr)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	8-3	6-6	8-4	7-5	5-6	4-7	44-36
Home	3-2	5-1	4-2	4-3	5-1	3-4	2-3	26-16
Away	3-3	3-2	2-4	4-1	2-4	2-2	2-4	18-20
ATS	3-7	7-3	3-8	8-4	4-7	5-5	5-6	35-40
Home Fav	1-3	1-2	0-3	4-2	3-2	1-3	2-3	12-18
Home Dog	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	4-3
Away Fav	0-3	2-1	0-1	2-1	0-3	1-0	0-1	5-10
Away Dog	2-1	2-0	2-3	2-0	1-2	2-1	3-2	14-9
Favorite	1-6	3-3	0-4	6-3	3-5	2-3	2-4	17-28
Dog	2-1	4-0	3-4	2-1	1-2	3-2	3-2	18-12
Grass	2-7	6-3	3-7	6-4	4-7	2-5	3-5	26-38
Artificial	1-0	1-0	0-1	2-0	0-0	3-0	2-1	9-2
vs Conf	1-6	5-2	3-4	4-3	2-5	4-3	4-4	23-27
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	0-4	4-1	2-2	1-2	1-2	12-13
Off SU Win	1-5	5-2	2-3	6-2	2-5	2-2	1-2	19-21
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-1	1-4	1-2	2-2	3-2	3-4	14-17

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Shaun Carney	170	832	122	710	11	4.2
Jacobe Kendrick	116	537	5	532	6	4.6
Chad Hall	66	359	15	344	1	5.2
Ryan Williams	72	290	0	290	3	4.0
Chad Smith	34	194	4	190	1	5.6
Adam Fitch	35	181	13	168	1	4.8
Justin Handley	28	170	5	165	2	5.9
Greg Kirkwood	8	93	2	91	1	11.4
Kip McCarthy	16	84	0	84	0	5.2
Scott Peeples	11	74	0	74	1	6.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Shaun Carney	148	95	64.2	1393	7	7
Adam Fitch	54	26	48.1	485	7	2
Chad Hall	3	0	0.0	0	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jason Brown	49	874	17.8	5	61
Greg Kirkwood	30	555	18.5	4	84
Chad Hall	16	139	8.7	1	32
Chad Smith	8	89	11.1	1	32
Victor Thompson	6	59	9.8	1	18
Robert McMenomy	2	55	27.5	1	38

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Donny Heaton	28	1098	39.2	2	30.6	1	6

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Scott Eberle	38-40	5-5	3-7	2-3	0-1	10-16	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bobby Giannini	92	0	2.5	2	3
Drew Fowler	77	1	4.5	0	0
John Taibi	75	0.5	3.5	0	0
Denny Poland	64	1	6.5	0	0
Carson Bird	52	0	0	3	1
Overton Spence	52	2	5	2	0
Chris Sutton	47	0	1.5	9	2
John Rabold	36	1	1.5	0	0
Gilberto Perez	33	1	8.5	2	0
Nelson Mitchell	28	2	5.5	1	0
Julian Madrid	27	1	0	1	0
Russ Mitscherling	23	1	0	1	0
Joey Keller	22	0	1.5	0	0
Erik Anderson	21	1	0	1	0
Nathan Smith	20	0	0	1	0
Ty Paffett	20	0	1.5	1	1
Brad Meissen	20	0	0.5	0	1
Grant Thomas	17	0.5	0.5	1	0
Jared Baxley	17	0	0	0	0
Josh Clayton	14	0	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Sutton	16	150	9.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Greg Kirkwood	14	355	25.4	0
Jim Ollis	11	221	20.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Copper	+4	Texas Tech	41-55	L
97	Las Vegas	+4	Oregon	13-41	L
98	Oahu Classic	-3'	Washington	45-25	W
00	Silicon Valley	+1	Fresno St	37-34	W
02	San Francisco	+11'	Virginia Tech - #21	13-20	W

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AIR FORCE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	30.0	22	247	4.6	171	59.0	13.9	-7	2005	6	31.7	22	174	4.3	255	65.7	13.5
3	29.6	24	277	4.7	148	59.8	14.4	+1	2004	3	31.1	21	200	4.9	222	56.4	13.6
7*	26.8	21	281	4.7	105	50.3	14.4	+6	2003	6	20.2	19	169	4.0	183	54.2	17.5
2	33.8	22	308	5.1	90	43.5	11.8	+9	2002	6	23.3	19	156	4.0	199	56.8	15.2
2	28.1	21	273	4.8	119	47.9	14.0	+8	2001	4	32.2	23	204	5.1	249	54.9	14.1
5*	35.1	26	293	4.9	161	55.9	12.9	+10	2000	3	26.0	19	151	4.2	228	54.4	14.6

2005 STATS BY GAME

AF 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	† Washington	22	52-218	4.2	13-22	207	0	18	34-129	3.8	19-27	242	0	-2
–	San Diego St	25	67-272	4.1	10-12	231	2	26	33-164	5.0	27-44	253	0	+2
–	Wyoming	23	63-286	4.5	4-12	53	1	17	33-68	2.1	19-29	267	2	-2
–	at Utah	26	50-251	5.0	13-27	234	2	23	43-152	3.5	21-30	305	2	-1
–	at Colorado St	16	44-227	5.2	9-20	130	0	23	42-213	5.1	18-29	338	0	0
–	at Navy	16	49-195	4.0	6-9	111	2	16	52-217	4.2	8-12	171	1	+1
–	UNLV	31	64-316	4.9	10-12	96	0	14	25-2	0.1	19-26	215	5	0
–	TCU	24	55-239	4.3	11-22	148	1	24	42-220	5.2	22-32	326	0	-2
–	at BYU	21	38-200	5.3	17-31	279	2	39	42-300	7.1	31-43	383	1	-3
–	Army	22	47-230	4.9	17-23	203	1	22	50-217	4.3	13-23	143	0	-2
–	at New Mexico	21	59-278	4.7	11-15	186	3	24	46-227	4.9	16-29	162	2	+2
TOTALS		247	588-2712	4.6	121-205	1878	14	246	442-1909	4.3	213-324	2805	13	-7
AVERAGES		22.4	53-247	4.6	11-19	171	1.3	22.4	40-174	4.3	19-29	255	1.2	-0.6

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma - #3	+17'	3-44	L
Tennessee Tech	NL	42-0	–
at San Diego St	+3'	45-21	W
at Navy	-15	24-18	L
Wyoming	-14'	24-13	L
at BYU - #18	+12'	33-63	L
at New Mexico	+2'	33-52	L
Army	-13	34-24	L
at Colorado St	+8	21-28	W
UNLV	-2'	10-34	L
at Hawaii	+9'	30-52	L
Utah	+16'	38-37	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Northwestern	-1/2	52-3	W
New Mexico	-6'	38-31 OT	W
at California - #23	+9'	23-21	W
at Utah	+8'	30-26	W
Navy	-22'	48-7	W
BYU	-4'	52-9	W
Notre Dame - #7	-3	14-21	L
at Wyoming	-18	26-34	L
Colorado St - #24	+1'	12-31	L
at Army	-17'	49-30	W
at UNLV	-5	49-32	W
San Diego St	-16'	34-38	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wofford	NL	49-0	–
at Northwestern	-7'	22-21	L
North Texas	-9'	34-21	W
Wyoming	-20	35-29	L
at BYU	+1/2	24-10	W
at Navy	-14'	25-28	L
UNLV	-6'	24-7	W
at Colorado St	+5'	20-30	L
Utah	-3	43-45 3OT	L
Army	-26'	31-3	W
at New Mexico	+4	12-24	L
at San Diego St	-4	3-24	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
California - #13	+14	14-56	L
E Washington	NL	42-20	–
at UNLV	+5'	27-10	W
at Utah - #15	+22	35-49	W
Navy	-1	21-24	L
New Mexico	-3'	28-23	W
BYU	-2'	24-41	L
at Wyoming	+3	26-43	L
at Army	-3'	31-22	W
San Diego St	-6	31-37	L
Colorado St	+1'	47-17	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Washington	+3	20-17	W
San Diego St	-7'	41-29	W
Wyoming	-2'	28-29	L
at Utah	+7	35-38	W
at Colorado St	+3'	23-41	L
at Navy	-2	24-27	L
UNLV	-13'	42-7	W
TCU - #21	E	10-48	L
at BYU	+6'	41-62	L
Army	-11'	24-27	L
at New Mexico	+12	42-24	W

WYOMING COWBOYS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Three year starter Casey Bramlet threw for 3,037 yards (56.7%) with a 22-9 ratio in '03 and was #7DC of CIN. His younger brother, Corey, got in 6 games throwing for 130 yards in '02 and '03. Corey won the job in '04 and in 12 starts threw for 2,409 (58.4%) but struggled with a 12-13 ratio. Still, because of his size and arm strength, he was an NFL prospect heading into 2005. His backups last year were Jacob Doss (PS#107), who was a finalist for Kentucky's Mr. Football in 2002 with a 43-4 HS ratio, and Stinson Dean (PS#283). Things were going smoothly for Bramlet until he imploded vs TCU with 4 int and 3 fumbles. Bramlet threw for 2,610 (59.6%) and once again had a negative ratio (16-18) with 277 rush. He had a sprained ankle vs NM and had a shoulder injury vs Colo St. Doss (5 gm) had 13 pass att with a 1-1 ratio. This year Doss and Dean both return but I expect the starter to be VHT rFr Karsten Sween (PS#28) who has outstanding arm strength, puts great velocity on the ball and was impressive running the Scout Team LY. Added into the mix is JUCO Ian Hetrick (PS#143JC) who was in for the spring and threw for 3,104 yards at JC in '05. Usually going from a two year starter to an inexperienced frosh, you would expect the numbers to drop but I expect Sween to have a better first year than Bramlet had as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Wyoming had to replace their #4 all-time leading rusher, Derek Armah, but he had just 683 (3.9) in 2003. Small but speedy Ivan Harrison (5-7 190 Sr, PS#189) was #2 rushing for 151 (3.7) in '03. The team landed VHT Joseph Harris (PS#43JC) who rushed for 1,841 (7.1) with 26 TD's at JUCO in '03 and has sub-4.5 speed. Unfortunately, the RB corps was banged up in the first game and stayed that way all season. Harris played in just 10 games and was #2 with 409 (4.4) and Harrison rushed for 587 (3.7). The team avg'd 129 ypg rushing in '04 which actually was their best total in five years. Harris missed the entire 2005 season and Harrison played in just one game (6 yd). RFr Wynel Seldon had 124 rushing and 78 receiving vs Mississippi. He posted Wyoming's best rushing total since their last 1,000 yard rusher (Marques Brigham, 1,114 in '98). Seldon finished with 871 (4.7) and added 198 rec yards. His backups were also all frosh. JR Moore had an injury-plagued year (8 gm) and finished with 55 (2.6). Seldon, Harris, Harrison and Devin Moore (123, 4.7) return (Harris and Harrison are susp'd for first 3) along with Montey Brunk (5-10 221 Sr, 8 yd) and Jimmy DeAndrea (6-0 205 rFr). FB Alex Renshaw (5 gm) and JR Moore depart. The team's 3.6 ypc rushing was their best since '99 and they should improve again.

RECEIVERS - From 1991 to 1996 a Cowboy led the NCAA in receiving yards four of six years under Joe Tiller's guidance and a Cowboy receiver ranked in the top 3 in all six years. Ryan McGuffey and Malcom Floyd both broke the frosh receiving record here in 2000 which is impressive because former WY WR's Marcus Harris and Ryan Yarborough both broke the NCAA records for career rec yards. In 2002 Jovon Bouknight surprisingly led with 63 catches despite both McGuffey and Floyd returning. Floyd and McGuffey were #1 and #2 in receiving in 2003 and both departed as #3 (McGuffey) and #4 (Floyd) in career receptions. Bouknight was 2nd Tm MWC in '04 and led with 63 (17.1) and JUCO Tyler Holden had 27 (12.6). Last year almost everyone was back but Holden was banged up playing in just 8 (16 rec). Bouknight had more than twice the amount of catches as the #2 man topping 1,000 yards (1,116, 14.5) with 12 TD's. Soph Michael Ford was #2 with 29 (14.5). This year they must replace Bouknight as well as WR's Josh Barge (12 rec, 6 st), Jason Wallace (20 rec, 9 st), CJ Brewer (10 rec), TE John Wadkowski (14 rec, 6 st) and Taber LeMarr (3 rec). They are in good shape at TE as Wade Betschart had as many snaps as Wadkowski. They also signed JUCO Darion Donnelly who had 13 TD's and 52 rec at JC last year. I expect a bigger contribution from Hoost Marsh who was a 1st Tm MWC returnman in '04 but was banged up in '05. It's going to be tough to replace the school's career all-purp yardage leader (Bouknight 6,047) but HC Glenn should field a solid unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - With just one starter back on the O-line in 2003 and two rFr starting, UW averaged just 2.7 ypc rushing and the OL allowed 42 sacks. They had 4 starters back in 2004 but surprisingly only improved to 3.2 ypc while allowing 40 sacks. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm MWC C but had 4 starters back and improved to 3.6 ypc allowing 28 sacks (7.4%). Kyle Howard beat out Alan Erving for the starting LG spot for the final four. G Jason Karcher moved to C this spring but struggled with shotgun snaps. This year they lose C Drew Severn (11 st) and LG Erving (first 7 st) but have 8 of the top 10 back including a pair of 3 year starters and have the best O-line yet under Glenn.

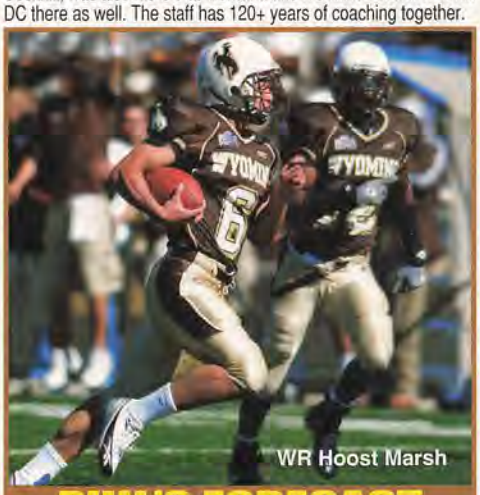
DEFENSIVE LINE - After allowing 5.0 rushing in 2003 with the defense posting just 14 sacks, the unit got a solid addition in Dusty Hoffschneider, a member of WY's wrestling team. They only had to replace one starter in 2004 and Hoffschneider earned 2nd Tm MWC honors as they decreased the ypc allowed to 4.3 (19 sk). Last year they had to replace one starter and three backups. They then lost starting DE Aaron Robbins after 3 games with injury so basically two starters were back. Hoffschneider once again was 2nd Tm MWC and the Cowboys still improved with 3.9 ypc allowed and recorded 25 sacks. This year they must replace Hoffschneider (11 st, 54 tkl, 6.5 tfl), DE John Flora (11 st, 44 tkl, 5.5 sk, HM MWC) and Tyler Ottem but do have six of the top eight returning. They also get Robbins back so it's like having 3 returning starters. DE Mike Groover led in sacks (6.5) despite being a backup and now starts. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Mitch Unrein (6-4 247 rFr), Ross Anderson (6-4 203 rFr), Matt Barella (6-2 233 rFr) and Jake Edmunds (6-2 227 So). This year they are technically switching to a 3-4 but all they did was change the BUCK DE to BUCK LB.

LINEBACKERS - The Cowboys had to replace two LB starters in '05 who were their #2 and #3 tacklers. LB John Prater, who set a WY LB record with a 390 lb bench, was lost prior to the year. Backup MLB Matt Chase (7 tkl) suffered a broken wrist vs TCU. When WLB Jeff Tatnall (6 st, 24 tkl) went down to a season ending injury, the 3 deep consisted of one junior and five underclassmen. Ward Dobbs brought a more physical presence to the WLB spot and is also one of the strongest players on the team. He had 18 tackles vs Utah with 5 tfl and 2 FF on the year. This year they only lose Tatnall and Matt Chase, so this should be one of the MWC's stronger LB corps. Glenn was very impressed with the unit's athleticism, size and speed.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Wyoming had a combined 5 starts returning to the secondary in '04 but surprisingly finished #31 in my pass D rankings. Last year the entire 2 deep returned but was banged up. They still finished a top-notch #30 and CB Derrick Martin held NM WR Baskett to just 2 rec for 12 yards. This year the losses are heavier as gone are CB Terrance Butler (9 st, 25 tkl, 2 pbu), SS Ron Rockett (11 st, 85 tkl, 4 tfl, 5 pbu, HM MWC), CB Brandon Bell (2 st, 24 tkl, 6 pbu) and Martin (#6DC BAL, 11 st, 47 tkl, 7 pbu) who declared early for the NFL draft. I list the 3 deep below and this group should be the biggest concern for Glenn.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit is usually a strength for Wyoming. They've had finishes as high as #7, #19 and #10 in my ST rankings. Glenn inherited a #80 unit and moved up to #44 in 2003 and #10 in 2004. All the key players were back in '05 so it is surprising that they dropped to #47. Outstanding K Deric Yaussi, who had hit 18 of 25 with a long of 51 in '04, struggled with a new holder and snapper. He did hit a 53 yard FG on a rainy night in Mississippi but hit just 9 of 16 (although Glenn will tell you its 10 of 16 with the disputed New Mexico kick). Punter Adam Brooks avg 41.7 in the altitude but his net dropped from 36.2 to 34.6. The biggest dropoff came on PR's as Hoost Marsh (1st Tm MWC in '04) was banged up and avg'd just 8.2 (13.5 in '04). Jovon Bouknight avg'd a super 27.8 on KR's. This year they must replace Yaussi, Brooks and Bouknight. They have solid replacements at K and P (see below) and if Marsh returns to form, they could improve in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Joe Glenn and his staff are in their 4th year here. Glenn compiled a record of 39-6 in his 3 years at Montana and has been a HC for 21 years. He turned WY around in '04 with a 7-5 mark. Glenn was on the cover of *The Sporting News* in '05 and was talked about as one of the hot coaching prospects for BCS schools but unfortunately he suffered his 2nd losing season last year. His OC, Bill Cockhill, was also his OC at Montana and DC Mike Breske was his DC there as well. The staff has 120+ years of coaching together.


WR Hoost Marsh

PHIL'S FORECAST

Coming into 2000 WY had not had a losing season since 1992. It was obviously a rebuilding year with just 7 starters back and a brand-new HC and I actually pegged them for last in the MWC. Wyoming fell from 7-4 in 1999 to 1-10 in 2000 and the next two years they struggled with 2-9 and 2-10 records including a 12 game losing streak. Joe Glenn inherited a veteran group with 14 returning starters in 2003 and they had 4 MWC home games. They were outgained by 113.2 ypg in league play, but improved their record to 4-8 finishing in a tie for the cellar of the MWC at 2-5. Wyoming had just 3 MWC home games in 2004 and were outgained by 54.6 ypg, but they did move up to 3-4 in the MWC. They earned their first bowl berth since 1993 and upset BCS member UCLA, 24-21. Earlier in '04 they upset SEC member Ole Miss, their first win ever over an SEC team (108 years) . After opening 4-1 they got votes in the AP poll for the first time since 1999. Last year they had 15 starters returning and appeared headed for a big season. They had 19 seniors (13 in 2004) and installed new artificial turf at War Memorial Stadium. Wyoming got a TD with 1:25 left to beat AF by 1 and then in Ole Miss' home opener, the Ole Miss HC said, "We got whipped on the line of scrimmage offensively and defensively." They knocked off the SEC team for a 2nd straight year, this time on the road, 24-14. They opened the season 4-1 including a 42-17 rout over UNLV (led 42-3), their biggest win ever vs a MWC foe. They had the #1 MWC defense in ppg (18.2) and ypg (316.4) and received 11 votes in both polls. QB Bramlet had SEVEN turnovers vs TCU and their season came tumbling down. They missed a 42 yd FG vs New Mexico which replays showed may have been good and had a close loss to Colo St. They had 25 TO's during their 6 game losing streak to end the season. Showing how the ball bounces, Wyoming fumbled the ball 15 times on the season and lost 13 but they forced 26 fumbles, only recovering 6! They finished just 2-6 vs MWC foes (8th place) and 4-7 overall. On the bright side for Wyoming this year is that they were -12 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround). Despite losing their star WR and QB, I'll call for the Cowboys to have their best offensive ppg since '99. The Cowboys' two biggest concerns on D are replacing outstanding NG Dusty Hoffschneider and an inexperienced secondary but with 6 starters back, should come close to 2005's production. Overall, with just 12 starters back and a tough schedule, it will be difficult for Wyoming to improve upon 2005's 4-win total.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN BROWN

QB 16 **Karsten Sween rFr.** 6-2 204 **PS#28**. Big time arm. 7 Jacob Doss (6-2 210 Jr) PS#107. 13 pass LY. 19 Stinson Dean (6-2 215 So) PS#283. 12 Ian Hetrick (6-2 190 Jr) 30 TD LY JC.

RB 18 **WYNEL SELDON SO.** 6-0 205 11 st rFr, 871 (4.7). 27 rec (7.3). 32 **Joseph Harris** (5-7 206 Sr) **PS#43JC**. 2 st '04, 409 (4.4). RS LY. 2 Ivan Harrison (5-7 190 Sr) 744 rush 3Y.

WR 6 **Hoost Marsh Jr.** 5-9 172 680 ret yds 2Y. 15 Kyle Jacobo (6-3 192 So) PS#172DB. 83 Darion Donnelly (6-2 190 Jr) PS#263JC. 84 Kurt Lawson (6-2 174 Fr) GS in '05.

WR 5 **Tyler Holden Sr.** 6-0 179 PS#240JC. 6 st, 2Y, 43 rec (11.9). 13 Evan Weatherspoon (6-1 183 rFr). 3 Ryan Gallimore (6-1 183 rFr). 81 Derrick Levy PS#249 in '05.

WR 8 **MICHAEL FORD JR.** 6-2 203 PS#123TE. 1 st, 19 (11.8) as rFr. 4.65 spd. 6 st, 29 (14.5) in '05. 17 Marcus Franklin (6-0 163 rFr) PS#306. **Greg Bolling is PS#74DB.**

TE 46 **Wade Betschart Jr.** 6-3 255 1 st true. 4 st LY. 14 rec 2Y. 87 Chris Sundberg (6-5 238 So) PS#134QB. 88 Scott Koch (6-3 222 So). 85 Jesson Salyards (6-5 228 rFr).

C 69 **JASON KARCHER SR.** 6-3 291 PS#122. 12 st rFr (10 RT, 2 RG), 12 st RG in '04. 11 st RG LY, **HM MWC**. 72 Ben Smith (6-2 269 rFr) PS#584. 75 Sam Sterner is PS#411.

RG 74 **Tim Bond So.** 6-4 296 PS#364. 2nd string C as rFr, lettered. 63 Eric Auflick (6-5 276 rFr). 62 Phil Babich (6-4 293 rFr) PS#357DL. 68 Erik Kottom is PS#525.

LG 76 **KYLE HOWARD SO.** 6-6 299 PS#381. Last 4 sts at LG, added 31 lbs as rFr. 70 Russ Arnold (6-4 278 rFr) PS#447. 78 Nick Brousseau is PS#183. 66 Andy Bickel is PS#452.

RT 67 **HUNTER RICHARDS SR.** 6-7 297 Div II Neb-Kearney transfer. 12 st at RT '04. 11 st at RT LY. 60 Ryan McKinley (6-6 275 rFr) PS#276DL. 57 Jack Tennant is PS#452.

LT 73 **CHASE JOHNSON SR.** 6-8 325 PS#183DL. 12 st LT rFr. 12 st '04. 11 st LT '05. HM MWC 2Y. 71 Ryan Otterson (6-5 250 rFr) PS#398DL. 77 Jeff Zimmerman (6-6 276 rFr).

K 39 **Aric Goodman Fr.** 5-11 170 **PS#10**. 13 of 20 FG's, HS long 49. Also recruited by LSU & Ariz St. 89 Jake Scott (5-8 157 rFr) PS#68. Chris Hearne (5-7 180 Jr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN BROWN

DE 93 **Mike Groover Sr.** 6-3 250 PS#157LB. **6.5 sk** as backup LY, 24 tkl. 91 John Fletcher (6-6 238 rFr) PS#158QB. 96 **Adam Diehl** (6-3 227 Sr) PS#261. 8 st, 47 tkl, 4 tfl LY.

DT 95 **Corey Mace Sr.** 6-3 287 PS#220JC. 14 tkl, 3 tfl LY. 94 Rob Hollway (6-4 269 So) PS#204. 2 tkl rFr. 77 Brien Sonzogni (6-4 258 rFr) PS#377. Fa'Aaligi Selesele. Re-signed.

NG 97 **JAKE MAYES SR.** 6-3 292 PS#244LB. 8 tkl, 3 tfl true, 6 tkl '04. 11 st LY, 27 tkl, 2 tfl. 92 Erick Pauley (6-4 337 So) PS#260. 3 tkl as true. 90 Fred Givens (6-1 298 rFr).

BUCK 42 **AARON ROBBINS SR.** 6-4 256 PS#133TE. 8 st, 10 rec, **HM MWC '03**. 12 st DE '04, 44 tkl, 8.5 tfl. Med RS LY. 80 Mike Juergens (6-4 240 So) PS#319. 1 st, 16 tkl, 3 tfl rFr.

SLB 45 **AUSTIN HALL SR.** 6-2 225 1 st rFr, 21 tkl. 9 st '04, 20 tkl. 11 st LY, 47 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 34 Sean Claffey (6-3 240 Jr) PS#195QB. 31 tkl, 2Y. 36 Weston Johnson (6-3 221 rFr) PS#322WR.

MLB 53 **LUKE CHASE JR.** 6-1 240 PS#391. 3 starts rFr, 45 tkl, **8 tfl**. 8 st LY, 59 tkl. 44 John Prater (6-0 234 Jr) 32 tkl '04. Inj'd LY. 390 bench. 47 Mike Neuhaus (6-3 236 So).

WLB 29 **WARD DOBBS SO.** 6-0 242 PS#174. Last 5 st WLB, 75 tkl, 5 tfl, **HM MWC**. 21 Marcial Rosales (6-1 234 Sr) **5 st SS**, 3Y, 73 tkl, 5 tfl. 51 Brandon Haugen (6-1 233 Jr).

CB 28 **Michael Medina Jr.** 6-0 181 PS#388. 4 tkl, 1 int, 2Y. 31 Marcell Gipson (5-10 164 Fr) GS LY. In for spg. 40 Lamonta Ward PS#361RB. Christian Cameron (5-10 176 So) 11 tkl LY.

CB 20 **Julius Stinson Jr.** 5-10 177 PS#382. 8 tkl true. 9 tkl, 2 int LY. 9 TJ Atwater (5-9 181 rFr) PS#291. 30 Tyree Carter PS#476. 41 Alex Toney PS#410. 24 Chris Prosinski PS#277.

SS 24 **Dorsey Golston Sr.** 6-0 194 PS#153. 33 tkl, 4 pbu rFr. 3 st LY, 22 tkl, 3 pbu. 4.5 spd. 1 Quincy Rogers (6-1 202 So) PS#332. 12 tkl rFr. 19 Keith Brauneis (6-1 192 rFr).

FS 23 **JOHN WENDLING SR.** 6-1 222 PS#373. **#1 tkl'r** '04, 3 int, 6 pbu. #2 tkl'r LY, 3 int, 3 pbu. 22 Darryl Gober (6-0 210 Jr) is PS#362JC. **In for spg.** 27 Michael Ray (6-1 206 So) 2 tkl LY.

P 25 **Billy Vinnedge Jr.** 6-1 188 PS#341JC. 40.4 avg at JUCO in '05. 41.8 avg at JUCO '04. 38 Mitch Cozad (5-10 220 So). 39 Aric Goodman is PS#10. 41.7 average in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	Greg Bolling 6-2 190 PS#74DB
QB	Ian Hetrick 6-2 190 PS#157JC
K	Aric Goodman 5-11 170 PS#10
WR	Darion Donnelly 6-2 190 PS#263JC
OL	Nick Brousseau 6-9 299 PS#183
K	Billy Vinnedge 6-1 188 PS#341JC
DB	Darryl Gober 6-0 210 PS#362JC
DB	Chris Prosinski 6-2 190 PS#277
WR	Derrick Levy 6-0 178 PS#249WR '05
RB	Darius Terry 5-11 180 PS#361
DB	Lamonta Ward 5-11 175 PS#361RB
DB	Alex Toney 6-2 200 PS#410
OL	Sam Sterner 6-4 260 PS#411
QB	Steven Headley 6-0 210 PS#268
LB	Lawrence Alexander 6-1 216 PS#390
OL	Andy Bickel 6-6 270 PS#452
OL	Jack Tennant 6-4 280 PS#452
DB	Tyree Carter 5-10 185 PS#476
OL	Zach Kennedy 6-5 290 PS#477JC
OL	Erik Kottom 6-4 250 PS#525
WR	Kurt Lawson 6-2 174 PS#475 '05
TE	Joe Evers 6-5 227 PS#382QB '05
DB	Marcell Gipson 5-10 164 PS#580 '05
DL	John Grosulak 5-11 254 PS#495
DL	Fa'Aaligi Selesele 6-0 310 PS#295JC '05

WYOMING COWBOYS

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JOE GLENN (Career 15-20) (Div IAA 39-6) (NAIA 21-18-1 Div II 98-35)
4th Year at Wyoming
Glenn's SU Bowl Record: 1-0

Glenn's records AT WYOMING

15-20	Straight Up	4-3	Home Favorite
17-15	Vs The Spread	5-3	Home Underdog
8-9	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
10-12	Vs Conference	7-9	Away Underdog
7-3	Vs Non-Conf	2-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (19,24,0)
Lost: 27 (14,10,3)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,650

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#62

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN LINE	Final Score WY	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Utah St	A					Glenn was the National COY in IAA (2000) & Div II ('96 & '97). Prior to the '05 season, War Memorial Stadium had synthetic turf installed. Cowboys are just 5-31 SU in their last 36 road games.
Sep. 9	at Virginia	G					Wyoming is 11-1 SU & 5-2 ATS S/'94 in War Memorial Stadium openers. This will be these tms 61st meeting but only the 3rd S/'78 as WY is 2-0 SU & ATS.
Sep. 16	Boise St	A					Wyoming is 2-10 SU & 4-8 ATS since 1994 in their 1st AG of the season. Cowboys are 15-7 ATS in their last 22 games as double digit dogs.
Sep. 23	Air Force	A					Home team is 0-2 ATS in these schools only 2 meetings ('02 & '03). Cowboys are 7-3 ATS in their L/10 games as a HD w/5 outright upsets.
Sep. 30	at Syracuse	A					The home team is 2-6 ATS the last 8 years in this series. Cowboys are 6-9 SU but 9-5-1 ATS the last 15 MWC home games.
Oct. 7	at New Mexico	G					Could apply: Wyoming is 5-15 ATS as an away favorite since 1992. This will be the schools 1st meeting & just the 2nd current BE tm WY will play.
Oct. 14	Utah (HC)	A					Wyoming is 2-10 SU & 4-8 ATS their last 12 MWC road games. This series started in 1930 as WY leads 30-28 but has not won in NM S/'91.
Oct. 21	Colorado St	A					In MWC matchups, the Cowboys are giving up on avg 36.5 ppg & 455 ypg to the Utes. Wyoming is 5-8 SU & 3-9 ATS since 1993 before taking on rival CSU.
Oct. 28	at TCU	G					This will be the 98th "Border War" played every year since 1946. The home team is 4-10 ATS the L14Y in this rivalry series (3-0 ATS L/3).
Nov. 4	San Diego St	A					TCU will mark the 3rd straight opponent WY plays that was in a bowl LY. Wyoming's last win in the state of Texas was vs TCU in '98 since 0-2 SU & ATS.
Nov. 9	at BYU (Thur)	G					The home team is 9-3-1 ATS since 1992 in this series (4-0-1 ATS L/5). Wyoming is 2-7 SU & 3-6 ATS since 1997 in home finales.
Nov. 18	at UNLV	A					Cowboys are 4-15 SU & 7-12 ATS since 1996 in November road games. Wyoming is 2-9 SU but 8-3 ATS the last 11 games vs BYU.
Nov. 25							SU winner has scored at least 35 pts as these teams avg 74 ppg in MWC play. The visitor is 7-2 ATS in this series the last 9 years.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Casey Bramlet 9,684 2000-'03
Rushing: Ryan Christopherson 2,906 1991-'94 Receiving: Marcus Harris 4,518 1993-'96

RB Wynel Seldon

STADIUM: WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM (32,580)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Synthetic Turf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	1-10	2-9	2-10	4-8	6-5	4-7	26-53
Home	4-2	1-4	1-5	2-3	3-3	5-1	2-3	18-21
Away	3-2	0-6	1-4	0-7	1-5	1-4	2-4	8-32
ATS	4-6	4-7	5-5	5-5-1	5-6	7-3	5-6	35-38-1
Home Fav	1-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-0	2-2	6-8
Home Dog	1-0	0-2	3-2	2-1-1	2-2	3-0	0-1	11-8-1
Away Fav	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
Away Dog	2-1	3-2	2-3	3-4	2-3	2-3	3-3	17-19
Favorite	1-5	1-3	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	2-2	7-11
Dog	3-1	3-4	5-5	5-5-1	4-5	5-3	3-4	28-27-1
Grass	4-6	4-7	5-4	5-3-1	4-4	6-3	2-2	30-29-1
Artificial	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-2	1-0	3-4	5-9
vs Conf	3-4	3-4	3-4	5-1-1	3-4	5-2	2-6	24-25-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-3	2-1	0-4	2-2	2-1	3-0	11-13
Off SU Win	3-4	0-1	1-1	2-0	1-3	4-2	3-1	14-12
Off SU Loss	1-1	4-5	4-4	3-4-1	4-3	3-1	1-5	20-23-1

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	Holiday	+4	Iowa	19-20	W
88	Holiday	+2'	Oklahoma St	14-62	L
90	Copper	+7	California	15-17	W
93	Copper	+3'	Kansas St	17-52	L
04	Las Vegas	+12'	UCLA	24-21	W

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WYOMING'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF %	DEF YPP
8*	24.6	20	117	3.6	246	59.2	14.7	-12	2005	7	27.0	21	170	3.9	207	56.0	14.0
5	26.5	22	129	3.2	240	58.3	14.0	+6	2004	5	24.8	22	179	4.3	212	52.9	15.8
7*	23.8	19	84	2.7	261	57.1	14.5	+10	2003	7	30.0	24	230	5.0	212	57.8	14.8
10*	24.0	21	100	3.1	280	59.1	15.8	-2	2002	6	36.0	26	206	4.6	285	64.5	13.6
8	20.8	20	99	2.9	282	52.1	18.3	-5	2001	6	33.5	23	246	5.3	218	59.0	13.9
4*	15.5	18	106	3.0	190	57.4	19.2	-10	2000	3	35.7	20	183	4.3	218	60.1	11.2

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Wynel Seldon	**187**	**915**	**44**	**871**	**11**	**4.7**
Devin Moore	**26**	**141**	**18**	**123**	**0**	**4.7**
Corey Bramlet	82	277	168	109	3	1.3
Jovon Bouknight	7	94	0	94	0	13.4
JR Moore	21	63	8	55	1	2.6
Alex Renshaw	7	34	0	34	0	4.9
Jacob Doss	**5**	**9**	**22**	**-13**	**0**	**-2.6**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Corey Bramlet	359	214	59.6	2610	16	18
Jacob Doss	**13**	**7**	**53.8**	**49**	**1**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jovon Bouknight	77	1116	14.5	12	68
Michael Ford	**29**	**421**	**14.5**	**0**	**38**
Jason Wallace	20	241	12.1	1	47
Wynel Seldon	**27**	**198**	**7.3**	**0**	**41**
Tyler Holden	**16**	**173**	**10.8**	**0**	**27**
John Wadkowski	14	155	11.1	1	22
Josh Barge	12	120	10.0	0	26
CJ Brewer	10	106	10.6	1	28
Wade Betschart	**7**	**72**	**10.3**	**2**	**31**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Brooks	31	1293	41.7	6	34.6(T)	0	8
Scott Parker	18	636	35.3	2	–	0	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Deric Yaussi	32-33	3-3	3-5	1-5	2-3	9-16	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ron Rockett	85	2	2	5	2
John Wendling	**75**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**3**
Ward Dobbs	**75**	**0.5**	**4.5**	**0**	**0**
Luke Chase	**59**	**0**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**
Dusty Hoffschneider	54	1.5	5	1	0
Adam Diehl	**47**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Austin Hall	**47**	**2**	**4.5**	**1**	**1**
Derrick Martin	47	1	2.5	7	3
John Flora	44	5.5	3.5	4	0
Jake Mayes	**27**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Terrance Butler	25	0	1.5	2	0
Mike Groover	**24**	**6.5**	**0.5**	**2**	**0**
Brandon Bell	24	0	0	6	1
Jeff Tatnall	24	0	1	0	0
Dorsey Golston	**22**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**1**
Sean Claffey	**22**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Brandon Haugen	**17**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Mike Juergens	**16**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Corey Mace	**14**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Quincy Rogers	**12**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Hoost Marsh	**25**	**205**	**8.2**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jovon Bouknight	20	555	27.8	0
Hoost Marsh	**7**	**106**	**15.1**	**0**

2005 STATS BY GAME

WY 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Florida	14	27-72	2.7	14-32	150	3	23	36-91	2.5	26-34	320	4	-2
–	UL Monroe	28	45-210	4.7	18-31	254	1	16	32-94	2.9	16-39	126	1	-1
–	at Air Force	17	33-68	2.1	19-29	267	2	23	63-286	4.5	4-12	53	1	+2
–	at Mississippi	18	43-163	3.8	17-34	220	2	10	28-162	5.8	12-29	120	1	+3
–	UNLV	25	34-95	2.8	23-31	346	4	20	32-91	2.8	26-48	239	5	+3
–	TCU	17	32-73	2.3	16-36	220	6	19	53-145	2.7	9-24	112	6	-5
–	New Mexico	17	19-93	4.9	19-35	214	1	24	66-237	3.6	13-22	118	1	0
–	at Colorado St	25	30-155	5.2	25-39	312	3	20	42-102	2.4	20-37	419	2	-4
–	at Utah	15	32-146	4.6	15-30	133	3	25	41-179	4.4	32-45	384	0	-3
–	BYU	21	33-166	5.0	20-25	241	1	26	50-267	5.3	20-29	179	2	-5
–	at San Diego St	20	28-51	1.8	37-55	346	2	22	42-214	5.1	17-29	211	0	0
TOTALS		217	356-1292	3.6	223-377	2703	28	228	485-1868	3.9	195-348	2281	25	-12
AVERAGES		19.7	32-117	3.6	20-34	246	2.5	20.7	44-170	3.9	18-32	207	2.3	-1.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Furman	NL	20-14	–
Texas A&M	+15'	20-28	W
at Utah St	+4'	43-42	W
Colorado St	+3'	14-42	L
New Mexico	+3	29-30	W
at Air Force	+14'	13-24	W
at Utah	+17'	0-35	L
UNLV	+9'	26-47	L
BYU - #9	+24	34-41	W
at San Diego St	+6'	16-38	L
at Kansas	+4	14-27	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee - #4	+30'	7-47	L
at C Michigan	+3'	20-32	L
Boise St	+6	13-35	L
at Washington - #13	+30'	7-38	L
The Citadel	NL	34-30	–
at Colorado St	+25	36-44	W
San Diego St	+4	20-24	T
Air Force - #22	+18	34-26	W
at UNLV	+8	48-49 OT	W
at BYU	+11	31-35	W
Utah	+11'	18-23	W
at New Mexico	+8	20-49	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana St	NL	21-10	–
at Oklahoma St	+21	24-48	L
Kansas	-4	35-42	L
at Air Force	+20	29-35	W
at Boise St	+23	17-33	W
at Utah St	-2	48-21	W
BYU	+1	13-10	W
at San Diego St	+3	20-25	L
Colorado St	+10'	35-28	W
at Utah	+12'	17-47	L
New Mexico	+8'	3-26	L
UNLV	+1	24-35	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Applachian St	NL	53-7	–
at Texas A&M	+11	0-31	L
Mississippi	+3'	37-32	W
ULM	-14	31-10	W
San Diego St	+3	20-10	W
at BYU	+7'	13-24	L
at Colorado St	+4	7-30	L
Air Force	-3	43-26	W
at UNLV	+3	53-45 3OT	W
Utah - #7	+23	28-45	W
at New Mexico	+8'	9-16	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida - #10	+24	14-32	W
ULM	-21	38-0	W
at Air Force	+2'	29-28	W
at Mississippi	+2	24-14	W
UNLV	-18'	42-17	W
TCU	-6'	14-28	L
New Mexico	-6'	24-27	L
at Colorado St	+3	31-39	L
at Utah	+2'	13-43	L
BYU	+4'	21-35	L
at San Diego St	+7	21-34	L

NEW MEXICO LOBOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Casey Kelly, who enrolled as a walk-on in 1999, left after the 2003 season as the school's all-time leader in wins at QB (19). In HS, Kole McKamey (PS#62) was 2nd in New Mexico in the 100m and received a med RS in '02. He was the backup QB in '03 (23 passes). McKamey suffered some concussions as the starter in '04 and Tali Ena threw for 157 with one start. McKamey threw for 1,272 (49%) with a 6-9 ratio (663 rush). Long brought in JUCO Chris Nelson who threw for 1,046 with a 9-5 ratio (47.1%) and rushed for 396 at JC. He joined the team in the spring of '05. McKamey had a great opener hitting career highs with 20 of 29 for 288 vs UNLV and had a 71 yard TD run vs NMSt. He suffered a concussion vs Wyoming and Nelson came in with the team trailing 17-7 and hit 8 of 14 for 91 to rally them for the win. McKamey had three TD's passing and 1 rushing vs SDSt. He hurt his back and missed the final two. After Nelson led the win vs Utah, Long said even if McKamey was healthy for the finale, Nelson would start. Nelson broke his collarbone in the 3Q with the team trailing and 3rd string Bryan Clampitt (6-4 223 Jr) hit 11 of 17 for 129 but surprisingly did not have a rush attempt. This year all 3 return and added to the mix is Donovan Porterie (6-4 200 rFr, PS#145) and Victor James (6-0 188 rFr). Look for improved QB stats provided they pick up the new offense quickly.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Quincy Wright had 628 yards in the first three but was lost for the season. DonTrell Moore had just 7 rushes (0 yds) after three games (sprained knee) but took over and rushed for 1,134 (4.6). He set a school frosh record and was named MWC Frosh of the Year. Moore set the school record for rushing yards in a season the next year with 1,450 (5.3) and 19 TD's. He became the leading rusher in the MWC's brief history by rushing for 1,091 (4.7) in 2004. Moore suffered an ACL injury in the bowl and was questionable for 2005. Not only did he rebound, he became the 6th player in NCAA history to have four straight years with 1,000+ yards and was the MWC's #1 rusher (1,298, 4.7) with 31 rec's (12.0). At times they used WR Travis Brown in the backfield for the option and he had 153 (7.7). Moore's backup was 238 lb Adrian Byrd who rushed for 179 (5.1). Unfortunately this year the top returning rusher is Martelius Epps (5-10 182 Jr) who has 4.35 speed but had just 5 rush yards. Last year they moved to the spread offense eliminating the FB but under Toledo, the FB should return to the offense and I list a 4 deep below. Moore finished his career with 4,973 yards rushing while this year's RB's have 53 career rush yards COMBINED.

RECEIVERS - Hank Baskett, who is 6'4" 220 lbs and was the MWC outdoor track champ in the high jump surprisingly had just 17 rec's in '03. I projected him to be the go-to receiver in '04 and he was just that with 908 yards receiving (16.8) and was 838 yards more than the #2 receiver (70). Baskett had even better numbers in 2005 with 1,071 yards (16.0). Good-sized Travis Brown (6'3"), who had 7 rec's in '04, started 10 and snagged 35 (7.0). Backup TE John Mulchrone (1 st) had 12 and starting TE Logan Hall (11 st) had 10. Not listed below are TE Luke Walters (6-4 210 rFr), WR's Jonathan Brooks (6-1 179 So), Jermaine McQueen (PS#428JC) plus this year's true frosh. This year they must replace Hall as well as WR Anthony Carter (5 rec) and WR Chris Brawley (3 rec) but of course the biggest loss is Baskett. His talent and production will be extremely difficult to replace.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Lobos annually feature one of the biggest O-lines in the NCAA and have nicknamed themselves "The Hitmen". In 2003 they had all five starters return and paved the way for 4.4 ypc, which was the best ypc in the Long era with 3 OL's earning 1st Tm MWC honors. In 2004 they had to replace two starters (one 1st Tm MWC) and two backups. The line paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing 24 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters (1st Tm MWC) and two backups again. They did return (1st Tm MWC) C Ryan Cook and brought in some JUCO's. Dustin Moore (PS#37), who originally signed with Arkansas, was a projected starter but quit after not breaking into the 2 deep. They improved their ypc rush to 4.2 and trimmed the sack total to 19. This year they must replace Ryan Cook (#2DC MIN, 11 st, 4 yr st'r) and OT Terrance Pennington (#7DC BUFF, 11 st, 2 yr st'r) but have 8 of the top 10 back and add some JUCO's. The Lobos have their most experienced O-line in three years.

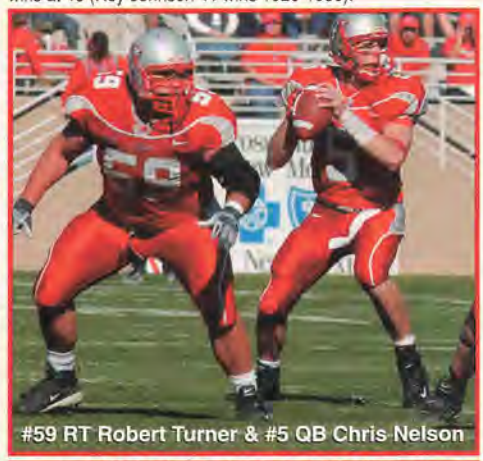
DEFENSIVE LINE - The 2003 D-line was the smallest in Long's tenure but was very experienced and only allowed 2.6 ypc rushing. The 2004 D-line was even smaller and far less experienced but still only allowed 2.8 ypc while the D recorded 42 sacks. Last year with 5 of the top 6 back they surprisingly allowed 3.7 ypc which was the worst since 1999 as was the 131 ypg rush allowed. This year the losses are big as gone are 1st Tm MWC DE Evroy Thompson (11 st, 40 tkl, 5 sk), NT Marcus Parker (11 st, 24 tkl, 8 tfl, 385 bench), who was 1st Tm MWC in '04, and DE Adam Garday (11 st, 27 tkl, 4 sk). Michael Tuohy is the only player on the front wall who has starting experience. Long did redshirt a couple of JUCO's as it takes time to master this defense. The LB's are generally the key to the New Mexico D but this D-line usually plays better than the sum of its parts.

LINEBACKERS - The Lobos call their scheme a 3-3-5 but their LOBO position is basically a LB. Their most famous LOBO is Brian Urlacher who is a star NFL LB. In 2004 they had to replace 3 starters but seniors won the starting jobs and two played virtually every snap. Naturally last year three starters departed including their top two tacklers. New starters Quincy Black and Cody Kase added size to the position. This year they must replace MLB Mike Mohoric (11 st, 85 tkl, 1st Tm MWC) but could have 3 of their top 4 returning. Aleem Harris (6-3 223 Sr) is suspended and not likely to return (7 st, 67 tkl). Also gone is backup MLB Joe Selander (2 st, 30 tkl, 2 sk). While there are not any VHT's, excellent weight training makes them better than expected. As an example, 3rd stringer Herbert Felder squats 500 lbs with 4.65 speed. Not listed in the 3 deep below are George Carter (6-3 225 Jr), Ben Wysong (6-1 195 Jr), Adam Miller (6-3 215 rFr) and Luke Higgins (6-3 226 So). Even if Harris does not return, this unit has more experience and should be yet another fine Lobo LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Lobos finished #16 in my pass D rankings in 2004 as they returned two solid starting CB's. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup including CB Payne who led the NCAA in PD's. Starting S Charles Brown (9 st '04) was banged up and not in the 2 deep so basically just one starter returned. It was the first time they had no returning starters at any of the 3 S positions in the Long tenure and they dropped to #46. The lone returning starter, CB Gabriel Fulbright (11 st, 5 int) was 1st Tm MWC. He must be replaced along with CB Jerrell Malone (7 st, 36 tkl, 3 pbu), CB Mike Powdrell (3 st, 3 int), S Ken West (26 tkl, 2 sk) and Brown. They are more experienced at S and 4 players return with starting experience.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This area has been a strength under Coach Long with a pair of Top 25 finishes in 2000 and 2001 but they dropped to #43 ,#72 and #62 the next 3 years. Last year they had to replace their K and top PR. K Kenny Byrd had a streak of 44 straight xp's end with a miss vs SDSt and then amazingly missed two vs both Colo St (bad snaps) and Utah. Byrd was more accurate on FG's connecting on 13 of 15 with a long of 46 and one miss was from 51. Byrd also hit 31 TB's on 66 KO's. Gabriel Fulbright was the top returnman (19.6 KR, 7.7 PR). Tyler Gaus avg'd 40.7 in his 4th year as P. Fulbright and Gaus must be replaced but NM finished #101 and should improve upon that (especially since they were a rare -2 in the TD/Blk category).

COACHES - Rocky Long was a three year starting QB here and his 1970 & '71 Lobos were the last teams to have consecutive winning seasons at NM until the '96 and '97 squads matched that feat. Long was the DC at Oregon St from '91-'95 and was UCLA's DC from '96-'97. He enters his 9th year here and in his first 6 years amazingly increased the win total each year beginning with a 3-9 record in 1998, moving up to 8-5 in 2003. In 2004 he led a rebuilt team to a 7-5 record for one of the best coached seasons in his career. Last year's OC, Dan Dodd, takes over as the ST coach. This year the new OC is Bob Toledo, who was the HC at UCLA for 7 years until 2002. His Bruins rattled off a school record 20 straight wins ('97-'98). The DC is Osia Lewis who took over for the departed Bronco Mendenhall in 2003 and now enters his 4th season. Long is already the school's all-time leader in wins at 46 (Roy Johnson 41 wins 1920-1930).



#59 RT Robert Turner & #5 QB Chris Nelson

PHIL'S FORECAST

New Mexico's last bowl win was in 1961 as they have dropped all 4 bowl games in the 45 years since. As mentioned in the coaches section, Rocky Long's teams improved each year and he did a fine job in 2004 getting a rebuilt team to a 5-2 MWC record despite being outgained by 44.0 ypg in league play. That was in sharp contrast to his 2003 squad which outgained league foes by 157.0 ypg (over 100 ypg better than the #2 team) but came up a game short in the MWC standings. Long was given a well deserved contract extension after 2004. NM was picked #2 in the preseason MWC poll in 2005 and were thinking MWC Title with 12 starters back. The Lobos have not won a league title since 1964. While they usually get off to a slow start, they opened 2005 3-0 for the first time since 1997. They also earned their first ever win over a BCS team on the road when they knocked off Missouri 45-35. They suffered a tough home loss to UTEP in which they led 10-7 in the 3Q and were driving when they gave up a 68 yd IR TD and a blk'd punt TD, both within 3:30 and lost despite a 285-248 yd edge. NM blew a 24-13 4Q lead over BYU and a 13 pt halftime lead over Colo St. They stunningly lost their final two home games but would have gone to the Fort Worth Bowl had Kansas not won in OT vs Iowa St. The Lobos have a combined record of 11-19 to start the season the last five years but are 23-5 SU down the stretch. Last year's Lobo offense had 8 starters back including RB Moore and WR Baskett and improved as expected avg'ing 9.3 ppg more than in 2004. This year they have a veteran QB and OL but must replace Moore and Baskett and will likely be less potent. The Lobos were one of 4 teams in the NCAA that had finished in the Top 30 in total defense since 2000 but that streak was snapped last year #68. The D has had just 4 starters returning in each of the last 3 years but after allowing just 18.7 ppg in 2004, yielded 29.7 last year, their highest since 1998. Despite losing some quality players, I expect the Lobos to be tougher defensively. I will admit the last couple of years I have underrated the Lobos but switching from a run-based offense to a pass-based offense and taking on a killer schedule, I see their streak of 5 straight winning seasons getting snapped in 2006.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 12 KOLE McKAMEY SR. 6-2 205 PS#62. 20 st 3Y, 3082 pass (55%) 21-21 ratio, 1280 yd rush. **5** Chris Nelson (6-4 218 Sr) PS#273JC. 2 st, 319 (52%) 1-3 ratio, 140 rush.

RB 21 Rodney Ferguson So. 6-0 210 PS#118. 59 ttl yd true. RS LY. **8 Martelius Epps** (5-10 182 Jr) 4.35 spd, 43.5"VL. **32** Paul Baker (5-8 187 So) PS#414. Mike Love PS#128.

FB 31 Matt Quillen So. 6-0 249 PS#194LB. 10 gm LY. **45** Andres Madueño (6-0 222 So). Scout TM POY 04. Alex Porterie (6-3 225 Jr). Jonah Foutz (5-10 217 Jr). 405 bench.

WR 81 TRAVIS BROWN JR. 6-3 180 4.5 spd. 10 st, 35 (7.0) LY. Nicky Lawson (6-2 175 Fr) PS#166. **3** Jason Caprioli (6-0 176 So) 2 rec LY. **38** Matt Peebles (6-2 204 Jr) PS#296DB.

WR 89 THOMAS WILSON SR. 6-1 178 PS#295JC. 4.5 spd. 10 st, 12 (8.5). **4** Marcus Smith (6-3 209 Jr) **Sprinter spd. #6 MWC 200m!** 313 all-purp yd. **88** Daryl Jones (6-4 200 rFr).

TE 83 John Mulchrone Sr. 6-4 230 PS#260JC. 1 st, 12 (11.0). **85** Chris Mark (6-5 256 So) PS#54. **87** Curtis Pino (6-3 235 Sr) 5 gm LY. Clayton Cardenas (6-3 250 Jr) PS#363JC.

C 66 Vince Natali Jr. 6-2 298 PS#216. 1 gms rFr. 2nd string LY, 8 gms, 9 kd, 400 bench. **69** Erik Cook (6-5 301 rFr). **LS 54** Jon O'Brien (6-3 236 Jr) 23 games 2Y.

RG 63 Matt Streid Jr. 6-3 320 PS#233 '04. 60 pancakes at JC LY. In for spring. **73** Doug Crawshaw (6-3 302 rFr) PS#363. **72** Jared Stanford (6-5 286 So) PS#506.

LG 64 BO GREER SR. 6-3 318 PS#179DL. Orig signed w/Indiana. PS#209JC. 11 st LY, 72 KD, 405 bench. Devin Clark (6-4 320 Jr) PS#141JC. Zayn Bin-Bilal PS#169.

RT 59 ROBERT TURNER SR. 6-4 328 13 st rFr, 127 KD. 12 st '04, 137 KD. **1st Tm MWC LY**, 11 st, 98 kd, 355 bench. **71** Bryan Ramsay (6-8 304 Jr) PS#295JC. Canadian.

LT 75 ANTHONY KILBY JR. 6-4 354 PS#103JC. Orig signed here '03. 11 st LY, 86 kd. **77** Bart Miller (6-4 306 Jr) PS#179. Knee inj L2Y. **74** Patrick Hodges (6-5 297 Sr) 4 gm 2Y.

K 80 KENNY BYRD SR. 6-0 166 1 of 3 FG first 2Y. 13 of 15 FG LY, long 46, 1 miss 50+. 66 KO, 31 TB. Yousuf Shakir (5-8 151 So). Eric Garrison (6-1 188 Jr) 355 squat.

DE 41 Michael Tuohy Jr. 6-2 233 4 st rFr, 28 tkl, 6.5 sk, 4 tfl. LB then DE LY, 24 tkl, 3.5 sk. **55** Tyler Donaldson (6-4 233 Jr) PS#260JC. 3 tkl but RS LY. Jeremiah Lovato (6-2 252 So).

NT 60 Billy Brittain Sr. 6-1 249 **610 squat**. 1 sk rFr. 3 gm '04, 5 tkl LY. **51** Ryan Boyd (6-3 254 Jr) PS#295JC. 11 tfl, 5 sk at JC '04. RS. **93** Kevin Balogun (6-4 261 So) PS#458.

DE 57 Stephen Hutchinson Jr. 6-3 239 PS#495. 15 tkl, 2 qbh 2Y. 333 pclean **62** Phillip Harrison (6-4 269 rFr) PS#150OL. Jonathan Milligan (6-0 215 rFr). **92** Wesley Beck (6-3 253 So).

OLB 47 CODY KASE JR. 6-2 205 11 st LY, **HM MWC**, 62 tkl, 5.5 sk. **49** Zach Arnett (5-11 200 So) PS#144RB. 1 st true, 8 tkl. **50** Herbert Felder (6-1 227 So). **84** Major Mosley (6-3 220 Jr) 370 bench.

MLB 36 Brett Madsen Jr. 6-2 221 PS#328JC in spg. 10 sk, 20 tfl JC LY. **48** Justin Clayton (5-10 212 Sr) 340 bench, 11 tkl LY. **52** Yimin Bauman (6-0 226 Sr) PS#294JC. Scout Tm MVP.

OLB 11 QUINCY BLACK SR. 6-3 232 10 starts in '05, 63 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 42"VL, 355 bench. **35** Jake Bowe (6-1 200 So) PS#241DB. 2 tkl rFr. **58** Beau Hightower (6-0 213 Sr) Colorado St trans.

LOBO 9 Tyson Ditmore Jr. 6-1 203 PS#243. 3 st, 29 tkl 2Y. Roy Hackey **PS#85WR.** Clint McPeek (6-1 185 rFr) PS#513. Aleem Harris (6-3 223 Sr) 7 st, 67 tkl LY. 260 incline. Susp?

CB 10 Juamar Hall Jr. 5-11 172 PS#332RB. 7 tkl rFr. 1 st CB LY, 4 pbu. **19** Glover Quin PS#379JC. In for spg. **33** Daniel Lowney (5-11 181 Jr). Austen Mount (5-8 170 rFr).

CB 30 Ian Clark rFr. 6-0 187 PS#513. **20** Mike Vandenberg (6-2 165 rFr) PS#377WR. Jerrell Miller PS#140. Phillip Williams (5-10 168 rFr). Danny Martin (6-1 190 rFr).

SS 2 DeANDRE WRIGHT SO. 6-0 178 PS#415. 6 st rFr, 46 tkls, 4 pbu, HM Frosh AA. **34** OJ Swift (5-9 183 Jr) PS#260JC. 4 st, 19 tkl. **24** Jerome Jenkins (5-11 195 Fr) PS#560.

FS 29 BLAKE LIGON SO. 6-1 197 9 st rFr, 44 tkl, 4 tfl, 3 pbu. **26** Frankie Baca (5-11 179 rFr) PS#242. **17** DJ Terrell (5-10 165 rFr) 4.47 speed. PS#405. Terence Brown PS#560.

P 25 Matt Barnard Jr. 6-2 205 PS#192JC. In for spg. Avg 43.2 on punts at JUCO. HS ST POY. **39** Jordan Scott (6-0 186 Jr) 2nd string 2 years. John Sullivan (5-8 143 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL Devin Clark 6-4 320 PS#141JC
DB Roy Hackey 6-1 186 PS#85WR
K Matt Barnard 6-2 205 PS#192JC
RB Michael Love 5-10 205 PS#128
DB Jerrell Miller 5-9 165 PS#140
OL Zayn Bin-Bilal 6-5 290 PS#169
DL Terel Anyaibe 6-1 230 PS#190
LB Brett Madsen 6-2 221 PS#328JC
WR Nicky Lawson 6-2 175 PS#166
TE Clayton Cardenas 6-3 250 PS#363JC
DB Glover Quin 5-10 200 PS#379JC
RB Amadeus Waters 5-10 220 PS#222
LB Greyson Wieczorek 6-3 210 PS#247
WR Jermaine McQueen 6-2 180 PS#428JC
DL Vincent Federico 6-4 280 PS#280
LB TJ Radzilowski 6-0 228 PS#281
OL Michael Cannon 6-5 290 PS#375
DL Kendall Briscoe 6-2 275 PS#325
DB Frankie Solomon 5-9 166 PS#387
OL Derek Tallent 6-4 320 PS#412
WR Chris Hernandez 6-3 185 PS#381
OL Matt Streid 6-3 320 PS#477JC
QB Victor James 6-0 188 PS#395
TE Josh Fussell 6-4 220 PS#205
DB Terence Brown 6-0 190 PS#560
DB Jerome Jenkins 5-11 195 PS#560

NEW MEXICO LOBOS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#83

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Portland St	G					
Sep. 9	at New Mexico St	G					
Sep. 16	Missouri	G					
Sep. 23	UTEP	G					
Sep. 30	at Air Force	A					
Oct. 7	Wyoming (HC)	G					
Oct. 14	at UNLV	A					
Oct. 19	Utah (Thur)	G					
Oct. 28	at Colorado St	A					
Nov. 4							
Nov. 11	TCU	G					
Nov. 18	at BYU	G					
Nov. 25	San Diego St	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Rocky Long has the most wins as HC in New Mexico history.
New Mexico is 31-19 ATS in MWC action since it started in 1999.
Lobos are 9-4 SU & 9-3 ATS since 1993 on Homecoming.

The Vikings finished 6-5 last year as IAA Big Sky Conf members.
Portland St will face 3 IA teams in '06, marking the 1st time in school history.

New Mexico is 20-13-1 ATS (61%) since 2000 after a SU victory.
NM is 63-28-5 all-time vs NMSt as the visitor is 5-2 ATS the last 7 years.

New Mexico has dropped 6 straight HG's ATS & are 5-11 ATS the L3Y.
Lobos are 17-56-2 all-time vs the Big 12 & 3-6-1 ATS since 1991.

Could apply: Lobos are 13-6 ATS the last 19 games off a SU loss.
The visitor is 4-9 ATS since 1989 in this series.

The Lobos have covered 7 out of the last 11 vs the Falcons.
New Mexico is 12-4 SU & 13-3 ATS their last 16 conference road games.

Lobos have won 6 straight over the Cowboys, longest win streak in series S/'75.
New Mexico is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS vs Wyoming in MWC games.

Coming into 2006: Lobos are 7-2 ATS the last 4 years on artificial turf.
New Mexico is 5-2 SU & ATS vs UNLV as Mountain West members.

Lobos are just 1-3 SU & ATS S/'02 in wk day games being outscored 139-79.
Last year NM tied a school record with 9 sks (by 8 different players).

Ten of their last 13 games have been decided by single digits in this series.
New Mexico is 7-4 ATS prior to a bye week since 1997.

The Lobos are 12-1 SU & 13-0 ATS after a bye week since 1996.
New Mexico is 12-4 SU & ATS in November games the last 5 years.

In MWC play, these 2 are avg 39 ppg as they both run the exact 3-3-5 D.
NM is just 4-30 SU S/'72 vs BYU but 2 of those 4 wins have come in the L4Y.

Lobos are 11-7 ATS in their last 18 home finales.
New Mexico has won 5 straight SU & are 10-1 ATS the last 11 vs SDSt.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Stoney Case 9,460 1991-'94
Rushing: DonTrell Moore 4,973 2002-'05 Receiving: Terance Mathis 4,254 1985-'87, '89

ROCKY LONG (Career 46-50)

9th Yr at New Mexico — Long's SU Bowl Record: 0-3

Long's records AT NEW MEXICO

46-50	Straight Up	12-13	Home Favorite
45-42-1	Vs The Spread	8-9	Home Underdog
23-19	Off A SU Loss	5-7	Away Favorite
33-25	Vs Conference	20-13-1	Away Underdog
12-17-1	Vs Non-Conf	9-0	Off A Bye

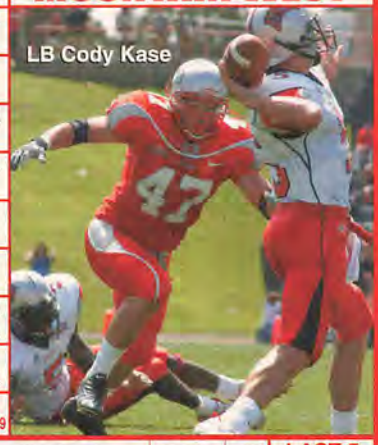
2005 RECORD: (6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (18,16,2)
Lost: 22 (11,10,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,341

MOUNTAIN WEST



STADIUM: UNIVERSITY STADIUM (38,634)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	5-7	6-5	7-6	8-4	7-4	6-5	43-38
Home	3-3	3-3	4-2	5-1	5-2	3-2	2-3	25-16
Away	1-4	2-4	2-3	2-5	3-2	4-2	4-2	18-22
ATS	5-5	7-4	6-4-1	7-5	7-4	7-4	4-7	43-33-1
Home Fav	1-1	1-1	4-1	3-0	2-2	1-1	0-5	12-11
Home Dog	1-2	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-0	7-7
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-2	2-0	1-0	0-0	4-5
Away Dog	3-1	4-2	0-1-1	3-2	2-1	4-1	4-2	20-10-1
Favorite	1-2	1-1	5-3	3-2	4-2	2-1	0-5	16-16
Dog	4-3	6-3	1-1-1	4-3	3-2	5-3	4-2	27-17-1
Grass	4-4	7-3	6-4	7-5	5-3	5-4	1-6	35-29
Artificial	1-1	0-1	0-0-1	0-0	2-1	2-0	3-1	8-4-1
vs Conf	4-3	5-2	4-3	6-1	5-2	4-3	3-5	31-19
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-2	2-1-1	1-4	2-2	3-1	1-2	12-14-1
Off SU Win	0-3	3-1	3-1-1	3-3	5-2	4-2	2-4	20-16-1
Off SU Loss	4-2	4-2	2-3	4-1	2-2	3-1	2-2	21-13

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DonTrell Moore	275	1363	65	1298	14	4.7
Kole McKamey	**119**	**562**	**133**	**429**	**4**	**3.6**
Adrian Byrd	35	186	7	179	1	5.1
Travis Brown	**20**	**155**	**2**	**153**	**1**	**7.7**
Marcus Smith	**23**	**126**	**2**	**124**	**2**	**5.4**
Chris Nelson	**37**	**140**	**50**	**90**	**1**	**2.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kole McKamey	**231**	**144**	**62.3**	**1682**	**13**	**9**
Chris Nelson	**60**	**31**	**51.7**	**319**	**1**	**3**
Bryan Clampitt	**17**	**11**	**64.7**	**129**	**1**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Hank Baskett III	67	1071	16.0	9	51
DonTrell Moore	31	371	12.0	3	41
Travis Brown	**35**	**245**	**7.0**	**2**	**34**
John Mulchrone	**12**	**132**	**11.0**	**2**	**32**
Logan Hall	10	116	11.6	0	34
Thomas Wilson	**12**	**102**	**8.5**	**0**	**22**
Marcus Smith	**6**	**56**	**9.3**	**0**	**26**
Jason Caprioli	**2**	**33**	**16.5**	**0**	**18**
Anthony Carter	5	23	4.6	0	9
Chris Brawley	3	18	6.0	0	8

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tyler Gaus	52	2117	40.7	12	33.1	2	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kenny Byrd	**33-38**	**4-4**	**5-5**	**4-5**	**0-1**	**13-15**	**46**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mike Mohoric	85	4	3.5	4	0
Aleem Harris	67	0	0	3	2
Quincy Black	**63**	**1.5**	**2**	**5**	**1**
Cody Kase	**62**	**5.5**	**6**	**1**	**0**
DeAndre Wright	**46**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**1**
Blake Ligon	**44**	**0**	**4**	**3**	**0**
Evroy Thompson	40	5	4.5	1	0
Gabriel Fulbright	39	0	0	3	5
Jerrell Malone	36	0	0	3	0
Joe Selander	30	2	0	0	0
Adam Garday	27	4	2.5	0	0
Ken West	26	2	2	3	0
Marcus Parker	24	2.5	5.5	2	0
Michael Tuohy	**24**	**3.5**	**1**	**1**	**1**
OJ Swift	**19**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Tyson Ditmore	**17**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**
Mike Powdrell	12	0	0	0	3
Stephen Hutchison	**11**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Justin Clayton	**11**	**0**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Gabriel Fulbright	22	169	7.7	0
Zach Arnett	**1**	**19**	**19.0**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Gabriel Fulbright	17	333	19.6	0
Marcus Smith	**7**	**133**	**19.0**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
61	Aviation	NL	Western Michigan	28-12	–
97	Insight.com	+9'	Arizona	14-20	W
02	Las Vegas	+10'	UCLA	13-27	L
03	Las Vegas	+2	Oregon St	14-55	L
04	Emerald	-3	Navy	19-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

New Mexico's All-Time SU Bowl Record 2-6-1

NEW MEXICO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	29.6	23	200	4.2	197	60.1	13.4	-1	2005	4	29.7	19	131	3.7	254	57.4	13.0
5	20.3	16	179	4.1	119	44.8	14.7	+9	2004	4	18.7	20	108	2.8	215	55.6	17.3
10*	30.1	20	210	4.4	191	52.4	13.3	+5	2003	7	22.3	19	86	2.6	248	56.6	15.0
5*	24.4	17	179	4.2	146	54.5	13.3	+2	2002	6	25.6	17	115	3.1	218	54.0	13.0
7*	27.6	19	190	4.1	186	42.6	13.6	0	2001	4	22.1	16	87	2.5	223	51.2	14.1
6*	19.1	15	148	3.2	119	51.9	14.0	+8	2000	6	20.8	17	115	3.2	194	50.9	14.9

2005 STATS BY GAME

NM 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	UNLV	19	39 - 87	2.2	20 - 29	288	1	14	29 - 108	3.7	19 - 31	255	1	+1
–	at Missouri	24	45 - 202	4.5	15 - 27	229	0	35	50 - 242	4.8	32 - 55	248	2	+3
–	New Mexico St	22	52 - 314	6.0	14 - 22	170	0	17	34 - 98	2.9	14 - 32	263	6	+2
–	at UTEP	17	43 - 149	3.5	15 - 25	136	3	16	31 - 70	2.3	16 - 31	178	2	0
–	at TCU	24	45 - 175	3.9	25 - 44	245	4	13	34 - 272	8.0	16 - 28	192	0	-5
–	BYU	28	45 - 244	5.4	18 - 28	218	0	27	30 - 93	3.1	34 - 44	371	4	0
–	at Wyoming	24	66 - 237	3.6	13 - 22	118	1	17	19 - 93	4.9	19 - 35	214	1	0
–	at San Diego St	33	63 - 286	4.5	21 - 32	248	0	15	25 - 94	3.8	15 - 35	197	3	+1
–	Colorado St	16	39 - 191	4.9	14 - 23	160	2	19	41 - 31	0.8	20 - 26	312	5	-4
–	at Utah	16	44 - 88	2.0	16 - 30	197	6	19	32 - 60	1.9	18 - 41	381	9	+3
–	Air Force	24	46 - 227	4.9	16 - 29	162	2	21	59 - 278	4.7	11 - 15	186	3	-2
TOTALS		247	527 - 2200	4.2	187 - 311	2171	19	213	384 - 1439	3.7	214 - 373	2797	36	-1
AVERAGES		22.5	48 - 200	4.2	17 - 28	197	1.7	19.4	35 - 131	3.7	19 - 34	254	3.3	-0.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	-2'	26-6	W
at Texas Tech	+12	30-42	T
at Baylor	-4'	13-16 OT	L
at Utah	+8	16-37	L
at Wyoming	-3	30-29	L
BYU - #18	+14	20-24	W
Air Force	-2'	52-33	W
at San Diego St	-2	20-15	W
UNLV	-2'	27-17	W
Colorado St	-3	17-24	L
New Mexico St	-10'	53-0	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at NC State	+13'	14-34	L
Weber St	NL	38-24	–
at Air Force	+6'	31-38	L
Baylor	-9'	23-0	W
at New Mexico St	-6	13-24	L
Texas Tech	+8	0-49	L
at UNLV	+8	25-16	W
at Utah St	-2	44-45 OT	L
Utah	+6'	42-35 OT	W
San Diego St	-5	15-8	W
at BYU	+4'	20-16	W
at Colorado St - #20	+16'	14-22	W
Wyoming	-8	49-20	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas State	NL	72-8	–
at Texas Tech	+13'	28-42	L
BYU	+2'	7-10	L
at Washington St - #24	+15	13-23	W
New Mexico St	-10	24-17	L
Utah St	-14	34-7	W
at San Diego St	-1/2	30-7	W
at Utah - #24	+8	47-35	W
UNLV	-9'	35-37	L
Colorado St	+1	37-34	W
Air Force	-4	24-12	W
at Wyoming	-8'	26-3	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington St	+3'	17-21	L
Texas Tech	+3'	27-24	W
at Oregon St	+13'	7-17	W
at New Mexico St	-6	38-3	W
Utah - #14	+10	7-28	L
at Air Force	+3'	23-28	L
at UNLV	+2	24-20	W
San Diego St	-4'	19-9	W
at Colorado St	+2	26-17	W
at BYU	+6'	21-14	W
Wyoming	-8'	16-9	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UNLV	-15	24-22	L
at Missouri	+10'	45-35	W
New Mexico St	-21'	38-21	L
at UTEP	+2'	13-21	L
at TCU	+1'	28-49	L
BYU	-7'	24-27	L
at Wyoming	+6'	27-24	W
at San Diego St	+3	47-24	W
Colorado St	-6	25-35	L
at Utah	+6	31-27	W
Air Force	-12	24-42	L

CONFERENCE USA

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 CUSA TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Kevin Kolb, Houston	Jordan Palmer, UTEP	Lester Ricard, Tulane	Steven Moffett, UCF
RB	Ahmad Bradshaw, Marshall	Kevin Smith, UCF	Chris Johnson, E Carolina	Matt Forte, Tulane
RB	Marcus Thomas, UTEP	DeMyron Martin, SMU	Quinton Smith, Rice	Joseph Doss, Memphis
WR	Johnnie Lee Higgins, UTEP	Hiram Moore, Marshall	Preston Brown, Tulane	Idris Moss, Tulsa
WR	Aundrae Allison, E Carolina	Vincent Marshall, Houston	Josh Barnes, S Miss	Ryan Scott, Memphis
WR	Mike Walker, UCF	Bobby Chase, SMU	Donnie Avery, Houston	Norris Drinkard, UAB
TE	Shawn Nelson, S Miss	Jamar Hunt, UTEP	Ryan Kennedy, SMU	Jerome Landry, Tulane
C	Doug Legursky, Marshall	Cedric Gagne-Marcoux, UCF	Sterling Doty, Houston	Robby Felix, UTEP
G	Quinton Harris, UAB	Travis Cooley, S Miss	Michael Parenton, Tulane	Adam Truitt, UAB
G	George Batiste, S Miss	Blake Butler, Memphis	Jon Hameister-Ries, Tulsa	John Inman, Marshall
T	Julius Wilson, UAB	Willie Henderson, Memphis	Eric Graham, E Carolina	Brandon Pearce, Memphis
T	Jeff Perrett, Tulsa	Cornelius Rogers, UAB	SirVincent Rogers, Houston	Mike Mengers, Tulsa
DL	Marcus Hands, E Carolina	Jermaine McElveen, UAB	Alex Obomese, UTEP	Cody Pree, Houston
DL	Marquay Love, Houston	Sean Merrill, S Miss	Terrel Nemons, Tulsa	Bryan Gabourel, UCF
DL	Zach West, UTEP	Adrian Haywood, SMU	Keith Shologan, UCF	Brandon Setzer, E Carolina
DL	Larry McSwain, UAB	Justin Rogers, SMU	Shauntae Hunt, E Carolina	Chadd Evans, Tulsa
LB	Nelson Coleman, Tulsa	Josh Johnson, Marshall	Chris Chamberlain, Tulsa	Gerald McRath, S Miss
LB	Jeremy Jones, UTEP	Troy Collavo, UTEP	Marcus Raines, S Miss	Greg Hinds, Memphis
LB	Nick Bunting, Tulsa	Brendan Pahulu, Houston	Cody Lubojasky, Houston	Alain Karatepeyan, Tulsa
LB	Wade Koehl, Houston	Matt Couch, Marshall	Orlandus King, UAB	Trent Allen, Houston
CB	Nick Graham, Tulsa	Brandon McDonald, Memphis	Caleb Hendrix, S Miss	Jamaal Rufus, Memphis
CB	Joe Burnett, UCF	Willie Gaston, Houston	Johnell Neal, UCF	Jeremy Foreman, Tulane
SS	Joe Sturdivant, SMU	Brandon Sumrall, S Miss	Curtis Keyes, Marshall	Joe Fleskoski, UTEP
FS	Wesley Smith, Memphis	Bobby Blackshire, Tulsa	Quinton Demps, UTEP	Jason Venson, UCF
K	Robert Lee, E Carolina	Darren McCaleb, S Miss	Reagan Schneider, UTEP	Luke Juist, Rice
P	Michael Gibson, Memphis	Ryan Dougherty, E Carolina	Jared Scruggs, Rice	Chris Beckman, Tulane
KR	Jessie Henderson, SMU	Chubb Small, Marshall	Johnnie Lee Higgins, UTEP	Israel Route, Tulane
PR	Joe Burnett, UCF	Travis Williams, E Carolina	Johnnie Lee Higgins, UTEP	Fred Smith, Tulane

E Carolina
WR Aundrae Allison

S Mississippi
#70 RG George Batiste

UAB
DE Jermaine McElveen

Rice
P Jared Scruggs

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 CUSA FORECAST

CUSA WEST 1. HOUSTON - The Cougars had the best mark in CUSA last year outgaining foes by 88.2 ypg despite their 4-4 league record. As long as QB Kolb stays healthy, they have one of the most potent offenses and the defense has improved as well. They also have the best schedule of the West as they get to host both Tulsa and UTEP. They are playing S Miss on the road which may have them behind in the standings but if they knock off UTEP at home, even though I forecast a tie for the top, that would put them in the CUSA Title game.

1. UTEP - The top three teams in the CUSA West are almost all equal in strength and the Miners have the worst schedule of the three having to play both Houston and Tulsa on the road. Even with that said, if UTEP can avoid the injuries of last year, they are the most talented team in CUSA and capable of winning in those venues. They were -10 in turnovers and have my #1 offense and #4 defense in the league. They also have 29 seniors and will likely need to win in Houston to appear in the CUSA Title game.

3. TULSA - Picking Tulsa 3rd in the CUSA West was an extremely difficult choice. The Golden Hurricane have my #1 rated D in the conf and the #3 rated offense. One of my 7 sets of power ratings even calls for Tulsa to go unbeaten this season. They must face Houston on the road but get UTEP at home. My Turnovers=Turnaround article (pg 312) is one of the reasons for this surprisingly low pick as they benefitted from +19 in TO's last year and probably will not have the same good fortune this season.

4. SMU - For the first time since the return from the Death Penalty, SMU managed to avoid a losing season in league play finishing at 4-4 but were outgained by 55.6 ypg despite that record. Offense will be the key for SMU this year as they have 8 starters back from a below average unit but it should be the best in the Bennett era so far. The defense is solid and if SMU duplicates last year's CUSA record, due to their softer non-conf slate, they will finish with their 1st winning record since 1997.

5. TULANE - Tulane might have had a winning season last year if not for the Hurricane which disrupted their practices and saw them not play a single "home game" the entire year. The Greenies were -12 in turnovers and wore down in the 2H due to the distractions and poor conditioning. I expect QB Ricard to return to 2004's form and Tulane's offense to be potent. They do get both SMU and Rice at home which means a 4th place finish in this division is quite possible. While I do expect Tulane to be a vastly improved team, especially getting to play some home games, the fact they have just 11 returning starters (fewest in league) has me only calling for a minor improvement in the standings.

6. RICE - Rice has the most veteran team in the league with 18 returning starters and were -17 in turnovers which are very good signs for improvement. As we have seen with teams like Neb, Syr, and NMSt the last few years, switching from an option offense to a pass offense generally is a 3 to 4 year process and the teams struggle mightily in their first year of the switch. Rice already had a lot of ground to make up as they were outgained by a league worst 76 ypg in CUSA play last year.

CUSA EAST 1. UCF - UCF did benefit from +12 in turnovers and 3 net close wins. George O'Leary even mentioned in the spring that they won a lot of close games last year and might not have been as good as their 8-5 record. I didn't make a lot of friends in Huntington or Greenville last year when I picked UCF (0-11 in '04) to finish ahead of both Marshall and E Carolina last season. This year's UCF team has 17 returning starters and they do not draw UTEP or Tulsa from the West. They also get a key game vs S Miss at home. While they probably will not be as fortunate as last year in terms of turnovers and injuries. With a veteran QB and solid schedule, they should return to the CUSA Title game.

2. S MISSISSIPPI - A couple of troubling notes about S Miss is the fact they benefitted from +14 in turnovers last year and despite their 5-3 record in conference play, were actually outgained by 38 ypg. A look at the previous 3 years shows that they normally are outgained in league play but still finished with a winning record. Provided they stay healthy, S Miss will have the type of outstanding defense you would expect from the Golden Eagles. They are a bonafide contender here in the East but they do have to play UCF on the road and draw 2 of the top 3 teams from the CUSA East (Tulsa, Houston) while UCF draws just one. Talent-wise they are equal to UCF but have the together schedule.

3. UAB - Last year UAB had the most talented team in CUSA but somehow did not win the Title. In fact, UAB underachieved so much that when they were upset by EC in the finale, they did not even get to a bowl. Despite that mark, they actually outgained league foes by 60.2 ypg (3rd best). UAB has a lot of good things going for it this year. They had 5 net close losses last season (see page 299) and their 51 lettermen returning are #1 in the league. They do not draw Houston or Tulsa from the CUSA West and get winnable road games vs Rice and SMU. I look for UAB's defense to more resemble the Steel Shield units of 2000 and 2001 as the offense returns to a more conservative style. UAB has the schedule and the defense to surprise.

4. MARSHALL - Marshall outperformed my expectations last year thanks to winning some close games. They actually trailed in all 11 games including their IAA foe but somehow managed 3 wins. Last year's team only had 5 returning starters and a coach that did not take over until after the spring. This year Marshall is one of the most improved teams in the NCAA and have my #2 rated defense in the league. They do not draw Tulsa or Houston out of the CUSA West giving them a favorable schedule and a shot at bowl eligibility.

4. EAST CAROLINA - EC did a great job last year attaining a 4-4 conf record despite being outscored by 38 points in league play and did benefit from +2 net close wins. They are a stronger team on both offense and defense and do not have to face UTEP or Houston from the West. This year's EC team is stronger than 2005 and could surprise but likely will not top last year's 4 wins in CUSA play.

6. MEMPHIS - The East is an extremely difficult conf to pick as I mentioned in the CUSA Notes below as all 6 teams are very close in talent. The schedule did have a profound impact on my forecast. Memphis is the ONLY team from the East that draws the toughest 3 teams from the West (Houston, UTEP, Tulsa). Their home schedule in the league is also against most of the top teams with most of their winnable games being on the road. Another disturbing fact is that Memphis was actually outgained by 40.2 ypg in league play despite their 5-3 record and now lose their QB and star RB. The schedule is the key to this unexpectedly low finish despite having the 6th best talent in the league!

CUSA Notes: UTEP was regarded as the best team in CUSA for most of the year until they dropped their last 2 and didn't play in the Title game. It was very surprising at the end of the year that not a single Miner made 1st Tm CUSA. This year my power ratings make for an interesting CUSA. My top 3 teams in CUSA all reside in the West in Houston, UTEP and Tulsa but the bottom 3 teams also reside in the West making that division a little easier to call than the East. One key factor in my East ratings is who drew the toughest schedule from the West and that is Memphis, the only team that has to play Houston, UTEP and Tulsa. CUSA was 15-21 in non-conf games but just 2-19 vs BCS foes. They were 3-3 in bowl games and had 7 players drafted. The conference could even add to that bowl total this year as the Birmingham Bowl (Dec 23) is a new bowl game and has a CUSA affiliation.

2005 CUSA vs CUSA OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
42	Houston	30.1	4	467.5	2	177.8	4	4.3	5	289.8	3	62.5	1	15.5	3	19	10	19	10
51	UAB	29.4	6	450.5	3	150.0	7	4.6	3	300.5	2	61.2	5	15.3	5	15	5	14	5
55	Tulsa	34.5	1	411.9	5	163.5	5	4.4	4	248.4	6	61.5	4	11.9	12	10	1	16	7
56	UTEP	33.6	2	475.1	1	134.3	8	4.1	8	340.9	1	60.8	6	14.1	8	30	12	21	11
67	Memphis	25.9	7	388.3	7	273.4	1	5.3	1	114.9	11	57.3	7	15.0	6	10	1	5	1
71	UCF	30.6	3	421.0	4	189.0	3	4.1	7	232.0	8	61.7	3	13.7	10	11	3	15	6
76	E Carolina	24.3	9	411.6	6	151.3	6	4.2	6	260.4	4	61.7	2	17.0	2	16	7	12	4
87	S Miss	29.8	5	367.8	9	108.6	11	3.4	11	259.1	5	56.1	8	12.4	11	12	4	5	1
90	Rice	25.1	8	370.5	8	260.5	2	4.7	2	110.0	12	42.9	12	14.7	7	22	11	10	3
95	SMU	22.1	10	311.8	12	134.1	9	3.6	10	177.6	10	54.7	10	14.1	9	15	5	22	12
103	Marshall	16.9	12	327.8	11	132.3	10	3.9	9	195.5	9	55.1	9	19.4	1	16	7	16	7
104	Tulane	21.4	11	330.0	10	94.4	12	2.9	12	235.6	7	52.1	11	15.4	4	18	9	17	9

2005 CUSA vs CUSA DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
48	Tulsa	22.5	2	354.3	2	148.8	4	4.05	5	205.5	3	54.8	2	15.7	8	23	2	18	2
64	SMU	22.0	1	367.4	3	115.8	1	3.02	1	251.6	9	58.9	8	16.7	10	19	5	16	4
66	Marshall	24.9	4	330.1	1	148.0	3	3.65	2	182.1	1	56.4	5	13.3	3	12	9	15	6
76	Memphis	25.1	5	428.5	11	131.5	2	3.76	3	297.0	12	55.3	3	17.1	11	15	6	10	10
79	S Miss	22.8	3	405.8	7	161.0	6	3.94	4	244.8	8	60.5	10	17.8	12	21	3	22	1
80	Houston	27.3	8	379.3	4	167.9	7	4.13	7	211.4	5	51.5	1	13.9	5	21	3	10	10
83	UTEP	29.5	10	406.5	8	190.9	10	4.31	8	215.6	6	56.2	4	13.8	4	15	6	16	4
87	UAB	26.5	7	390.3	6	169.0	8	4.10	6	221.3	7	61.7	11	14.7	7	14	8	11	9
90	E Carolina	29.0	9	418.0	9	212.3	12	4.99	11	205.8	4	59.0	9	14.4	6	11	10	13	8
92	UCF	25.5	6	418.1	10	152.8	5	5.01	12	265.4	10	56.7	7	16.4	9	25	1	18	2
100	Tulane	32.1	11	389.0	5	194.1	11	4.64	9	194.9	2	56.7	6	12.1	1	8	12	15	6
113	Rice	36.5	12	446.5	12	177.1	9	4.69	10	269.4	11	67.1	12	12.2	2	10	11	8	12

UTEP
WR Johnnie Lee Higgins

Houston
QB Kevin Kolb

2005 CUSA STANDINGS

EAST	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2005	2004	2003
UCF	7	1	245	204	8	5	373	373	+2.9	-85.7	-83.5
Memphis	5	3	207	201	7	5	326	276	-40.2	+40.1	+151.3
S Mississippi	5	3	238	182	7	5	355	272	-38.0	-21.1	-39.6
E Carolina	4	4	194	232	5	6	267	317	-6.4	-128.8	-87.7
UAB	3	5	235	212	5	6	307	264	+60.2	-10.9	-9.6
Marshall	3	5	135	199	4	7	204	285	-2.3	+150.1	+182.5
WEST	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**2005**	**2004**	**2003**
Tulsa	6	2	276	180	9	4	430	305	+57.6	-68.7	+57.4
UTEP	5	3	269	236	8	4	382	311	+68.6	+14.3	-78.4
Houston	4	4	241	218	6	6	337	324	+88.2	+20.1	+36.6
SMU	4	4	177	176	5	6	229	280	-55.6	-88.1	-138.7
Tulane	1	7	171	257	2	9	234	348	-59.0	-107.5	-75.1
Rice	1	7	201	292	1	10	241	447	-76.0	+74.0	+39.9

Coach of the Year: George O'Leary, UCF

2004 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Louisville	8	0	453	155	11	1	597	236
Memphis	5	3	276	254	8	4	430	375
UAB	5	3	242	231	7	5	372	351
Cincinnati	5	3	254	234	7	5	344	320
S Miss	5	3	238	218	7	5	309	298
TCU	3	5	235	258	5	6	362	373
Tulane	3	5	212	304	5	6	300	361
USF	3	5	233	267	4	7	271	351
Houston	3	5	197	243	3	8	230	354
Army	2	6	222	275	2	9	260	388
E Carolina	2	6	177	300	2	9	231	439

Coach of the Year: Bobby Petrino, L'ville

2003 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
S Miss	8	0	226	117	9	4	293	226
TCU	7	1	269	202	11	2	380	276
Louisville	5	3	289	242	9	4	450	361
Memphis	5	3	217	138	9	4	393	250
USF	5	3	177	160	7	4	276	224
Houston	4	4	286	301	7	6	448	468
UAB	4	4	189	190	5	7	245	287
Tulane	3	5	244	274	5	7	337	424
Cincinnati	2	6	190	216	5	7	303	319
E Carolina	1	7	174	280	1	11	217	428
Army	0	8	127	268	0	13	206	476

Coach of the Year: Jeff Bower, S Miss

SMU
KR Jessie Henderson

S Mississippi
DB Jasper Faulk

2005 CONFERENCE USA LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Paul Smith, Tulsa	**364**	**227**	**62.4**	**6**	**2847**	**7.8**	**20**	**142.9**
Darrell Hackney, UAB	386	242	62.7	12	3180	8.2	22	144.5
Jordan Palmer, UTEP	**434**	**258**	**59.4**	**19**	**3503**	**8.1**	**29**	**140.5**
Steven Moffett, UCF	**375**	**223**	**59.5**	**9**	**2925**	**7.8**	**22**	**139.5**
Kevin Kolb, Houston	**420**	**254**	**60.5**	**15**	**3258**	**7.8**	**19**	**133.4**
James Pinkney, E Car	**366**	**222**	**60.7**	**8**	**2773**	**7.6**	**14**	**132.5**
Dustin Almond, S Miss	394	216	54.8	12	2860	7.3	23	129.0
Jerad Romo, SMU	281	154	54.8	7	1768	6.3	9	113.2
Lester Ricard, Tulane	**323**	**166**	**51.4**	**12**	**1932**	**6.0**	**16**	**110.6**
Bernard Morris, Marshall	**216**	**114**	**52.8**	**6**	**1121**	**5.2**	**6**	**100.0**
Chase Clement, Rice	**124**	**53**	**42.7**	**6**	**582**	**4.7**	**5**	**85.8**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

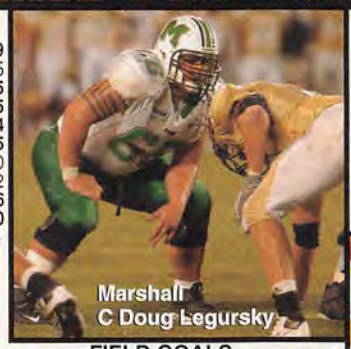
	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Garrett Mills, Tulsa	13	87	1235	9	95.0	6.7	14.2
Aundrae Allison, E Carolina	**11**	**83**	**1024**	**7**	**93.1**	**7.5**	**12.3**
Brandon Marshall, UCF	13	74	1195	11	91.9	5.7	16.1
Reggie Lindsey, UAB	11	53	978	11	88.9	4.8	18.5
Vincent Marshall, Houston	**12**	**71**	**939**	**6**	**78.3**	**5.9**	**13.2**
Mike Walker, UCF	**11**	**64**	**855**	**9**	**77.7**	**5.8**	**13.4**
Chris Francies, UTEP	10	44	774	5	77.4	4.4	17.6
Johnnie Lee Higgins Jr, UTEP	**12**	**49**	**837**	**9**	**69.8**	**4.1**	**17.1**
Preston Brown, Tulane	**11**	**47**	**720**	**6**	**65.5**	**4.3**	**15.3**
Jhun Cook, UAB	11	42	653	2	59.4	3.8	15.5

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
DeAngelo Williams, Memphis	11	310	1964	6.3	18	178.5
Ahmad Bradshaw, Marshall	**11**	**214**	**997**	**4.7**	**9**	**90.6**
Kevin Smith, UCF	**13**	**249**	**1178**	**4.7**	**9**	**90.6**
Ryan Gilbert, Houston	12	170	1037	6.1	9	86.4
Quinton Smith, Rice	**11**	**140**	**902**	**6.4**	**5**	**82.0**
DeMyron Martin, SMU	**11**	**185**	**854**	**4.6**	**7**	**77.6**
Marcus Thomas, UTEP	**11**	**149**	**791**	**5.3**	**5**	**71.9**
Uril Parrish, Tulsa	12	179	775	4.3	9	64.6
Chris Johnson, E Carolina	**11**	**176**	**684**	**3.9**	**6**	**62.2**
Matt Forte, Tulane	**11**	**169**	**655**	**3.9**	**4**	**59.5**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Darrell Hackney, UAB	11	51	105	386	3180	3285	298.6
Kevin Kolb, Houston	**12**	**104**	**200**	**420**	**3258**	**3458**	**288.2**
Jordan Palmer, UTEP	**12**	**56**	**-50**	**434**	**3503**	**3453**	**287.8**
James Pinkney, E Car	**11**	**95**	**193**	**366**	**2773**	**2966**	**269.6**
Paul Smith, Tulsa	**13**	**111**	**258**	**364**	**2847**	**3105**	**238.8**
Steven Moffett, UCF	**13**	**96**	**93**	**375**	**2925**	**3018**	**232.2**
Dustin Almond, S Miss	12	36	-97	394	2860	2763	230.3
Lester Ricard, Tulane	**10**	**36**	**-104**	**323**	**1932**	**1828**	**182.8**
DeAngelo Williams, Mem	11	310	1964	1	0	1964	178.5
Jerad Romo, SMU	11	103	174	281	1768	1942	176.5


Marshall
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FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Darren McCaleb, S Miss	**12**	**23**	**28**	**82.1**	**47**
Stephen Gostkowski, Mem	12	22	25	88.0	53
Chris McMurtray, SMU	11	18	22	81.8	49
Robert Lee, E Carolina	**11**	**17**	**19**	**89.5**	**51**
Reagan Schneider, UTEP	**12**	**18**	**23**	**78.3**	**49**
Brad DeVault, Tulsa	13	18	21	85.7	52
Matt Prater, UCF	13	17	26	65.4	49
Parker Mullins, UAB	**11**	**14**	**18**	**77.8**	**41**
Ben Bell, Houston	**12**	**8**	**12**	**66.7**	**36**
Ian O'Connor, Marshall	**11**	**7**	**14**	**50.0**	**44**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Luke Johnson, S Miss	12	53	2378	44.9
Michael Gibson, Memphis	**12**	**59**	**2632**	**44.6**
Jared Scruggs, Rice	**11**	**48**	**2056**	**42.8**
Aaron Horne, UCF	**13**	**52**	**2197**	**42.3**
Chris Beckman, Tulane	**9**	**53**	**2166**	**40.9**
Ryan Mentzel, SMU	11	60	2450	40.8
Ryan Dougherty, E Car	**11**	**58**	**2368**	**40.8**
Justin Laird, Houston	**11**	**47**	**1858**	**39.5**
Ryan Hotchkiss, UTEP	**10**	**45**	**1739**	**38.6**
Parker Mullins, UAB	**11**	**44**	**1698**	**38.6**

UAB
RT Julius Wilson

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Kevis Coley, S Miss	12	81	69	150	12.5
Anthony Cannon, Tulane	10	60	54	114	11.4
Jeremy Jones, UTEP	**12**	**63**	**68**	**131**	**10.8**
Joe Sturdivant, SMU	**11**	**63**	**49**	**112**	**10.2**
Dennis Thornton, Marshall	**11**	**39**	**65**	**104**	**9.5**
Troy Collavo, UTEP	**12**	**49**	**63**	**112**	**9.3**
Trevis Coley, S Miss	12	69	41	109	9.1
Nelson Coleman, Tulsa	**13**	**71**	**46**	**117**	**9.0**
Matt Couch, Marshall	**11**	**48**	**57**	**97**	**8.8**
Curtis Keyes, Marshall	**10**	**39**	**49**	**88**	**8.8**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Paul Carrington, UCF	9	48
Justin Rogers, SMU	**7**	**54**
Alex Obomese, UTEP	**6.5**	**50**
Nick Bunting, Tulsa	**5**	**45**
Carlton Baker, Memphis	5	40
Adrian Haywood, SMU	**5**	**32**
Kevis Coley, S Miss	5	30
Robert Henderson, S Miss	**5**	**28**
Chris Moore, E Carolina	4.5	42
Chris Chamberlain, Tulsa	**4.5**	**29**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Chris Moore, E Carolina	17	64
Troy Collavo, UTEP	**14.5**	**49**
Jeremy Jones, UTEP	**14.0**	**63**
Anthony Germany, Tulsa	**13.5**	**65**
Kevis Coley, S Miss	13	49
Paul Carrington, UCF	12.5	56
Ernest Respress, UAB	12.5	39
Anthony Cannon, Tulane	12.5	44
Tim Goodwell, Memphis	11	44

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Joe Burnett, UCF	**28**	**463**	**2**	**16.5**
Israel Route, Tulane	**18**	**181**	**0**	**10.1**
Blake Warren, SMU	**21**	**206**	**0**	**9.8**
Johnnie Lee Higgins Jr, UTEP	**18**	**170**	**0**	**9.4**
Jasper Faulk, S Miss	**22**	**166**	**0**	**7.5**
Travis Williams, E Carolina	**14**	**104**	**0**	**7.4**
Brandon King, Rice	**14**	**80**	**0**	**5.7**
Reggie Lindsey, UAB	15	77	0	5.1
Brandon McDonald, Memphis	**32**	**153**	**0**	**4.8**
Chubb Small, Marshall	**15**	**56**	**0**	**3.7**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Jessie Henderson, SMU	**24**	**663**	**1**	**27.6**
Chubb Small, Marshall	**21**	**544**	**1**	**25.9**
John Eubanks, S Miss	28	678	0	24.2
Ashlan Davis, Tulsa	33	767	1	23.2
Johnnie Lee Higgins Jr, UTEP	**20**	**448**	**0**	**22.4**
Norris Drinkard, UAB	**15**	**336**	**0**	**22.4**
Joseph Doss, Memphis	**19**	**423**	**0**	**22.3**
Israel Route, Tulane	**23**	**512**	**1**	**22.3**
Chris Johnson, E Car	**21**	**459**	**0**	**21.9**
Ricky Wilson, Houston	**18**	**390**	**0**	**21.7**

UCF
TB Kevin Smith

UAB
DE Larry McSwain

Tulsa
DB Nick Graham

PHIL'S CUSA UNIT RANKING

East Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
S Miss	9	9	5	7	4	3	6	4	1
Memphis	7	9	7	3	11	6	3	5	2
E Carolina	6	6	3	10	7	11	6	2	9
UAB	12	5	10	1	2	7	9	7	7
Marshall	8	2	4	4	8	3	10	3	11
UCF	3	3	7	4	9	8	5	6	5
West Division	**QB**	**RB**	**REC**	**OL**	**DL**	**LB**	**DB**	**ST**	**CH**
UTEP	2	1	2	9	1	3	4	1	2
Rice	10	8	12	7	12	10	8	8	12
SMU	10	6	9	11	2	9	11	11	10
Tulsa	5	4	10	2	4	1	1	11	4
Tulane	4	11	6	11	4	12	11	9	7
Houston	1	11	1	6	9	1	2	10	6

HOUSTON COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

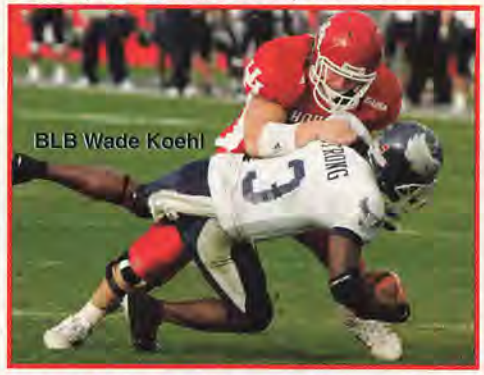
QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 Houston's top two returning QB's never made it to August and true frosh Kevin Kolb (PS#51) took charge. Kolb (pronounced Cobb) had extensive knowledge of Briles' offense as he played at the same HS that Briles coached and that was the key in him winning the starting job. Kolb simply led all freshmen in the NCAA in completions, attempts, yards, TD's and even more importantly, wins. Ironically, Kolb's first TD came on a wishbone run vs Rice. Against TCU he became just the fourth QB in NCAA history to top 400 yards passing and 100 rushing in a single game. He threw for 3,131 (61.1%) with a 25-6 ratio and also set a CUSA record for int % (1.67%). Houston took on a tough schedule in '04 including three Top 10 opponents and Kolb's numbers dropped to 2,766 (56.1%) with an 11-6 ratio (354 rush). Kendal Briles (PS#22) who is Art's son and a Texas transfer was a backup QB and WR. Kolb, in his 3rd year as a starter, regained his 2003 form throwing for 3,258 (60.5%) with a 19-15 ratio and was the team's #3 rusher. Briles got in one pass as a backup as Kolb remained healthy all year. Kolb (NCAA leading 36 straight QB sts) is backed by rFr Clint Walraven (6-1 175, PS#106) and Blake Joseph (6-1 195, PS#265) as well as three true frosh. Kolb already owns the UH career total offense mark (9,752), topping David Klinger (9,327), and should have his best season as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Joffrey Reynolds set a CUSA record for rushing yards in a single season (1,545). He was a big loss in 2003 and a rare VHT Anthony Evans (PS#28) took over the final 5 games and rushed for 1,149 (4.9). They also had Jackie Battle who former HC Dimel called "a 220 lb Emmitt Smith" and he rushed for 560 (5.5). In 2004 they added LSU VHT transfer Ryan Gilbert (PS#39) but unfortunately injuries hurt the unit. Evans was not 100% the first two games but had 282 vs Army. He then strained a calf and missed two. When the top 4 RB's were injured, true frosh Harold Taylor (PS#300) was forced to play. In just eight games Evans rushed for 788 (5.2) while Gilbert added 332 (4.0). Last year they had to replace their top two FB's but appeared in great shape. Unfortunately Evans was injured in the opener and he had just 5 starts and only 178 yards (4.0). Gilbert took over the feature role and topped 1,000 with a nifty 6.1 ypc while Battle got in 3 starts (408, 3.8) and Taylor had 77 (3.8). This year they lose both VHT's in Evans and Gilbert. Added to the mix are Roshawn Pope (PS#66) who had four starts at DB and 91 tackles in 3 years, Chris Mitchell (6-0 215 rFr, PS#324LB) who moved to FB and this year's true frosh. While this group has potential as Battle is in the best shape of his career, it will be tough to match Gilbert's production.

RECEIVERS - The Cougars had an outstanding offense in 2003 thanks to their game-breaking WR Brandon Middleton, who averaged an amazing 22.7 on 55 rec's with 14 TD's. They penciled in two players to take his place including a VHT but both were lost over the 2004 summer so they lacked a true breakaway WR. Vincent Marshall (60 rec '03) became just the 8th UH WR to top 1,000 yards in a season improving from 13.5 to 17.0 (61 rec). Backup QB/WR Kendal Briles was Kolb's favorite target early and despite playing in just six games due to injury, he was #2 (25). Those two returned last year and they brought in PS#68JC Jeron Harvey (6'5"). Marshall had 71 (13.2). Briles was once again finished #2 but this time played in 12 games (7 st) and had 45 (8.2). Donnie Avery who started 11 as a rFr (18 rec) was #3 with 44 (15.6). TE Blade Bassler (PS#46QB) had 2 starts and 14 (16.4) and Harvey added 14 (18.4). This year they must replace Bassler, Briles, TE John McGilvray (3 st, 4 rec) and WR Josh Carethers (1 rec). Vincent Marshall needs just 557 yds for the school's receiving yard record. Five players return with starting experience and they also add in Arizona transfer Biren Ealy (PS#54) and Kansas transfer TE Josh Bell (PS#27) and Barry Larid (6-5 215 rFr, PS#106) so this is a deep and very experienced group that is one of CUSA's best.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Cougars had to replace 3 starters from the productive 2003 O-line (4.3 ypc, 24 sk). One of the returning starters was lost in Wk 4 and true frosh SirVincent Rogers started 8. Due to the inexperience, the totals dropped to 3.3 ypc with 44 sacks allowed. Last year they had to replace one starter but returning RG Byron Alfred (10 st) and RT Jeff Akeroyd (1 st) suffered knee injuries and both played in just one game. The OL paved the way for 4.2 ypc and after allowing just two sacks to an excellent Oregon D-line, yielded just 29 (6.9%) on the year. This year they lose RG David Douglas (12 st, 3rd Tm CUSA, 2 yr st'r), LG Roy Swan (12 st, 3 yr st'r) and LT James Hong (1 gm). The 2nd string consisted of 4 rFr. This year 8 of the top 10 return and should be just as strong as the 2005 version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cougars had an experienced defensive front in 2004 but still allowed 4.7 ypc rushing while the team had just 17 sacks. Last year they moved from the 4-3 to the 3-4 and had to replace 4 players who combined for 21 starts. They did have their star, Kade Lane back for his 4th year as a starter and he earned 2nd Tm CUSA honors. The Cougars showed some improvement but still allowed 4.6 ypc with just 17 sacks. This year they lose DE Lane (12 st, 29 tkl), DE DJ Johnson (17 tkl), NT Gerard Richard (4 st, 17 tkl) and DE Tate Stewart (2 st, 21 tkl). Three of the top six are back. NT Marquay Love is athletic, and while he does not put up big stats, he is a key to the 3-4 and should thrive under new DL coach Tony Fitzpatrick who was a NT at Miami Fl and in the pros. Even with the loss of their top guy, I look for improved numbers in the 2nd year of the 3-4.



LINEBACKERS - The Cougars actually played a 4-2-5 defense in 2002 but moved to a 4-3 in 2003 and a 3-4 in 2005. Last year they appeared to only lose two players who combined for 5 starts. Lance Everson, their top defensive player, led the team in tackles in 2003 & '04, unfortunately he missed last year with an injury. RFr Cody Lubojasky started all 12 in his place and was a 1st Tm CUSA Frosh. UH improved from allowing 32.2 ppg to 27.0 ppg. This year they lose BLB Todd Cox (36 tkl, 2 tfl), SLB James Fitch (12 tkl) and Everson (1 tkl). With all four starters and six players overall with starting experience back, this looks to be a much improved corps and they even add Baylor transfer James Francis (PS#133DB).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cougars finished #76 in my pass D rankings in 2003. In 2004 they had to replace two starters and were #82. Last year they had to replace CB Stanford Routt (#2DC OAK) and then lost outstanding FS Will Gulley for the year so they had just two starters back. The Cougars still managed to climb to #53 allowing just 52.8%. This year they lose CB Ricky Wilson (9 st, 41 tkl, 3 int), CB Courtney Sterling (3 st, 23 tkl, 2 sk) and SS Tristen Robertson (1 tkl). Gulley returns so they basically have four full-time starters back and should continue to move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Art Briles' first year the Cougars finished a solid #47 in my ST rankings. The unit took a hit prior to 2004 when their leading returnmen, PR Chad McCullar (10.1) and KR Ricky Wilson (26.1) were both ruled ineligible. Wilson regained his eligibility and took over both duties last year avg 21.7 on KR's and 8.7 on PR's while WR Marshall avg 14.6 on PR's. P Justin Laird was injured early last year missing one game. Garrett LeFevre had 3 punts for a 47.0 avg but Laird kept his job. Laird avg 39.5 but the team's net was a paltry 27.6 and that should improve. They had to replace their super K Dustin Bell last year who hit 67 and 65 yd FG's in camp and true frosh Ben Bell (no relation) hit 8 of 12 with a long of 36. Soph TJ Lawrence hit 5 of 10 but was their long distance man as 9 of his att were from 40+. LeFevre (PS#25) had 9 TB's on 37 KO's and Lawrence had 2 TB's on 27 KO's. NT Marquay Love has a school record five career blocked kicks. They must replace their top returnman (Wilson) but still could improve in the ST rankings (#106 in 2005).

COACHES - Art Briles played here from 1974-1977 and for 12 years he was one of Texas' most successful HS head coaches at Stephenville HS. He guided the team to 4 state titles and they were 90-2-1 in a 6 year stretch. He enters his 4th year here and is also the OC. They run a hurry-up offense and it is a very complex system in which they run the option as well as the spread at times. Briles is just the second UH coach in history to guide a team to multiple bowls with Bill Yeoman putting them in 10 bowls between 1962-1986. Briles was given a two year contract extension through 2010. They have a new DC in Allen Weddell who was the ILB coach in 2005. Weddell will keep the 3-4 alignment they moved to last year for the first time since 1998.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Art Briles was a miracle worker in his first season taking over a team that had won 3, 0 and 5 games the previous 3 seasons and had just 7 returning starters. His brand-new multiple offense, however, dumbfounded opponents and they averaged 34.5 ppg and 458 ypg despite using a true frosh at QB. They were just 1 of 3 teams in the NCAA to score 40+ pts in 7 games. There is no offensive playbook as Briles keeps it all on film. Only six IA schools had gone from zero wins to a bowl in two seasons and UH accomplished that by playing in the '03 Hawaii Bowl. In 2004 13 starters returned including QB Kolb and in the 2004 magazine I pointed out that in their magical 2003 season, UH only played 4 CUSA foes with a winning record and lost all 4 of those games by an average of 20 ppg! They also had to take on four CUSA contenders on the road in conf play plus Oklahoma (#2) and Miami (#4). In 2004 they outgained league foes by 20.1 ypg but actually went just 3-5 in CUSA and 3-8 overall. Last year I called for Houston to get back to a bowl as they had 14 returning starters and were a -3 in the net close win category (see pg 299). While UH finished just 6-6 (4-4 in league play) they actually outgained CUSA foes by 88.2 ypg, the BEST mark in the league. They suffered some tough losses including a 2 OT loss at UTEP, vs Memphis (trailing 21-20) they fumbled twice into the EZ for TB's and vs UCF they were stopped on a 2 pt conv which would have tied it. They also had a 392-241 yd edge vs SMU but lost 29-24. They did get their first road win vs an SEC opponent since 1999 (Miss St). Now they are trying to get to back-to-back bowls for the first time since '81. The offense loses a 1,000 yard rusher but with 7 starters back including QB Kolb, they should top '05's 28.1 ppg. The D has 9 starters back plus add 2004 starting FS Gulley who missed '05 and I will call for them to have their best ppg allowed since '99 with the best D in Briles tenure. This Cougar squad is very capable of achieving its first double digit win season since 1990.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 4 KEVIN KOLB SR. 6-3 225 13 st true, 3131 (61%) 25-6 ratio. 11 st '04 2766 (56%) 11-6 ratio. 12 st LY, 3258 (61%). **7** Clint Walraven (6-1 175 rFr) PS#106. **15** Blake Joseph PS#265.

RB 27 Jackie Battle Sr. 6-2 250 9 st 3Y, 1177 (4.6) rush. '03 Bowl MVP. **3** Roshawn Pope (5-11 195 Sr) PS#66WR. 4 st DB 3Y, 93 tkl 2Y, 1110 ret yd. **21** Harold Taylor (6-0 200 Jr) 1 st, 745 ttl yd.

WR 2 DONNIE AVERY JR. 5-11 185 PS#144. 11 st rFr, 18 rec (16.3), 18 KR (19.1). 9 st LY 44 (15.6). **1** Jeron Harvey (6-5 210 Jr) PS#68JC. 5 st LY 14 (18.4). **25** Brennan Gleason (6-0 163 So).

WR 22 ANTHONY ALRIDGE JR. 5-9 170 PS#88RB. 8 st, 13 rec (22.7), 39 yards rush. **86 Biren Ealy** (6-3 195 Sr) **PS#54**. 55 rec (15.5) 2Y at Ariz. **18** Chris Gilbert (5-9 175 rFr) PS#364.

WR 17 VINCENT MARSHALL SR. 5-8 175 PS#329 **4.38 spd.** 24 st 3Y, 192 rec (14.5), **1st TM CUSA. 9** Perry McDaniel (5-9 175 Jr) 5 st 2Y, 34 rec (8.3). **24** Tim Monroe (6-1 175 rFr) PS#284.

TE 85 Brian Boehm So. 6-5 245 PS#88. **87** Mark Hafner (6-3 220 So) PS#125. 3 gm. **80** Rodney Hannah (6-8 245 Sr) basketball. **45 Josh Bell** (6-7 250 Fr) PS#27. Cameron Hackney PS#60.

C 67 STERLING DOTY SR. 6-1 295 Army transfer. 11 st at C '04. 12 st C LY, 1 TD. **54** Jake Ebner (6-2 290 So) PS#596. 3 gm rFr. **LS 81** Norby Juist (6-4 240 So) 12 gms as true.

RG 65 Byron Alfred Jr. 6-2 290 PS#336. 10 st RG rFr, CUSA Fr Tm. Inj'd LY & only 1 gm. **64** Michael Bloesch (6-2 305 So) 9 gms rFr. **60** Jarvis Elekwachi (6-0 303 rFr).

LG 77 Jeff Akeroyd Jr. 6-3 300 PS#344. 1 st at RT, 11 gms rFr. Inj'd LY, only 1 gm. **69 Jerrod Butler** (6-2 330 rFr) **PS#69**. RS in '05. Jordan Shoemaker is PS#216.

RT 73 DUSTIN DICKINSON JR. 6-3 300 PS#464. 11 gms rFr. 12 st RT LY. **79** Matt Hart (6-6 290 rFr) PS#268. **68** Mark Kimmey (6-5 300 So) PS#412. 11 gms, 2nd string as rFr.

LT 74 SIRVINCENT ROGERS JR. 6-3 305 PS#160. L/8 st RT as true. 12 st LT LY, 3rd Tm CUSA. **59** Sebastian Vollmer (6-8 260 So) 8 gms, 2nd string rFr. **13** Jason Wagner (6-5 300 Jr) PS#457.

K 14 BEN BELL SO. 5-11 160 8-12 FG true, long 36. 37-39 xp. **22** TJ Lawrence (6-1 180 Jr) 5-10 FG's LY, long 50. **37** Garrett LeFevre (6-0 230 So) PS#25. 1 of 1 xp.

DE 56 CODY PREE SO. 6-2 300 PS#429OL. 8 st rFr, 42 tkl, 4 sk, CUSA Fr Tm. **90** LC Kirkpatrick (6-2 280 Sr) PS#144. 14 tkl, 14 gm 3Y. **92** Billy Hartford (6-2 255 So).

NT 99 MARQUAY LOVE SR. 6-0 320 PS#194. 5 st rFr, CUSA Fr Tm. 6 st '04, 52 tkl, 8 tfl. 10 st LY, 38 tkl, 4 tfl. **96** Ricky Barela (5-10 285 Sr) 8 tkls, 2Y. Kendall Mouton PS#428JC.

DE 53 Phillip Hunt So. 6-1 250 PS#494. 23 tkl, 5 tfl, 6 qbh as rFr, CUSA Fr Tm. **98** Anthony Roulette (6-3 260 rFr) PS#396. **57** Carl Barnett (6-3 270 rFr) PS#538OL.

SLB 3 BRENDAN PAHULU JR. 6-3 225 PS#163. 6 st as true, 50 tkl, 7 tfl. 9 st, 94 tkl, 9 tfl LY. **7** Chris Pilot (6-1 215 So) PS#286DL. 2 st, 31 tkl rFr. **59** Kenneth Atkins (6-2 225 Jr) **PS#72JC** LY.

MLB 41 TRENT ALLEN JR. 6-2 244 PS#168. 12 st, 71 tkl, 1 int, 3 ttl LY. **49** Quinton Smith (6-4 245 rFr) PS#248OL. **40** CJ Cavness (6-0 205 rFr). Shomari Williams. In for spg. Canadian.

WLB 34 CODY LUBOJASKY SO. 6-3 230 PS#153. 12 st rFr, 74 tkl, 6 tfl, CUSA Fr Tm. **4** Rodney Rideau (6-1 225 So) PS#208. 57 tkl rFr. **46** Nate Jackson (6-1 215 rFr). **23** Stephen Kolb (5-10 240 rFr).

BLB 1 WADE KOEHL SR. 6-2 230 5 st true, 61 tkl. 11 st '04, 115 tkl, 9 tfl. 10 st LY, 89 tkl, 14 ttl. **47** Scott Lee (6-4 245 Sr) PS#92JC. 2 st, 9 ttl LY. **43 James Francis** (6-1 225 So) **PS#133DB**.

CB 10 WILLIE GASTON SR. 5-11 185 PS#169. 6 st rFr, 23 tkl. 10 st '04, 62 tkl, 3 int. 11 st LY, 43 tkl, **13 pbu. 8** Quinte Williams (5-11 170 So) PS#298, 6 tkl. **12** Harry Simon (5-8 170 So).

CB 28 Kenneth Fontenette So. 6-0 175 PS#231. 10 st **FS** LY, 76 tkl, 4 int. CUSA Fr Tm. **6** Kellan Yancy (6-0 175 Jr) JUCO. PS#565. 6 games LY. **14** Tim Mercer (5-11 185 rFr).

SS 20 ROCKY SCHWARTZ JR. 5-11 195 PS#197QB. 11 st rFr, 83 tkl, 7 pbu. 12 st LY, **3rd Tm CUSA**, 114 tkl, 6 pbu. **9** Joseph Gonzales (5-10 200 Jr) 47 tkls 2Y. **21** Brandon Brinkley (6-0 170 rFr).

FS 18 WILL GULLEY SR. 6-3 215 PS#128WR. 13 st '03, 104 tkl, 4 int, 7 pbu. 8 st (inj) '04, 71 tkl, 4 int. RS LY. **5** Ernest Miller (6-0 185 So) 2 tkl. **15** Broderic Bean (6-1 190 rFr) PS#360.

P 2 JUSTIN LAIRD SR. 6-2 200 PS#74. 28 punts '04, 39.8 avg. 47 punts LY, 39.5 avg. 31.7 net '04, 27.6 net '05. **37** Garrett LeFevre is PS#25. 3 punts, 47.0 avg as true.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

TE	Josh Bell 6-7 250 PS#27 in '05
LB	Britton Maxwell 6-0 205 PS#102
QB	LJ Castille 6-3 200 PS#79
TE	Cameron Hackney 6-3 240 PS#60
OL	Jordan Shoemaker 6-4 275 PS#216
DB	Antonio Staton 6-0 196 PS#207
DB	Carson Blackmon 5-11 170 PS#240
LB	JT Rudd 6-2 220 PS#241
OL	Matt Parker 6-2 265 PS#252DL
RB	Marquis Lowe 5-10 170 PS#274
DL	Kendall Mouton 6-1 310 PS#428JC
RB	Randall Antoine 5-10 190 PS#279
DL	Xavier Richard 6-2 250 PS#326
DB	Josh Lee 6-1 185 PS#385
DL	Isaiah Thompson 6-4 305 PS#330
QB	Roddy Green 6-1 190 PS#247
QB	Case Keenum 6-1 183 PS#317
WR	Jonathan Lister 6-2 180 PS#406
WR	Andre Kohn 5-10 185 PS#410
TE	Wesley Scourten 6-6 210 PS#169
LB	Antonio May 6-4 220 PS#443DL
RB	Tommy Bryant 5-8 175 PS#515
WR	Ladarius White 5-11 180 PS#485
TE	Rodney Hannah 6-8 245 PS#205
DL	Raymond Alake 6-4 250 PS#495
DL	Jared Lindsey 6-3 280 PS#495
LB	Shomari Williams 6-2 235 PS#485
DB	Teric Williams 5-10 180 PS#560

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ART BRILES (Career 16-20)
4th Year at Houston
Briles' SU Bowl Record: 0-2

Briles' records AT HOUSTON

16-20	Straight Up	5-5	Home Favorite
15-17-1	Vs The Spread	2-4	Home Underdog
8-7-1	Off A SU Loss	3-2-1	Away Favorite
11-13	Vs Conference	5-6	Away Underdog
4-4-1	Vs Non-Conf	1-3	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (22,19,6)
Lost: 20 (9,11,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,054

CUSA - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#97

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss
Sep. 2	at Rice	A						
Sep. 9	Tulane	G						
Sep. 16	Grambling St	G						
Sep. 23	Oklahoma St	G						
Sep. 30	at Miami, Fl	G						
Oct. 7	Louisiana-Lft	G						
Oct. 14	at S Mississippi	A						
Oct. 21	UTEP	G						
Oct. 28	UCF	G						
Nov. 4	Tulsa (HC)	G						
Nov. 11	at SMU	A						
Nov. 18	at Memphis	A						
Nov. 25								

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Cougars are 2-8 ATS as double digit home favorites since 1999.
UH is just 18-36 ATS (33%) their last 54 conference games.
LY Briles became just the 2nd HC in UH history to lead the team to 2 bowl gms.

Houston is 11-5 SU & 10-6 ATS since 1987 vs Rice.
The Cougars are 1-14 SU & 5-10 ATS in road openers since 1991.

UH is 3-0 SU & ATS vs Tulane with an average score of 35-20 since '03.
Houston is 2-10 ATS in home openers since 1993.

This is the first ever meeting between these two schools.
GSU finished 11-1 LY (#12 IAA) as their only loss was to Washington St.

These teams last played in 1987 as UH was shutout 35-0.
Houston is 8-4 ATS the last 12 games at home vs non-conference teams.

Houston was 3-0 ATS with /2 outright upsets as an away dog last year.
Houston's last trip to Miami was in 1991 with a 40-10 loss.

Cougars are 5-0 SU & 4-0-1 ATS since 1992 vs Louisiana-Lft.
Coming into 2006, Houston is 16-27-1 ATS after a SU loss since 1999.

The visitor is 2-6 ATS in this series.
UH last won in Mississippi vs SMiss in 1957 (27-12) in their 1st meeting.

UH will face 6 bowl teams from LY in 2006 (Miami, SM, UTEP, UCF, Tulsa & Memphis).
Houston will host UTEP for the 1st time at Robertson Stadium.

Houston lost SU & ATS last year in their 1st meeting with UCF.
Could apply: Coming into 2006, UH is 2-4 ATS as a home dog the L3Y.

Houston is 2-4 ATS since 1985 in this series.
The Cougars are 10-19 ATS in home finales since 1976.

Houston is 11-9-1 SU all-time & 0-2 ATS the last 2 games vs SMU.
This is Houston's 1st trip here since 1994, a 39-33 win.

The last 6 games these 2 teams have averaged 61 ppg.
Houston is 1-4 SU & ATS the last 5 years vs Memphis.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: David Klinger 9,430 1988-'91
Rushing: Ketric Sanford 3,636 1996-'99 Receiving: Elmo Wright 3,347 1968-'70

WR Vincent Marshall

STADIUM: ROBERTSON STADIUM (32,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	3-8	0-11	5-7	7-5	3-8	6-5	31-48
Home	4-1	2-2	0-6	3-3	3-3	3-2	3-3	18-20
Away	3-3	1-6	0-5	2-4	4-2	0-6	3-2	13-28
ATS	5-6	2-9	4-7	5-7	6-5-1	3-8	6-4	31-46-1
Home Fav	2-2	0-2	0-1	1-3	2-1	1-2	2-2	8-13
Home Dog	0-1	1-1	2-3	1-1	1-2	1-1	0-1	6-10
Away Fav	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-0-1	0-1	1-1	4-5-1
Away Dog	2-2	1-5	2-2	3-3	1-2	1-4	3-0	13-18
Favorite	3-3	0-3	0-2	1-3	4-1-1	1-3	3-3	12-18-1
Dog	2-3	2-6	4-5	4-4	2-4	2-5	3-1	19-28
Grass	4-6	2-6	4-6	4-6	5-3-1	2-8	4-4	25-39-1
Artificial	1-0	0-3	0-1	1-1	1-2	1-0	2-0	6-7
vs Conf	1-5	2-5	2-5	2-6	4-4	2-6	5-3	18-34
vs Non-Conf	4-1	0-4	2-2	3-1	2-1-1	1-2	1-1	13-12-1
Off SU Win	3-3	1-2	0-0	2-2	3-3	1-2	2-3	12-15
Off SU Loss	1-3	1-6	4-6	2-5	2-2-1	2-5	4-0	16-27-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ryan Gilbert	170	1087	50	1037	9	6.1
Jackie Battle	106	415	7	408	5	3.8
Kevin Kolb	104	421	221	200	5	1.9
Anthony Evans	45	189	11	178	3	4.0
Vincent Marshall	7	90	5	85	0	12.1
Harold Taylor	20	85	8	77	0	3.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kevin Kolb	420	254	60.5	3258	19	15
Kendal Briles	1	1	100.0	10	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Vincent Marshall	71	939	13.2	6	83
Donnie Avery	44	688	15.6	5	76
Kendal Briles	45	369	8.2	1	23
Anthony Alridge	13	295	22.7	3	62
Jeron Harvey	14	258	18.4	1	42
Ryan Gilbert	21	237	11.3	1	40
Blade Bassler	14	230	16.4	0	39
Perry McDaniel	15	105	7.0	1	16
Harold Taylor	8	71	8.9	0	24

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Justin Laird	47	1858	39.5	1	27.6(T)	1	10
Garrett LeFevre	3	141	47.0	0	–	0	0

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ben Bell	37-39	4-7	4-5	0-0	0-0	8-12	36
TJ Lawrence	0-0	0-0	0-1	4-6	1-3	5-10	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rocky Schwartz	114	0	0	6	1
Brendan Pahulu	94	2	7	4	1
Wade Koehl	89	4	10	2	1
Ken Fontenette	76	0	1	1	4
Cody Lubojasky	74	1	5	1	0
Trent Allen	71	0	3	2	1
Rodney Rideau	57	0	0	0	0
Willie Gaston	43	0	0	13	1
Cody Pree	42	4	2	1	0
Ricky Wilson	41	0	1	7	3
Roshawn Pope	40	0	0	1	0
Scott Lee	40	2	7	1	0
Joseph Gonzales	38	0	0	3	0
Marquay Love	38	1	3	3	0
Todd Cox	36	0	2	0	0
Chris Pilot	31	0	1	1	0
Kade Lane	29	1	0	5	0
Phillip Hunt	23	2	3	3	0
Courtney Sterling	23	2	0	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Vincent Marshall	12	175	14.6	1
Ricky Wilson	11	96	8.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ricky Wilson	18	390	21.7	0
Roshawn Pope	7	132	18.9	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Houston's All-Time SU Bowl Record 7-8-1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
85	Cotton	+7	Boston College	28-45	L
88	Aloha	-4'	Washington St	22-24	L
96	Liberty	+17	Syracuse	17-30	W
03	Hawaii	+10'	Hawaii (3OT)	48-54	W
05	Fort Worth	+3	Kansas	13-42	L

HOUSTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	28.1	22	166	4.2	272	60.4	15.6	-4	2005	6	27.0	21	177	4.6	220	52.8	14.7
5*	20.9	21	138	3.3	251	55.9	18.6	+6	2004	8	32.2	20	192	4.7	207	60.4	12.4
3	34.5	24	216	4.3	243	60.8	13.3	-6	2003	4	36.0	22	209	5.1	232	54.7	12.2
6	26.7	19	170	3.9	223	51.5	14.7	-16	2002	6	32.8	19	134	3.7	269	55.8	12.3
7	17.3	19	93	3.1	249	55.3	19.8	-11	2001	5	39.3	22	211	4.8	224	59.9	11.1
6*	19.2	19	71	2.2	269	57.7	17.7	-5	2000	3	33.6	20	137	3.4	224	49.7	10.7

2005 STATS BY GAME

UH 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Oregon	19	26-100	3.8	24-43	312	2	30	36-206	5.7	30-49	348	0	-1
–	Sam Houston St	29	57-293	5.1	19-31	206	2	14	22-136	6.2	18-39	179	1	-2
–	at UTEP	26	42-183	4.4	32-50	331	4	27	32-174	5.4	26-51	379	1	-2
–	at Tulsa	22	45-200	4.4	19-31	276	2	17	26-77	3.0	26-49	283	3	+1
–	at Tulane	20	46-248	5.4	11-22	192	2	18	37-120	3.2	13-33	120	3	+1
–	Memphis	19	36-106	2.9	26-45	396	1	20	56-315	5.6	7-12	112	0	0
–	at Mississippi St	19	37-152	4.1	20-29	218	4	16	38-244	6.4	14-31	84	4	-1
–	at UCF	20	27-138	5.1	19-30	313	4	26	54-220	4.1	21-30	275	0	-1
–	S Mississippi	25	47-155	3.3	24-36	315	2	17	26-24	0.9	23-45	295	2	-1
–	SMU	24	40-119	3.0	25-36	273	3	16	36-124	3.4	12-27	117	2	-1
–	Rice	27	50-273	5.5	16-25	222	1	23	58-289	5.0	8-17	110	0	+5
–	† Kansas	15	24-30	1.3	20-44	214	2	29	39-198	5.1	21-32	340	1	-2
TOTALS		265	477-1997	4.2	255-422	3268	29	253	460-2127	4.6	219-415	2642	17	-4
AVERAGES		22.1	40-166	4.2	21-35	272	2.4	21.1	38-177	4.6	18-35	220	1.4	-0.3

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rice	-1'	14-21	L
Texas - #5	+31	26-53	W
TCU	+7'	17-34	L
at Army	-1	14-28	L
Memphis	+7'	33-52	L
Cincinnati	+10'	28-29	W
at S Mississippi	+20'	14-58	L
at South Florida	+11	6-45	L
at Louisville - #25	+32'	10-34	W
UAB	+15'	21-43	L
at Georgia - #16	+31'	7-35	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rice	+7'	24-10	W
Tulane	-2'	13-34	L
Louisiana-Lft	-9	36-17	W
at Texas - #3	+36	11-41	W
at TCU	+10'	17-34	L
at UAB	+3'	34-51	L
Army	-14'	56-42	L
at Memphis	+5	26-21	W
East Carolina	-1	48-54 3OT	L
at Cincinnati	+14'	14-47	L
South Florida	+13	14-32	L
Louisville	+15'	27-10	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rice	-4'	48-14	W
at Michigan - #5	+27'	3-50	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-7	21-14	T
Mississippi St	+4'	42-35	W
at East Carolina	-1'	27-13	W
at Tulane	+1'	45-42	W
Memphis	-5	14-45	L
TCU - #15	+6	55-62	L
S Mississippi	+5'	10-31	L
at Army	-10'	34-14	W
at Louisville	+11'	45-66	L
UAB	-1	56-28	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Rice	-4	7-10	L
at Oklahoma - #2	+37	13-63	L
Army	-15'	35-21	L
Miami, Fl - #4	+29'	13-38	W
at Memphis	+13	14-41	L
at S Mississippi	+17	29-35 OT	W
at TCU	+6'	27-34	L
Tulane	-9'	24-3	W
East Carolina	-16'	34-24	L
at UAB	+9'	7-20	L
Louisville - #8	+22	27-65	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oregon	+7'	24-38	L
Sam Houston St	NL	31-10	–
at UTEP	+12	41-44 2OT	W
at Tulsa	+2'	30-23	W
at Tulane	-1'	35-14	W
Memphis	-10'	20-35	L
at Mississippi St	+2	28-16	W
at UCF	-2	29-31	L
S Mississippi	-2	27-24	W
SMU	-13	24-29	L
Rice	-15'	35-18	W

UTEP MINERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - When he arrived in El Paso, Jordan Palmer was best known as Carson's little brother but is now known as the holder of every school passing record. He started 6 games as a rFr throwing for 1,168 yards (49.5%) with a 7-13 ratio and took a lot of sacks because he held on to the ball too long. Palmer showed big time improvement as a soph throwing for 2,818 (58.2%) with a 26-18 ratio. Last year Palmer suffered from separated ribs, a slight shoulder separation and in the bowl, a fractured ankle. Palmer shot past career passing leader Billy Stevens (1965-'67 - 6,485) and was #16 in the NCAA in total offense as he threw for 3,503 (59.4%) with an impressive 29 TD's. The one number that marred his season was 19 int's (8 in final 3). That is the key number to UTEP's improvement. Palmer returns and will have to battle rFr Brandis Dew (PS#21). They are also expected to use Fla St transfer Lorne Sam (PS#47WR) as a situational QB (runner). Adding depth are Kyle Wright (6-1 200 rFr), Oswald Carlton (6-2 215 Fr), Joe Castro (6-0 195 Jr) and this year's signees. Much like his brother, I expect Palmer to have his best season as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Howard Jackson rushed for 1,187 yards (5.0). He had to be replaced last year but Price had a couple of VHT's in UCLA transfer Tyler Ebell (PS#15) who had rushed for 994 at UCLA in '02 and former Arizona signee Marcus Thomas (PS#23). Ebell suffered some injuries early but in 7 starts rushed for 536 (4.5). He was injured vs Rice and did not see the field again. Thomas emerged and in the last 5 not only had 540 yards rushing, but also 248 yards receiving. He led the team in rushing with 791 (5.3) and he was the #3 receiver with 32 (13.8). Matt Austin was the #3 RB but suffered through an injury-plagued year (123, 3.8). Local walk-on rFr Jon Lane added 27 (2.5). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Johan Givens (5-10 220 Jr), Tony Gonzalez (5-9 185 rFr), Omololu Ogunlana (5-11 185 So) and this year's true frosh. This year they must replace Ebell and Austin, but Thomas, who added 20 lbs in the offseason yet trimmed his 40 time to 4.3, looks like one of the best RB's in CUSA should he remain healthy.

RECEIVERS - Former HC Nord did a fine job recruiting receivers here. In 2003, six of the top eight receivers were frosh or soph's and most stood 6 foot or taller with good speed. In 2004 Johnnie Lee Higgins led with 700 yards (20.6), Jayson Boyd was #2 with 42 rec's (13.3), Chris Francies had 33 (16.9) and Chris Marrow had 32 (10.8). All 4 returned last year and added to the mix was JUCO David Sutton (6-5, 4.35 spd). UTEP claims Higgins ran a 4.18 LY. He again led the way with 49 (17.1) and was 2nd Tm CUSA last year. Chris Francies had 44 (17.6) despite suffering a rib injury, missing 2 and not being 100% in others, but still earned 3rd Tm CUSA. Boyd played in just six (injured) and had 12 (18.5) while TE Jake Sears played in just 8 (8, 14.9). That allowed 22 year old rFr Jamar Hunt to emerge and he had 27 (9.6). Price was very high on a pair of true frosh last year in Dashan Miller and Dustin Bell, both of whom redshirted and now also adds Florida St transfer Lorne Sam (PS#47). Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Adam Podzemny (6-1 195 rFr, PS#257), Jeff Moturi (6-0 175 Fr, PS#240) and Matt Ellis (6-0 200 Jr, PS#304QB). Despite losing Francies (10 st), Boyd (6 st), Aaron Givens (22 rec, 1 st) and Jacob Gonzales (1 rec), this again figures to be one of the best receiving units in CUSA.

OFFENSIVE LINE - With 3 starters back in 2003, UTEP's O-line paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing but the last 2 years they've returned just two starters and the ypc has dropped to 3.8 and 3.7. Last year the sack total increased to 29. The unit had good size avg 6'3" 302. At midyear Tyler Ribitzki beat out Luis Espinosa for the RT spot so they have 3 starters returning. They do lose a pair of 2nd Tm CUSA players in LG Jose Garcia (12 st, 3 yr st'r) and LT Josh House (12 st, 2 yr st'r) as well as Espinosa (6 st) and backups LG Jordan Tubig (1 st) and Alex DiMatteo. This should be the year that Oniel Cousins finally emerges as he is large and has 4.9 speed. Also keep an eye on Arizona transfer Jake Belshe who played in 3 games on the DL last year and JUCO Humberto Padilla who also moves from the D-line. This is the Miners most experienced OL in 3 years and Price had said he wanted a taller O-line when he took over and has achieved that.

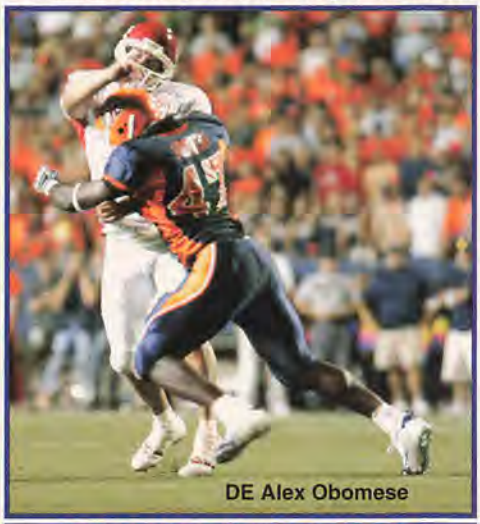
DEFENSIVE LINE - UTEP was very poor vs the run from 1998 to 2003 with their lowest ypc allowed being 4.7. They added size and experience in 2004 and improved to 3.7 ypc while doubling the sack total from 21 to 42. Last year they had to replace two starters but appeared very deep. Unfortunately, in a game vs cut-blocking NMex St, 9 DL's were injured. Only one DL managed to start all 12. The unit allowed 3.9 ypc and the sack total dropped to 29. This is probably the oldest D-line in the NCAA this year with eight seniors in the 3 deep below, including all four starters. The only losses are DT Mineo (5 st, 20 tkl, 6 sk) and DE Tevita Fifita (1 st, 4 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Steve Riddick (5-11 275 rFr), Dane O'Neill (6-3 235 rFr, PS#383LB), Clayton Byrd (6-4 245 Fr), Anthony Loera (6-3 260 rFr) and this year's true frosh. Provided this veteran group has better luck with injuries, this will be CUSA's best D-line.

LINEBACKERS - The Miners LB corps has been very productive the last 2 years with the 3 starters being the top 3 tacklers each year. Last year they had to replace two starters including the WAC Def POY and two backups but NFL caliber LB Thomas Howard (240 lbs, 4.3 spd) returned. Surprisingly Howard was just the #3 tackler but still earned 2nd Tm CUSA honors and was #2DC OAK. Also gone this year is Marshall Sanford (11 tkl), Alfonso Auellua (19 tkl) who moves to DL and Anthony Barnes (8 tkl). Even with the loss of Howard, they have their top two tacklers back and are more experienced than 2005.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UTEP moved from a zone D to a man-to-man in 2004 and with all four starters back went from just ranking #95 in 2003 up to #36. Last year they had to replace five of their top 8 including three players who combined for 29 starts. Projected starting CB JUCO Andre Bailey (4.37 spd) DNQ and neither did backup FS Arthur Giddens. Price did say that they over recruited at DB so it was the one unit that could afford attrition. FS Quintin Demps was simply the WAC Frosh of the Year in '04. True frosh CB Fred Patton earned playing time. Surprisingly the Miners dropped to #90. This year the only losses are CB Sir James DelGardo (10 st, 40 tkl, 7 pbu) and backup SS Cedric Click (7 tkl). Four players return who started 7 or more last year. Their CB's are vertically challenged with the starters being 5'10" and 5'7" but this should be a much improved secondary in 2006.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Price puts an emphasis on ST's and even has a silent practice on Friday so that players fully concentrate on their duties. His final Wash St squad was #31 in my ST rankings. He inherited a UTEP unit that was #42 in 2003 and with practically everyone back I said they have the potential to be the WAC's best ST unit. After K Keith Robinson quit over the summer, Reagan Schneider hit 15 of 20 FG's with a long of 52. The unit finished #17 (#2 in the WAC) and one of the stars was P Bryce Benekos who had a net of 38.6. Price signed a 2nd Tm AA JUCO P in Ryan Hotchkiss as his replacement. Schneider had his knee cleared out over the summer last year to get better distance and hit 18 of 23 FG's with a long of 49. He was one of 20 semifinalists for the Lou Groza Award. He hit a school record 5 FG's vs Houston. Hotchkiss, whose avg was just 38.6, had an impressive net of 36.1. The top KR for a 2nd straight year was Johnnie Lee Higgins (22.4). Higgins was also the top PR despite having an 82 yard PR TD called back vs UAB. UTEP finished #48 but will contend for top honors in 2006.

COACHES- Mike Price enters his 3rd year here after a successful debut. He previously guided Wash St to a pair of Rose Bowls and three 10-win seasons in his 14 years there. He was also the Pac 10 Coach of the Year in 1992, 1997 and 2001. The OC is Mike's son, Eric, who was an offensive asst with the NY Jets during 2001 and 2002 under OC Paul Hackett. He was the QB coach at Wash St from 1998-2000. The DC is Tim Hundley who was the DC at Wash from 1999-2003 and the DC at Oreg St from 1982-'89.



DE Alex Obomese

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mike Price stepped into a great situation (see "Hardcore Fans"). Not only did he take over a team with 17 returning starters, but one that had caught some bad breaks the previous year including going -15 in turnovers. In 2004 I called for them to be the WAC's surprise team, much like Tulsa had been the season before, and pegged them the 3rd most improved team in the country. While they opened 1-2 they finished 7-1 moving as high as #23 in the polls. They accomplished this vs an easy schedule (#101). Despite having just 11 starters back last year, they were arguably the most talented team in the CUSA. There had been just three winning seasons here at UTEP since 1971 prior to Price's arrival. After opening 8-1 and moving to #24, UTEP appeared on their way to the CUSA Title. They amazingly needed just one win, but ended up dropping their last 2 vs teams with losing records (UAB & SMU). They were also embarrassed in the bowl finishing just 8-4. UTEP did set a school record with their 10th straight crowd of 40,000+ and Price earned a contract extension through 2010. It was their first back-to-back winning season since 1987-88 and amazingly they did not have a single 1st Tm CUSA player. Another amazing stat is that UTEP has not won a season finale since 1988 (0-17) and are now 0-4 in bowls since 1967. Last year's squad was beset by injuries and also was -10 in turnovers (see pg 312). UTEP played the 3rd easiest schedule in the country last year. They outgained CUSA foes by an average of 68.6 ypg (2nd best) and this year have 16 returning starters. QB Jordan Palmer should have a much more consistent senior season, much like his brother did at USC. With 7 starters back on offense they should top last year's 31.8 ppg. Defense has not been a strong point for the Miners as only once in the twelve years prior to Price's arrival did they allow less than 28.0 ppg. They allowed more than 35 ppg six times in the same time span. Under Price the team allowed 25.1 in 2004 and despite having just five starters back last year and being injury-plagued, 25.9 in 2005. This year the unit has nine returning starters and I will call for UTEP to allow their fewest ppg since 1991 (21.0). They have 29 seniors and the last time a Price squad had 29 seniors they went to the Rose Bowl at Washington St. UTEP has six tough road games this year, however if they can avoid the turnovers and injuries of last season, they are a team that is capable of running the table and I will call for a double digit win season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 5 JORDAN PALMER SR. 6-5 235 6 st '03. 12 st '04. 12 st '05, **2nd Tm CUSA**. 7489 yd pass (57%) 62-50 ratio, 514 rush. **7** Brandis Dew (6-5 265 rFr) **PS#21**. **14** Lorne Sam PS#47WR.

RB 8 MARCUS THOMAS JR. 6-1 215 **PS#23**. 145 (3.9) true, 6 st LY, 791 (5.3), 32 rec (13.8). Lowered 40 to 4.3, add 20 lbs. **26** Brandon Jackson (6-1 235 So) PS#127. **28** Jon Lane (5-10 205 So).

WR 21 JOHNNIE LEE HIGGINS SR. 6-0 180 **4.18 spd.** 34 (20.6) '04. **2x 2nd Tm CUSA.** 49 (17.1) LY, 618 ret yds. **3** Dashan Miller (6-0 200 rFr) PS#98. **11** Dustin Bell (5-11 170 rFr).

WR 14 Lorne Sam Jr. 6-3 215 **PS#47**. 10 rec (17.3) 2Y **Fla St**. **4 Joe West** (6-2 210 Jr) PS#230. 5 st, 25 rec 2Y. 6 rec in bowl. **1** Daniel Robinson (6-4 200 Sr) PS#178.

WR 10 Chris Marrow Sr. 5-9 175 **8 st** as true, 34 (13.7). 8 st '04, 32 (10.8). 3 st LY, 21 (7.8). **18** David Sutton (**6-5** 225 Sr) JUCO, 4.35 speed. **12** Chris Day (5-9 175 So).

TE 87 JAMAR HUNT SO. **6-7** 260 PS#126. 6 st rFr, 27 rec (9.6). **37 Jake Sears** (6-3 250 Jr) **10 st**, 14 rec 2Y. **81 Casey Mauch** (6-3 245 Sr) PS#128. 6 st, 3 years, 19 rec.

C 62 ROBBY FELIX SO. 6-3 290 Scout Tm co- Off POY as true. 12 st at C rFr, **CUSA Fr Tm**. **76** Jake Belshe (6-2 280 Sr) PS#208DL. Arizona transfer. 3 games at DL LY.

RG 73 JAMES RILEY JR. 6-2 300 PS#318DL. 11 gm rFr. 11 st RG LY. **64** Colby Meek (6-4 295 rFr) is PS#540. **LS 50** Aaron King (6-1 235 Sr). 3 Letter as deep snapper.

LG 61 Andy Smith Sr. 6-4 300 3 games as rFr. 6 gms as #2 C in '04. 12 gms, 2nd string last year. **78** Cameron Raschke (6-4 325 rFr) PS#243. Alex Solot is PS#213.

RT 57 TYLER RIBITZKI SO. 6-5 300 PS#625. 6 st rFr incl last 5, 11 gms. **58** Humberto Padilla (6-5 305 Sr) PS#295DL in '02. JC. 5 tkl as DL LY. **72** Daniel Garcia (6-3 325 rFr).

LT 75 Oniel Cousins Jr. 6-4 300 Jamaican. **4.9 spd**. 1 tkl '04. OL in '05 in 7 games. **77** Tim Ford (6-5 270 Jr) PS#144TE. 6 gm, 2 years. **66** Ty Stout (6-5 280 rFr).

K 49 REAGAN SCHNEIDER SR. 6-0 180 15 of 20 FG '04, **2nd Tm WAC**, L 52, 8 of 14 40+. 18 of 23 FG, L 49, 7 of 9 40+ LY. 3Y 103 straight PAT. Jose Martinez (5-11 185 Jr) 13 of 16 FG, JUCO, L 52.

DE 47 ALEX OBOMESE SR. 6-3 245 25 tkl rFr. 1 st, 36 tkl, 4.5 sk '04. 12 st, 57 tkl, 6.5 sk, **2nd Tm CUSA '05**. **41** Reggie Miles (6-3 250 Sr) 36 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY. **45** Matt Williams (6-1 205 rFr) PS#401.

DT 56 JUSTIN HANEL SR. 6-4 285 32 tkl, 7 tfl rFr. 1 st, 39 tkl, 5 sk '04. 9 st LY, 46 tkl, 2.5 sk. **91** James Olalekan (6-2 295 So) 9 tkl, 2 tfl as true. **99** Chris Moore (6-2 270 rFr) PS#164.

DT 63 ZACH WEST SR. 6-5 295 14 tkl rFr. 12 st '04, 40 tkl, **12.5 tfl, HM WAC**. 10 st LY, 25 tkl, 5 tfl. **90** Ricky Van (6-3 285 Sr) PS#260JC. 14 tkl, 2 tfl '05. **71** Mike Aguayo (6-4 280 rFr) PS#280OL.

DE 94 JOE WARD SR. 6-4 240 PS#209. 2 st, 27 tkl, 5 tfl first 2 yrs. 9 st LY, 19 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **96** Justin Watson (6-4 275 Sr) JC. 2 st, 28 tkl, 4 pbu LY. **52** Alfonso Auelua (6-2 275 Sr) PS#183TE.

WLB 6 JEREMY JONES SR. 6-1 235 PS#270RB. 39 tkl, 4 tfl '04. 12 st LY, **#1 tkl'r, 130**, 14.5 tfl, **2nd Tm CUSA**. **32** Landon Goodwell (6-2 240 rFr) PS#189. **17** Brian Wilkins (6-2 235 rFr) PS#362.

MLB 44 TROY COLLAVO SR. 6-0 235 19 tkl rFr. 25 tkl, 3.5 tfl '04. 12 st LY, **112 tkl**, 14.5 tfl, **3rd Tm CUSA**. **38** Alan Kirkland (6-1 240 rFr) PS#252. 600 squat. Royzell Smith PS#239.

SLB 4 Jason McQuay Sr. 6-1 210 PS#285JC. 14 tkl, 1 int here LY. **34** Emeri Spence (6-0 210 Jr) 4.4 spd. 16 tkl LY. **27** Josh Chamois (6-2 235 Sr) RB, TE 62 yds over 3Y.

CB 1 NATE DRAUGHON SR. 5-10 175 PS#231RB. 2 st rFr. 19 tkl '04. 7 st '05, 25 tkl, 10 pbu. **13** Fred Patton (5-9 180 So) PS#213. 4 tkl as true. **5** Bryant Tisdale (5-9 175 Sr) 14 tkl LY.

CB 2 Josh Ferguson Jr. 5-7 185 PS#191JC. 7 st LY, 31 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. **3** Tim McCullough (5-11 180 Sr) PS#194JC. 1 st, 5 tkl. **20** Lance Castleberry (5-9 175 rFr). 4.5 spd.

SS 25 JOE FLESKOSKI SR. 6-1 200 8 st, 88 tkl rFr. 7 st '04, 49 tkl. 12 st SS, 75 tkl, 3 int (1 TD), 5 tfl LY. **15** Phillip Moss (5-11 195 Sr) 13 pass QB true. 30 tkl, 1 int '04. 12 tkl LY.

FS 9 QUINTIN DEMPS JR. 6-0 215 11 st rFr, **co-WAC Fr POY**. 12 st LY, 78 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu, **4.31 spd.** **14** Braxton Amy (6-0 195 rFr) PS#261. **38** TJ Monroe (6-1 220 Jr). Da-mon Cromartie (6-2 195 rFr).

P 7 RYAN HOTCHKISS SR. 6-2 210 PS#177JC. 40.9 at JC '04. 45 punts here LY, (38.6) **net 36.1**. **88** Greg Hiett (6-5 220 rFr). Kyle Petersen (6-4 220 Fr) **PS#7**. avg 34.3 HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

K	Kyle Petersen 6-4 220 PS#7
RB	Jason Williams 6-0 205 PS#167
TE	Jonny Moore 6-5 230 PS#66
WR	Eric Reynolds 5-11 200 PS#169
OL	Alex Solot 6-7 280 PS#213
QB	Trevor Vittatoe 6-2 200 PS#164
WR	Pierce Hunter 6-4 210 PS#233
LB	Royzell Smith 6-2 200 PS#239
OL	Rod Huntley 6-2 300 PS#282
QB	James Thomas 5-11 185 PS#209
WR	Kye Darden 5-10 165 PS#288
DL	Will Osolinsky 6-7 260 PS#320
DL	Robert Soleyjacks 6-3 235 PS#330
WR	Kris Adams 6-3 185 PS#306
DB	Aaron Sims 6-1 205 PS#444
LB	Michael Mitchell 6-1 190 PS#390
DB	Melvin Stephenson 5-11 185 PS#444
DB	Cornelius Brown 5-11 185 PS#448
WR	Evan Davis 6-1 180 PS#373
RB	Donald Buckram 5-10 180 PS#419
OL	Anthony McNac 6-4 300 PS#467
OL	Jon Wiley 6-5 275 PS#482
K	Jose Martinez 5-11 185 PS#477JC
OL	Tanner Cullumber 6-4 265 PS#525
WR	Brandon Jordan 6-2 205 PS#485
TE	Elijah Goldtrap 6-5 255 PS#205
DL	George Randall 6-6 265 PS#495
DL	Robert Williams 6-3 195 PS#495
DB	Anthony Morrow 6-0 185 PS#560

UTEP MINERS

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MIKE PRICE (Career 99-86) (DIAA 46-44)
3rd Year at UTEP
Price's SU Bowl Record: 3-4

Price's records AT UTEP

16-8	Straight Up	5-4	Home Favorite
11-9	Vs The Spread	1-0	Home Underdog
2-1	Off A SU Loss	3-4	Away Favorite
8-8	Vs Conference	2-1	Away Underdog
3-1	Vs Non-Conf	2-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (22,22,3)
Lost: 21 (14,7,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 47,899

CUSA - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#88

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UTEP	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	at San Diego St (Thur)	G					
Sep. 9	Texas Tech	A					
Sep. 16							
Sep. 23	at New Mexico	G					
Sep. 30	New Mexico St	A					
Oct. 7	SMU	A					
Oct. 14	Tulane	A					
Oct. 21	at Houston	G					
Oct. 27	at Tulsa (Fri)	A					
Nov. 4	Rice	A					
Nov. 10	at UAB (Fri)	G					
Nov. 18	at Marshall	A					
Nov. 25	Memphis	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

UTEP is 4-11 ATS since 2000 in non-conference play.
The Miners are 6-2 SU & 7-1 ATS in Homecoming games since 1998.
UTEP is 6-21-1 ATS on the road in September since 1991.

UTEP is 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS vs San Diego St since 1989.
UTEP is 2-15 SU & 4-12 ATS in road openers since 1989.

Miners are 10-16 ATS the last 26 games after a SU loss.
UTEP is 11-5 SU & 6-3 ATS in home openers since 1990.

The visitor is 4-9 ATS since 1989 in this series.
UTEP is 11-6 ATS since 1985 vs New Mexico.

The Miners are 5-10 ATS vs the Aggies since 1989.
These two teams have averaged 62 ppg the last 5 games in this rivalry.

UTEP is 4-7 SU but 7-4 ATS vs SMU since 1982.
The Miners are 4-9 ATS in conference openers since 1993.

RB M. Thomas made his 1st career start LY vs Tulane totaling 203 offensive yds.
Last year's game was moved to Ruston, LA due to hurricane Katrina.

LY's game was played in 95º heat as UTEP overcame a 19-5 3Q deficit.
The Miners are 6-8 SU but 9-5 ATS the last 14 conference road games.

UTEP is 4-6 SU & 3-7 ATS since 1995 vs Tulsa.
UTEP & Tulsa have combined to score 78 ppg the last 3 years.

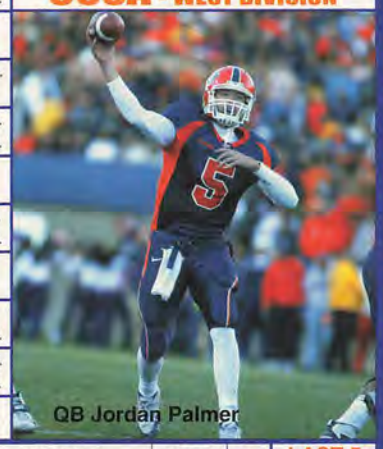
In their 1st 6 gms ('96-'02), UTEP was 5-1 ATS vs Rice but has dropped the L3Y's ATS.
UTEP is 5-10 SU & 3-11 ATS in November home games the last 8 years.

Heading into 2006, UTEP is 7-13 ATS their last 20 games on grass.
UAB led UTEP 21-3 at the half last year, averaging 8.5 ypp.

Last time UTEP played in the state of West Virginia was in 1949.
Marshall was the only IA team UTEP faced LY that they held out of the EZ.

UTEP dominated LY's gm having a 505-374 yd & 30-17 FD edges but 6 TO's cost them.
UTEP is 4-7 ATS S/'95 in home finales & haven't won a regular season finale S/'88.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Jordan Palmer 7,489 2003-Present
Rushing: John Harvey 3,576 1985-'88 Receiving: Lee Mays 2,908 1996-'01


QB Jordan Palmer

STADIUM: SUN BOWL (51,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	8-3	2-9	2-10	2-11	8-3	8-3	35-46
Home	4-1	5-0	2-3	2-3	1-6	5-1	5-1	24-15
Away	1-6	3-3	0-6	0-7	1-5	3-2	3-2	11-31
ATS	7-5	6-5	2-8	3-8	6-5	7-3	4-6	35-40
Home Fav	2-2	3-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-1	2-3	10-8
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	1-2	1-3	2-3	1-0	0-0	7-8
Away Fav	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-3	4-6
Away Dog	4-2	1-3	1-5	2-5	4-2	2-1	0-0	14-18
Favorite	2-3	4-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	4-2	4-6	14-14
Dog	5-2	2-3	2-7	3-8	6-5	3-1	0-0	21-26
Grass	2-1	1-3	0-3	1-4	0-1	3-1	2-0	9-13
Artificial	5-4	5-2	2-5	2-4	6-4	4-2	2-6	26-27
vs Conf	4-3	6-2	2-6	3-5	5-3	6-2	2-6	28-27
vs Non-Conf	3-2	0-3	0-2	0-3	1-2	1-1	2-0	7-13
Off SU Win	2-3	4-4	0-2	0-2	2-0	6-2	2-5	16-18
Off SU Loss	5-1	2-0	2-5	3-6	4-4	1-0	1-1	18-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
67	Sun	NL	Mississippi	14-7	–
88	Independence	-1	S Mississippi	18-38	L
00	Humanitarian	+9	Boise St	23-38	L
04	Houston	+4	Colorado	28-33	L
05	GMAC	+3	Toledo	13-45	L

UTEP's All-Time SU Bowl Record 5-7

UTEP'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	31.8	23	122	3.7	301	58.5	13.3	-10	2005	5	25.9	20	161	3.9	213	57.0	14.4
8*	35.8	20	142	3.8	251	58.3	11.0	+2	2004	9	25.1	20	154	3.7	207	52.3	14.4
8*	22.2	19	169	4.1	198	50.6	16.6	-15	2003	6	38.3	22	191	4.7	257	56.7	11.7
6	18.3	18	154	3.6	179	45.3	18.2	-19	2002	10	42.6	22	194	4.9	246	56.5	10.3
6	21.4	16	138	3.8	192	53.0	15.4	-11	2001	6	37.6	22	234	5.0	181	49.6	11.0
8*	31.5	22	156	3.6	244	57.6	12.7	+2	2000	6	28.0	19	156	4.7	221	47.1	13.5

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marcus Thomas	149	822	31	791	5	5.3
Tyler Ebell	118	577	41	536	5	4.5
Matt Austin	32	132	9	123	1	3.8
Jon Lane	11	33	6	27	1	2.5
Johnnie Lee Higgins	8	31	18	13	0	1.6
Orlando Cruz	4	21	9	12	0	3.0
Jordan Palmer	56	152	202	-50	2	-0.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jordan Palmer	434	258	59.4	3503	29	19
Orlando Cruz	20	10	50.0	104	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Johnnie Lee Higgins	49	837	17.1	9	52
Chris Francies	44	774	17.6	5	54
Marcus Thomas	32	440	13.8	3	75
Jamar Hunt	27	258	9.6	2	27
Tyler Ebell	20	250	12.5	2	36
Joe West	19	246	12.9	2	42
Jayson Boyd	12	222	18.5	0	51
Aaron Givens	22	188	8.5	1	25
Chris Marrow	21	164	7.8	3	25
Jake Sears	8	119	14.9	0	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Hotchkiss	45	1739	38.6	10	36.1	0	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Reagan Schneider	41-41	8-10	3-4	7-9	0-0	18-23	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jeremy Jones	130	3	11.5	1	2
Troy Collavo	112	3.5	11	3	0
Thomas Howard	85	3	4	7	1
Quintin Demps	78	0	0	6	3
Joe Fleskoski	75	1	4	3	3
Alex Obomese	57	6.5	4	3	2
Justin Hanel	46	2.5	1.5	0	0
Sir James Delgardo	40	0	0.5	7	0
Reggie Miles	36	1	3.5	1	0
Josh Ferguson	31	0	0	5	2
Justin Watson	28	0	2.5	4	0
Zach West	25	0	5	1	0
Nate Draughon	25	0	0	10	0
Chris Mineo	20	6	2	0	0
Joe Ward	19	0.5	1	0	0
Alfonso Auelua	19	0	0.5	0	0
Emeri Spence	16	0	0.5	0	0
Ricky Van	14	1	1	0	0
Bryant Tisdale	14	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Johnnie Lee Higgins	18	170	9.4	0
Aaron Givens	2	76	38.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Johnnie Lee Higgins	20	448	22.4	0
Tyler Ebell	6	109	18.2	0

2005 STATS BY GAME

UTEP 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at New Mexico St	16	35 - 97	2.8	17 - 33	204	2	22	24 - (-17)	-0.7	38 - 62	347	8	+3
–	Houston	27	32 - 174	5.4	26 - 51	379	1	26	42 - 183	4.4	32 - 50	331	4	+2
–	New Mexico	16	31 - 70	2.3	16 - 31	178	2	17	43 - 149	3.5	15 - 25	136	3	0
–	at Memphis	30	25 - 74	3.0	23 - 53	431	3	17	51 - 252	4.9	13 - 21	122	1	-6
–	at Tulane	17	35 - 149	4.3	22 - 32	278	1	19	26 - 48	1.8	30 - 56	381	2	+3
–	Marshall	22	38 - 194	5.1	17 - 26	215	3	16	41 - 215	5.2	13 - 30	125	4	-2
–	at Rice	19	30 - 145	4.8	24 - 30	387	2	27	65 - 272	4.2	9 - 19	108	2	-2
–	Tulsa	24	30 - 95	3.2	25 - 34	340	3	20	38 - 139	3.7	23 - 40	263	3	-1
–	Texas Southern	25	36 - 162	4.5	21 - 29	306	1	10	39 - 105	2.7	7 - 16	41	2	+1
#24	UAB	30	43 - 148	3.4	33 - 52	337	3	22	45 - 189	4.2	11 - 17	184	0	-2
–	at SMU	28	32 - 95	3.0	27 - 46	360	5	21	46 - 229	5.0	18 - 32	211	0	-7
–	† Toledo	16	28 - 63	2.3	17 - 41	192	3	25	39 - 164	4.2	19 - 32	304	0	+1
TOTALS		270	395 - 1466	3.7	268 - 458	3607	29	242	499 - 1928	3.9	228 - 400	2553	29	-10
AVERAGES		22.5	33 - 122	3.7	22 - 38	301	2.4	20.2	42 - 161	3.9	19 - 33	213	2.4	-0.8

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at New Mexico	+2'	6-26	L
Texas Southern	NL	52-6	–
at Boise St	+5'	17-42	L
Tulsa	+2	26-10	W
at Alabama	+21	7-56	L
at Hawaii	+7	7-66	L
San Jose St	-3	28-40	L
at SMU	+10	14-40	L
Louisiana Tech	+14	30-53	L
at Rice	+23'	17-27	W
Nevada	+5	31-48	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sacramento St	NL	42-12	–
at Kentucky	+20	17-77	L
at Oklahoma - #2	+43	0-68	L
Hawaii	+19'	6-31	L
at San Jose St	+17'	24-58	L
at New Mexico St	+17	14-49	L
Rice	+12'	38-35	W
at Tulsa	+2'	0-20	L
Boise St	+32'	3-58	L
at Nevada	+27'	17-23	W
SMU	+5'	35-42	L
at Louisiana Tech	+23	24-38	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona	+21'	7-42	L
Cal Poly	NL	13-34	–
San Diego St	+19'	0-34	L
at Louisville	+37	14-42	W
Sam Houston St	NL	59-14	–
at SMU	+8'	21-19	W
Louisiana Tech	+15'	35-38	W
at Hawaii	+27'	15-31	W
Tulsa	+8'	28-56	L
San Jose St	+3	41-69	L
at Boise St - #24	+40'	21-51	W
at Rice	+14'	14-45	L
Fresno St	+20'	20-23	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona St	+24'	9-41	L
Weber St	NL	32-0	–
Boise St - #23	+29'	31-47	W
New Mexico St	-7'	45-0	W
at Fresno St	+17'	24-21	W
Hawaii	-3'	51-20	W
at Louisiana Tech	+2	44-27	W
at San Jose St	-14'	38-20	W
Rice	-16	35-28 2OT	L
SMU	-21'	57-27	W
at Tulsa	-8'	35-37	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at New Mexico St	-9'	34-17	W
Houston	-12	44-41 2OT	L
New Mexico	-2'	21-13	W
at Memphis	-3'	20-27	L
at Tulane	-7	45-21	W
Marshall	-13'	31-3	W
at Rice	-20	38-31	L
Tulsa	-8	41-38	L
Texas Southern	NL	45-0	–
UAB	-7'	23-35	L
at SMU	-7	27-40	L

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - A QB who runs Steve Kragthorpe's offense must be mobile. When Kragthorpe took over, the returning starting QB quit over the summer and James Kilian stepped up. Kilian threw for 2,217 (56.8%) with a 22-11 ratio (805 rush) while Paul Smith (PS#73) threw for 297 (62%) in 8 games. Kilian did not have the same type of year in 2004 throwing for 2,247 (54.6%) with a poor 13-16 ratio but he did manage to stay healthy allowing Smith and David Johnson to redshirt. Smith, got bigger, stronger and more physical and won the job in 2005. He was injured in the opener and Johnson came off the bench to hit 20 of 30 for 172 but Smith maintained his job and actually had a better first year as a starter than did Kilian (#7DC KC). He threw for 2,847 (62.4%) with an outstanding 20-6 ratio (398 rush). Johnson (5 gms) threw for just 64 more yards. Smith showed his inexperience at times and of his six int's, four were ret'd for TD's. He also proved he's talented being named the Liberty Bowl MVP and should improve in his 2nd year as a starter and Johnson is a solid backup. Adding depth are Chris Boone (6-1 204 So, PS#389), Drew Westling (6-3 215 rFr, PS#382), Kyle Fadal (6-1 189 Fr) and true frosh PS#54 Clark Harrell (TTech QB Graham's brother).

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 Uril Parrish led the team in rushing after 9 games with 537 (5.4) until he was injured. True frosh Brandon Diles (PS#246) added 271 (8.0). In '04 Parrish got off to a slow start but became just the 11th Hurricane to top 1,000 (1064, 5.1) and the first since 1997. Diles added 597 (4.8) for a steady 1-2 punch. Cauvey Jackson had 33 (6.6). All three returned in 2005 along with rFr Tarrion Adams and Kragthorpe called it the deepest position on the offense. All four backs saw ample action and while Parrish's numbers dropped to 775 (4.3), the backs raised the team's ypc from 3.9 to 4.4. They also combined for 60 rec and an additional 630 yards, despite the fact that Diles surprisingly did not have any grabs. Parrish did not travel to N Texas, Adams surprisingly was #2 with 574, an outstanding 6.4 ypc, leading the team in rushing 4 times. Diles added 247 (6.2) ypc and Jackson had 241 (5.6). They lose Parrish (3rd Tm CUSA), however Adams and Diles are back and they add in Oklahoma transfer VHT Courtney Tennial (PS#40) making it one of the CUSA's top RB sets.

RECEIVERS - Tulsa's had some excellent receivers throughout the years including Steve Largent, Howard Twilley and Drew Pearson. Under OC Stubbs they run a 2-TE offense and TE Garrett Mills actually led in receiving for 3 straight years including 2005 when he was the #1 TE in the NCAA with 87 (14.2). Exciting JUCO transfer returnman Ashlan Davis started the final 5 in 2004 with 30 (15.4) and had 35 (12.9) as a senior with 5 TD's. Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 29 starts and 74 rec's but had their top 2 back. They added in a pair of JUCO's in speedy Ryan Bugg (7 rec) and Idris Moss (22, 10.7), who originally signed at UCLA. Taking over at the other starting TE spot was soph Charles Ramsey (254 lbs) who was more of a blocker (2 rec). This year they must replace both Davis and Mills (#4DC NE) as well as WR's Landon Keopple (3 st, 19 rec), Richard McQuillar (12 st, 10 rec) and TE Conner Long (1 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are JUCO WR's Alonzo Wilson and Dion Toliver who could play immediately and they also moved Cauvey Jackson from the deep RB corps to WR. Mills replacement was to be super JUCO Devin Adair (PS#68) who unexpectedly passed away in April. With the loss of two bonafide stars and Adair's passing, this group looks to be down a few notches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Hurricane O-line opened holes for 4.8 ypc rushing while allowing just 23 sacks (a mobile QB always helps). In 2004 they fielded the biggest O-line in school history (307 lb avg) and only had to replace one starter but surprisingly the veteran unit only paved the way for 3.9 ypc rushing while allowing 33 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup but did have 6 players back with starting experience. They improved to 4.4 ypc rush and trimmed the sack total to 26. This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA RG Jesse Stoneham (13 st, 3 yr st'r) as well as RG Victor Mercado (12 gms) and LG Eric Tibbits (5 gms). This unit has four veteran senior starters, 10 of the top 13 OL's top 300 lbs (313 lb avg), and should be one of CUSA's top OL's.

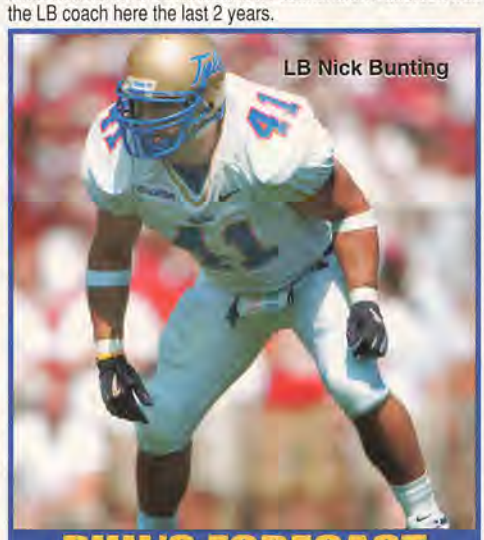
DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 the Hurricane allowed a ghastly 5.7 ypc rushing. In Kragthorpe's first two years they improved slightly yielding 4.6 and 4.7 ypc but with just 13 sacks in 2004. Last year they had to replace one starter and got some outstanding additions including VHT true frosh Terrel Nemons (PS#36) and Colorado transfer Chadd Evans. Eight different players started last year on the 3 man line and they improved to allowing 4.3 ypc with the 165 ypg allowed, the best since 1991! The D also recorded 30 sacks. This year they lose 3rd Tm CUSA DE Brandon Lohr (39 tkl, 2.5 sk) and William Washington (2 st, 4 tkl) but have a group that is loaded in talent and experience and also get in some top-notch true frosh that may contend. Tulsa should have their best rush D in the last two decades.

LINEBACKERS - Tulsa switched to a 3-3-5 defense under Kragthorpe but I list the SPUR safety in the LB write-up. Last year they had to replace two of their 4 starters and then lost projected starting SPUR Kendrick Alexander prior to the year (acad). The unit still performed well and Tulsa trimmed their ppg allowed to 23.5. This year the Hurricane have the best set of LB's in quite some time. Not only do all four talented starters return, but pressing for time is Ty Page (PS#83) and Alain Karatepeyan (6-1 250 Jr, PS#58JC) who was recruited by USC last year. He could turn into a dominant pass rusher. This looks like the CUSA's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tulsa usually fares well in my pass D rankings. Despite a 1-11 record in 2002 they finished #71 and with just one full-time starter back in 2003 moved up to #20. They were #59 in 2004 and last year had to replace two starters. They then lost their top two FS who combined for 9 starts in 2004 prior to the season. Surprisingly they moved up to #17 with an outstanding 9-22 ratio. This year they lose FS Bobby Klinck (11 st, 52 tkl) and CB Jeff Thibodeaux (2 st, 7 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back plus Kedrick Alexander, who was 2nd Tm WAC in 2003 and Steve Craver (PS#36QB) who was injured in '05. With eight players returning with starting experience, this is one of CUSA's top secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tulsa was just #84 in my ST rankings in Kragthorpe's first season. In 2004 they added super JUCO returnman Ashlan Davis and also returned K Brad DeVault who hit 12 of 16 with a long of 49 (3 misses were blk'd). Surprisingly Tulsa only finished #91 in 2004 despite Davis setting an NCAA record for KR TD's in a season (5). Last year Davis and DeVault both returned and they moved up to #38. Davis was suspended for 2 games and saw his KR average drop from 30.6 to 23.2. He avg'd just 6.5 on PR's with the speedy Idris Moss leading (9.3). DeVault hit a super 18 of 21 FG's with a long of 52 and was a perfect 7 of 7 from 40+. His KO's helped the team allow just 17.2 per KR. Their biggest area of improvement was in net punting which went from 31.0 to 33.4 in Chris Kindred's 2nd season and the team cut down on the 5 blocks and 4 TD's allowed. Davis leaves having tied Anthony Davis (1972-'74 at USC) for career KR TD's at 6. With the loss of DeVault and Davis it will be tough to match last year's fine ST finish.

COACHES - Steve Kragthorpe was the Buffalo Bills' QB coach for 2 years and the OC at Texas A&M for 3. In his first year as HC here, he simply guided the team to the biggest turnaround in Div IA from 1-11 to 8-5 which was also the most wins at the school since 1991. His OC is Charlie Stubbs who was previously the Alabama passing game coordinator for three years. In 1999 he was named SEC OC of the Year. He had also been the OC at UNLV ('96-'97), and made stops at Memphis ('94) and Oregon St ('87-'90). The DC the last three years, Todd Graham, is the new HC at Rice and taking over are Keith Patterson and Mark Nelson. Nelson came from Baylor, where he has spent the past three seasons as a DL coach and ST coordinator. Patterson was the LB coach here the last 2 years.


LB Nick Bunting

PHIL'S FORECAST

In their heyday Tulsa was actually the first team in the history of the NCAA to play in five straight NY Day bowl games. They were in just 5 bowls from 1964-2002. However after consecutive one win seasons, they brought in new HC Steve Kragthorpe in 2003. Under Kragthorpe they had the largest turnaround in the country winning 7 more games to finish 8-5 and went to a bowl. In 2004 they had 16 returning starters including a veteran QB and it looked like they would contend for the WAC Title. Unfortunately the O-line got banged up and Tulsa's offense, which averaged 30.8 ppg in 2003 was held to 8 ppg in their 0-3 start. They almost upset Boise giving up a 46 yard FG with :03 left. The next week RB Diles fumbled out of the EZ from the 1 in the 3rd OT and they lost to Nevada to fall to 1-6 (only win vs IAA). They gained some pride with a win over Rice but then lost in OT again (SMU). They had 4 straight drives inside the LT 20 that resulted in zero points and came up short again. They did win their last 2 including their first win over a ranked foe since 1996. Last year they returned 13 starters, a 1,000 yard rusher, had my #2 rated OL in the league as well as 8 of their top 12 tacklers. After suffering from -11 in turnovers (pg 312) in 2004 I said they were capable of returning to a winning season despite a tougher schedule as they moved from the WAC to CUSA. After getting blown out by Minnesota in the opener, they almost upset Oklahoma (see Hardcore Fans pg 322). They handed NT their worst home loss ever ending a 15 game non-conf road losing streak. They went into Hattiesburg and handed SM a 34-17 loss, and when UTEP lost their last 2, Tulsa backed their way into the CUSA Title game where they dispatched UCF and were crowned CUSA Champs. They then beat Fresno St in the Liberty Bowl for an outstanding 9-4 finish. Tulsa did benefit from +19 in turnovers. Tulsa's D faced 4 Heisman contenders at RB in the first four games. Kragthorpe was given a 6 year contract extension. Last year they avg'd 33.1 ppg, their best mark since 1975. While they lose their top 2 receivers and top rusher, this year's group looks just as strong. Despite having just 6 starters back on D last year, Tulsa only allowed 23.5 ppg (best since 1998). This year's defense looks deep and dominating and I'll call for them to have their best ppg allowed since 1991 (18.8). Tulsa has my #1 rated D in CUSA and is capable of returning to the Title game. One of my 7 sets of power ratings even calls for them to go 12-0 so they should top last year's 9 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 12 PAUL SMITH JR. 6-2 193 PS#73. 13 st LY. 3144 (62%) 21-7 ratio, 280 rush 2Y. **5** David Johnson (6-2 217 So) 236 pass (68%) 1-1 ratio rFr. Clark Harrell is PS#54.

RB 20 Courtney Tennial Jr. 5-9 214 **PS#40**. Oklahoma transfer. **25 Tarrion Adams** (6-1 204 So) PS#163. 574 (6.4) rFr, 24 rec. **34 Brandon Diles** (6-0 215 Sr) **1115 (5.6) 3Y.**

WR 83 Ryan Bugg Sr. 6-0 195 50 rec JC '04. 7 rec LY. Corey Kizer (6-2 210 Jr) PS#175JC in spg. Cameron Clemons PS#477JC. 21 rec (16.2) at JC LY. **84** Jesse Meyer (6-3 198 rFr).

WR 80 IDRIS MOSS SR. 5-10 180 **PS#41DB UCLA '02!** 54 rec JC '04. 9 st, 22 (10.7) LY. **9** Donnie Johnson (5-9 208 Sr) 18 tkl LY. **28** Cauvey Jackson (5-10 188 Jr) 352 yd at RB LY.

TE 36 Ted Curtis Jr. 6-1 242 PS#62. 1 rec last year, mostly a blocking TE. **35** Jacob Frank (6-1 233 So) Added 18 lbs. Logan Cawyer is PS#157. Good blocker in HS.

TE 88 CHARLES RAMSEY JR. 6-4 254 PS#243DL. Last 9 st TE last year, 2 rec (18.5). **89** Aaron Roupoli (6-2 244 Sr) PS#266JC. **82** Jacob Collums (6-4 236 rFr) PS#151.

C 56 AARON DANENHAUER SR. 6-5 302 PS#191. 1 st C rFr. 12 st '04 (7RG, 5LT). 13 st C LY, 71 kd. **50** Justin Morsey (6-2 282 So) PS#423JC. **LS 58** Morgan Guidry (6-3 238 Sr) PS#238JC.

RG 70 Rodrick Thomas So. 6-4 347 PS#398. Huge. **77** Wade Whitlow (6-4 310 Jr) PS#412. 2 st RG rFr. 2nd string LY. **60** Jeff Bryant (6-3 316 Sr) PS#127JC. 2nd string LY.

LG 67 JON HAMEISTER-RIES SR. 6-6 308 PS#186DL. TE '03. OL '04. 13 st LG LY, 55 kd. #2 CFL DC. **76** Curt Puckett (6-3 305 rFr) PS#530. **62** Dennis Thomas (6-2 310 rFr).

RT 59 JEFF PERRETT SR. 6-7 329 PS#216. 12 st RT rFr. 12 st RT '04, 865 snap. 13 st RT LY, **3rd Tm CUSA**, 69 kd. #3 CFL DC. **74** Kevin Lane (6-5 333 rFr). Brandon Washington PS#106.

LT 66 MIKE MENGERS SR. 6-4 280 PS#129JC. Last 6 st LT '04. 13 st LT LY, 51 kd, 870 snaps. **65** Jody Whaley (6-3 302 rFr) PS#190. **87** Travis Wike (6-4 279) PS#228DL.

K 12 Jarod Tracy Jr. 6-0 165 PS#65. 24-26 FG's in HS, long 49. 8-8 xp, 0-1 FG's as true. **25** Matt Schultz (6-0 154 So) 8 of 12 FG's, 23-25 xp in HS. 1 xp here rFr.

DE 91 Robert Latu Sr. 6-2 271 9 sts in '04, 21 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 6 sts LY, 21 tkl, 2 sk. **96** Walter Boyd (6-2 317 Jr) PS#264. 3 st, 13 tkl LY. **39** Popsie Floyd (6-1 250 rFr) PS#102LB.

NG 99 TERREL NEMONS SO. 6-4 345 **PS#36. Huge**. 6 st true, 8 tkl. **91** Brandon Jones (6-2 297 Jr) 8 st, 2Y, 22 tkl. **92** Tommy Daniels (6-2 338 So) 10 tkl true. **59** Skyler Taylor (6-0 269 rFr).

DE 95 CHADD EVANS JR. 6-4 265 **PS#118. Colorado transfer**. 6 sts LY, 34 tkl, 7 tfl. **93** Moton Hopkins (6-3 275 So) PS#272. 3 st true, 28 tkl, 2 sk. **52** Cedric Godfrey (6-1 243 rFr) PS#170LB.

OLB 32 CHRIS CHAMBERLAIN JR. 6-2 225 PS#242DB. 5 st true, 48 tkl, 3 sk. 13 st LY, 88 tkl, 4.5 sk, 6.5 tfl. **44 Alain Karatepeyan PS#58JC**. 1.5 sk LY. **33** Kinny Spotwood (6-1 232 Sr) 18 tkl 3Y.

MLB 41 NICK BUNTING SR. 6-1 230 11 st, **1st Tm WAC true**, 79 tkl, 7 tfl. 12 st '04, 88 tkl, 2nd Tm WAC. 13 st LY, 85 tkl, 5 sk, 3rd Tm CUSA. **8** George Clinkscale (6-0 241 So) 12 tkl true.

OLB 55 NELSON COLEMAN JR. 6-2 235 2 st true but RS (inj). 6 st '04, 50 tkl. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm CUSA**, 117 tkl, 4 sk. **35** Cody Madison (6-3 239 Jr) PS#286. 25 tkl 3Y. Kody Thomas (6-2 205 rFr).

SPUR 11 ANTHONY GERMANY JR. 6-1 211 PS#93. 11 st LY, 49 tkl, **13.5 tfl**, 8 pbu. **8** Ty Page (6-2 220 So) **PS#83**. 8 tkl true. **36** Jonathan Penelton (6-0 214 So) PS#297. Dominique Crawford PS#308RB.

CB 22 NICK GRAHAM SR. 5-11 191 5 st '04, 40 tkl, 4 pbu. **2nd Tm CUSA LY**, 13 st, 6 int, 6 pbu, 72 tkl. **21** Terrance Thomas (5-10 175 Jr). **16** Marchon Tatmon (6-1 207 Sr) PS#177JC LY.

CB 13 JULIAN McGOWAN SR. 6-0 165 32 pd at JC 2 years. 7 st LY, 24 tkl, 4 int, 6 pbu. **10** Roy Roberts (5-11 205 So) 5 st, 33 tkl LY, 3 int, 4 pbu. Jamad Williams is PS#328RB.

BAN 2 Kedrick Alexander Sr. 6-2 210 2 st true, 34 tkl. 13 st '03, **2nd Tm WAC**, 121 tkl, 8 tfl, 3 int, 6 pbu '03. **6** Steve Craver (6-1 212 Jr) **PS#36QB in '03**. JC. 8 tkl LY. **37** James Lockett (5-11 192 rFr).

FS 4 BOBBY BLACKSHIRE SR. 6-3 205 12 st '04, 77 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. 13 st LY, **1st Tm CUSA**, 99 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. **7** Randy Duncan (6-2 188 So) PS#130. 2 st, 26 tkl. **19** Josh Burris (5-10 186 So) 1 st true.

P 5 CHRIS KINDRED SR. 5-11 205 25 punts true, 37.5 avg. 61 (38.5) '04, 63 (37.9) LY, net 33.4. **48** Paul Jurado (6-1 195 So). **51** Tyler Carlton (5-11 178 So) 44.7 as HS senior.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Jon Bell 6-1 255 PS#90
QB	Clark Harrell 6-2 190 PS#54
OL	Brandon Washington 6-3 330 PS#106
WR	Corey Kizer 6-2 210 PS#175JC
DL	Kenny Scott 6-1 324 PS#185
WR	Alonzo Wilson 6-0 165 PS#335JC
LB	Mike Bryan 6-1 215 PS#188
OL	Justin Morsey 6-2 281 PS#430JC
DB	Dominique Crawford 5-9 170 PS#308RB
OL	Ronnie DeWitt 6-5 260 PS#333
DB	Jamad Williams 5-9 193 PS#328RB
DB	Charles Davis 5-9 155 PS#376
WR	Stephen Polk 6-1 195 PS#307
TE	Logan Cawyer 6-4 234 PS#157
WR	Dion Toliver 5-10 160 PS#477JC
WR	Cameron Clemons 5-11 180 PS#477JC
WR	Daniel Morrell 6-1 186 PS#485
DL	Anthony Egbuniwe 6-4 220 PS#495
DL	Tyler Scarbrough 6-3 240 PS#495
LB	Tanner Antle 6-4 190 PS#485
DB	Donald Gobert 6-3 180 PS#560
DB	Kenny Sims 5-11 189 PS#560
TE	Josh Myshank 6-0 241 PS#205
TE	Kyle Nelson 6-2 266 PS#205

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

Tulsa, Oklahoma
Weather (918) 743-3311

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#101

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	Stephen F. Austin (Thur)	A					
Sep. 9	at BYU	G					
Sep. 16	North Texas (HC)	A					
Sep. 23	at Navy	A					
Oct. 3	S Mississippi (Tues)	A					
Oct. 7							
Oct. 14	at East Carolina	G					
Oct. 21	at Memphis	A					
Oct. 27	UTEP (Fri)	A					
Nov. 4	at Houston	G					
Nov. 11	Rice	A					
Nov. 18	at SMU	A					
Nov. 24	Tulane (Fri)	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Tulsa is 3-20 SU & 6-17 ATS their last 23 games on grass.
The Golden Hurricane are 6-2 ATS as a home dog under Kragthorpe.
Tulsa finished 7-2 SU & ATS being crowned CUSA Champs in their 1st ssn as members.

The Lumberjacks finished 5-6 last year as IAA Southland Conf members.
Stephen F. Austin is 3-7 all-time vs CUSA opp's, only being outscored by 7 ppg.

Tulsa is 11-5-1 ATS the last 3 years after a SU victory.
Golden Hurricane are 8-17-2 ATS S/'97 vs non-conference opponents.

The last time Tulsa lost to North Texas was in '69, UT leads 14-6 SU all-time.
UT is 27-44 ATS (38%) their last 71 games after a SU loss (4-0 ATS LY).

This yr Tulsa will face the #1 (Navy), #5 (Memphis) & #11 (Rice) rushing offenses from 2005.
The only previous matchup between these 2 tms was in '04 (Navy won 29-0).

Golden Hurricane are 3-7 ATS in their 1st conf game of the season S/'96.
Tulsa is 4-6 SU & 2-6-1 ATS the last 9 years before a bye.

Golden Hurricane are 2-9 SU & 4-7 ATS the L/11 games after a bye week.
Tulsa is 4-2 SU & ATS all-time vs East Carolina.

The visitor is 7-1-1 ATS since 1987 in this series.
Could apply: UT is 8-15 ATS the last 23 games as a conference away dog.

Tulsa is 7-3 ATS S/'95 vs UTEP with the last 3 games averaging 78 ppg.
Last year UTEP scored the final 10 pts in a game that was tied 5 times.

Tulsa is 9-4 SU & 8-4-1 ATS the L/13 Nov/Dec games (not including LY's bowl).
Loser of this game will likely be eliminated from CUSA West Div Crown.

Tulsa & Rice have averaged 65 ppg in their last 5 meetings.
Golden Hurricane are 3-6-1 ATS S/'96 vs the Owls, but 2-0-1 ATS L3Y.

Tulsa is 4-9 SU & 3-8 ATS all-time vs SMU.
Last time UT won in Dallas they were in the midst of a 10-2 season in 1991.

Golden Hurricane are 7-2 ATS in home finales since 1997.
Last yr's game was played at Malone Stadium (Tulane's 11th different site).

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: TJ Rubley 9,324 1987-'91
Rushing: Micheal Gunter 3,536 1980-'83 Receiving: Howard Twilley 3,343 1963-'65

STEVE KRAGTHORPE (Career 21-17)

4th Year at Tulsa

Kragthorpe's SU Bowl Record: 1-1

Kragthorpe's records AT TULSA

21-17	Straight Up	3-4	Home Favorite
20-13-1	Vs The Spread	6-2	Home Underdog
9-5	Off A SU Loss	4-2-1	Away Favorite
15-9-1	Vs Conference	7-5	Away Underdog
5-4	Vs Non-Conf	3-0	Off A Bye

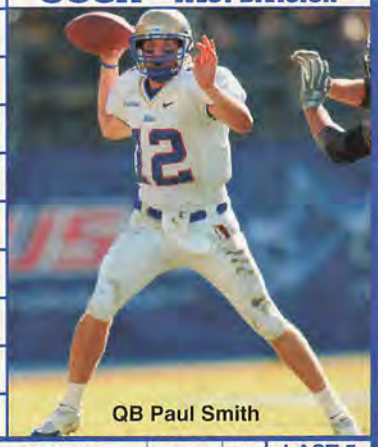
2005 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (17,22,3)
Lost: 15 (9,4,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,826

CUSA - WEST DIVISION



QB Paul Smith

STADIUM: SKELLY STADIUM (40,385)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	5-7	1-10	1-11	8-4	4-8	8-4	29-53
Home	1-5	3-3	1-5	1-5	5-1	4-2	3-2	18-23
Away	1-4	2-4	0-5	0-6	3-3	0-6	5-2	11-30
ATS	2-8	7-5	1-9	4-7-1	7-3-1	4-7	9-3	34-42-2
Home Fav	0-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-2	2-2	6-6
Home Dog	1-3	3-1	1-3	0-4-1	3-1	3-0	0-1	11-13-1
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-1-1	0-1	3-0	5-4-1
Away Dog	1-4	1-4	0-4	3-2	2-1	1-4	4-0	12-19
Favorite	0-1	3-0	0-2	1-1	2-1-1	0-3	5-2	11-10-1
Dog	2-7	4-5	1-7	3-6-1	5-2	4-4	4-1	23-32-1
Grass	0-3	0-4	0-2	2-3	1-1	0-1	3-0	6-14
Artificial	2-5	7-1	1-7	2-4-1	6-2-1	4-6	6-3	28-28-2
vs Conf	2-5	5-3	1-7	4-4	5-2-1	3-5	7-2	27-28-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-2	0-2	0-3-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	7-14-1
Off SU Win	0-2	3-1	0-1	0-1	5-1-1	1-2	5-2	14-10-1
Off SU Loss	2-6	4-3	1-8	4-6	2-1	3-4	4-0	20-28

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Uril Parrish	179	797	22	775	9	4.3
Tarrion Adams	89	606	32	574	8	6.4
Paul Smith	111	398	140	258	6	2.3
Brandon Diles	40	249	2	247	3	6.2
Cauvey Jackson	43	252	11	241	3	5.6
Idris Moss	11	59	8	51	0	4.6
David Johnson	4	23	0	23	0	5.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Paul Smith	364	227	62.4	2847	20	6
David Johnson	41	28	68.3	236	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Garrett Mills	87	1235	14.2	9	66
Ashlan Davis	35	451	12.9	5	54
Tarrion Adams	24	273	11.4	2	39
Uril Parrish	25	246	9.8	1	46
Idris Moss	22	236	10.7	2	40
Landon Keopple	19	180	9.5	0	23
Monroe Nichols	10	114	11.4	0	20
Cauvey Jackson	11	111	10.1	0	30
Richard McQuillar	10	111	11.1	0	28

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Kindred	63	2385	37.9	7	33.4(T)	0	12
Paul Smith	3	122	40.7	1	–	1	2

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brad DeVault	49-51	9-11	2-3	6-6	1-1	18-21	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Nelson Coleman	117	4	2.5	0	1
Bobby Blackshire	99	0	1	6	2
Chris Chamberlain	88	4.5	6.5	2	1
Nick Bunting	85	5	4.5	1	0
Nick Graham	72	1.5	2	6	6
Bobby Klinck	52	0	0.5	3	1
Anthony Germany	49	3	10.5	8	1
Brandon Lohr	39	2.5	2	0	1
Chadd Evans	34	2.5	4.5	2	0
Roy Roberts	33	0	0	4	3
Moton Hopkins	28	2	0.5	0	0
Julian McGowan	24	0	0	6	4
Robert Latu	21	2	1	1	0
Don Johnson	18	0	0	0	0
Brandon Jones	14	0	0.5	0	0
Walter Boyd	13	0	2	0	0
George Clinkscale	12	0.5	2	0	0
Cody Madison	11	0	0	0	0
Alain Karatepeyan	11	1.5	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Idris Moss	11	102	9.3	0
Ashlan Davis	13	85	6.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ashlan Davis	33	767	23.2	1
Idris Moss	6	113	18.8	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
76	Independence	NL	McNeese St	16-20	–
89	Independence	+14'	Oregon	24-27	W
91	Freedom	+2'	San Diego St	28-17	W
03	Humanitarian	+7	Georgia Tech	10-52	L
05	Liberty	+7	Fresno St	31-24	W

Tulsa's All-Time SU Bowl Record 5-8

TULSA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	33.1	20	165	4.4	237	62.8	12.2	+19	2005	6	23.5	18	165	4.3	183	53.9	14.8
8*	28.8	20	168	3.9	187	54.4	12.4	-11	2004	8	33.2	20	211	4.7	191	49.5	12.1
8*	30.8	19	192	4.8	196	57.5	12.6	+3	2003	7	27.8	20	198	4.6	181	50.7	13.6
8*	19.4	18	123	3.4	193	52.9	16.3	+6	2002	8	34.8	23	256	5.7	202	58.8	13.2
7*	17.4	19	131	3.8	215	55.1	19.9	-5	2001	8	35.2	22	222	5.3	224	64.4	12.7
5*	20.0	19	112	2.9	226	51.7	16.9	0	2000	8	23.6	19	210	5.1	176	55.6	16.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

UT 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Minnesota	18	35 - 135	3.9	27 - 41	218	1	24	44 - 301	6.8	14 - 25	235	1	-2
–	at Oklahoma	21	39 - 98	2.5	24 - 36	246	4	14	45 - 227	5.0	5 - 13	42	2	0
–	at North Texas	19	41 - 213	5.2	13 - 22	193	2	8	36 - 70	1.9	10 - 22	59	5	+3
–	Memphis	18	47 - 197	4.2	15 - 23	234	2	20	48 - 335	7.0	9 - 24	147	0	+1
–	Houston	17	26 - 77	3.0	26 - 49	283	3	22	45 - 200	4.4	19 - 31	276	2	-1
–	at S Mississippi	26	49 - 231	4.7	21 - 35	244	1	11	16 - 37	2.3	12 - 30	132	2	+2
–	at Rice	18	34 - 178	5.2	18 - 24	205	1	19	59 - 231	3.9	8 - 21	85	3	+3
–	SMU	15	31 - 103	3.3	20 - 33	220	1	18	36 - 114	3.2	20 - 32	223	2	+3
–	at UTEP	20	38 - 139	3.7	23 - 40	263	3	24	30 - 95	3.2	25 - 34	340	3	+1
–	East Carolina	26	35 - 238	6.8	21 - 31	257	2	16	32 - 120	3.8	21 - 34	229	2	+2
–	at Tulane	23	40 - 145	3.6	16 - 25	281	3	14	28 - 58	2.1	18 - 35	212	4	+2
–	at UCF	23	48 - 196	4.1	13 - 20	205	3	17	35 - 149	4.3	13 - 27	190	4	+4
–	† Fresno St	20	28 - 196	7.0	18 - 27	234	0	22	47 - 208	4.4	19 - 30	213	0	+1
TOTALS		264	491 - 2146	4.4	255 - 406	3083	26	229	501 - 2145	4.3	193 - 358	2383	30	+19
AVERAGES		20.3	38 - 165	4.4	20 - 31	237	2.0	18.0	39 - 165	4.3	15 - 28	183	2.3	+1.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	51-0	–
Fresno St - #11	+12	18-37	L
at UTEP	-2	10-26	L
New Mexico St	-4'	7-24	L
at Boise St	+12'	10-41	L
Hawaii	+7	15-36	L
at San Jose St	+7'	27-63	L
at Oklahoma - #3	+41	0-58	L
at Rice	+19	32-59	L
SMU	+8	14-24	L
Louisiana Tech	+20	7-19	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma - #2	+37	0-37	T
at Arkansas St	-4'	19-21	L
at Louisiana Tech	+21	9-53	L
at Baylor	+11'	25-37	L
Kansas	+4	33-43	L
Boise St	+26	24-52	L
at Hawaii	+30'	14-37	W
UTEP	-2'	20-0	W
Rice	+8'	18-33	L
at Fresno St	+26	12-31	W
San Jose St	+10	38-49	L
at SMU	+7'	21-24	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Minnesota	+30'	10-49	L
at Arkansas	+37'	13-45	W
Texas St	NL	41-15	–
Arkansas St	+3'	54-7	W
Hawaii	+9	27-16	W
at Boise St	+22'	20-27	W
Nevada	E	21-28	L
SMU	-17	35-16	W
at UTEP	-8'	56-28	W
at Rice	-3	31-28	T
Louisiana Tech	E	48-18	W
at San Jose St	-7	34-32	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kansas	+4	3-21	L
at Oklahoma St	+21'	21-38	W
Navy	-1	0-29	L
Missouri St	NL	49-7	–
at Hawaii	+11	16-44	L
Boise St - #21	+21	42-45	W
at Nevada	+3	48-54 3OT	L
Rice	+1	39-22	W
at SMU	-12	35-41 OT	L
at Louisiana Tech	+6'	21-38	L
San Jose St	-10'	34-24	L
UTEP - #24	+8'	37-35	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Minnesota	+17	10-41	L
at Oklahoma - #18	+30'	15-31	W
at North Texas	+3'	54-2	W
Memphis	-1'	37-31 OT	W
Houston	-2'	23-30	L
at S Mississippi	+12'	34-17	W
at Rice	-7'	41-21	W
SMU	-15'	20-13	L
at UTEP	+8	38-41	W
East Carolina	-9	45-13	W
at Tulane	-15	38-14	W
at UCF	-2'	44-27	W

SMU MUSTANGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Since 1999 SMU has had six QB's leave instead of completing their eligibility. For example, Chris Sanders transferred to UT-Chattanooga where he became that school's career passing leader. Josh McCown transferred to Sam Houston and was later an NFL #3 DC. In '03 true frosh Chris Phillips split time with Tate Wallis and the team failed to top 100 yards passing early. Phillips improved and for the season he threw for 389 yards (53.8%) with a 2-2 ratio. In 2004 Bennett brought in two JUCO's in Tony Eckert and Jerad Romo. Eckert is a pocket passer while Romo is a much better runner. Phillips started the first 3 games and led the team to just two FG's while each of the backups led a TD drive. Phillips hurt his rotator cuff and took a redshirt and for his career is 0-8 as a starting QB. Eckert took over and threw for 1,406 (54.7%) with a 6-13 ratio. Romo saw heavy action in the final 2 throwing for 599 (56.5%) with a 4-2 ratio and led the team with 434 net yds rushing. All three returned in '05 and the battle was between Eckert and Romo. Eckert started the opener but hit just 6 of 18 for 64 vs Baylor while Romo hit 3 of 8 for 42 yds but led the team with 82 yards rushing and started the next 3 including their upset of TCU. Eckert broke his collarbone vs Marshall. Phillips battled true frosh Justin Willis (PS#109) for the backup job. Phillips, with his rotator cuff closer to 100%, improved as the season went on while Romo became the first SMU QB to top 300 yards passing (333 vs UAB) since '99 despite having his mobility limited by a sore back. Romo threw for 1,781 (55%) with a 9-7 ratio. Eckert completed just 35.7%. Willis battled Eric Johnson (PS#270), Carson Newman transfer Jason Rowan (6-4 220 So, PS#58TE) and JC Corey Slater who was in for the spring. Willis seemed to take the lead after hitting 16 of 21 for 160 yds in the spring game. Phillips moved to TE. Romo had one of the better years for an SMU QB in recent seasons but whoever wins the job should come close to matching 2005's numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - SMU has been known for some great rush attacks including the Pony Express combination of Eric Dickerson and Craig James. The legendary Doak Walker also played his collegiate ball here. In 2002 & 2003 Keylon Kincade became just the 4th player in SMU history to top 1,000 yards in multiple seasons. In 2004 Texas Tech transfer Foy Munlin (9 sts) had just 335 (3.5) and rFr Cedrick Dorsey (PS#225) led the RB's with 431 (5.0). Dorsey suffered an ankle injury in '05 and played in just 9 games rushing for 212 (3.6). Richuel Massey, who was a power lifting champ in HS, dropped 16 lbs to increase his speed. Massey had 64 yds in the opener but after the game Bennett expressed frustration that the staff didn't get rFr DeMyron Martin on the field. Martin got his first action vs TCU and rushed for 118 with 2 TD's and was the CUSA Off POW. In his first 3 starts, he only had 72 (2.4) a number which he then matched in just 10 att's vs UAB. Martin topped the 100 mark three more times including 171 vs Rice and narrowly missed SMU's frosh rushing record by 30 yards, finishing with 854 (4.6). Massey (PS#56) is one of the best athletes on the team but surprisingly has had just 115 yards rushing in 3 years. Also in the mix are Johnnie Fitzgerald (6-2 212 Sr) who had 35 tkls at LB/DB the last 2 years, Jessie Henderson (5-9 175 So, PS#86), Fred Turner (5-10 185 Jr, PS#197) and James Mapps (5-9 175 rFr). Everyone returns and Martin has a great shot at topping 1,000 yards.

RB DeMyron Martin

RECEIVERS - SMU was very inexperienced at receiver in '04 but brought in good sized JUCO Bobby Chase (6-4 205) who led the team with 31 rec's (15.6). The unit was plagued by dropped passes. Last year basically everyone returned and TE Ryan Kennedy, who had 4 starts and 21 rec's in '04, actually made the Lombardi Preseason Watch List. Chase lost his starting spot after 4 games but regained it and earned 3rd Tm CUSA honors snagging 39 (16.0). Reynaldo Pellerin, who had one start and 21 rec's in '04 had 30 (11.5). Possession receivers Zack Sledge and Chris Foster fought for one spot and combined for 45 rec's but just 9.1 ypc. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR Rob Pritchard (6-2 195 So) and TE's Jeff Brock (6-5 235 rFr), Mario Walker (6-2 220 rFr), Andrew McKinney (6-4 250 So), JB Hill (6-2 225 rFr) and Jackson Taylor (6-2 245 So). The only loss this year is Foster (2 st, 20 rec, 9.8). This unit continues to gain experience and hopefully Kennedy, who missed spring with an ACL injury suffered in Wk 11 last year, will be 100% by the fall.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Bennett's first year, SMU's O-line paved the way for 4.0 ypc rushing and allowed just 20 sacks but in 2003 injuries hurt the unit (3.1 ypc, 41 sk). In 2004 they had to replace 3 starters but still improved to 3.4 ypc (27 sk). Last year all 5 starters returned and the ypc moved to 3.5 (30 sk). The unit got better as the season went on but this year they lose RG Brad Kieschnick (7 st, 4 yr st'r), RT Martin Guidry (11 st, 2 yr st'r) and RG Chris Urbanus (5 st, 2 yr st'r). Despite the losses, this unit could show continued improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - SMU played a solid rush D from 1997-2001 allowing an avg of 3.4 ypc in that span. Under Coach Bennett, a former defensive coordinator, the Mustangs surprisingly allowed 4.5, 4.2 and 4.9 ypc in his first 3 years but improved to 3.7 last year. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 22 starts. They did move SLB Don Ieremia-Stansbury back to DE but he was lost for the season early on and DT Desmond Jones was suspended for the year so only one starter was back. Bennett felt the 2005 front four was "about as good as anybody in the conf." This year they lose Stansbury (4 sts, 15 tkl) but have 7 of the top 8 back and also have good depth as shown in the 3 deep below. This should be one of CUSA's strongest D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 SMU lost their top 2 MLB's (DD Lee and Reggie Carrington) to injuries. Last year both returned but they moved starting LB Ieremia-Stansbury to DE so basically two starters returned. VHT projected starter LB Avery Cleveland left the team after one game. This year they must replace Lee (10 st, 79 tkl, 5 tfl), SLB Alvin Nnabuife (11 st, 53 tkl, 4 int), MLB Rico Harris (9 st '04, 3 tkl '05) and Heath Burnett (2 tkl). Bennett feels that Carrington could be an all-CUSA caliber player and Wilton McCray is a two year starter. His LB corps is based on speed, not size and I list the 3 deep below. This has the makings of a pretty good group but I'll call it down a notch in 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SMU's highest finish ever in my pass D rankings was #14 in 2001. After dropping to #64 and #93 the next two years, they had 3 starters back in 2004 but surprisingly dropped to #112. Last year they had to replace two starters but the unit moved up to #47 allowing an outstanding 16-17 ratio. Bennett said the team finally learned how to cover and take away the big play. This year they must replace 3 starters in CB Brandon Jones (10 st, 52 tkl, 5 pbu), CB Rolando Humphrey (11 st, 65 tkl, 3 yr st'r) and FS Jamey Harper (11 st, 71 tkl, 4 int, 3 yr st'r). I list the 3 deep below and while this group is close talent-wise to last year, it is less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - When true frosh P Ryan Mentzel was signed in '02 he helped SMU move up from #91 in my ST rankings to #29. The team also signed VHT K Chris McMurtray (PS#17). He hit 10 of 14 FG's in 2003 and 7 of 8 in 2004. Surprisingly the unit finished a lowly #103 in 2003 and #110 in 2004. Last year they got off to a very slow start, suffering 3 blocked punts in the first 3 games but they rebounded and finished #60. After missing 4 early FG's (3 vs TCU), Bennett stuck with McMurtray and instead switched LS's to true frosh Jackson Taylor claiming the snaps were the problem. Bennett was rewarded for his decision as McMurtray did not miss another kick nailing 18 of 22 FG's with a long of 49 which was the game winner vs Houston with :03 left. RFr Jesse Henderson (PS#86RB) was exciting on the returns earning 3rd Tm CUSA honors (KR 27.6). Blake Warren (9.8 in '05) has handled the PR duties for 3 years. Replacing McMurtray and Mentzel will not be easy but the top returnmen are back and SMU may not drop too far in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Phil Bennett was the DC at Kan St prior to taking over as head man here in 2002. In 2004 he brought in OC Rusty Burns, who was the OC at Cincy the previous 2 years, and the Mustangs offense improved from 11.2 ppg in '03 to 18.4 and 20.8 ppg in his 2 years. DC Jim Gush enters his 5th year here and was the LB coach at Kan St under Bennett. Last year SMU allowed just 22.0 ppg in CUSA play, the best mark in the conference. Bennett received a one year contract extension thru 2009.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1981-1984 SMU was among the best teams in the country going 41-5-1 but the "Death Penalty" hit them hard and they've had just one winning season since. In Phil Bennett's first season (2002) 7 starters left the team so what looked to be an experienced unit quickly turned inexperienced. SMU was still 3-5 in league play. They had 13 starters back in 2003 but suffered some tough losses including four by 7 points or less and were -13 in TO's. Those factors resulted in their first winless season since 1960. They were outgained by a league worst 138.7 ypg in WAC play. Head coaches rebuilding programs usually have their best success in the third season and in 2004 Bennett had to replace only 12 lettermen but did have 86 underclassmen on their 113 man roster (76%), the highest % in the NCAA. SMU was able to end its 15 game losing streak when they opened conf play with a stunning 36-13 blowout of SJSt. At this point Bennett said "In 26 years of coaching I cannot remember so many injuries to a defense". After four blowout losses and with Bennett under pressure, SMU knocked off Tulsa in OT and then beat Nevada. The Mustangs even led UTEP 20-10 before crumbling but that promising finish saved Bennett his job. They were still outgained by 88.1 ypg in 2004 in conf play. Last year he had the most returning starters in the CUSA (16) and was coming off a season where they were -19 in turnovers. Last year I called for the defense to allow their lowest ppg under Bennett and they did just that (25.5). I had called for SMU to top 2004's three wins and the Mustangs nearly achieved a winning record going 4-4 in CUSA play even though they were outgained by 55.6 ypg. Despite having 24 players back with 6 or more starts, they suffered 4 close losses. They did deal TCU their only loss of the year for their first win over a ranked team since 1986. They blew a 10-0 4Q lead to Marshall but got a miracle win vs UAB on a Hail Mary with no time left which ended a 14 game road losing streak. EC got 17 of their 24 points off turnovers and SMU outgained league champ Tulsa 337-323 but lost due to 3 TO's. They knocked off UTEP who needed a win over SMU to win the CUSA West Title. Bennett was under fire with the team at 2-6 but their 5-6 finish was their best since 1997 and they had their first 3 game win streak since 1999 and were 3-1 vs bowl teams. In fact had SMU beaten Tulsa, they would have been the CUSA West Champ! They accomplished this despite having their practices disrupted in Sept when Tulane moved on campus to share facilities. My 7 sets of power ratings call for the Mustangs to win anywhere from 4 to 8 games which means that an elusive bowl eligible season is a possibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 16 Justin Willis rFr. 6-1 197 PS#109. **12** Corey Slater (6-2 220 So) 963 yds JC '05. In for spg. **14** Eric Johnson (6-1 210 rFr). **15** Jason Rowan (6-4 220 So) PS#58TE.

RB 8 DeMYRON MARTIN SO. 6-2 215 PS#313. 6 sts rFr, 854 (4.6). **33** Richuel Massey (5-11 215 Jr) PS#56. 425 bench. **23** Cedrick Dorsey (5-11 200 Jr) 5 sts, 643 rush (4.4) 2Y.

WR 84 ZACK SLEDGE JR. 5-11 190 7 st LY, 25 rec (8.6). **2** Blake Warren (5-7 180 Sr) PS#202. 11 rec true. 3 st, 11 rec '04. 2 st, 15 rec LY. **17** Emmanuel Sanders (6-1 170 rFr) PS#259.

WR 82 BOBBY CHASE SR. 6-4 205 PS#235JC. **Off MVP**, 11 st, 31 rec '04. 8 st LY, 39 rec (16.0), **3rd Tm CUSA. 18** Jay'Mond Cleveland (5-11 185 Sr) PS#268. 8 sts, 35 rec 3Y.

WR 85 REYNALDO PELLERIN SR. 6-3 190 1 st, 4 rec as true. 1 st, 21 rec '04. 10 st LY, 30 rec. **12** Joseph Ferguson (6-2 205 Sr) **PS#59QB.** NWstrn trans. **4** Columbus Givens PS#137QB.

TE 89 RYAN KENNEDY SR. 6-5 265 1 st rFr. 4 sts, 21 rec 2004. 9 sts in '05, 14 rec. **7** Chris Phillips (6-3 230 Jr) 8 sts 2Y, 646 pass (51.6%). **86 Vincent Chase** (6-5 255 So) **PS#19.**

C 66 BEN POYNTER JR. 6-4 285 PS#364. Last 5 st at LT rFr. 11 st C LY, top blk'r. **62** Joe Holmes PS#356JC. 450 bench. In for spg. **77** Dustin Morton (6-4 290 Sr) PS#215.

RG 50 CALEB PEVETO JR. 6-4 295 PS#349. Last 4 sts at LG rFr. 11 st at LG LY. **74** Sean Lobo (6-3 300 So) PS#562. 2nd string. **75** Josh Hickman (6-4 285 rFr) PS#438.

LG 51 Mitch Enright rFr. 6-2 280 **PS#83. 67** Tommy Poynter (6-3 285 So). No gm action as rFr. **64** Chase Smith (6-4 280 rFr) PS#274. **61** Matt Ramsey (6-1 235 So).

RT 76 Kenard Burley Jr. 6-5 305 PS#345. 8 games as backkup LY & lettered. **70** David Allison (6-5 296 rFr) PS#130. **55** Lucky DeLay (6-4 270 Jr) PS#213DL. 7 tkls at DT 2Y.

LT 58 DARRIN JOHNSON SR. 6-6 295 PS#469. L/3 sts LT rFr, 8 gms. 6 st LT '04 (inj). 10 st LT LY. **63** Brad Lankford (6-4 280 rFr) PS#319. **72** Ross Nigh (6-5 265 rFr) PS#276.

K 10 Ryan Wolcott Jr. 5-9 170 PS#27. Doak Walker's grandson! Bkup K LY, no FG att. Kellis Cunningham PS#78. **12** Thomas Morstead (6-4 210 So). **18** Brayden Harris (5-11 180 So).

DE 11 CORY MUSE JR. 6-3 240 PS#43TE. 4 tkl rFr (inj). Last 7 st LY, 32 tkl, 2.5 sk. **94** Patrick Handy (6-2 250 So) PS#319OL. 3 tkl as true. **91** Kyle Griffin (6-4 225 So) PS#304. 5 tkl rFr.

DT 56 BRANDON BONDS SR. 6-1 300 PS#310. 3 sts, 25 tkl, first 2Y. 10 st LY, 28 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **68** Randy Denman (6-2 285 Sr) 20 tkl, 3Y, 3 tfl. **93** Chris Parham (6-2 280 rFr). +30 lbs.

DT 60 ADRIAN HAYWOOD SR. 6-3 280 PS#138JC. 11 sts here LY, 42 tkl, 5 sk, 7 tfl, **3rd Tm CUSA. 92** Charlie Berry (6-3 280 Sr) PS#272. 4 sts, 44 tkl 3Y. **97** Dominic Pryor (6-5 275 Jr).

DE 40 JUSTIN ROGERS SR. 6-4 250 2 st, 34 tkl rFr. 9 st, 27 tkl, 2.5 sk '04. 11 st LY, 64 tkl, 7 sk, **2nd Tm CUSA. 90** Troy Therien (6-4 245 Sr) PS#270JC. **99** Jamar Bey (6-5 235 Sr).

SLB 52 Pete Fleps Fr 6-2 220 In for spring. 4.5 spd. **32** Paul Hiemenz (6-2 225 So) FS LY, 0 tkl. **46** Brett Johnson (6-1 220 So). **57** James-Albert Osborne (6-2 230 rFr).

MLB 53 Reggie Carrington Jr. 6-2 235 2 st rFr, 32 tkl, 2 tfl. Med RS '04. 1 st LY, 21 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **6** Damon Hurst (5-11 215 Jr) PS#411JC. In for spg. **31** Trent Sawyer (6-0 215 So) 4 gm LY.

WLB 5 WILTON McCRAY JR. 6-0 205 PS#389. 9 st true, 63 tkl, 4 tfl, co-Fr POY. 11 st LY, 71 tkl, 4 tfl. **44** Will Bonilla (5-11 200 So) 12 tkl as rFr. **48** Kyle Johnston (5-11 205 So).

CB 24 Cortley Blackmon Jr. 5-10 185 PS#480. 13 tkl LY FS. **7** David Haynes (5-9 190 So) PS#336. 15 tkl rFr. **36** Emerson Settle (5-11 190 rFr) PS#296WR. **23** Connor McKay (6-1 185 rFr) PS#281QB.

CB 21 Jonathan Lindley Jr. 6-0 185 PS#131. 1 st, 15 tkl 2Y. **3 Devin Lowery** (5-11 175 Jr) PS#326. 4.37 spd. 5 st at WR, 22 rec 2Y. **25** LJ Johnson (5-9 175 So) 4.3 spd. 2 gms LY.

SS 29 JOE STURDIVANT SR. 6-2 210 PS#113. 19 tkl as true. 4 st, 67 tkl in '04. 11 st LY, **2nd Tm CUSA**, 112 tkl, 3 int, 11 pbu. **38** Tony Hawkins (6-1 205 Jr). **33** Benson Sloan (6-1 190 So).

FS 10 Randall Goode Sr. 5-11 190 PS#270. 6 tkls LY. **28** Bryce Hudman (6-2 200 rFr) PS#358WR. 3 tkl, inj as true. **34** Victor Makinde (6-1 190 Sr) PS#221JC. 4.31 spd. 9 gms here LY.

P 11 Andrew Galloway So. 6-4 215 38.0 avg as senior in HS. **18** Brayden Harris (5-11 180 So) PS#92. **12** Thomas Morstead. Sp Tm MVP as senior in HS. Added 20 lbs.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DB	A'Darius Medford 5-10 170 PS#136
WR	Phillip Burley 6-5 210 PS#131
OL	Joe Holmes 6-2 300 PS#356JC
WR	Bryan McCann 6-0 175 PS#237RB
LB	Damon Hurst 5-11 215 PS#411JC
OL	Lee Gonzales 6-5 305 PS#267
QB	Zach Rhodes 6-2 205 PS#181
DB	Tyler Jones 6-1 195 PS#324
LB	Taylor Bon 6-4 210 PS#304
DL	Zac Thomas 6-5 265 PS#316
DB	Tim Crosby 5-11 170 PS#239QB
LB	Pete Fleps 6-2 220 PS#397
K	Kellis Cunningham 5-11 180 PS#78
DL	Mickey Dollens 6-3 255 PS#433
QB	Corey Slater 6-2 220 PS#477JC
WR	Morgan Hudnall 5-9 162 PS#485
DL	Kyle DeGroat 6-0 270 PS#495
DL	Jordan Johnson 6-3 240 PS#495
LB	Anthony Sowe 6-2 195 PS#485
LB	Patrick Strodtman 6-0 225 PS#485

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#100

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SMU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	at Texas Tech	A						SMU is 7-1 SU & 7-0 ATS in Homecoming games since 1998. The Mustangs are 2-13 SU in September under Bennett. SMU has had only 1 winning season since 1989.
Sep. 9	at North Texas	A						SMU is 0-18 SU & 3-14-1 ATS last 18 September road games. The Mustangs are 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS in openers under Bennett.
Sep. 16	Sam Houston St	A						SMU is 1-5 SU & ATS in their 2nd consecutive road game since 1999. Coming into 2006 the Mustangs are 3-7 ATS vs non-conf teams the L3Y.
Sep. 23	Arkansas St	A						These in-state schools are about 177 miles apart off I-45. Ten of SMU's 12 games will be played in Texas this year.
Sep. 30	at Tulane	A						This will be the 1st meeting between these two schools. SMU has covered 8 of their last 12 lined games at Gerald J. Ford Stadium.
Oct. 7	at UTEP	A						SMU is 1-6 SU & ATS vs Tulane since 1990. Last year Tulane held SMU to just three 1H FD's & 127 total yds.
Oct. 14	Marshall	A						SMU is 1-3 SU & ATS in El Paso since 1999. Coming into 2006, SMU is 8-14 ATS as AD under Bennett but 4-1 ATS LY.
Oct. 21	at East Carolina	G						SMU is 5-3 ATS in conference home games the last 2 years. The Mustangs led 10-0 after 3Q's last year but lost in OT to the Herd.
Oct. 31	UAB (Tues)	A						Could apply: SMU is 5-2 SU & ATS as an away favorite since 1998. The Mustangs are 3-7 SU & 2-8 ATS their last 10 games on grass.
Nov. 4								In their only meeting, SMU won 28-27 (+20) on the game's final play LY. Mustangs are 6-3 ATS their last 9 games as a home dog.
Nov. 11	Houston (HC)	A						The dog is 6-2 ATS since '90 & the visitor is 10-5 ATS S/'80 in this series. SMU is 6-1 ATS in November home games the last 3 years.
Nov. 18	Tulsa	A						SMU is 8-3 SU & ATS vs Tulsa since 1991. SMU is 4-8 ATS (4-1 ATS the L5Y) since 1993 in home finales.
Nov. 25	at Rice	A						The visitor is 1-8-1 ATS since 1995 in this in-state series. SMU has been outscored on average 32-14 the last 6 in Houston.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Chris Hixson 7,179 1968-'70
Rushing: Eric Dickerson 4,450 1979-'82 Receiving: Emanuel Tolbert 2,784 1976-'79

PHIL BENNETT (Career 11-35)

5th Year at SMU

Bennett's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Bennett's records AT SMU

11-35	Straight Up	2-4	Home Favorite
20-26	Vs The Spread	9-8	Home Underdog
15-18	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
15-17	Vs Conference	8-14	Away Underdog
5-9	Vs Non-Conf	4-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (21,19,2)
Lost: 14 (6,6,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,630

CUSA - WEST DIVISION

DT Adrian Haywood

STADIUM: GERALD J. FORD (32,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (A-Turf Premier)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-6	3-9	4-7	3-9	0-12	3-8	5-6	22-57
Home	3-2	3-3	2-4	2-4	0-6	3-2	3-3	16-24
Away	1-4	0-6	2-3	1-5	0-6	0-6	2-3	6-33
ATS	3-6	5-7	6-5	5-7	3-9	5-6	7-4	34-44
Home Fav	0-1	2-1	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-0	1-1	5-7
Home Dog	2-1	1-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	3-1	2-2	14-13
Away Fav	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2
Away Dog	0-4	2-3	2-1	2-3	1-5	1-5	4-1	12-22
Favorite	1-1	2-2	2-2	1-2	0-1	1-0	1-1	8-9
Dog	2-5	3-5	4-3	4-5	3-8	4-6	6-3	26-35
Grass	2-3	5-4	5-4	4-4	0-3	0-2	2-1	18-21
Artificial	1-3	0-3	1-1	1-3	3-6	5-4	5-3	16-23
vs Conf	3-3	3-5	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	6-2	25-29
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-2	2-1	2-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	9-15
Off SU Win	2-1	1-2	3-1	0-2	0-0	2-1	2-2	10-9
Off SU Loss	1-4	3-5	3-3	5-4	3-8	2-5	5-1	22-30

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Bluebonnet	NL	Oklahoma	28-27	–
80	Holiday	-1	BYU	45-46	L
82	Cotton	E	Pittsburgh	7-3	W
83	Sun	-4	Alabama	7-28	L
84	Aloha	+1'	Notre Dame	27-20	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

SMU's All-Time SU Bowl Record 4-6-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeMyron Martin	185	916	62	854	7	4.6
Cedrick Dorsey	59	236	24	212	0	3.6
Jerad Romo	103	360	186	174	3	1.7
Richael Massey	24	101	14	87	1	3.6
Reynaldo Pellerin	6	69	0	69	1	11.5
Fred Turner	13	61	4	57	0	4.4
Johnnie Fitzgerald	7	37	5	32	1	4.6
Tony Eckert	5	7	32	-25	0	-5.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jerad Romo	282	155	55.0	1781	9	7
Tony Eckert	42	15	35.7	169	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Bobby Chase	39	625	16.0	4	67
Reynaldo Pellerin	30	346	11.5	2	34
Zack Sledge	25	215	8.6	0	40
Chris Foster	20	195	9.8	0	47
Ryan Kennedy	14	167	11.9	1	27
Blake Warren	15	148	9.9	0	25
Devin Lowery	9	83	9.2	1	28
Columbus Givens	5	67	13.4	0	31
DeMyron Martin	8	53	6.6	2	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Mentzel	60	2450	40.8	11	33.2	4	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris McMurtray	21-22	9-10	6-6	3-6	0-0	18-22	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Joe Sturdivant	112	0	3.5	11	3
DD Lee	79	1	4	4	2
Wilton McCray	71	1	3	0	0
Jamey Harper	71	0	1	2	4
Rolando Humphrey	65	0	2	3	3
Justin Rogers	64	7	3.5	0	0
Alvin Nnabuife	53	0	1.5	5	4
Brandon Jones	52	0	0	5	0
Adrian Haywood	42	5	7	2	1
Cory Muse	32	2.5	2	3	0
Brandon Bonds	28	0.5	3	0	0
Reggie Carrington	21	0	1.5	2	0
David Haynes	15	0	0	0	0
Don Jeremia-Stansbury	15	0	1	1	0
Cortley Blackmon	13	0	0	0	0
Will Bonilla	12	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Lindley	11	0	0	0	0
Johnnie Fitzgerald	9	0	1	0	0
Troy Therien	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Blake Warren	21	206	9.8	0
Jonathan Lindley	1	3	3.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jessie Henderson	24	663	27.6	1
Blake Warren	7	127	18.1	0

SMU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	20.8	16	131	3.5	177	52.5	14.8	+5	2005	7	25.5	22	143	3.7	250	58.0	15.4
4*	18.4	18	125	3.4	209	54.4	18.2	-19	2004	7	38.2	23	209	4.9	258	61.2	12.2
6*	11.2	16	129	3.1	131	46.6	23.3	-13	2003	7	32.2	19	164	4.2	225	56.4	12.1
6	17.3	19	182	4.0	159	52.1	19.8	-12	2002	6	31.5	18	159	4.5	244	54.1	12.8
8	20.5	18	156	3.8	157	52.1	15.3	-7	2001	9	26.8	17	122	3.3	198	56.0	11.9
7*	15.1	19	116	3.2	209	52.5	21.5	-13	2000	7	29.3	18	138	3.9	241	56.5	12.9

2005 STATS BY GAME

SMU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Baylor	17	36 - 170	4.7	9 - 26	106	3	24	45 - 215	4.8	23 - 40	198	1	+1
–	TCU	18	52 - 172	3.3	11 - 21	101	2	16	32 - 119	3.7	16 - 36	134	1	+3
–	at Texas A&M	14	26 - 39	1.5	23 - 45	309	3	31	44 - 309	7.0	18 - 27	405	1	-3
–	Tulane	10	31 - 63	2.0	8 - 18	64	9	24	47 - 144	3.1	22 - 34	213	2	-1
–	at Marshall	7	34 - 40	1.2	10 - 25	151	2	27	33 - 99	3.0	34 - 60	314	1	+1
–	at UAB	22	36 - 80	2.2	30 - 43	333	4	19	23 - 73	3.2	22 - 35	344	1	+2
–	East Carolina	18	34 - 143	4.2	19 - 37	211	2	15	51 - 127	2.5	15 - 22	225	2	-4
–	at Tulsa	18	35 - 101	2.9	21 - 33	236	2	15	31 - 103	3.3	20 - 33	220	1	-3
–	Rice	16	49 - 280	5.7	9 - 17	111	1	17	50 - 166	3.3	10 - 31	64	1	+1
–	at Houston	16	36 - 124	3.4	12 - 27	117	2	24	40 - 119	3.0	25 - 36	273	3	+1
–	UTEP	21	46 - 229	5.0	18 - 32	211	0	28	32 - 95	3.0	27 - 46	360	5	+7
TOTALS		177	415 - 1441	3.5	170 - 324	1950	30	240	428 - 1569	3.7	232 - 400	2750	19	+5
AVERAGES		16.1	38 - 131	3.5	15 - 29	177	2.7	21.8	39 - 143	3.7	21 - 36	250	1.7	0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	+5	6-36	L
TCU	+13	10-38	L
NC State	+15'	17-26	W
Hawaii	-5'	31-38 OT	L
at San Jose St	+7	24-17	W
UTEP	-10	40-14	W
at Nevada	-2	14-35	L
Fresno St	+16'	13-38	L
at Tulsa	-8	24-14	W
Rice	+6'	37-20	W
at North Carolina	+23'	10-19	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Navy	-10'	7-38	L
Texas Tech	+20	14-24	W
at TCU	+17'	6-17	W
at Oklahoma St	+16'	16-52	L
at Hawaii	+22'	10-42	L
San Jose St	+7	23-34	L
at Fresno St	+23'	7-30	W
Louisiana Tech	+13	37-34	W
at Rice	+8'	15-27	L
Nevada	+6'	6-24	L
at UTEP	-5'	42-35	W
Tulsa	-7'	24-21	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas Tech	+23'	10-58	L
at Baylor	+1'	7-10	L
Oklahoma St	+24	6-52	L
at Nevada	+19	9-12	W
UTEP	-8'	19-21	L
at San Jose St	+7'	14-31	L
Boise St	+24	3-45	L
at Tulsa	+17	16-35	L
Fresno St	+14'	11-20	W
at Louisiana Tech	+20	6-41	L
Rice	+5'	20-41	L
TCU - #19	+24	13-20	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Texas Tech	+24'	13-27	W
at TCU	+22'	0-44	L
at Oklahoma St	+34'	7-59	L
San Jose St	-1'	36-13	W
at Boise St - #23	+38	20-38	W
at Rice	+13	10-44	L
Louisiana Tech	+10	10-41	L
at Fresno St	+27'	0-42	L
Tulsa	+12	41-35 OT	W
Nevada	+7	38-20	W
at UTEP - #24	+21'	27-57	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Baylor	+1'	23-28	L
TCU - #22	+14'	21-10	W
at Texas A&M	+28	8-66	L
Tulane	+3'	10-31	L
at Marshall	+11'	13-16 OT	W
at UAB	+20	28-27	W
East Carolina	-2	17-24	L
at Tulsa	+15'	13-20	W
Rice	-7'	27-7	W
at Houston	+13	29-24	W
UTEP	+7	40-27	W

TULANE GREEN WAVE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Tulane has had a storied history at QB. In 1998 Shaun King set a school record for passing yards in a season and took his talents to the NFL. Patrick Ramsey broke King's record (3,410, 60.4%) and set 20 TU records in '99 and was a #1 DC in '01. JP Losman (PS#6, orig w/UCLA) had two fine seasons and was also a #1DC. The backup in '03 was Nick Cannon (PS#70) who played in 4 (2 pass). They also had rFr Richard Irvin (PS#77). In '04 I called for Lester Ricard (PS#26, orig LSU) to win the starting job. He won it but struggled in the first 4 with just a 6-6 ratio and was splitting time with Irvin. Ricard took control and in the next 4, completed 69.4% with 13 TD's. He set the school record for TD passes (6) vs UAB including a 12 yard TD pass with :27 (417 yd) left. He hit 18 of 19 for 323 vs Navy but broke his wrist vs Army. Irvin's first start was the upset of TCU where he threw for 5 TD's and guided the 99 yard game winning TD drive. Last year Irvin transferred and Cannon had 2 off the field incidents which gave rFr Scott Elliott (PS#85) most of the 2nd string snaps. Ricard, after completing 61.9% with a 21-9 ratio in '04, found himself benched vs Houston (12-32 117 yd). He rebounded with two 300 yard efforts but hit just 7 of 17 for 97 vs Marshall and Cannon hit 2 of 5. After opening 2 of 7 vs Navy, Elliott was handed the duties. He started the final 3 leading the team to a season high in points (34) and yards (452) vs Rice as he hit 22 of 38 for 298 and Ricard DNP. Elliott was pulled vs Tulsa and Ricard led the only TD drive but Elliott started vs SMiss. After hitting 3 of 6 for 18, Elliott suffered an ankle injury and Ricard QB'd the rest. Ricard's numbers dropped to 51.4% with a 16-12 ratio but the strong armed Elliott only threw for 515 (52.2%) with a 4-4 ratio. Adding depth are Anthony Scelfo (coaches son, 5-10 190 rFr, PS#382) and true frosh Kevin Moore (PS#137). If Ricard plays up to his 2004 level, the Green Wave will have vastly improved passing numbers.

QB Lester Ricard

RUNNING BACKS - Mewelde Moore had an outstanding career becoming just the 2nd player in NCAA history to top 4,000 yards rushing and 2,000 receiving. He set then-CUSA record with twenty-two 100 yard rushing games ('05 broken by DeAngelo Williams) and just missed 3 straight 1,000 yard rushing seasons due to injury. When Moore went down at the end of '03, Jovon Jackson rushed for 183 in his first start and finished with 377 (4.6). He was the only experienced back in '04 and had two 100 yard games early. After rushing for 95 vs Navy, Jackson suffered a hamstring injury and had just 2 carries in the final 3 finishing with 624 (5.0). In true frosh Matt Forté's first start, he had 216 vs Army with 97 and 70 in his other two starts to finish with 624 (4.5). Scelfo called him "a young Eddie George" and both backs top 210 lbs. They both returned last year and Scelfo said he had the best depth at RB in any of his 7 years. Forté was not 100% healthy until the season finale when he rushed for 137 but he led with 655 (3.9). Jackson was leading with 428 (4.2) when he was injured vs Rice and missed the final 2 games. Ray Boudreaux, who rushed for 139 and had one start in '04, was #3 with just 29 (3.6). Not listed in the 3 deep below are FB Ade Tuyo (5-11 203 Jr, 3 st 2Y) and Ian Miller (6-0 253 Sr). Jackson departs but I expect improvement in the RB production with a healthier Forté.

RECEIVERS - This unit has taken some big hits prior to the season the last two years. In 2004 VHT WR Tristan Smith was lost to academics and starting TE Jerome Landry to injury. Roydell Williams (PS#24) was limited early but still led with 52 (15.9) and was the #4DC TEN. The 2005 feature WR figured to be Fred Smith who is also a dangerous return man but he missed the season (knee). Bubba Terranova had arthro surgery in August and was not 100% until Wk 4. Landry returned but got his first and only rec in Wk 10. Preston Brown (PS#86) moved over from the defense and became Ricard's go-to receiver with 5 rec in the 1H of the opener and led with 47 (15.3) on the year. Terranova was #2 with 36 (13.9). A pair of true frosh, Brian King (PS#208) and Cary Koch, played in all 11. King had 15 (12.6) and Koch led in rec's in week 9 & 10 and finished with 23 (13.4). This year they must replace Terranova (9 st), Koch and TE Bobby Hoover (6 st, 10 rec). They get everyone else back including Fred Smith and should be stronger in 2006.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 one asst coach called Tulane's O-line "young, inexperienced and undersized" with 12 of their 16 scholarship OL's being underclassmen (10 frosh) and just two over 300 lbs. They only opened holes for 3.0 ypc rushing. In 2003 they only had to replace two starters but did not have any seniors. They still improved to 3.9 ypc with 27 sacks allowed. They had all 5 starters back in 2004 but surprisingly only opened holes for 3.7 ypc (24 sk). Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup but returning starter RG Donald Madlock missed the year with injury (shoulder). Of course the Tulane team as a whole went threw a tumultuous season and against Houston 3 starters were injured. The OL's best game was in the season finale but TU only avg'd 2.9 ypc (23 sk). This year they lose C Joe Traina (11 st, 3rd Tm CUSA, 3 yr st'r), LG Matt Traina (11 st, 4 yr st'r, 3rd Tm CUSA) and LT Chris McGee (11 st, 4 yr st'r, 2nd Tm CUSA). While those are some big losses, Madlock returns so it's like having 3 starters back and things can only get better.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Tulane had extremely young D-lines in both 2003 and 2004. Last year, with a veteran defensive front, they surprisingly allowed 4.6 ypc rush with 20 sacks but through rough conditions. This year they have one of the most veteran D-lines in the NCAA as they have 8 players that have combined for 107 starts. The entire 2 deep returns and with more stable practice conditions, I look for huge improvements from the defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - This unit is the polar opposite of the D-line as it is very young and inexperienced. It will be strange watching a Tulane game without seeing 1st Tm CUSA Anthony Cannon (#7DC DET) in the middle as he led the team in tackles for 3 of the last 4 years and was the first Tulane player to have 4 straight 100 tackle seasons since Mike Staid (1994). He leaves as the #3 all-time tackler in CUSA with 437. Also gone are Brandon Spincer (11 st, 67 tkl), Antonio Mason (8 st, 46 tkl) and Ace Foyil (1 st, 18 tkl). This unit figures to be dominated by underclassmen as 8 of 9 are Fr or soph.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2002 Tulane had a super CB in Lynaris Elpheage and actually finished #11 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace all 4 starters in 2003 and fell to #65. They had all 4 starters back in '04 but lost one to injury and surprisingly slipped to #96. Last year 7 players returned with starting experience but the Greenies only moved up to #93. This year they lose FS Sean Lucas (9 st, 57 tkl, 5 pbu), CB Bruce Youmans (11 st, 32 tkl, 5 pbu), SS Tra Boger (11 st, 61 tkl, 3 int) and FS Darren Sapp (2 st, 28 tkl). This group is a lot less experienced but could actually move up in my pass D rankings in a more stable environment.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tulane, aided by two future NFL'ers in K/P/KO man Seth Marler and outstanding returnman Lynaris Elpheage, finished #25 in my ST rankings in 2002. They departed in 2003 and the unit was dominated by true frosh. PK Barrett Pepper (PS#57) only attempted 7 FG's hitting 3 and handled the KO's. RFr P Chris Beckman averaged 43.5 with a super net of 38.1. The first time true frosh Fred Smith touched the ball in a college game he simply had a 100 yd KR TD vs TCU and avg 21.8 on KR's and 10.5 on PR's (inj '05). The unit finished a respectable #40 and basically everyone returned in '04 but surprisingly they fell to #101. Beckman saw his net avg drop to 34.9 and Nick Beucher took over the FG duties. Last year they had to replace Beucher and Pepper was bothered by a hip flexor in August. True frosh Jacob Hartgroves hit 4 of 6 FG with a long of just 26 and only one try from 30+. Beckman had another fine year until he was shot in a hunting accident and missed the final 2. Pepper avg 40.4 per punt as his replacement. Israel Route was the top KR (22.3) and PR (10.1) although Sean Lucas avg'd a nifty 15.9 on PR's and was even the CUSA POW vs SMU before getting injured. The only loss is Hartgroves. Tulane has one the deepest units of returnmen in the country and should easily improve on their #108 finish.

COACHES - Chris Scelfo took over a 12-0 team that suffered massive graduation losses and the team fell to 3-8 in his first season but he has since rebounded to become the first HC to coach Tulane in two bowl games. His OC is his brother Frank Scelfo who turned down a job at Pitt in the 2004 offseason. The DC is Eric Schumann who had been SMU's DC from 1997 to 2001 and led the Mustang D to a #22 ranking in total defense in 2001. His first unit here in 2002 made tremendous strides allowing just 21.7 ppg after yielding 41.3 ppg in 2001. The last three years the D has struggled with freshmen dominating the depth chart, injuries and last year's hurricane disruptions.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Only one coach since 1982 has had consecutive winning seasons here so it is to no historian's surprise that after their 8-5 2002 team took home the Hawaii Bowl Title that the Greenies slipped to 5-7 in 2003. In 2004 they had to replace a 1st round DC at QB in JP Losman and the school's all-time leading rusher in Mewelde Moore. Despite the major losses, Tulane still had 16 starters back and only an E Car FG with :12 left (27-25 loss) cost them a winning season. Last year they returned a veteran QB and 16 returning starters but had one of the most unimaginable seasons of any team in the NCAA due to Hurricane Katrina. They worked out in Dallas at SMU's campus and later established their "home" at Louisiana Tech's campus. During the course of the season, Tulane did not play a single game on campus, playing in 11 different venues in 11 games. Not surprising, a Tulane team with more important things on their minds than football, slumped to 1-7 in CUSA play and just 2-9 overall. Tulane was -12 in turnovers (see pg 312). They should have a much more stable season and figure to be improved. They did have their chances as they trailed UTEP just 24-21 in the 3Q, were tied with Houston 7-7 at the half, led UCF 14-13 in the 2Q, blew a 26-14 lead over Marshall in the 4Q, led Rice 31-28 in the 3Q, (SM outgained TU 412-270) and all this despite usually taking a 4-5 hour bus ride to their "home" games. One of the main reasons for the blown leads was the poor conditioning due to the upheaval and mental mistakes due to distractions. They travelled 3,644 miles by bus and 5,171 by air. Last year's offense had 7 starters back but avg just 21.3 ppg, their worst since 1996 but with 6 starters back this year, should be much improved. Tulane's D had 9 starters back last year but allowed 31.6 ppg. They were a lot better than that total indicates as due to the playing conditions they were worn down and after four games, had allowed opponents 7 points in the 1H but 80 in the 2H. If the Greenies did not have just 11 starters returning (lowest in CUSA), I would probably call for them to have a winning record this year. They do have a killer non-conf slate including Auburn and LSU but will definitely top last year's 2 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 8 LESTER RICARD SR. 6-5 222 **PS#26**. 9 st '04, 1881 (62%), 21-9 ratio. 8 st LY, 1932 (51%), 16-12. **16 Scott Elliott** (6-1 193 So) PS#85. 3 st, 515 (52%) 4-4 ratio LY.

RB 25 MATT FORTE JR. 6-1 224 3 st true, **CUSA Fr Tm**, 624 (4.5), 20 rec. 6 st LY, 655 (3.9), 23 rec. **22** Ray Boudreaux (5-10 200 Jr) PS#246. 168 (4.1) 2Y. **André Anderson PS#110**.

WR 81 PRESTON BROWN SR. 6-4 232 **PS#86**. 15 tkl ST 2Y. 11 st WR LY, **3rd Tm CUSA**, 47 (15.3). **17** Michael Batiste (6-2 188 So). 2 rec rFr (inj). **47** Evan Smith (5-8 172 Jr).

WR 83 Brian King So. 6-1 180 PS#208. 1 st true. 15 (12.6). **13 Fred Smith** (5-8 183 Jr) PS#106. 1677 all-purp yds 2Y (inj). RS LY. **89** Charles Harris (6-3 175 So) PS#355.

WR 84 KENNETH GUIDROZ JR. 6-3 209 PS#90. 10 st, 13 (11.5). **11 Damarcus Davis** (6-0 189 Sr) PS#142. **19 st** 3Y, 65 (11.8). **3** Chris Dunn (6-2 200 rFr) PS#215. Jeremy Williams (6-2 175 rFr).

TE 19 Jerome Landry Sr. 6-4 260 PS#125WR. 4 st '03, 9 (8.3). RS '04 (inj). 1 st LY, 1 rec. **5** Gabe Ratcliff (6-2 231 Jr) PS#24. 3 st, 10 rec 2Y. **80** Justin Kessler (6-4 234 So) PS#65.

C 51 Aryan Barto Jr. 6-4 262 PS#376. 3 gm rFr, **CUSA Fr Tm**. Brk leg LY. **76** John Landa (6-3 295 rFr) PS#184. **LS 60** Craig Gelhardt (6-2 250 So) PS#101TE.

RG 65 MICHAEL PARENTON SO. 6-3 292 **PS#97**. 2 gm true, RS. 11 st RG LY, **CUSA Frosh Tm**. **71** Percy Huff (6-4 316 So) PS#192. **62** Chris Bordelon (6-4 275 Jr) PS#327.

LG 66 Donald Madlock Sr. 6-4 295 PS#290. 10 gm true. **11 st at RG in '03. 11 st RG**, 664 snaps '04. RS LY (inj). **74** Scott Holt (6-5 282 Jr) PS#150. 2 gms as rFr. 2 gms LY.

RT 64 DEREK ROGERS SR. 6-5 309 PS#165. 2 st RT rFr, 265 plays. 2 st RT '04, 180 snaps. 9 st RT LY. Kevin Leary (6-3 280 Fr) Valley Forge Prep. Nick Landry PS#355.

LT 77 Troy Kropog So. 6-4 287 PS#497. 8 gm rFr. +27 lb. **75** Tyler Rice (6-5 285 rFr) PS#359. **70** Travis Olexa (6-4 290 rFr) PS#213. Physical run blocker. Pete Hendrickson PS#562.

K NA Ross Thevenot Fr. 5-11 180 PS#57K. 7 of 9 FG HS, long 42. 27 TB on 29 KO. **29** Barrett Pepper (5-10 193 Sr) 49 yd FG HS. 3-7 FG '03. **43** Michael Sager (5-9 195 Sr).

DE 57 ANTONIO HARRIS JR. 6-2 271 11 st true, **CUSA Fr Tm**, 35 tkl, 7 tfl. 11 st LY, 34 tkl, 6 tfl. **94** Sean Carney (6-3 240 So) PS#155. 8 tkl true. **92** Reggie Scott (6-3 252 So) 1 sk LY.

DT 90 ALVIN JOHNSON JR. 6-3 300 PS#206. 2 st true. 39 tkl, 4 tfl. RS '04. 11 st LY, 15 tkl, 3 sk. **99** Frank Morton (6-2 303 Jr) PS#80. 1 st, 50 tkl, 6 tfl 2Y. **97** Julian Shives-Sams (6-2 266 So).

DT 56 AVERY WILLIAMS JR. 6-0 282 PS#199. 11 st as true, 30 tkl, 3.5 sk. 2 st LY, 26 tkl. **93 Taurean Brown** (6-6 280 Sr) 8 st, 42 tkl, 7 tfl rFr. 17 st, 43 tkl, 8 tfl L2Y. **54** Taylor Bertin (6-2 255 Sr).

DE 98 MICHAEL PURCELL SR. 6-1 275 13 st (9 LY) 82 tkl, 12 tfl 3Y. **42 Billy Harrison (6-4 243 Sr) PS#83LB. 12 st**, 92 tkl 3Y. **91** Craig Morris (6-2 240 Sr) PS#164LB. 8 st DE 3Y, 51 tkl, 15.5 tfl.

WLB 48 James Dillard So. 6-1 220 PS#355. 7 tkl, 0.5 tfl true, 4.6 spd. Long arms. **55** David Kirksey (6-1 200 rFr) 4.6 spd. **36** James McMurchy (6-1 215 rFr) has 4.58 speed.

MLB 44 Jordan Ellis So. 6-1 235 PS#433. 1 st true, 6 tkl, miss 4 LY w/inj, 4.68 spd. **34** Evan Lee (6-1 230 So) 11 gms, 11 tkl true. Markus James (6-2 215 Fr) Fork Union.

SLB NA Adam Kwentua Fr. 6-3 235 PS#162. Josh Mitzel (6-1 240 Fr) is PS#193. **15** Terrence Peterson (5-11 215 Sr) 5 tkl first 2Y. 6 tkl, 8 gm LY. Jeremy McKinney PS#485.

CB 4 ISRAEL ROUTE SR. 5-9 184 1 st true, 45 tkl, 4 pbu. **CUSA Fr Tm**. 5 st '04, 49 tkl, 7 pbu. 8 st LY, 40 tkl, 3 pbu. 1 Matt Harding (5-11 185 So) PS#216, 4 tkl true. O'Lindsey Brown (5-10 189 Jr).

CB 21 Jeremy Foreman Sr. 6-2 172 PS#146. 3 st rFr. 11 st '04, 36 tkl, 4 pbu. 3 st LY, 25 tkl, 1 int. **12** Josh Lumar (5-11 165 So) PS#519. 1 st rFr, 8 tkl. Alex Wacha PS#259.

SS 18 Joe Goosby Jr. 6-0 203 PS#171WR. 1 st true, 21 tkl. 1 st LY, 25 tkl, 1.5 tfl. Travis Burks (5-11 190 Fr) PS#238WR. **39** Louis Thomas (5-11 180 Jr) ULM trans. 1 tkl LY.

FS 14 Carlis Jackson Jr. 6-0 178 PS#447. 4.4 speed. 11 tkl 2 years. Archie Gainous PS#245. **38** Cory Sonnier (6-0 190 rFr) 4.4 speed. **19** David Skehan (6-0 196 Jr) 5 tkl.

P 45 CHRIS BECKMAN SR. 6-2 202 65 (43.5), net 38.1 rFr. 52 (42.7) **1st Tm CUSA** '04. 53 (40.9) LY until injury. **29** Barrett Pepper 9 (40.4) LY. Ross Thevenot 47.1 avg in HS!!

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Andre' Anderson 5-11 190 PS#110
LB	Adam Kwentua 6-3 235 PS#162
QB	Kevin Moore 6-5 215 PS#137
LB	Josh Mitzel 6-1 240 PS#193
DL	Logan Kelley 6-2 245 PS#224
DB	Archie Gainous 6-1 195 PS#245
DB	Alex Wacha 5-11 190 PS#259
DB	Travis Burks 5-11 190 PS#238WR
WR	Casey Robottom 5-11 175 PS#250
OL	Nick Landry 6-6 265 PS#355
K	Ross Thevenot 5-11 180 PS#57
OL	Kevin Leary 6-3 280 PS#405 in '05
DL	Oscar Ponce de Leon 6-1 305 PS#343
DB	Chinonso Echebelem 6-2 190 PS#444
RB	Kevin Ivey 5-10 175 PS#452
QB	D'Metres Hill 6-1 180 PS#395
WR	Alan Mitchell 6-3 170 PS#485
OL	Pete Hendrickson 6-7 265 PS#562
DL	Tony Bryant 6-3 235 PS#495
DL	Cody Sparks 6-4 222 PS#495
DL	Troy Wilson 6-3 235 PS#495
LB	Markus James 6-2 215 PS#485
LB	Jeremy McKinney 6-0 215 PS#485
DB	Shannon Davis 6-0 170 PS#560

TULANE GREEN WAVE

New Orleans, Louisiana
Louisiana Superdome

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#56

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2							
Sep. 9	at Houston	G					
Sep. 16	at Mississippi St	G					
Sep. 23	at LSU	G					
Sep. 30	SMU	A					
Oct. 7	Rice	A					
Oct. 14	at UTEP	A					
Oct. 21	at Auburn	G					
Oct. 28	Army	A					
Nov. 4	at Marshall	A					
Nov. 11	S Mississippi	A					
Nov. 18	UCF	A					
Nov. 24	at Tulsa (Fri)	A					
	*2005 home games were not at the Superdome						

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Tulane is 14-7-1 ATS as a home favorite since 1997.
Since 1997, Tulane is 31-14 SU & 23-16-2 ATS in the Superdome.
Green Wave are 4-1 ATS as an away favorite over the last 5 years.

Tulane is 4-7 SU all-time vs Houston & are 0-3 ATS the last 3 years.
The Green Wave is 13-4 ATS in road openers since 1989.

Tulane is 1-7 SU & ATS their last 8 games vs Mississippi St.
Green Wave is 6-14 ATS the L/20 lined gms vs non-conference teams.

These teams last played in '01, TU has lost 14 straight being outscored by an avg of 33-16.
Could apply: Tulane is 11-5 ATS the last 4 years after a SU victory.

The Green Wave is 4-9 ATS in home openers since 1989.
Tulane is 6-1 SU & ATS vs SMU since 1990.

Tulane is 2-5 SU & ATS since 1991 vs Rice.
The 76 combined pts scored LY were the most in this 28 gm history (1st gm 1916).

This will be the schools' 2nd meeting as LY they played in Ruston, LA.
Last yr Tulane only trailed 24-21 before UTEP scored 21 unanswered pts.

TU actually holds a 17-13-6 advantage vs Auburn but last gm was in 1955.
Auburn is 1 of 7 bowl teams from LY Tulane will play TY (5 on the road).

Army is a former CUSA member as the HT is 7-2 ATS S/'96 in this series.
The Green Wave & Black Knights have avg'd 65 ppg the last 7 games.

Tulane is 15-9-1 ATS their last 25 November games.
HC Scelfo was the OC at MU from 1993-'95 & the OL coach from '90-'95.

The visitor is 4-7 ATS in this series since 1995 (3-0 ATS L3Y).
Tulane is 2-10 SU (5-7 ATS) vs S Mississippi the last 12 years.

Tulane is 0-2 SU & ATS in this series that started in 2001.
The Green Wave is 4-2-1 ATS in Superdome finales since 1998.

Tulsa took home the 1st ever CUSA Championship last season.
Last yr's game was in Monroe, LA as Tulane played in 11 different stadiums.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Patrick Ramsey 9,205 1998-'01
Rushing: Mewelde Moore 4,364 2000-'03 Receiving: Marc Zeno 3,725 1984-'87

CHRIS SCELFO (Career 33-49)
8th Year at Tulane
Scelfo's SU Bowl Record: 2-0

Scelfo's records AT TULANE

33-49	Straight Up	8-5	Home Favorite
34-39-2	Vs The Spread	8-12-2	Home Underdog
18-22-2	Off A SU Loss	4-3	Away Favorite
26-24-2	Vs Conference	14-19	Away Underdog
8-15	Vs Non-Conf	4-3	Off A Bye

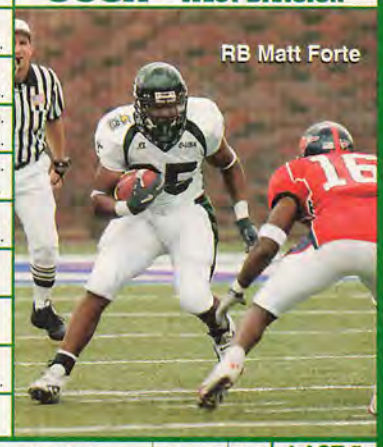
2005 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (18,21,3)
Lost: 16 (7,8,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,242

CUSA - WEST DIVISION



STADIUM: LOUISIANA SUPERDOME (64,900)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	6-5	3-9	7-5	5-7	5-6	2-9	31-49
Home	3-2	4-1	2-3	5-2	3-2	4-2	1-5*	21-12
Away	0-6	2-4	1-6	2-3	2-5	1-4	1-4	9-32
ATS	4-6-1	6-5	3-8	8-3	6-5	5-5	2-7-1	34-39-2
Home Fav	2-2	2-1	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	8-5
Home Dog	0-0-1	1-1	1-3	2-1	2-1	2-2	0-4-1	8-12-2
Away Fav	0-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	4-3
Away Dog	2-4	3-1	1-4	3-1	2-3	2-3	1-3	14-19
Favorite	2-2	2-3	1-1	3-1	2-1	1-0	1-0	12-8
Dog	2-4-1	4-2	2-7	5-2	4-4	4-5	1-7-1	22-31-2
Grass	2-3	3-2	2-3	5-1	2-3	2-3	0-4	16-19
Artificial	2-3-1	3-3	1-5	3-2	4-2	3-2	2-3-1	18-20-2
vs Conf	2-3-1	5-2	2-5	6-2	5-3	4-4	2-5-1	26-24-2
vs Non-Conf	2-3	1-3	1-3	2-1	1-2	1-1	0-2	8-15
Off SU Win	1-2	2-3	1-2	6-0	3-1	2-3	0-1	15-12
Off SU Loss	3-3-1	4-1	2-5	2-3	2-4	3-1	2-5-1	18-22-2

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Matt Forté	169	705	50	655	4	3.9
Jovon Jackson	101	448	20	428	5	4.2
Ray Boudreaux	8	29	0	29	0	3.6
Preston Brown	1	5	0	5	0	5.0
Scott Elliott	10	10	26	-16	0	-1.6
Lester Ricard	36	71	175	-104	0	-2.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Lester Ricard	323	166	51.4	1932	16	12
Scott Elliott	92	48	52.2	515	4	4
Nick Cannon	5	2	40.0	49	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Preston Brown	47	720	15.3	6	68
Bubba Terranova	36	500	13.9	4	74
Cary Koch	23	308	13.4	2	38
Damarcus Davis	28	280	10.0	3	30
Brian King	15	189	12.6	1	48
Matt Forté	23	163	7.1	1	24
Kenneth Guidroz	13	150	11.5	0	50
Bobby Hoover	10	72	7.2	2	15
Anthony Cannon	1	28	28.0	0	28

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Beckman	53	2166	40.9	13	33.5(T)	2	15
Barrett Pepper	9	364	40.4	2	–	0	4

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jacob Hartgroves	28-30	4-5	0-1	0-0	0-0	4-6	26

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Anthony Cannon	114	2.5	10	5	0
Brandon Spincer	67	2	0	0	0
Tra Boger	61	1	3	1	3
Sean Lucas	57	0	1	5	1
Antonio Mason	46	0	3.5	1	0
Israel Route	40	0	2.5	3	0
Antonio Harris	34	2.5	3.5	0	0
Bruce Youmans	32	0	0	5	1
Frank Morton	31	0	5	1	0
Darren Sapp	28	0	1	1	1
Avery Williams	26	0.5	2	1	0
Jeremy Foreman	25	0	1	2	1
Joe Goosby	25	0	1.5	0	0
Michael Purcell	21	1	2	0	0
Craig Morris	20	2	7.5	1	0
Ace Foyil	18	1	1	0	0
Taurean Brown	17	1	4	0	0
Alvin Johnson	15	3	2.5	2	0
Billy Harrison	11	2.5	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Israel Route	18	181	10.1	0
Sean Lucas	8	127	15.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Israel Route	23	512	22.3	1
Matt Harding	9	178	19.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
79	Liberty	+2'	Penn St	6-9	L
80	All-American	+2'	Arkansas	15-34	L
87	Independence	+6	Washington	12-24	L
98	Liberty	-7	BYU	41-27	W
02	Hawaii	+14	Hawaii	36-28	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Tulane's All-Time SU Bowl Record 4-6

TULANE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	21.3	18	89	2.9	232	51.5	15.1	-12	2005	9	31.6	18	194	4.6	179	58.4	11.8
8	27.3	19	127	3.7	234	59.8	13.2	-6	2004	8	32.8	23	195	4.4	227	61.1	12.8
9*	28.1	22	132	3.9	258	59.5	13.9	+5	2003	3	35.3	25	244	4.9	221	53.8	13.1
5	27.8	19	109	3.0	204	55.9	11.3	+22	2002	9	21.7	21	180	4.4	192	52.5	17.1
6*	28.7	22	134	3.9	292	57.5	14.8	+2	2001	6	41.3	25	249	5.2	241	58.3	11.9
7*	29.9	25	129	3.6	324	56.9	15.2	-2	2000	11	31.5	22	178	4.5	256	54.0	13.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

TU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Mississippi St	19	35 - 87	2.5	27 - 48	206	4	10	30 - 117	3.9	13 - 26	108	0	0
–	at SMU	24	47 - 144	3.1	22 - 34	213	2	10	31 - 63	2.0	8 - 18	64	9	+1
–	SE Louisiana	15	21 - 28	1.3	24 - 50	324	1	16	27 - 41	1.5	38 - 54	268	4	0
–	Houston	18	37 - 120	3.2	13 - 33	120	3	20	46 - 248	5.4	11 - 22	192	2	-1
–	UTEP	19	26 - 48	1.8	30 - 56	381	2	17	35 - 149	4.3	22 - 32	278	1	-3
–	at UCF	24	18 - 80	4.4	27 - 47	360	1	23	48 - 286	6.0	18 - 31	202	0	-5
–	Marshall	9	33 - 40	1.2	9 - 22	146	3	19	38 - 134	3.5	17 - 32	152	0	+2
–	at Navy	16	26 - 109	4.2	15 - 33	136	1	23	71 - 418	5.9	1 - 3	29	1	-2
–	at Rice	22	38 - 154	4.1	22 - 38	298	0	22	59 - 392	6.6	5 - 13	114	0	0
–	Tulsa	14	28 - 58	2.1	18 - 35	212	4	23	40 - 145	3.6	16 - 25	281	3	-2
–	at S Mississippi	17	32 - 111	3.5	11 - 27	155	2	15	38 - 136	3.6	18 - 30	276	0	-2
TOTALS		197	341 - 979	2.9	218 - 423	2551	23	198	463 - 2129	4.6	167 - 286	1964	20	-12
AVERAGES		17.9	31 - 89	2.9	20 - 38	232	2.1	18.0	42 - 194	4.6	15 - 26	179	1.8	-1.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+11	35-70	L
at LSU - #14	+21'	17-48	L
E Carolina	+9'	24-51	L
UCF	+5'	29-36	L
Southern	NL	41-7	–
at Cincinnati	+10	33-46	L
TCU	+10	48-22	W
at UAB	+9	27-34	W
at Army	-1'	35-42	L
Louisville	+11	7-52	L
at Navy	-2'	42-28	W
at S Mississippi	+18	6-59	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Southern	NL	37-19	–
at Houston	+2'	34-13	W
at East Carolina	+8'	20-24	W
at Memphis	+7	10-38	L
Texas - #3	+31'	0-49	L
at UL Monroe	-13'	52-9	W
Cincinnati	+4'	35-17	W
UAB	-4'	35-14	W
Navy	-16'	51-30	W
at TCU	+13'	10-17	W
Army	-19	10-14	L
S Mississippi	+6'	31-10	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU - #25	+6'	35-38	W
Northwestern St	NL	27-24 OT	–
Mississippi St	+3	31-28	W
at Army	-16'	50-33	W
at Texas - #14	+29'	18-63	L
Houston	-1'	42-45	L
at Louisville	+15	28-47	L
Memphis	+4'	9-41	L
at Navy	+10	17-35	L
at UAB	+13'	38-24	W
at S Mississippi	+17'	14-28	W
East Carolina	-9	28-18	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi St	+6'	7-28	L
Florida A&M	NL	39-19	–
S Mississippi	+14	14-32	L
at East Carolina	+3'	25-27	W
at Memphis	+23	24-49	L
UAB	+18	59-55	W
at Houston	+9'	3-24	L
Navy	+11	42-10	W
Army	-6'	45-31	W
at TCU	+13'	35-31	W
Louisville - #7	+30'	7-55	L

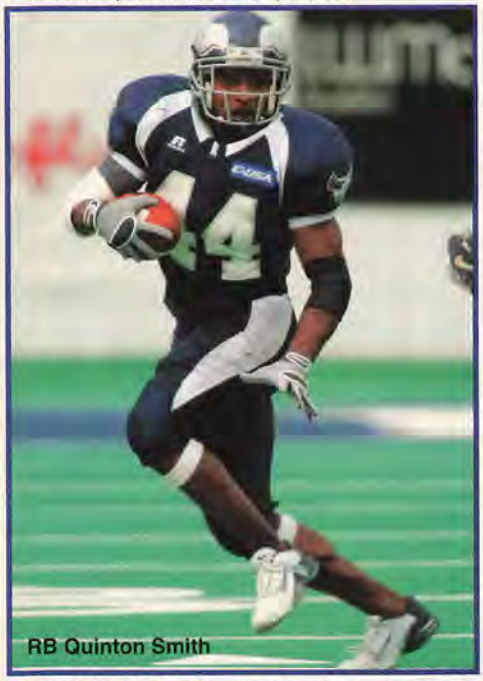
2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mississippi St	+2'	14-21	L
at SMU	-3'	31-10	W
SE Louisiana	NL	28-21	–
Houston	+1'	14-35	L
UTEP	+7	21-45	L
at UCF	+6	24-34	L
Marshall	+1	26-27	T
at Navy	+11	21-49	L
at Rice	+1	34-42	L
Tulsa	+15	14-38	L
at S Mississippi	+21	7-26	W

RICE OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Every season, Ken Hatfield promised more shotgun and passing in the offense. Joel Armstrong (5-11 185 Jr, PS#206) had 5 starts as a rFr (last 4) but threw for just 341 yards (46%) while rushing for 608. Armstrong's backup was rFr Chase Clement (PS#187). After missing 10 days in August with injury, Armstrong suffered another with a shoulder injury vs Tulsa and Clement saw a good portion of the action the rest of the year. For the season, the two QB's had similar and poor passing numbers as Armstrong threw for 544 (42.4%) with a 4-6 ratio (555 net rush) and Clement threw for 582 (42.7%) with a 5-6 ratio (32 net rush). Third string true frosh QB John Shepherd (6-1 180, PS#308) was injured so CB Jeramy Goodson (5-8 160 rFr, PS#482DB) was #3 but did not play. The Owls ran the option offense under Hatfield and generally when teams switch from the option to a passing offense, they struggle especially at QB. With a plethora of option QB's on the roster, Armstrong saw playing time at WR in spring and the other QB's could be moved to different positions. I project a true frosh starter. Rice's pass offense can only improve.



RB Quinton Smith

RUNNING BACKS - HB Thomas Lott, whose father played at Oklahoma, led the team in rushing in 2003 with 714 yards and an outstanding 7.3 ypc. Lott was injured and DNP until the 8th game in '04 and had just 143 (4.3). The leading rusher was FB Ed Bailey (571 1st 2 yr) who became just the 3rd Rice RB to top 1,000 in a season with 1,021 (4.9). The rest of the RB corps were banged up. Marcus Rucker played in just 7 and was the #1 HB rusher with 311 (7.2). Quinton Smith played in just 8 and had 300 (6.0). Smith's ypc was inflated by an 80 yard TD run vs Fresno on the game's final play. Last year they had to replace two of their top three rushers and then Lott missed the season (inj). Quinton Smith stepped up and rushed for 902 yards (6.4) and was 2nd Tm CUSA. FB John Wall (PS#133) added 538 (4.9). With the team no longer using three RB positions, you can expect some of the players to move to receiver (like Chris Douglas). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Marcus Knox (5-10 190 rFr, 4.4 spd), CJ Ugokwe (5-10 200 rFr, PS#203) and Trey Hopson (5-9 225 rFr). The only loss this year is FB Andrew Cates (6 st, 192 yds). While Rice's rushing numbers will not come close to previous years, the overall talent at this position is more experienced and solid.

RECEIVERS - Last year Hatfield incorporated the shotgun to the offense and the team completed 89 passes. The previous 7 years the completion totals had been just 39, 38, 58, 91, 67, 61 and 59. Last year they had to replace their top three receivers, but one of the reasons for the switch to the shotgun was Hatfield wanted to get the ball in the hands of Mike Falco (PS#108QB) whose 4.45 speed is dangerous in the open field. Unfortunately a monkey wrench was thrown into Hatfield's plans when Falco was injured and missed the first six. In one of his first starts he had 161 all purp yards vs UCF. With Falco in the lineup, the team avg'd 393 ypg and without him, just 291. The staff even created a new H-back position for him. TE Joe Don Wood (9 st '04) also missed six with injury. The star was Jarett Dillard who had 35 rec (15.0). Ex-QB Tommy Henderson filled in for Falco at the HB role and had 22 (8.6). Christopher Douglas (5-9 175 rFr, PS#158) moves here and there is no doubt Rice's receivers will put up their best stats in almost a decade. This unit is also more experienced with the only losses being Wood (2 st), WR Nick Aranda (3 st, 9 rec), Matt Bolding and Andy Hall (2 st).

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year Rice had to replace 7 players who combined for 41 starts in 2004. That 2004 unit paved the way for Rice to lead the NCAA (307 ypg, 4.9 ypc) in rushing. Last year the inexperienced line only opened holes for 4.3 ypc rushing, their weakest total since 2000 while allowing 21 sacks on just 210 attempts (10%). They also must learn new blocking schemes going from the option to the pass based spread offense and Cory Laxen (11 st) departs. This will be an improved line but the switch in offense may stunt their growth.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 Rice had to replace all four starters from the defensive front and they allowed 5.0 ypc rushing (worst in Hatfield era, most since '87) while recording just 18 sacks. Just one starter departed in 2004 and they trimmed that to 4.2 ypc rushing and 29 sacks. Last year six of the top eight returned and John Syptak was voted CUSA Preseason Def POY. Rice took on a killer schedule however, including UCLA and Texas as well as Navy's option offense and allowed a new high 5.4 ypc rushing while recording just 12 sacks. This year they switch from a 4-2-5 to a 3-3-5 stack and lose Syptak (11 st, 1st Tm CUSA, 72 tkl, 10 tfl), DE Thadis Pegues (4 st, 14 tkl, 2 tfl), Robert Daniel (3 st, 1 tkl) and Trey Macaluso (2 tkl). Five players return with starting experience so despite losing their top guy, they can only get tougher vs the run.

LINEBACKERS - Rice played a 4-2-5 last year and I counted the ROV in at the LB's. This year they go to a 3-3-5 and I will continue to do the same. Last season two starters including their #1 tackler returned but injuries hurt the unit and 6 different players earned starts. This year they lose Adam Herrin (11 st, 70 tkl, 7 tfl), Buck Casson (7 st, 28 tkl) and ROV Matt Ginn (23 tkl, 6 st) Four players return with starting experience, and they moved in DB Brian Raines (25 tkl) and RB Marcus Rucker (PS#99) who is a rare HT for this group. While they have just one full-time starter back, they can only improve upon the 40.6 ppg touching allowed last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Because the Owls ran the option, the secondary got few quality looks at passing offenses in practice, and Rice's highest finish in my pass D rankings has been #60. Last year for a second straight year Rice returned 7 of the top 8 DB's, but the unit still struggled finishing #116 in my pass D rankings allowing 65.5%. This year the entire secondary returns again (only loss is CB Dustin Haynes, 5 tkl) and will get better looks at the passing game in practice so they figure to have one of the most improved pass D's in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ken Hatfield usually placed a priority on his special teams units but surprisingly the last five years they have struggled with finishes of #80, #97, #89, #117 and #98. Luke Juist hit 4 of 7 FG's as a frosh and surprisingly only kicked 3 FG's last year but did hit a 53 yarder vs Navy. Brennan Landry (PS#16) had a 57 yard FG in HS but came into the season hitting just 18 of 33 FG's here in 3 years and last year hit 4 of 7 (long 43). Juist also handled the KO's and should do fine as a junior. 2004's top PR was Lance Byrd (8.2) but Brandon King took those duties last year (5.7). Top KR Andray Downs avg'd 24.3 in '04 (18.8 LY). P Jared Scruggs was 1st Tm WAC in '03 (net 37.4). After a surprising slip to a 28.5 net in '04 he improved to 34.2 last year and should be one of CUSA's best. Last year's team had mostly underclassmen and with a more experienced ST this will be a much improved unit.

COACHES - Todd Graham is the new HC and was the DC at Tulsa the past 3 years and was also a HS HC for 6 years. The 41 year old was the co-DC at WV in 2002 and the LB coach there in 2001. The WV and Tulsa turnarounds were the best in the NCAA Div I in those seasons ('02 & '03). His OC is Major Applewhite, who was a QB coach at Syracuse last year and is just 27 years old. Applewhite was a QB at Texas from 1998-'01 and holds several career records including career passing yards and TD's. His new DC is 39 year old Paul Randolph who was the DE's coach at Alabama the last 3 years. He has previous coaching experience at WV, Toledo and in 1AA.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Rice has not been to a bowl since 1961 and recorded just 3 winning seasons from 1962-1995 but Ken Hatfield had 3 winning seasons out of his 12 years here. Rice is a small school with just 42,806 alumni and only 4,973 enrollment. They must try to fill a 70,000 seat home stadium and last year they avg just 10,072 fans. Hatfield treated his program like a service academy as he used a lot of senior starters and in their most recent winning seasons (1997 and 2001) the team was loaded with veterans. In 2002 they finished 4-7 after losing 3 WAC games by a total of 11 points. After a horrible start to the 2003 season, they won four of their last 5 finishing 5-3 in WAC play and they outgained league foes by 39.9 ypg gaining momentum for 2004. Hatfield had one of his most veteran squads in 2004 with 15 starters back but a 28 yard int return for a TD by SJSt cost them a 3-1 start and a close loss to Navy (by 1) saw them stumble to a 3-8 record. Going into last year they had just 3 senior starters on defense, the fewest in the NCAA. They opened with 4 straight road games including trips to UCLA and National Champion Texas and the team never recovered, finishing just 1-10. Hatfield, the 5th winningest active coach last year (168), had 5 years left on his contract but was let go after the season despite appearing poised for success in 2006 with 17 returning starters (tied for most in CUSA) and having played a ton of frosh last year. It was their worst year since 1988 (0-11). Other key factors that have them poised for success this year is that they were -17 in turnovers (pg 312) and 29 of their top 44 players were either frosh or soph with just 10 seniors. The question mark for Graham this year is the changing of offensive philosophies from the option to the pass and you can ask schools like Nebraska, Syracuse and New Mexico St how well that transition works in its first season. That switch will make it tough for them to improve upon last year's 21.9 ppg despite 10 returning starters on offense. The D has 7 starters back and can only be tougher after allowing 40.6 ppg in '05, their highest since 1977 when they gave up a school record 41.6 ppg. I probably would have called for a winning record for Rice in conference play had Hatfield still been around but with the change in offense and the fact that they were outgained by a CUSA worst 76 ypg in league play last year, it may be tough to top last year's one win total as pass offenses with option personnel rarely work.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB NA PIERRE BEASLEY FR. 6-4 212 PS#48. 4.5 spd. **16** Chase Clement (6-1 180 So) PS#187. 1 sts, 582 pass, 184 rush. **13** Joel Armstrong (5-11 185 Jr) PS#206QB. 11 gms.

TB 44 QUINTON SMITH SR. 5-11 195 PS#241. 7 st, 507 (6.7) '03-'04. 11 st LY, 902 (6.4). **33** John Wall (5-9 200 Jr) PS#133. 6 st FB, 538 (4.9). **10** Bio Bilaye-Benibo (6-0 195 Jr) 201 yd 2Y.

HB 22 MIKE FALCO SR. 5-9 210 PS#108QB. 2 st, 701 all-purp '04. Inj LY, 5 gm, 8 rec (26.0). **13 Joel Armstrong** (5-11 185) moved spg. Pass 554 yds (42%) 4-6 ratio, rush 672.

WR 7 TOMMY HENDERSON SO. 5-11 175 PS#199QB. 9 st as rFr, 22 (8.6), 128 rush. Andrew Novak PS#157. **24** Chris Douglas (5-9 175 rFr) PS#158. Toren Dixon PS#271DB.

WR 81 JARETT DILLARD SO. 5-11 160 8 st rFr, #1 w/35 rec. **1** Gary Anderson (5-11 170 Jr) PS#154DB. 1 rec. **80** Jeramy Goodson (5-8 160 rFr) PS#482DB. **82** John Welch (6-2 183 rFr).

TE 88 WILL MOSS SO. 6-4 235 PS#83. 7 st rFr, 0 rec. 4.7 spd. Kasey Nobles PS#88. Taylor Wardlow is PS#126. **WR 24** Chris Douglas (5-9 175 rFr) PS#158RB. 4.4 spd.

C 73 AUSTIN WILKINSON SO. 6-2 265 PS#444. 10 st at C rFr. **61** Scott Austin (6-3 260 Jr) PS#414. 1 letter. **54** Scott Nimmons (6-2 250 rFr). **LS 64** Drew Clardy (6-6 270 Sr) PS#396.

RG 63 DAVID BERKEN SO. 6-3 260 PS#446. +20 lbs LY. 11 st RG rFr. **52** David Perkins (6-3 275 Jr) PS#385DL. 1 st C LY. 2L. **57** Robby Hamilton (6-2 260 So) PS#258. 5 gm true.

LG 72 ROBBY HEOS JR. 6-3 295 **PS#219**. 1 st RG rFr. 11 st LT LY. **60** Jimmy Miller (6-4 310 So) 5 gms as true. **74** Chris Ptaszek (6-3 295 So) PS#312. 5 gm as true.

RT 50 ROLF KRUEGER SR. 6-3 290 PS#296. Letter rFr. 4 st RT '04. 11 st RT LY. **56** Chance Talbert (6-6 250 rFr) PS#377DL. **70** Jose Barcenas (6-3 285 rFr) PS#310.

LT 68 Lute Barber Jr. 6-7 280 PS#439. 2nd string LY. **67** Preston Thompson (6-6 260 rFr) PS#223. **75** Logan Beck (6-4 255 rFr). **79** Charlie Wiebusch (6-2 310 rFr).

K 41 Luke Juist Jr. 6-1 190 PS#79K. 23 FG L2Y in HS. 4-7 FG's true, long 36, 8 TB on 51 KO. 2 of 3 FG's LY, **long 53**. 9 TB on KO's. **85** Jared Scruggs PS#55K.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 98 Courtney Gordon Sr. 6-3 255 PS#262. 16 tkl true. 4 st '04, 20 tkl, 3 sk. 3 st LY, 27 tkl, 5 tfl. **95** Dietrich Davis (6-4 225 So) 8 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. **55** Travis Mason (6-3 255 rFr) PS#389.

NG 99 GEORGE CHUKWU JR. 6-1 305 PS#365. 14 tkl rFr. 6 st LY, 30 tkl. **97 William Wood** (6-3 290 Sr) 5 st, 31 tkl true. 12 tkl, 2 pbu '04. 6 st, 19 tkl LY. **91** Todd Mohr (6-2 255 So).

DE 58 JONATHAN CARY JR. 6-3 285 PS#116. 6 tkl rFr. 2 st LY, 21 tkl. **92** DeJaun Cooper (6-2 280 Sr) 2 st rFr. 11 st '04. 5 st LY. 49 tkl, 6.5 tfl 3Y. **90** Victor Brooks (6-5 250 rFr) PS#227.

OLB 4 Marcus Rucker Sr. 6-0 200 PS#99RB. 6 st RB 3Y, 711 rush (6.3), 5 rec. Jared Gilbert (5-11 225 Jr) PS#359. 1 st, 14 tkl rFr. 4 st LB LY, 40 tkl, 1 tfl, 1 pbu. Willie Garley PS#485.

MLB 36 Vernon James So. 6-1 210 PS#495DL. 6 tkl as true. **28** Lance Luedeker (6-0 220 Jr) PS#249. 4.6 spd. 22 tkl as true. ACL '04. 10 tkl LY. **46** Ryan Craig (5-11 190 rFr).

OLB 5 OMEKE ALIKOR SR. 6-0 215 PS#187. 14 tkl rFr. 6 st '04, 40 tkl, 1 tfl. 3 st LB LY, 49 tkl, 3 tfl. **31** Brian Raines (5-11 193 So) 25 tkl true. **30** Stephen Wood (5-11 205 Sr) 37 tkl L3Y.

ROV 29 Carl Taylor So. 6-2 185 PS#142DB. 4.5 spd. Last 3 st ROV as true, 26 tkl. **14** Justin Abt (6-0 205 Jr). 8 tkl L2Y. 4.5 spd. Max Anyiam (6-1 195 Fr) PS#345. 4.6 speed.

CB 15 BRANDON KING SO. 5-9 170 PS#513. Last 7 st rFr. 24 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu. **23** Jon Turner (5-9 180 Jr) 4 st LY, 8 tkl, 2 pbu. **26** Bubba Heard (5-11 185 Jr). **18** Tristan Thomas (5-11 185 rFr).

CB 9 Ja'COREY SHEPHERD SO. 5-10 175 7 st rFr, 46 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **8 Lance Byrd** (5-11 185 Sr) **16 st CB 3Y**, 72 tkl, 2 int, 10 pbu. Joseph Agnew PS#192. Patrick Randolph PS#560.

BAN 21 CHAD PRICE SR. 6-0 195 7 st rFr, 83 tkl. 11 st, 66 tkl '04. 11 st LY, 52 tkl, 9.5 tfl. **20** Bencil Smith (5-11 176 So) PS#539. 2 st, 15 tkl rFr. Andrew Sendejo PS#323.

FS 2 ANDRAY DOWNS SR. 5-9 185 Last 6 st rFr, 62 tkl. 11 st '04, 70 tkl. 11 st LY, 58 tkl, 1 int. **38** Aubrey White (6-1 190 Jr) PS#245QB. 16 tkl L2Y. **42** Dash Patel (5-11 180 rFr).

P 85 JARED SCRUGGS SR. 6-3 190 PS#55. **1st Tm WAC** as rFr, 45.9 avg, **net 37.4**. 38 punt '04, 37.7 avg. 48 punt LY, 42.8 avg, net 34.2. **41** Luke Juist (6-1 190 Jr) 1 punt '04, long 25.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Pierre Beasley 6-4 212PS#48
WR	Andrew Novak 6-3 200 PS#157
DB	Joseph Agnew 6-0 190 PS#192
DB	Terrance Garmon 6-1 205 PS#220
TE	Kasey Nobles 6-2 210 PS#88
WR	Toren Dixon 6-3 200 PS#271DB
DB	Andrew Sendejo 6-1 195 PS#323
DB	Max Anyiam 6-1 195 PS#345
TE	Taylor Wardlow 6-6 210 PS#126
QB	Drew Mehringer 6-1 200 PS#246
LB	Will Shoppa 6-2 210 PS#390
WR	Evan Fentriss 6-0 185 PS#410
RB	Robert Calhoun 6-1 212 PS#515
WR	Corbin Smiter 6-2 200 PS#485
LB	Willie Garley 5-11 175 PS#485
DB	Dale Lloyd 5-10 185 PS#560
DS	Brandon Long 6-1 218 PS#560DB
DB	Patrick Randolph 5-11 160 PS#560

RICE OWLS

Houston, Texas
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Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#36

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score RICE	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Sep. 2	Houston	A					
Sep. 9	at UCLA	G					
Sep. 16	† Texas (Reliant Stadium)	G					
Sep. 23	at Florida St	G					
Sep. 30	at Army	A					
Oct. 7	at Tulane	A					
Oct. 14	UAB	A					
Oct. 21	at UCF	G					
Oct. 28							
Nov. 4	at UTEP	A					
Nov. 11	at Tulsa	A					
Nov. 18	East Carolina (HC)	A					
Nov. 25	SMU	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Todd Graham spent the last 3 years on Tulsa's staff.
Owls 1-10 season last year was their worst since an 0-11 year in 1988.
Rice is 5-2-1 ATS off a SU win the last 3 years.

Rice is 9-23 SU vs Houston & these schools are just 5 miles apart.
The Owls are 21-7-1 ATS as a home dog since 1994.

Rice is 0-3 SU & 0-1 ATS losing 63-21 LY w/UCLA amassing 408 1H yds.
The Owls were 0-5 SU & ATS on grass last year.

Texas has won 38 of the L/39 SU in this in-state series dating back to 1914.
The last time Rice beat TX was an outright 19-17 (+6') win in Houston in '94.

This is the 1st meeting between these two schools.
Rice is 2-5-1 SU but have covered half of their meetings S/'80 vs current ACC tms.

These 2 teams last met in 1995 and tied at 21.
Rice is 5-11 ATS their last 16 games as an away favorite.

Last yr this was Rice's only win of the season ending a 14 game losing streak.
The visitor is 7-2 ATS since 1989 in this series.

Coming into 2006, Rice is 17-5-1 ATS the L/23 conference home games.
Rice moved the ball well in the option LY (267 yds) but 4 TO's got them no closer than 16 pts.

Rice is 0-1 SU but 1-0 ATS covering last year as a DD dog, 31-28 (+11).
The Owls are 10-3 ATS the week before a bye since 1994.

Rice is 4-5 SU & ATS since '96 but are on a current 3-0 ATS run vs UTEP.
The Owls are 2-6 SU & 3-5 ATS the week after a bye since 1997.

Rice is 6-4 SU & 6-3-1 ATS since 1996 vs Tulsa.
Coming into 2006, the Owls are 9-5-1 ATS in November games the L4Y.

Rice is 4-2-1 ATS in November home games the last 3 years.
Rice is 6-1-1 ATS in Homecoming games.

Rice is 11-4 SU & 8-5-1 ATS in this series the last 15 games.
The Owls are 5-3 ATS in home finales since 1998.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Tommy Kramer 6,197 1973-'76
Rushing: Trevor Cobb 4,948 1989-'92 Receiving: David Houser 2,358 1976-'78

TODD GRAHAM (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Rice

Graham's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Graham's records AT RICE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-0	Off A Bye

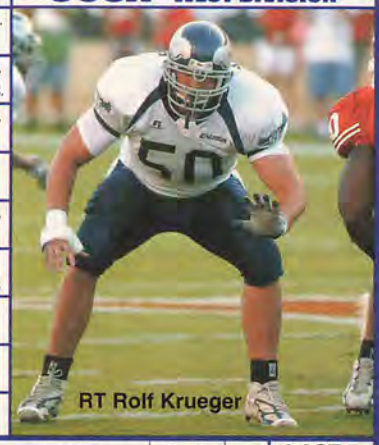
2005 RECORD: (1-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (22,22,3)
Lost: 17 (7,9,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 10,072

CUSA - WEST DIVISION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STADIUM: RICE STADIUM (70,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	3-8	8-4	4-7	5-7	3-8	1-10	29-50
Home	3-1	3-2	5-0	2-3	3-2	2-2	1-4	19-14
Away	2-5	0-6	3-4	2-4	2-5	1-6	0-6	10-36
ATS	5-6	5-6	6-6	6-5	8-3-1	6-5	3-8	39-39-1
Home Fav	1-2	2-1	1-3	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-0	9-8
Home Dog	1-0	2-0	1-0	3-0	1-1-1	2-1	2-2	12-4-1
Away Fav	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-2	1-0	0-3	0-0	5-8
Away Dog	1-3	1-4	3-2	1-2	4-2	3-0	0-6	13-19
Favorite	3-3	2-2	2-4	2-3	3-0	1-4	1-0	14-16
Dog	2-3	3-4	4-2	4-2	5-3-1	5-1	2-8	25-23-1
Grass	1-4	1-3	3-2	1-1	3-2	3-2	0-5	12-19
Artificial	4-2	4-3	3-4	5-4	5-1-1	3-3	3-3	27-20-1
vs Conf	4-3	3-5	4-4	5-3	7-0-1	3-5	3-5	29-25-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-1	2-2	1-2	1-3	3-0	0-3	10-14
Off SU Win	4-1	0-3	3-5	1-3	2-1-1	2-1	1-0	13-14-1
Off SU Loss	1-4	4-3	2-1	5-1	6-1	3-4	2-7	23-21

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Quinton Smith	140	932	30	902	5	6.4
Joel Armstrong	149	672	117	555	6	3.7
John Wall	109	542	4	538	7	4.9
Andrew Cates	48	205	13	192	1	4.0
Tommy Henderson	29	134	6	128	1	4.4
Marcus Rucker	20	97	3	94	1	4.7
Bio Bilaye-Benibo	21	76	2	74	0	3.5
Mike Falco	12	62	2	60	0	5.0
Chase Clement	65	184	152	32	1	0.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chase Clement	124	53	42.7	582	5	6
Joel Armstrong	85	36	42.4	554	4	6

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jarett Dillard	35	524	15.0	5	51
Mike Falco	8	208	26.0	1	80
Tommy Henderson	22	189	8.6	0	13
Nick Aranda	9	101	11.2	0	38
Quinton Smith	7	40	5.7	1	20
Andy Hall	5	40	8.0	1	15
Joe Don Wood	1	29	29.0	1	29

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jared Scruggs	48	2056	42.8	8	34.2	1	11

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brennan Landry	28-29	1-1	2-4	1-2	0-0	4-7	43
Luke Juist	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	2-3	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
John Syptak	72	4	6	1	0
Adam Herrin	70	3	4	1	0
Andray Downs	58	0	1.5	2	1
Chad Price	52	1	8.5	4	0
Omeke Alikor	49	0	3	0	0
Ja'Corey Shepherd	46	0	1.5	3	2
Jared Gilbert	40	0	1	1	0
George Chukwu	30	0	1.5	1	0
Buck Casson	28	0	1	0	1
Courtney Gordon	27	2	3	0	0
Carl Taylor	26	0	1	0	1
Brian Raines	25	0	0	0	0
Lance Byrd	24	0	1	4	0
Brandon King	24	0	2	2	1
Matt Ginn	23	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Cary	21	0	0	1	0
William Wood	19	0	1	0	0
Bencil Smith	15	0	0	1	0
DeJaun Cooper	14	1	1.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon King	14	80	5.7	0
Mike Falco	6	35	5.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Andray Downs	18	338	18.8	0
Brandon King	16	315	19.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
49	Cotton	NL	North Carolina	27-13	–
53	Cotton	NL	Alabama	28-6	–
57	Cotton	NL	Navy	7-20	–
60	Sugar	NL	Mississippi	6-14	–
61	Bluebonnet	NL	Kansas	7-33	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Rice's All-Time SU Bowl Record 4-3

RICE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	21.9	20	234	4.3	103	42.4	15.4	-17	2005	7	40.6	21	212	5.4	243	65.5	11.2
8*	25.4	22	307	4.9	75	43.4	15.1	-4	2004	7	34.3	19	150	4.2	215	57.2	10.6
6*	28.6	21	317	5.5	80	47.7	13.9	-3	2003	3	31.5	23	208	5.0	225	61.3	13.7
4*	23.0	19	248	4.5	99	44.4	15.1	0	2002	4	26.9	21	143	3.8	242	61.2	14.3
8	27.8	22	281	4.5	122	46.9	14.5	+8	2001	7	27.9	21	133	3.7	279	57.4	14.8
4	21.5	19	233	4.1	81	37.4	14.6	+9	2000	9	29.3	20	134	3.9	245	60.5	12.9

2005 STATS BY GAME

RICE 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at UCLA	16	49 - 192	3.9	8 - 17	63	3	23	39 - 253	6.5	19 - 27	325	2	-2
–	at Texas	12	46 - 110	2.4	4 - 15	99	2	24	47 - 361	7.7	11 - 18	122	1	-1
–	at UAB	27	51 - 267	5.2	9 - 18	98	1	25	31 - 134	4.3	27 - 36	372	2	-4
–	at East Carolina	23	53 - 230	4.3	9 - 19	87	3	18	30 - 104	3.5	22 - 35	355	0	0
–	Tulsa	19	59 - 231	3.9	8 - 21	85	3	18	34 - 178	5.2	18 - 24	205	1	-3
–	Navy	17	61 - 190	3.1	11 - 24	94	6	16	44 - 301	6.8	3 - 11	66	1	-2
–	UTEP	27	65 - 272	4.2	9 - 19	108	2	19	30 - 145	4.8	24 - 30	387	2	+2
–	at SMU	17	50 - 166	3.3	10 - 31	64	1	16	49 - 280	5.7	9 - 17	111	1	-1
–	Tulane	22	59 - 392	6.6	5 - 13	114	0	22	38 - 154	4.1	22 - 38	298	0	0
–	UCF	22	49 - 237	4.8	8 - 16	214	0	23	40 - 149	3.7	19 - 29	205	1	-1
–	at Houston	23	58 - 289	5.0	8 - 17	110	0	27	50 - 273	5.5	16 - 25	222	1	-5
TOTALS		225	600 - 2576	4.3	89 - 210	1136	21	231	432 - 2332	5.4	190 - 290	2668	12	-17
AVERAGES		20.4	55 - 234	4.3	8 - 19	103	1.9	21.0	39 - 212	5.4	17 - 26	243	1.1	-1.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Houston	+1'	21-14	W
Duke	-9	15-13	L
at Nebraska - #4	+34	3-48	L
at Hawaii	+3'	27-24	W
Boise St	+4'	45-14	W
at Navy	-7	21-13	W
Nevada	-13	33-30	L
at Louisiana Tech	+3'	38-41 OT	W
at Fresno St	+15	24-52	L
Tulsa	-19	59-32	W
UTEP	-23'	27-17	L
at SMU	-6'	20-37	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Houston	-7'	10-24	L
at Michigan St - #15	+30	10-27	W
at Nevada	+7'	21-31	L
Fresno St	+7	28-31	W
Louisiana Tech	+6	37-20	W
at Navy	-8	17-10	L
at UTEP	-12'	35-38	L
SMU	-8'	27-15	W
at Tulsa	-8'	33-18	W
at Boise St	+27'	7-49	L
Hawaii	+8	28-33	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Houston	+4'	14-48	L
at Duke	+11	24-27 OT	W
† Texas - #13	+30'	7-48	L
at Hawaii	+21	21-41	W
San Jose St	-3'	28-24	W
Navy	+3'	6-38	L
at Fresno St	+20	28-31	W
Nevada	+6	52-42	W
Tulsa	+3	28-31	T
at SMU	-5'	41-20	W
UTEP	-14'	45-14	W
at Louisiana Tech	+7'	49-14	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Houston	+4	10-7	W
Hawaii	+1'	41-29	W
at Texas - #5	+32'	13-35	W
at San Jose St	-14'	63-70	L
SMU	-13	44-10	W
at Nevada	-8	10-35	L
at Navy	+9'	13-14	W
at Tulsa	-1	22-39	L
Fresno St	+7	21-52	L
at UTEP - #23	+16	28-35 2OT	W
Louisiana Tech	-3	14-51	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UCLA	+24'	21-63	L
at Texas - #2	+40'	10-51	L
at UAB	+17'	26-45	L
at East Carolina	+4	28-41	L
Tulsa	+7'	21-41	L
Navy	+7	9-41	L
UTEP	+20	31-38	W
at SMU	+7'	7-27	L
Tulane	-1	42-34	W
UCF	+11	28-31	W
at Houston	+15'	18-35	L

UCF GOLDEN KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - UCF has produced some fine QB's over the years including Daunte Culpepper, who holds most of the school's career records. In 2003, due to injuries, they took the redshirt off VHT Steven Moffett (PS#28) and he started the last three as a true frosh. He only threw for 168 yards and rushed for 165. Moffett had a tendency to be mild mannered in the huddle and O'Leary wanted a take charge leader. Brandon Sumner (PS#11), who originally signed at Georgia Tech, replaced Moffett in games 2 & 3 of '04. O'Leary announced true frosh Kyle Israel (PS#110) would be the starter for the rest of the year. Israel however suffered a stress fracture so Moffett started the last 7 throwing for 1,721 (64.2%) with a 9-10 ratio while rushing for 362. Moffett got stronger in the offseason and was noticeably bigger in the chest and shoulders. Israel was banged up in August and walk-on Ed Marynowitz, a transfer from LaSalle (where he was a two year starter), was the #2 QB. Moffett threw for 2,925 (59.5%) improving his ratio to 22-9 while also rushing for 401. O'Leary brought Israel in for mop up duty vs S Miss where he hit 9 of 17 for 108 yards. It was his only action and wasted his redshirt. Marynowitz did not play. Added to the mix this year are Marquel Neasman (5-10 170 rFr, PS#268), N Illinois transfer Chris Carr (6-3 190 So, PS#281) and good sized JUCO Terry Mayo (PS#25), who threw for 2,474 yards with a 22-6 ratio. Moffett should have his best season as a senior.

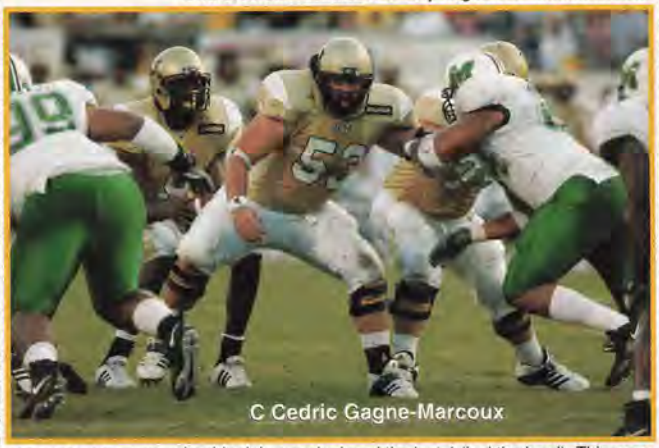
RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Alex Haynes (PS#50) became the school's all-time career leading rusher. Haynes missed two full games yet rushed for 854 (4.0) that year. The top returnee in '05 was Dontavius Wilcox (PS#173) who had 215 (3.5). They added 230 lb JUCO Jason Peters (PS#63JC) but he broke a bone in his foot in the spring, had some poor practice habits and dropped to #3. True frosh Kevin Smith, who did not even play RB as a senior in HS, emerged. Wilcox started vs SC but suffered a concussion on the 2nd play and Smith became the first RB frosh to start here in 13 years. He had 164 (5.3) vs Memphis outrushing DeAngelo Williams and was named CUSA's Frosh of the Year. Both Smith and Peters topped 100 vs Tulane. Peters led in rushing vs UAB (84) and Rice (77). Smith had a monster 202 yd bowl game and topped Gerod Davis' frosh rushing record (1,154 in 1992) with 1,178. Wilcox had some fumble problems and finished with 274 (3.5). Peters had the best ypc of the RB's and rushed for 585 (5.6). All three return and the Peter-Smith combo could be the best in CUSA.

RECEIVERS - Last year UCF had to replace their top two WR's. O'Leary had called Mike Walker the team's best athlete but he had just 9 rec (21.2) in 2004 while TE Darcy Johnson had 30 (8.1). Good sized Brandon Marshall (6-4 230) had 28 in 2003 and would have had more than his 8 rec in 2004 but instead was the team's #1 tackler (85 at FS). Marshall and Walker were an explosive combo last year with Walker leading in rec with 64 (13.4) before he tore his ACL vs Rice. Marshall had 18 in the final two games for 319 yards and finished #1 in rec (74) while also topping 1,000 yards (1,195, 16.1). Johnson (6-5 255) is not only a solid blocker but a big, athletic target who had 36 (12.1). Unfortunately Marshall (#4DC DEN) and Johnson both depart as does TE Antonio Eldemire (8 st, 2 rec). The team is counting on Walker being 100% at the start of the season. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Chris Narsesian (6-0 195 Jr, PS#97, 4.36 spd), Jabez Mitchem (6-3 215 rFr), Blake Carter (6-2 210 Jr, PS#283) and true frosh Brian Watters (PS#275QB). While this unit has potential, it clearly looks weaker than last year's fine group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Due to injuries and suspensions, UCF was down to basically 7 OL's for a good portion of the 2004 season including two frosh and three soph. They virtually had the youngest O-line in the NCAA and struggled paving the way for just 2.5 ypc rushing while allowing 50 sacks. Last year basically everyone returned although three starters, RT Sean Gilhuly, LG Dominic Ignelzi and LT Dan Veenstra lost their starting spots and 2 freshmen (LJ Anderson and Patrick Brown) started 12 games. The O-line numbers improved to 3.9 ypc but they still allowed 37 sacks (9.4%). Gilhuly (1 st) is the only loss. The OL managed to have the same 5 starters for the last 12 games. With all 5 starters back, this is one of CUSA's most experienced O-lines despite having just 2 seniors in the 2 deep.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 UCF allowed 4.5 ypc rushing with the D recording just 14 sacks. Last year three starters returned to the front but DT Emeka Okammor lost his starting spot and DE Glenroy Watkins tore an ACL after 10 games. The D-line, which only produced 9.5 sacks in '04, produced 20.5 in '05 but surprisingly the ypc increased to 4.9. Unfortunately this year three players depart who combined for 16 of the DL sacks. Gone are DE Paul Carrington (13 st, 46 tkl, 9 sk, 1st Tm CUSA), DT Frisner Nelson (8 st, 31 tkl, 3.5 sk) and DE Watkins (15 tkl, 3.5 sk). The good news this year is that three starters from the end of the year are back including JUCO Bryan Gabourel (never played football in high school) who started the last 7 and brings bulk to the middle at 320 lbs. Carrington will be tough to replace but the Knights should have an improved defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year UCF had to replace two starters from this unit but moved in starting DE Chris Welsh to one spot. They played four true frosh in Travis Barr, Clarence Howard, Jordan Richards and Cory Hogue. Richards suffered a shoulder injury and missed the last 4 (incl the bowl). This year they lose WLB James Cook (13 st, 55 tkl, 4.5 tfl) but 4 of the top 6 are back and all four have starting experience. The top 3 tacklers last year were DB's which is never a good sign but this unit should be more productive.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DEFENSIVE BACKS - UCF had a CB drafted in the 2nd round of 2002 and in the 4th of 2003. An inexperienced secondary finished #110 in my pass D rankings in 2004. Last year they had to replace their #1 tackler and had two starters returning but Ron Ellis only got in one start before he was suspended in November and Travonti Johnson lost his spot. Four frosh started the majority of the year but UCF still managed to climb to #89 snagging 19 int. The star of the group was true frosh Joe Burnett who made 1st Tm CUSA with 5 int and 9 pbu and was a FWAA Frosh AA. This year they lose FS Anthony Willis (1 st, 10 tkl), CB Mike Malatesta (7 tkl) and Ellis (9 tkl). Eight players return with starting experience and not even listed below are Sheldon Shakespeare (5-11 165 Jr), Chad Cummings (5-10 170 Sr) and EJ Moore (5-10 180 rFr, PS#238).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Kicker Matt Prater was a key reason UCF finished #40 in my ST rankings in '02. In 2003 Prater led the NCAA in punting (47.9) and UCF moved up to #13. O'Leary wanted Prater to concentrate on FG kicking, Aaron Horne took over the punting (net 33.7) in 2004 and the unit dropped to #61. They had to replace their top PR and KR last year and surprisingly Prater hit just 7 of his first 14 FG's but rebounded to hit 10 of 12. He hit an outstanding 16 of 22 FG's from 40+ his last three years (long 51). Unfortunately his last kick at UCF was the missed xp in OT of the bowl. He had 40 TB's on 74 KO's. When Prater was struggling, John Brown (PS#55) hit 5 of 8 with a long of 38. Horne's net punting improved to 34.8. True frosh Joe Burnett is not only an outstanding cover CB but also CUSA's top PR (16.5) with two TD's. The top 2 KR's return. While the unit must replace Prater and Brown, they get two transfer K's in and should have another fine finish in my ST rankings (#24 in '05).

COACHES - George O'Leary was on top of the world after leading Georgia Tech to a 52-33 record and five bowl appearances in 7 years. He took the head coaching job at Notre Dame but then a resume snafu knocked him out of that job and was banished to the NFL spending two seasons on the Minnesota Vikings coaching staff (2003 DC). His OC is Tim Salem who was the OC at E Mich in 2003. He was also the QB coach at Ohio St from 1997-2000 and OC at Purdue for three years. The DC is Lance Thompson who was a TE coach at LSU in 2003 and DL coach there in 2002. He was also the DL coach for O'Leary at GT in 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Heading into 2003 UCF's program appeared on the rise coming off three straight winning seasons and playing in the player-rich state of Florida. HC Mike Kruczek had been given a three year contract extension but his final year was filled with injuries and suspensions. He was let go with two games left in a 3-9 year when they had the talent to contend in the MAC. George O'Leary came in but did inherit a tough non-conf schedule (first 3 foes-BCS). There was a large amount of attrition over the summer with the new HC and when the season started they had just 73 scholarship players. UCF gained control of the nation's longest losing streak title finishing the year at 0-11. Last year I did not make a lot of friends in Greenville, NC or Huntington, WV when I forecast UCF to finish ahead of those teams in the CUSA East standings. I picked the Knights higher than any other preseason magazine as most had them pegged for last. Nine of their top 68 players were walk-ons but UCF, after extending their losing streak to 17 games with an 0-2 start, simply became the 7th team in NCAA history to go from being winless to bowl eligible with the last being S Carolina in 2000. They had the biggest turnaround in the NCAA in 2005 finishing the regular season 8-3 before dropping the CUSA Title game and their first ever bowl in their 10 year history. With an enrollment of 44,000, they are the 2nd largest university in the southeast. They had 51,978 on hand for the CUSA Title game at home. Some things do not bode well for the 2006 season however as despite their 7-1 record in CUSA play, they only outgained league foes by 2.9 ypg. UCF benefitted from +12 in turnovers and had a net 3 close wins (pg 299). On the bright side they have the 2nd most starters returning in the league (17). UCF's offense showed big-time improvement last year almost doubling their ppg to 28.7 and despite the loss of two of their top 3 receivers, will be more potent with 8 starters back including their QB, top RB Smith and the entire O-line. UCF's D made some improvement last year allowing 28.7 ppg but actually allowed 420 ypg (17 ypg more than '04). This year they have 9 starters back on D and should have the fewest ppg allowed in 5 years. UCF does benefit from a kind schedule maker as they do not face either UTEP or Tulsa on the West and get S Miss at home, which has me calling for them to return to the CUSA Title game.

OFFENSE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 9 STEVEN MOFFETT SR. 6-3 210 **PS#28.** 3 st true. 8 st '04. 13 st LY. 4,814 career pass (61%), 33-21 ratio. 7 Kyle Israel (6-2 225 Jr) 1 st, 354 ttl yds 2Y. Terry Mayo **PS#25JC.**

RB 24 KEVIN SMITH SO. 6-1 195 PS#428. 11 st true, **2nd Tm CUSA.** 1178 (4.7). 20 Dontavius Wilcox (5-10 215 Sr) PS#173. 5 st, 974 all-purp yd 3Y. 21 Curtis Francis (5-10 180 Jr).

FB 23 Jason Peters Sr. 6-1 230 **PS#63JC.** 2577 yds at JC 2Y, 585 (5.6) 4 rec (6.0) here LY. 39 Shane Smith (6-3 240 rFr) PS#329. 33 Neal Bittong (6-0 265 Jr) 1 st LY.

WR 11 MIKE WALKER SR. 6-2 200 PS#113DB. 10 st 03-04, 30 (17.6), 29 tkl CB. 11 st LY, 64 (13.4), **2nd Tm CUSA.** 88 Sergio Joachim (6-5 200 Jr) 5 rec LY. 82 Kenny Jackson (6-2 205 Sr) PS#87JC.

WR 5 Rocky Ross So. 6-2 185 PS#76. 3 st as true, 17 (9.1). 15 Brooks Turner (5-11 190 Sr) 27 rec (8.4) 3Y. 18 Javid James (6-3 190 Jr). 12 Willie Thornton (5-10 165 So).

TE 85 Mike Merritt Jr. 6-3 265 PS#56. 4 st, 12 games 2 rec LY. 81 JR Sandlin (6-4 250 rFr) PS#88. 83 Travis Ferrer (6-5 225 rFr) PS#169. 80 Sinclair Brown (6-4 235 Sr).

C 53 CEDRIC GAGNE-MARCOUX SR. 6-2 280 #1 CFL DC TY. 9 st C rFr. 11 st at C '04. 13 st C LY, **1st Tm CUSA.** 62 Mike Lavoie (6-5 290 So) PS#327. LS 60 Justin Coward (6-0 215 So).

RG 63 LJ ANDERSON SO. 6-3 280 PS#217. 12 st rFr, **CUSA Fr Tm.** 73 Ian Bustillo (6-2 280 rFr) PS#127. 2nd string but RS LY. 65 **Richard Clark** (6-4 285 rFr) **PS#48.**

LG 78 KYLE SMITH JR. 6-2 280 Last 7 st at RG true. 13 st LG LY. 89 Dominic Ignelzi (6-4 300 Jr) PS#306. 11 st at LG as true. 2nd string LY. Jeremy DeVane is **PS#92.**

RT 70 JOSH SITTON JR. 6-3 310 PS#334DL. 4 st at RG as true. 13 st at RT LY. 77 Kyle Storey (6-6 280 So) PS#261. Scout Tm last year. 76 Bryce Robinson (6-3 278 rFr).

LT 78 PATRICK BROWN SO. 6-5 265 PS#375. Last 12 start LT true, **CUSA Fr Tm.** 67 **Dan Veenstra** (6-4 300 Sr) 11 st RG rFr. 11 st LT '04. 1 st LT in '05. Jah Reid (6-7 355 Fr).

K 9 Michael Torres Jr. 5-9 185 9 of 15 FG. **UMass**, long 46 '03. 2 of 5 in '04. 7 **Nick Beucher** (6-0 190 Jr) 4 of 9 FG at **Tulane, long 53** '04. 3 Garrett Myers (5-10 170 So).

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 93 Kareem Reid Sr. 6-4 270 PS#212. 7 tkl **Kentucky** 2003. 21 tkl, 2 tfl in '05. 91 Leger Douzable (6-4 295 Jr) 1 st, 17 tkl LY. 57 Clarence Howard (6-3 260 So) PS#374LB. 3 tkl true.

DT 90 BRYAN GABOUREL SR. 6-3 320 JUCO. Last 7 st LY, 14 tkl, 2 tfl. Rex Hill (6-2 300 Jr) PS#177DL. Miss St '03. 5 sk JC LY. 97 Marcus Hubbard (6-3 300 Jr) PS#367. 1 tkl '04.

DT 74 KEITH SHOLOGAN JR. 6-2 275 Canada HS hvywt wrest champ. 11 st true, 30 tkl, 2 tfl. 10 st LY, 29 tkl. 71 Emeka Okammor (6-0 275 Jr) 8 st, 27 tkl 2Y. 94 Cody Minnich (6-3 260 rFr).

DE 96 CHRIS WELSH SR. 6-4 240 15 tkl rFr. 10 st '04, 25 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 23 tkl, 2 sk. 44 Antonio Wallace (6-2 230 So) 4 tkl true. 52 Randy Dozier (6-2 210 Jr) 17 tkl, 3 sk, 2Y. 4.5 spd.

WLB 59 Cory Hogue So. 6-1 220 PS#303. 6 st true, 34 tkl, 3 tfl. DaQuwan McNealy PS#271LB. 178 tkls as Jr/Sr. 58 Kyle Fowler (6-2 205 rFr) PS#325DB. RS due to injury.

MLB 50 RONNELL SANDY SR. 6-0 230 PS#245. 2 st, 18 tkl first 2Y. 11 st LY, 52 tkl, 7 tfl. 55 **Travis Barr** (6-2 225 So) PS#145. 2 st true, 17 tkl. 14 Steven Baker (6-3 215 Jr) 6 tkl LY, ACL?

SLB 56 JORDAN RICHARDS SO. 6-2 215 6 st true (inj), 41 tkl, 5 tfl. 47 TJ Harnden (6-3 220 rFr) PS#364. Alex Thompson (6-2 215 rFr) PS#65QB. 42 Tommy Kasper (5-10 225 Sr).

CB 31 JOHNELL NEAL SO. 5-10 180 PS#380. 13 st rFr, 69 tkl, 7 pbu. 40 **Travonti Johnson** (6-2 175 Sr) 9 st '04. 92 tkl, 5 int 3Y. 32 Domenik Kelly (6-2 180 Sr). 1 tkl last year.

CB 13 JOE BURNETT SO. 5-11 180 PS#203. **1st Tm CUSA as true**, 12 st, 63 tkl, 5 int, 9 pbu. 34 Marlon Williams (5-11 200 Jr) PS#220JC. 25 Jayson Williams (6-0 195 rFr) RB LY.

SS 29 SHA'REFF RASHAD SO. 6-0 200 PS#328. 1 st true, inj & RS. 6 st LY, 29 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 26 **Renford Parkes** (5-11 210 Jr) **PS#77.** 10 st, 2Y, 68 tkl, 1 int, 2 tfl. Keith Williams (5-11 190 So).

FS 45 JASON VENSON SO. 5-10 210 PS#163. 9 st rFr, 85 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 3 int, **3rd Tm Fr AA.** 36 **Augustus Ashley** (5-11 200 So) 3 st rFr, 25 tkl. 37 Breon Rogers (6-3 195 So) 1 st true.

P 17 AARON HORNE SR. 6-3 190 41.2 in HS. 66 punts (38.7) So. 52 punts (42.2) LY, 34.8 tm net. 2 Dan Stickley (6-0 200 Jr). Weber St trans. 4 Jack Baumgartner (6-0 200 rFr) PS#73.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Terry Mayo 6-4 245 PS#25JC
OL	Jeremy DeVane 6-3 290 PS#92
DL	Rex Hill 6-2 300 PS#177 in '03
RB	James Jamison 5-11 205 PS#127
DL	Wesley Sauvao 6-3 295 PS#139
DL	Torell Johnson 6-3 345 PS#142
DL	Travis Timmons 6-4 300 PS#166
RB	Phillip Smith 6-1 190 PS#168
LB	Chance Henderson 6-1 230 PS#167
WR	Keith Houston 6-0 190 PS#182
LB	DaQuwan McNealy 6-2 240 PS#271
OL	Mike Buxton 6-8 315 PS#327
OL	Jah Reid 6-7 355 PS#370
TE	Corey Rabazinski 6-3 235 PS#121
TE	Ricky Yates 6-5 230 PS#125
WR	Brian Watters 6-2 185 PS#280QB
LB	Bruce Miller 6-2 225 PS#394
DB	Emery Allen 5-9 170 PS#441RB
DL	David Williams 6-2 225 PS#453
WR	Jamar Newsome 6-2 182 PS#485
DL	Rashidi Haughton 6-3 235 PS#495

UCF GOLDEN KNIGHTS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#93

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UCF	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	Villanova	G						The Wildcats finished 4-7 last year as Div IAA Atlantic 10 members. UCF's 8 win turnaround LY ties them w/Stanford ('40) only behind UH ('99) all-time in NCAA history.
Sep. 9	at Florida	G						Knights are 7-2 ATS in their road opener since moving up to Div IA ball. UCF is 1-11 SU but 7-4 ATS vs the SEC.
Sep. 16	at USF	G						The Knights are 0-7 SU & 1-5 ATS vs current Big East teams. UCF is 6-14 ATS the last 3 years after a SU loss.
Sep. 26	S Mississippi (Tues)	G						UCF is 5-1 ATS their last 6 regular season games as a home dog. Knights were 4-0 SU & ATS vs CUSA at home LY in the regular season.
Sep. 30								
Oct. 4	at Marshall (Wed)	A						In their 4 meetings they have averaged just 33.5 ppg. The visitor is 3-1 ATS in this series.
Oct. 13	Pittsburgh (Fri)	G						This is the first ever meeting between these two teams. UCF is 0-2 SU & ATS when hosting IA non-conference teams since 2002.
Oct. 21	Rice	G						The Golden Knights are 1-0 SU but 0-1 ATS vs the Owls. UCF was down 21-9 at the half last year vs Rice.
Oct. 28	at Houston	G						UCF is 1-0 SU & ATS winning their only meeting last year 31-29 (+2). Could apply: UCF is 0-5 ATS as an away favorite the last 3 years.
Nov. 4	East Carolina (HC)	G						UCF is 1-4 SU & 1-0 ATS all-time vs East Carolina. The Knights are 4-7 ATS the last 11 games in November.
Nov. 11	at Memphis	A						With their win LY vs UM, UCF became the 3rd tm S/'50 to win 3 straight after an 0-11 season. Coming into 2006, Knights are just 2-9 ATS on artificial turf the last 3 yrs.
Nov. 18	at Tulane	A						The Knights are 2-0 SU & ATS vs the Green Wave all-time. Last time UCF played in a dome they lost 38-14 (+4') in 2003 in Syracuse.
Nov. 25	UAB	G						The Knights are 3-0 SU & 2-0 ATS vs the Blazers since 1996. UCF is 2-5 ATS in regular season home finales since 1999.
								ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Daunte Culpepper 11,412 1995-'96 Rushing: Alex Haynes 3,356 2000-'04 Receiving: David Rhodes 3,618 1991-'94

GEORGE O'LEARY (Career 60-49)

3rd Year at UCF — O'Leary's SU Bowl Record: 2-3

O'Leary's records AT UCF

8-16	Straight Up	1-1	Home Favorite
10-13	Vs The Spread	5-3	Home Underdog
5-8	Off A SU Loss	0-3	Away Favorite
9-8	Vs Conference	4-6	Away Underdog
1-5	Vs Non-Conf	0-2	Off A Bye

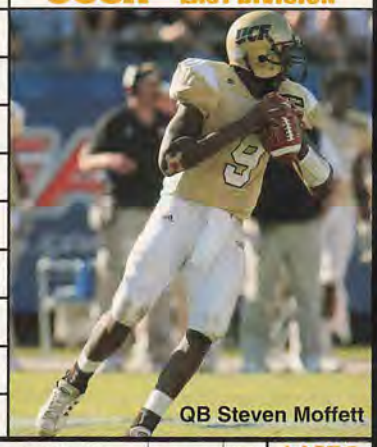
2005 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 8* DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (17,22,3)
Lost: 15 (4,5,6)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,462

CUSA - EAST DIVISION


QB Steven Moffett

STADIUM: FLORIDA CITRUS BOWL (65,438)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	7-4	6-5	7-5	3-9	0-11	8-4	35-45
Home	3-3	4-1	5-0	4-2	3-2	0-5	4-1	23-14
Away	1-4	3-3	1-5	3-3	0-7	0-6	4-3	12-31
ATS	4-5	4-4	6-4	6-5	2-9	3-8	7-5	32-40
Home Fav	1-1	1-0	3-0	1-4	1-1	0-1	1-0	8-7
Home Dog	0-2	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2	2-2	3-1	6-8
Away Fav	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	0-2	0-1	0-2	5-8
Away Dog	2-2	2-1	1-3	3-1	1-4	1-4	3-2	13-17
Favorite	2-1	2-2	4-1	3-4	1-3	0-2	1-2	13-15
Dog	2-4	2-2	2-3	3-1	1-6	3-6	6-3	19-25
Grass	3-5	3-2	5-3	4-5	1-4	2-6	7-3	25-28
Artificial	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	1-5	1-2	0-2	7-12
vs Conf	1-1	1-2	1-0	5-3	1-7	3-5	6-3	18-21
vs Non-Conf	3-4	3-2	5-4	1-2	1-2	0-3	1-2	14-19
Off SU Win	0-3	3-4	1-3	3-3	1-2	0-0	4-4	12-19
Off SU Loss	4-1	0-0	4-1	2-2	1-6	3-7	2-1	16-18

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT		SCORE	ATS
05	Hawaii	+2'	Nevada	(OT)	48-49	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UCF's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kevin Smith	249	1232	54	1178	9	4.7
Jason Peters	105	590	5	585	5	5.6
Dontavius Wilcox	79	301	27	274	1	3.5
Steven Moffett	96	401	308	93	2	1.0
Kyle Israel	9	56	7	49	1	5.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Steven Moffett	375	223	59.5	2925	22	9
Kyle Israel	17	9	52.9	108	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Brandon Marshall	74	1195	16.1	11	69
Mike Walker	64	855	13.4	9	41
Darcy Johnson	36	435	12.1	2	30
Rocky Ross	17	154	9.1	0	18
Willie Thornton	5	93	18.6	1	43
Brooks Turner	4	71	17.8	0	29
Dontavius Wilcox	5	56	11.2	1	19
Kenny Jackson	5	47	9.4	0	14
Kevin Smith	8	44	5.5	0	12
Jason Peters	4	24	6.0	0	11

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Aaron Horne	52	2197	42.2	9	34.8(T)	0	15
Matt Prater	4	160	40.0	1	–	0	0

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Prater	29-32	4-5	6-9	7-12	0-0	17-26	49
John Brown	8-8	3-3	2-3	0-2	0-0	5-8	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jason Venson	85	1.5	2	5	3
Johnell Neal	69	0	0	7	0
Joe Burnett	63	0	2.5	9	5
James Cook	55	1	3.5	2	1
Ronnell Sandy	52	1	6	1	1
Paul Carrington	46	9	3.5	4	1
Jordan Richards	41	1	4	1	0
Cory Hogue	34	0	3	0	1
Frisner Nelson	31	3.5	2	1	1
Sha'reff Rashad	29	0	2.5	1	1
Keith Shologan	29	0	1	1	0
Travonti Johnson	27	0	0	0	3
Renford Parkes	26	0	1	0	0
Augustus Ashley	25	0	0	2	1
Chris Welsh	23	2	2	1	0
Kareem Reid	21	1	1	1	0
Leger Douzable	17	0.5	1.5	0	0
Travis Barr	17	0	1.5	0	1
Glenroy Watkins	15	3.5	2.5	0	0
Bryan Gabourel	14	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Joe Burnett	28	463	16.5	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Curtis Francis	23	430	18.7	0
Jason Venson	15	301	20.1	0

UCF'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	28.7	22	167	3.9	234	59.1	14.0	+12	2005	7	28.7	22	179	4.9	242	59.2	14.7
6	15.9	16	97	2.5	183	58.3	17.6	-3	2004	6	32.9	20	186	4.5	217	60.5	12.3
4*	18.7	17	98	3.3	222	61.6	17.1	-22	2003	8	31.1	22	192	4.2	211	65.4	13.0
7*	32.6	22	116	3.9	320	61.1	13.4	-6	2002	3	26.3	20	150	3.6	204	56.8	13.5
4*	30.3	21	101	3.3	308	56.5	13.5	-2	2001	6	18.5	17	129	3.5	178	55.6	16.6
7*	30.3	20	79	2.8	295	60.0	12.4	-2	2000	6	20.1	20	131	3.1	193	54.0	16.1

2005 STATS BY GAME

UCF 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at S Carolina	22	41-83	2.0	27-39	258	6	17	28-32	1.1	18-23	330	3	+2
–	at South Florida	14	20-45	2.3	19-40	208	4	24	66-326	4.9	11-17	100	0	-1
–	Marshall	17	43-76	1.8	19-26	260	3	22	16-11	0.7	33-58	368	4	+1
–	at Louisiana-Lft	23	48-129	2.7	15-25	232	5	20	40-181	4.5	15-29	128	1	0
–	Memphis	26	57-261	4.6	14-21	290	1	14	32-221	6.9	14-23	80	1	+1
–	at S Mississippi	23	35-96	2.7	24-41	260	7	19	31-73	2.4	24-39	278	1	-4
–	Tulane	23	48-286	6.0	18-31	202	0	24	18-80	4.4	27-47	360	1	+5
–	at East Carolina	15	48-249	5.2	10-25	181	2	26	41-272	6.6	24-46	270	4	+6
–	Houston	26	54-220	4.1	21-30	275	0	20	27-138	5.1	19-30	313	4	+1
–	at UAB	21	44-175	4.0	15-24	183	1	19	30-190	6.3	20-39	240	3	+3
–	at Rice	23	40-149	3.7	19-29	205	1	22	49-237	4.8	8-16	214	0	+1
–	Tulsa	17	35-149	4.3	13-27	190	4	23	48-196	4.1	13-20	205	3	-4
–	† Nevada	30	44-254	5.8	19-36	301	3	30	51-369	7.2	22-32	254	1	+1
TOTALS		280	557-2172	3.9	233-394	3045	37	280	477-2326	4.9	248-419	3140	26	+12
AVERAGES		21.5	43-167	3.9	18-30	234	2.8	21.5	37-179	4.9	19-32	242	2.0	0.9

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Clemson - #19	+16	13-21	W
at Syracuse	+10	10-21	L
at Tulane	-5'	36-29	W
at Virginia Tech - #8	+24'	14-46	L
UAB	+2	24-7	W
Liberty	NL	63-0	–
UL Monroe	-31'	38-6	W
at Utah St	-5	27-30	L
Akron	-14	57-17	W
at Arkansas	+5'	20-27	L
Louisiana-Lft	-28'	31-0	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St - #24	+13'	24-27	W
at Arizona St	+3	13-46	L
at Marshall	+11	21-26	W
Liberty	NL	48-17	–
at W Michigan	-1'	31-27	W
Toledo	-4	24-27	L
Akron	-19	28-17	L
Syracuse	-5	35-38	L
at Buffalo	-17	45-21	W
Kent St	-25	32-6	W
at Miami, Oh	+3'	48-31	W
Ohio	-16'	42-32	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech - #9	+20'	28-49	L
Fla Atlantic	NL	33-29	–
at Syracuse	+4'	14-38	L
at Kent St	-8'	16-36	L
Buffalo	-23'	19-10	L
at Ohio	+1'	0-28	L
at Akron	+6'	24-38	L
C Michigan	-7	31-13	W
at West Virginia	+20'	18-36	W
at E Michigan	-7	13-19	L
Marshall	+11'	7-21	L
Miami, Oh - #15	+24	21-56	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wisconsin - #21	+23	6-34	L
West Virginia - #10	+21	20-45	L
at Penn St	+23	13-37	L
at Buffalo	-7'	20-48	L
N Illinois	+18	28-30	W
Akron	-2'	21-26	L
at Miami, Oh	+22	7-43	L
at Marshall	+26	3-20	W
Ohio	+3	16-17 OT	W
at Ball St	+3'	17-21	L
Kent St	+8'	24-41	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at South Carolina	+21	15-24	W
at South Florida	+7'	14-31	L
Marshall	+3'	23-13	W
at Louisiana-Lft	-3'	24-21	L
Memphis	+1'	38-17	W
at S Mississippi	+8'	31-52	L
Tulane	-6	34-24	W
at East Carolina	+1'	30-20	W
Houston	+2	31-29	W
at UAB	+7'	27-21	W
at Rice	-11	31-28	L
Tulsa	+2'	27-44	L

S MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN EAGLES

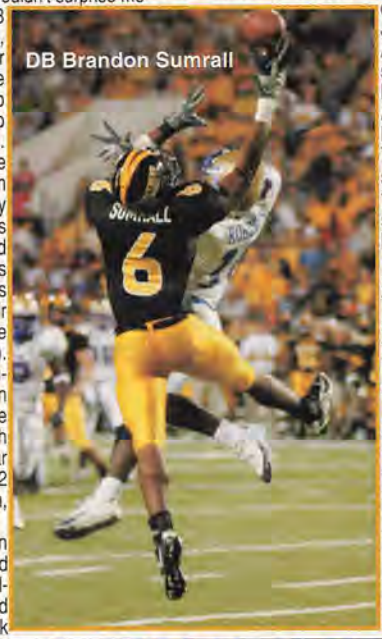
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 Dustin Almond split the QB job with Micky D'Angelo (PS#67). In '03 after hitting just 4 of 24 vs Nebraska, Almond lost his starting job to true frosh Damion Carter. Almond did not pout about the demotion and would start the final 7 throwing for 1,877 (48.2%) with a 13-7 ratio. Carter was moved to WR in '04 and Almond threw for 1,848 (51.3%) with a 12-6 ratio. Coach Bower said he had the 2nd strongest arm of any SM QB ever (next to Brett Favre). In 2005 Almond threw for 324 vs EC but the next week tossed 4 int vs Tulsa. He rebounded by tying a school record with 5 TD passes vs UCF (only 6 in 1st 4 isn't bad!). Almond broke Favre's 1989 record of 381 pass attempts (394) and also broke Lee Roberts single season yardage mark (2,680, 1998) topping it in the bowl finishing with 2,860 (54.8%) with a 23-12 ratio. Jeremy Young (PS#63) has been the backup QB the last 2 years starting one game in '04 (18 of 46, 39%) and playing in 4 last season (5 of 9 for 62). He is expected to battle Mich St transfer Stephen Reaves who hit 23 of 58 for 331 with a 2-5 ratio at MSU. Reaves suffered a knee injury while running the scout team in '05. Added to the mix are Michael Burks (6-2 185 rFr, PS#266) and Todd Wilson (6-3 200 So). I like the talent but going from a 4 year starter who was coming off a school record passing yard season, there figures to be a drop in the numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 it appeared that the top four rushers from 2003 would return but FB Anthony Harris moved to TB and led with 714 (4.1), after some unexpected departures. Harris was moved back to FB in '05 and opted to quit over the summer. CJ Barrows (PS#71) was expected to be the feature back but missed the year with hernia surgery. The team's last 1,000 yard rusher was Derrick Nix (2002), who is now the RB coach. Larry Thomas, who has the best speed of the RB's, was the feature back early including 22 carries vs McNeese, 28 vs UAB and 25 vs Marshall. Walk-on Cody Hull, who had 50 (3.8) in '04, led team in rushing vs Memphis (49 yds) and started the final two. After rushing for 85 vs Tulane, he broke out with 161 on 37 carries in the bowl. All 3 RB's return but it wouldn't surprise me to see Barrows win the job. Not listed in the 3 deep below are FB Cole Mason (6-2 232 So, PS#116) who had 136 (3.3) LY, Tony Miner (5-10 203 So, PS#212WR), Conrad Chanove (5-9 185 Jr) and Josh Barton (6-0 250 rFr). No matter who wins the starting spot, this group should improve upon 2005's 3.3 ypc rushing.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 SM had to replace two starting WR's but had the top 2 back in Antwon Courington (47,14.0) and Anthony Perine (24,13.8). Unfortunately this unit was hit hard by injuries in '05. Perine was banged up and had 31 (14.2) while Courington saw his season end after 5 games (ACL) when he was leading the team with 24 (13.7). With their receivers banged up, they were forced to take the redshirt off true frosh Joe Singleton (9 rec). In the previous 3 years, the TE's had combined for 417 rec yards but exciting rFr Shawn Nelson (PS#50) led with 35 (15.4) and was the Bowl MVP (6 for 121, 2 TD). JUCO WR Josh Barnes finished #2 with 32 (13.2). This year they lose Courington and TE Pedi Causey (2 st, 5, 22.2) but should maintain better health, making this a much improved unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - SM was last in CUSA in sacks allowed in both 2001 (38) and 2002 (48). They had to replace three All-CUSA players in 2003 and only opened holes for 3.0 ypc (32 sk). With 4 starters back in 2004, they improved to 3.7 ypc with 19 sacks allowed. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and their top backup. The five true frosh OL's Bower signed last year were all impressive in August and Ryan McKee got in 74 snaps. They did lose starting LG Travis Cooley to an ACL injury after 9 starts. The ypc dropped to 3.3 but they only allowed 15 sacks (3.7%). This year the only losses are RT Neal Mead (12 st, 717 snaps), RG Brad Worthington (75 snaps), LG Ricardo Clark (3 st, 307 snaps) and LG Kendel Wheeler (67 snaps). With four starters back, SM could have their best O-line of the decade but their OL coach is worried about the depth saying an injury would be devastating.


DB Brandon Sumrall

DEFENSIVE LINE - SM was known for its tough D-lines. From 1999-2001 the team allowed an avg of 99.3 ypg rush and just 2.7 ypc. In 2002 they surprisingly allowed 3.8 ypc and with 3 starters back, only improved to 3.6 in 2003 but the D had 37 sacks. In 2004 they had 6 of the top 8 back but surprisingly yielded 4.4 ypc rush, their highest since 1992 and the sack total dropped to 30 with just 13 coming from the D-line. Last year they had to replace four DL's who combined for 23 starts and made some strides improving to 3.9 ypc with 31 sacks. DT Terrance Ford (650 squat) was a force in the middle. This year they lose Ford (12 st, 31 tkl, 0.5 tfl), DE Akeem Lockett (5 st, 34 tkl, 4 tfl) and NT Tom Johnson (11 st, 54 tkl, 9 tfl, 2nd Tm CUSA). This group is a little less experienced but has VHT Sean Merrill who will be in for the fall and USC transfer Ryan Watson. This has the makings of a pretty solid D-line.

LINEBACKERS - LB's are the focal point of the Golden Eagles' D. In 2004 SM had two starters back including 1st Tm CUSA Michael Boley, who turned down a shot at the NFL. With a veteran LB corps, it was surprising to see SM allow 24.8 ppg, their highest total since 1993. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace Boley (#5DC) and two other starters. FB Wayne Hardy moved to LB and took one starting spot while Gerald McRath (PS#138) started as a rFr. Against Alabama he had a 32 yard IR TD, a FF, a FR and a pbu but unfortunately broke his leg and was lost for the year. SLB Naton Stewart (1 st '04) was dismissed prior to the year and Jerome Lyons (PS#70JC) tore his ACL. Kevis Coley was the team's star becoming the 3rd straight SM LB to win CUSA Def POY honors. After having just 2 starts in '04, he led the team with 150 tackles and Tokumbo Abanikanda, in his first start, was a standout in the bowl (7 tkl, 2 tfl). Marcus Raines (PS#39JC) struggled adapting to the humidity but is probably the most talented MLB and looks like a candidate for SM's 4th straight CUSA Def MVP. The losses this year are Coley (12 st) and John Archie (11 tkl) but 4 of the top 6 are back. This group is more experienced than 2005's version and are more talented.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SM's lowest finish in my pass D rankings from 1995 to 2004 was #41. In 2002 they were #3 and in 2003 #10. In 2004 they had to replace all 4 starters and dropped to #39. Last year ROV Darrell Bennett was dismissed in August so 3 starters were back. Unfortunately CB's Caleb Hendrix and John Eubanks both missed time and surprisingly SM fell all the way to #70. This year they lose FS Trevis Coley (12 st, 109 tkl, 2 int, 1st Tm CUSA) and Eubanks (11 st, 31 tkl, 4 int) but have 6 of the top 8 back. While this unit is not as experienced as 2005 and perhaps not as talented, I think they will improve in my pass D rankings as they should stay healthier.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Coach Bower always does an excellent job with the ST unit as they finished #10 in my rankings in 1997 and #27 in '02. With the emergence of John Eubanks, who was #5 in the NCAA in KR's in '04, and steady K Darren McCaleb, who hit 30 of 36 FG's in his first two years, SM was #25 in 2004. Everyone returned last year and they were #23. McCaleb hit 23 of 28 FG's with a long of 47, connecting on 10 of 15 from 40+. He has already become the school's all-time career leading scorer topping Sammy Winder ('78-'81), Bubba Phillips ('47-50) & K Steve Clark ('81-83). P Luke Johnson avg'd 44.9 with an outstanding net of 37.2 while also booming 21 TB's on 72 KO's. LS Stephen Daigle earned a scholarship with his consistency. SM's ST's delivered a win by blocking 2 FG's vs Marshall including a 24 yd'r on the last play to force OT. The top PR was Jasper Faulk (7.5). This year they must replace Eubanks (24.2 KR) and more importantly Johnson but Britt Barefoot (PS#18) has an even stronger leg than both Johnson and McCaleb and could be called on for FG's of 50+. This looks like another top-notch unit.

COACHES - Jeff Bower is an SM alum and enters his 16th year as head man. He has not had a losing season in 12 years and the team has had 8 bowl trips since 1997. He was named CUSA Coach of the Year in 1997, 1999 and 2003. Bower is just the 2nd coach in school history to record 100+ wins (103) along with Thad "Pie" Vann. In January, Bower had his contract extended thru 2009. Last year for the first time since 1992, SM had new coordinators on both sides of the ball. Jay Johnson, who spent the previous two year's as SM's TE and RB coach, took over as OC. Johnson was the OC at Truman St and Augsburg College in the mid '90's. DC Jay Hopson was the DB coach at SM in 2002 and 2003 and spent 2004 at Ole Miss.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the first four years of CUSA play, SM was an outstanding 21-2 but in the next 3 years stunningly lost 9 out of 22 league games and was 10-9 their last 19 heading into 2003. SM was in the AP Top 25 for 23 straight weeks from Oct 10, 1999 to Nov 12, 2000 but had a streak of 4 straight bowls end in 2001. They got back to a bowl in 2002 and in 2003 I called for them to top 7 wins for the first time since 1999. Thanks to their defense and ST's they did. They were actually outgained in 2003 (by 62 ttl yds) despite their 9-4 record. They were also 8-0 in CUSA play despite being outgained by 39.6 ypg! In 2004 SM finished in a 4-way tie for 2nd at 5-3 but once again were outgained in league play (21.1 ypg). They also benefitted from not having to face league juggernaut L'ville. SM defeated N Texas in the bowl to finish 7-5 but once again were outgained on the season, this time by 597 yds. In 2004 they suffered their worst ever league loss at "The Rock" (52-24 to Cincy) and actually lost 3 straight CUSA games for the first time ever before rallying from a 1H 14-3 deficit to knock off UAB. Last year, for the third consecutive season, SM was outgained in CUSA play (-38.0 ypg) but finished with a winning record (5-3). SM had just 9 returning starters last year but benefitted from +14 in turnovers (see pg 312). SM also only had one win vs a IA team that finished with a winning record. SM did accomplish a winning record despite having their lives and football schedule disrupted in Sept. Due to hurricanes, the Eagles were evacuated to Memphis for 8 days and had 2 games postponed. For the 3rd consecutive year, SM was outgained overall by 441 yards. SM has been to 8 bowls the last 9 years. They only had 4 starters back on offense last year but still managed 29.6 ppg, their best since 1998. Despite having to replace QB Almond, they have 9 starters back this year on offense and could be just as potent. SM's D yielded 394 ypg last year and even with just 6 starters back, this has the makings of a top-notch unit. The defense will help SM to record yet another winning season and they are a bonafide contender in the CUSA East.

OFFENSE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

(JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 10 **Jeremy Young Jr.** 6-3 210 PS#63. 1 st, 10 gm 2Y, 275 pass (42%), 0-2 ratio, 100 rush. 12 **Stephen Reaves** (6-1 206 Jr) PS#110. **2 st Mich St**, 331 (40%), 2-5 ratio '04.

RB 32 **CJ BARROWS SO.** 6-1 201 PS#71. Inj as rFr. 28 **Cody Hull** (5-11 195 Jr) 3 st LY, 542 (4.2), 161 in bowl! 8 **Larry Thomas** (6-0 197 Jr) **10 st LY, 987 (4.6)** 2 years.

WR 87 **CHRIS JOHNSON JR.** 6-0 172 PS#135. 5 (15.2) rFr. 5 starts in '05, 20 (15.1). 82 Tavarres Williams (6-0 182 Jr) 15 (10.5) LY. **FB** 33 **Bobby Weakley** (5-10 241 Sr) **9 st**, 79 ttl yd LY.

WR 13 **ANTHONY PERINE SR.** 5-11 174 PS#156. 2 st, 24 (13.8) '04. 11 st LY, 31 (14.2). 2 **Damion Carter** (6-2 193 Sr) PS#173QB. **2 st QB true**, 238 pass. 5 st WR L/2Y, 16 (17.1).

WR 19 **JOSH BARNES JR.** 5-10 191 PS#263JC. 3 st LY, 32 (13.2). 26 Joe Singleton (6-3 195 So) PS#189QB. Took off RS, 7 gm, 9 (12.2) true. 81 Chris Rhoden (6-4 180 So) PS#115.

TE 83 **SHAWN NELSON SO.** 6-5 225 PS#50. 11 st rFr, #1 w/35 (15.4), **3rd Tm CUSA**, Bowl MVP. 48 Jonathan Palmer (6-3 248 Sr) PS#47. 1 rec LY. 42 Bryant Carpenter (6-2 245 rFr).

C 56 **ROBBY D'ANGELO SR.** 6-1 277 **PS#83.** 11 gm, 116 snaps 2Y. 12 st C LY, **0 Sk all'd, 632 snap, 39 kd.** 74 Rick Thompson (6-0 281 Jr) 12 snaps LY. 65 Jimmy Driskell (6-2 306 So).

RG 70 **GEORGE BATISTE SR.** 6-5 309 11 st rFr, 756 snaps. 12 st RG '04. 11 st RG LY, **1st Tm CUSA, 0 sacks all'd, 54 kd.** Nick Dean (6-3 281 Jr) PS#301JC. 72 Sam Wilson (6-4 270 rFr).

LG 55 **TRAVIS COOLEY SR.** 6-2 285 6 st rFr, **CUSA Fr Tm.** 12 st LG '04. 9 st LG LY (inj), **2nd Tm CUSA.** 63 Wesley Housely (6-2 283 So). 78 Johnathan Landor (6-3 270 Jr) PS#369DL.

RT 68 **Ryan McKee So.** 6-5 265 PS#340. 74 snaps as true. 67 Ryan Hebert (6-6 305 rFr) PS#196. 73 Josh Ladner (6-2 270 Jr). PS#261JC. 69 Micah Brown (6-2 270 rFr).

LT 75 **CHRIS CLARK JR.** 6-4 280 10 gm rFr, **CUSA Fr Tm.** 11 st LT LY, 718 snaps, 41 kd. 88 Jacquine Wrice (6-5 277 rFr) PS#485. 7 Derek Chapman (6-4 275 Jr) PS#86TE.

K 16 **DARREN McCALEB SR.** 5-11 165 PS#68. 14 of 17 FG's true, long 47. 16 of 19 FG's, **2nd Tm CUSA '04**, long 45. 23-28 FG's LY, **2nd Tm CUSA**, long 47, 10-14 from 40-49!

DE 47 **MATTHEW CHATELAIN SR.** 6-2 245 7 sts, 22 tkl, 3 tfl as rFr. 11 sts LY, 30 tkl, 4 tfl. 98 Shadler Manning (6-3 251 Sr) PS#295JC. 1.5 tfl LY. Vontre Mason PS#179JC. 28 tfl at JC LY.

DT 90 **Sean Merrill Jr.** 6-3 290 **PS#25 LSU! PS#35JC.** 97 Martavius Prince (6-3 278 Jr) PS#302. 22 tkl, 2 sk, 3 tfl, 21 gm 2Y. 92 Eric Phillips (6-7 271 So) PS#212. 2 tkl LY.

DT 94 **Ryan Watson Jr.** 6-2 271 **PS#69 USC!** 3 tkl, 105 snaps LY. 78 Mam Nyang (6-3 260 rFr) PS#105. Chris Johnson (6-1 285 Jr) PS#124JC. 8 sk, 14 qbh, 9.5 tfl, JC LY.

DE 91 **ROBERT HENDERSON JR.** 6-3 266 PS#288LB. 3 tkl rFr. 7 st LY, 47 tkl, 5 sk, 2.5 tfl. 36 Ken Griffith (6-3 275 Jr) JUCO. 1 tkl inj & RS LY. David Boyce PS#87. 3x HS wrestling champ.

SLB 24 **GERALD McRATH SO.** 6-2 212 PS#138. CUSA Def POW in first start as rFr, broke leg 2nd st. 22 **James Denley** (6-2 223 Jr) 10 st, 41 tkl, 6 tfl LY. 46 **Jerome Lyons** (6-1 215 Jr) **PS#70JC.**

MLB 34 **Marcus Raines Jr.** 6-3 240 **PS#39JC.** RS here LY. 42 Mitch Craft (6-1 224 So) 23 snaps rFr. Roshaad Byrd is PS#54. 50 Octavious Everett (6-0 215 rFr) PS#296RB.

WLB 41 **TOKUMBO ABANIKANDA SO.** 6-2 200 PS#143WR. 12 tkl, 2 sk true. 27 **Wayne Hardy** (6-0 223 Sr) 2 st RB, 110 ttl yd 2Y. **12 st LB LY**, 53 tkl, 7.5 tfl. Domonic Hopson is PS#145.

CB 14 **CALEB HENDRIX SR.** 5-10 185 6 rec true. 10 st CB '04, 47 tkl, 4 pbu. 8 st LY (inj). 21 tkl, 6 pbu. 23 Eddie Willingham (5-10 172 So) 2 st, 21 tkl, 1 int LY. CJ Bailey is PS#103.

CB 21 **Jasper Faulk Sr.** 5-10 183 **PS#68RB.** 3 st LY. 52 tkl, 7 pbu, 3Y, 558 return yds. 19 Cornelius McGee (5-10 165 So) 4 tkl true. 5 Howard Overby (5-10 193 Sr) PS#346JC. 2 gm LY (inj).

ROV 6 **BRANDON SUMRALL JR.** 5-11 185 6 tkl true. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm CUSA,** 88 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu. 20 Ladarius Webb (5-10 164 So) 18 tkl rFr. 16 Eddie Hicks (6-1 170 rFr) PS#404.

FS 15 **LeVance Richmond Jr.** 5-11 193 PS#105JC. **13 int at JC '03.** RS '05. 29 Lance Moore (6-0 187 So) 4 tkl LY. 17 Ivory Bradshaw (6-1 189 So) PS#137WR. 28 Ed Morgan (5-9 175 So).

P 3 **Britt Barefoot So.** 6-0 174 PS#18. 43.8 avg in HS, 67 TB's on KO's, 9 of 10 FG & 38 rec (25.0). 2 TB's on 17 KO's here as true. RS LY. 16 Darren McCaleb 38.3 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Sean Merrill 6-4 290 PS#35JC
LB	Roshaad Byrd 6-3 210 PS#54
DL	Chris Johnson 6-1 285 PS#124JC
DL	David Boyce 6-7 275 PS#87
LB	Martez Smith 6-0 198 PS#65
WR	Ryan Ellis 6-2 190 PS#76
OL	Tyler Unsworth 6-6 292 PS#105
DB	CJ Bailey 5-10 187 PS#103
DL	Vontre Mason 6-2 270 PS#179JC
OL	Cameron Zipp 6-2 297 PS#168
LB	Domonic Hopson 6-2 232 PS#145
DB	Brandon Davis 6-2 190 PS#161
OL	Nick Dean 6-3 281 PS#301JC
RB	Damion Fletcher 5-10 175 PS#176
DB	Chico Hunter 6-0 190 PS#190
DL	Alex Michael 6-4 300 PS#223
DB	Tory Harrison 6-1 185 PS#258
WR	Torris MaGee 6-2 185 PS#217
QB	Martevious Young 6-1 178 PS#165
DL	Anthony Gray 6-0 302 PS#263
TE	Thomas Webb 6-5 225 PS#99
WR	Justin Wilson 6-1 180 PS#299
RB	Faron Hornes 5-7 160 PS#370
WR	Johdrick Morris 6-3 195 PS#332
RB	Michael McGee 5-10 175 PS#442
WR	Rodney Gray 6-3 185 PS#410
RB	Ralph Turner 5-9 185 PS#515
TE	Richard Kelly 6-4 250 PS#205

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Bower's records AT S MISSISSIPPI

103-72-1	Straight Up	33-22	Home Favorite
84-73-3	Vs The Spread	3-5	Home Underdog
34-26-1	Off A SU Loss	19-20-3	Away Favorite
54-44-2	Vs Conference	29-26	Away Underdog
30-29-1	Vs Non-Conf	9-7-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (25,20,3)
Lost: 17 (8,7,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27,862

CUSA - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#70

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SM	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Sep. 2	at Florida	G					
Sep. 9	SE Louisiana	A					
Sep. 16	NC State	A					
Sep. 26	at UCF (Tues)	G					
Oct. 3	at Tulsa (Tues)	A					
Oct. 7							
Oct. 14	Houston (HC)	A					
Oct. 21	at Virginia Tech	G					
Oct. 28	East Carolina	A					
Nov. 4	at Memphis	A					
Nov. 11	at Tulane	A					
Nov. 18	UAB	A					
Nov. 25	Marshall	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

S Mississippi is 12-3 SU (6-6 ATS) in home openers under Jeff Bower.
The Golden Eagles are 10-4 ATS the L/14 games as a single digit favorite.
The last losing season S Mississippi encountered was in 1993 (2-8-1).

Golden Eagles are 11-3 ATS in road openers since 1992.
S Mississippi is 14-6 ATS their last 20 games on natural grass.

Southern Miss is 17-3 SU with the last game played in '69 vs SE Louisiana.
Lions finished 4-6 LY & this season face 3 IA teams, including S Miss.

Including the '90 AA bowl, SM is 3-9-1 ATS all-time vs current ACC tms.
S Mississippi is 10-6 ATS their last 16 games after a SU victory.

Could apply: S Miss is 8-4 ATS the last 12 games after a SU loss.
The Golden Eagles are 9-3 SU & ATS on the CUSA road the last 3 years.

Southern Mississippi is 4-1 ATS vs Tulsa (1st gm 1991).
Golden Eagles are 2-7 ATS the week prior to a bye the last 5 years.

The home team is 6-2 ATS in this series all-time.
S Mississippi is 8-1 SU & 7-2 ATS their last 9 Homecoming games.

Last meeting VT won 24-14 (-7) in '94 as SM is 4-4 SU & 1-2-1 ATS all-time.
VT is SMiss' 6th straight IA opponent they face TY that was in a bowl LY.

The Golden Eagles are 9-1 SU & 8-1-1 ATS the last 10 yrs vs the Pirates.
The visitor is 11-4-1 ATS since 1990 in this series.

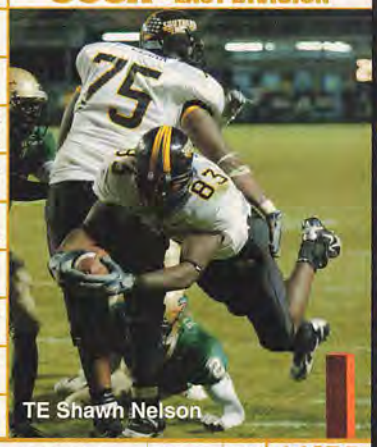
Southern Miss is 12-2 ATS in this series vs Memphis since 1992.
Golden Eagles are 10-17-1 ATS in their L/28 Nov/Dec regular season gms.

The home team is 7-4 ATS in this series since 1995 (0-3 ATS L3Y).
Southern Miss is 6-2 ATS as an away favorite the last 3 years.

The Golden Eagles are 6-0 SU all-time & 3-0-1 ATS the last 4 yrs vs UAB.
Five of the 6 gms in this series have been decided by 7 pts or less (9 pts largest margin).

Last yr's 1st meeting went to OT as SMiss is 3-2 SU & 0-5 ATS in OT S/'96.
The Golden Eagles are 7-2 ATS in home finales since 1997.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Brett Favre 7,695 1987-'90
Rushing: Ben Garry 3,595 1974-'77 Receiving: Sherrod Gideon 3,214 1996-'99


TE Shawn Nelson

STADIUM: M.M. ROBERTS STADIUM (33,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Momentum)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	7-4	6-5	7-5	9-3	6-5	6-5	49-30
Home	5-0	2-2	4-1	5-1	5-1	3-2	3-2	27-9
Away	3-3	5-2	2-4	2-4	4-2	3-3	3-3	22-21
ATS	5-5	5-5	4-7	2-8-1	8-4	7-4	5-5	36-38-1
Home Fav	2-2	1-2	2-3	2-2	4-1	2-2	1-3	14-15
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-2
Away Fav	2-1	2-3	1-1	0-3-1	3-0	2-1	1-1	11-10-1
Away Dog	1-2	2-0	1-3	0-2	1-2	2-1	3-1	10-11
Favorite	4-3	3-5	3-4	2-5-1	7-1	4-3	2-4	25-25-1
Dog	1-2	2-0	1-3	0-3	1-3	3-1	3-1	11-13
Grass	4-5	3-4	4-7	2-6-1	7-3	2-2	4-1	26-28-1
Artificial	1-0	2-1	0-0	0-2	1-1	5-2	1-4	10-10
vs Conf	3-3	2-5	3-4	2-5-1	7-1	5-3	3-5	25-26-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-0	1-3	0-3	1-3	2-1	2-0	11-12
Off SU Win	2-4	3-3	2-4	1-5	5-3	3-3	3-2	19-24
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-2	2-2	1-3-1	3-0	3-1	1-3	13-12-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Larry Thomas	167	693	46	647	4	3.9
Cody Hull	130	581	39	542	3	4.2
Cole Mason	41	140	4	136	4	3.3
Bobby Weakley	12	48	0	48	1	4.0
Josh Barnes	2	43	0	43	1	21.5
Dustin Almond	36	47	144	-97	2	-2.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dustin Almond	394	216	54.8	2860	23	12
Jeremy Young	9	5	55.6	62	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Shawn Nelson	35	540	15.4	5	63
Anthony Perine	31	441	14.2	2	44
Josh Barnes	32	421	13.2	5	41
Antwon Courington	24	329	13.7	5	74
Chris Johnson	20	303	15.1	2	48
Damion Carter	14	252	18.0	2	75
Tavarres Williams	15	157	10.5	0	43
Larry Thomas	17	118	6.9	0	27
Pedi Causey	5	111	22.2	1	58
Joe Singleton	9	110	12.2	1	25
Cody Hull	10	66	6.6	0	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Luke Johnson	53	2378	44.9	8	37.2	0	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Darren McCaleb	38-39	6-6	7-7	10-14	0-1	23-28	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevis Coley	150	5	8	0	0
Trevis Coley	109	0	0	2	2
Brandon Sumrall	88	1	0	5	4
Tom Johnson	54	3.5	5.5	2	0
Wayne Hardy	53	3	4.5	3	0
Robert Henderson	47	5	2.5	3	0
James Denley	41	2	4	1	0
Jasper Faulk	40	2	5.5	6	2
Akeem Lockett	34	2	2	1	0
John Eubanks	31	0	3	4	4
Terrance Ford	31	0	0.5	1	0
Matt Chatelain	30	2	2	2	0
Caleb Hendrix	21	1.5	0	6	1
Eddie Willingham	21	0	0.5	2	1
Ladarius Webb	18	0	0	1	0
Martavius Prince	16	2	2	0	0
Tokumbo Abanikanda	12	2	1	0	0
John Archie	11	0	0	0	0
Conrad Chanove	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jasper Faulk	22	166	7.5	0
Chris Johnson	1	23	23.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
John Eubanks	28	678	24.2	0
Jasper Faulk	7	106	15.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Mobile Alabama	+7	TCU	28-21	W
02	Houston	+10	Oklahoma St	23-33	T
03	Liberty	+2	Utah - #25	0-17	L
04	New Orleans	-6	North Texas	31-10	W
05	New Orleans	-15'	Arkansas St	31-19	L

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	29.6	19	111	3.3	246	54.8	12.1	+14	2005	5	22.7	21	160	3.9	234	57.6	17.4
9*	25.8	18	145	3.7	181	48.4	12.7	+5	2004	4	24.8	19	175	4.4	201	51.4	15.1
4*	22.5	16	122	3.0	203	51.6	14.4	+5	2003	8	17.4	17	156	3.6	174	51.9	19.0
7	21.7	18	144	3.6	189	50.1	15.3	-3	2002	9	18.3	17	167	3.8	169	46.8	18.4
9*	25.3	19	96	2.6	245	58.7	13.5	+7	2001	4	16.9	17	102	2.9	200	52.0	17.8
7*	26.2	18	107	2.8	216	56.7	12.4	+2	2000	7	16.9	15	109	2.9	159	50.0	15.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

SM 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Alabama	12	23 - 9	0.4	15 - 30	190	4	24	43 - 140	3.3	21 - 37	330	3	+1
–	McNeese St	30	50 - 197	3.9	20 - 32	259	1	15	29 - 74	2.6	13 - 25	182	1	0
–	at East Carolina	26	42 - 169	4.0	23 - 35	324	1	20	34 - 161	4.7	20 - 28	202	1	+4
–	Tulsa	11	16 - 37	2.3	12 - 30	132	2	25	49 - 231	4.7	21 - 35	244	1	-2
–	UCF	19	31 - 73	2.4	24 - 39	278	1	23	35 - 96	2.7	24 - 41	260	7	+4
–	at UAB	24	36 - 177	4.9	18 - 33	247	0	23	28 - 80	2.9	29 - 42	407	7	+1
–	at NC State	13	31 - 69	2.2	15 - 35	177	5	20	54 - 297	5.5	10 - 26	128	1	+3
–	at Marshall	19	40 - 159	4.0	17 - 28	224	0	23	41 - 191	4.7	18 - 35	218	2	-1
–	at Houston	17	26 - 24	0.9	23 - 45	295	1	25	47 - 155	3.3	24 - 36	315	2	+1
–	Memphis	17	26 - 94	3.6	22 - 40	297	0	25	61 - 263	4.3	12 - 19	157	0	0
–	Tulane	15	38 - 136	3.6	18 - 30	276	0	17	32 - 111	3.5	11 - 27	155	2	+2
–	† Arkansas St	25	50 - 192	3.8	17 - 32	253	0	16	40 - 119	3.0	10 - 19	213	4	+1
TOTALS		228	409 - 1336	3.3	224 - 409	2952	15	256	493 - 1918	3.9	213 - 370	2811	31	+14
AVERAGES		19.0	34 - 111	3.3	19 - 34	246	1.3	21.3	41 - 160	3.9	18 - 31	234	2.6	1.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St	-12'	17-9	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-24'	35-10	W
UAB	-6	3-0	L
at Memphis	-8	17-22	L
at Louisville	+3	14-24	L
Houston	-20'	58-14	W
at Penn St	+1'	20-38	L
Tulane	-18	59-6	W
at East Carolina	+1'	28-21	W
at Alabama	+7	15-28	L
TCU	-10	12-14	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Jackson St	NL	55-7	–
Illinois	-6	23-20	L
Memphis	-11'	33-14	W
at Alabama	+7	7-20	L
at Army	-29	27-6	L
at South Florida	-3	13-16	L
Cincinnati	-10	23-14	L
at TCU	+2'	7-37	L
at UAB	-7	20-13	T
Louisville	+2	17-20 2OT	L
at Tulane	-6'	10-31	L
East Carolina	-9'	24-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at California	+4	2-34	L
at UAB	-3	17-12	W
Memphis	-5	23-6	W
Nebraska - #15	+10'	14-38	L
at Cincinnati	+7'	22-20	W
at Alabama	+10'	3-17	L
South Florida	-2'	27-6	W
Louisiana-Lft	-23'	48-3	W
at Houston	-5'	31-10	W
Tulane	-17'	28-14	L
TCU - #10	-3	40-28	W
at East Carolina	-14'	38-21	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska	+14'	21-17	W
at Tulane	-14	32-14	W
at South Florida	-6	27-20	W
Houston	-17	35-29 OT	L
at Alabama	+7	3-27	L
East Carolina	-19'	51-10	W
Cincinnati	-6	24-52	L
at Memphis	+6	26-30	W
at TCU	-1	17-42	L
UAB	-1	26-21	W
California - #4	+24'	16-26	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+12'	21-30	W
McNeese St	NL	48-20	–
at East Carolina	-7'	33-7	W
Tulsa	-12'	17-34	L
UCF	-8'	52-31	W
at UAB	+2'	37-28	W
at NC State	+6'	17-21	W
at Marshall	-7	27-24 OT	L
at Houston	+2	24-27	L
Memphis	-7	22-24	L
Tulane	-21	26-7	L

UAB BLAZERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2005

QUARTERBACKS - Darrell Hackney started the last 8 in 2002 and after the team averaged just 226 ypg in the first four, they managed 358.6 ypg with him at the helm. Hackney, a big, mobile and elusive QB, with an outstanding arm departs four years later as the school's career leading passer with 9,886 yards, over 2,000 more than the #2 man (John Whitcomb '92-'94). After missing a good portion of 2003 with injury, he led the team to its first bowl by throwing for 3,070 (55.0%) with a 26-8 ratio in '04. Last year Hackney threw for 3,180 (62.7%) with a 22-12 ratio. The #2 QB, Chris Williams, had 3 starts in 2003 throwing for 607 yards (41.1%) with a 3-5 ratio (56 yd rush). He had a shoulder injury in August and played in just 3 games hitting all 3 of his passes for 33 yards with a TD last year. While he's the shortest (5'11"), on the roster, he has the strongest arm. He'll compete with Sam Hunt (PS#217) who is a Middle Tenn transfer and is one of the team's fastest players. Also in the hunt is Joseph Webb (6-4 200 rFr) who got plenty of work with Brown in QB meetings last season. Added to the mix are true frosh Anthony Speight (53-19 ratio in 3 yrs as a HS QB) and 6'4" 200 lb Seth Harkness. This group is a lot less experienced but is still talented.

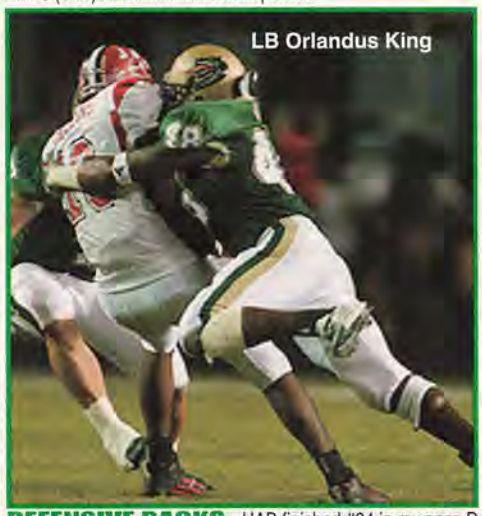
RUNNING BACKS - HC Brown likes to use a TB by committee approach and in '02 three backs topped 319 yards rushing with true frosh Dan Burks (PS#149) leading with 554 (4.5). Two of the top 3 returned in 2003 but Burks took a med RS and the other returnee, Theron Dudley, was lost for the year vs Tulane. 5'8" walk-on Trey Chaney led with 479 (3.5). True frosh Corey White (PS#122) was the biggest of the five RB's and Brown said he was probably the fastest. In his first action he rushed for 138 vs Tulane and had 123 vs Houston. Everyone returned in '04 and Brown used the speedy Burks (4.5) in the 1H and then once the opponent was worn down, went to the powerful White. Burks led with 880 (5.4) while White added 589 (5.6) and speedster, Marculus Elliott had 121 (4.5). Last year Brown called it the deepest position on the team. Unfortunately the team's only true FB, Nolan Hughey (6-0 225 So) missed most of the season after a serious car accident. Burks, who bulked up to 218, was plagued by injuries and played in just 7. White and Chaney were also banged up and 4th string RB Brandon Alexander (5-11 200 So, PS#339) tore his ACL. Elliott, who had been moved to A-back, returned to RB and had 116 vs UCF. White powered for 200 on 28 carries vs Memphis and also had 106 vs UTEP. White was injured vs EC and Elliott rushed for 105. The good news is that everyone returns and this unit figures to be more of a focal point of the offense this year.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 and 2004 the star of the UAB receiving corps was Roddy White. White finished #2 in the NCAA in receiving ypg (121.0) averaging a super 20.5 on 71 rec in 2004 (#1DC ATL). Unfortunately they had to replace their top 2 receivers last year with the #2 man having almost 1,000 yards less. The leading returnee was Norris Drinkard (23, 11.5). In the opener vs Tennessee 10 different players caught passes. Nick Coon was banged up all year (1 rec) and Jhun Cook, who was forced to move to DB due to injuries in 2004, returned to WR and had 42 (15.5). Drinkard added 41 (9.5). TE Chico Cleveland, who RS in '04 so he could add 40 lbs, had 25 (12.5). TE Cedric Hampton, who Brown said was an unbelievable blocker, had 15 (12.1). The feature WR was Reggie Lindsey who led with 53 (18.5) and was the team's deep threat. This year they must replace Lindsey (10 st), Cleveland (9 st), Hampton (9 st), Cook (6 st), WR Lance Rhodes (24, 15.6, 2 st) and Carl Duncan (12 rec, 9.8, 4 st). Even with the loss of all 4 starters, this group is almost as experienced as last season (LY's top returnee had 23 rec, TY 41) and would get a solid upgrade if VHT Jared White qualifies.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Blazers had to replace 3 starting OL's but JUCO Julius Wilson stepped right into the starting lineup and the OL avg'd 313 lbs per man and paved the way for a 4.1 ypc rushing while allowing 34 sacks. Last year they had to replace just one starter and the numbers improved to 4.3 rushing with just 15 sacks allowed (3.9%!). This year their only losses are C Matt Batusic (11 st, 1st Tm CUSA, 3 yr st'r) and 2nd string LT Marcus Lampton. With four starters back and 314 lb avg across the front from a productive unit, this figures to be one of CUSA's best O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UAB's D was nicknamed "The Steel Shield" and allowed just 1.9 ypc rushing in 2001. That line included 1st and 2nd round DC's who were nearly impossible to replace and they've allowed 3.7, 4.4, 3.9 and 3.9 the last four years. Last year they had to replace one starter but had 7 of the top eight back and Brown said he had 5 DT's and 5 DE's he thought could play. As it turned out, due to injuries, only one player started all 11. DE Larry McSwain, who led CUSA with 13 sacks in 2004, saw his sack total drop to 4. Jermaine McElveen started 3 but broke his wrist. This year they lose NT Ernest Respress (11 st, 3rd Tm CUSA, 12.5 tfl), DT Sam Williamson (9 st, 25 tkl, 4 tfl) and DT Sam Kendrick (2 st, 15 tkl). McSwain is back but four DL's missed spring with injury. McElveen was a 12 game starter in 2003 (6 sk) and HC Brown compared him at that time to Bryan Thomas (NYJ). This unit is about as experienced as last year and should stay healthier and I expect McSwain to recapture his 2004 form.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 UAB had one of the most veteran LB corps in the country with 5 seniors in their top 6. Naturally last year it was a very inexperienced group as 5 of the top 7 tacklers from 2004 were gone and the top 2 returnees combined for just 19 tackles. Brown commented that they could run from sideline to sideline very well. Showing the team speed, rFr Kris Guyton int a pass while covering UTEP's fastest receiver (Higgins) in the 2Q. This year basically everyone is back including three senior starters. The only losses are Dustin Parkman (8 tkl) and Blake Prime (3 tkl) and this unit looks improved.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DEFENSIVE BACKS - UAB finished #34 in my pass D rankings in 2003 despite having just one starter returning. A more experienced group in 2004 surprisingly finished #95 with a 23-9 ratio and in fact, had zero int in the final 8 games (290 straight passes). Last year they had 3 starters return and got back their top CB Carlos Hendricks, who missed '04 (inj). The int total greatly increased as they snagged 7 in the first two games and 16 for the season but surprisingly the Blazers only finished #97 allowing 61% and 224.3 ypg vs a soft slate of opposing QB's. This year they lose CB Hendricks (11 st, 51 tkl, 6 pbu), FS Dominique Cosper (11 st, 70 tkl, 3 sk, 3rd Tm CUSA) and SS Julius Wainwright (4 st, 29 tkl). Seven players return with starting experience and despite losing their top 2 players, UAB should improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - UAB was #102 in my ST rankings in 1998 but Coach Brown visited with VT's Frank Beamer and took his ST philosophies to heart. The next three years they finished #38, #51 and #43. They slipped some (#71 in '04) and last year had to replace K Nick Hayes who holds UAB's record for most career FG's (30 of 37 L/2Y). Everyone else returned including explosive returnman Reggie Lindsey and P Parker Mullins. Mullins had his net punting drop again to 29.9 thanks in part to a -12 yard punt after fielding a bad snap. Lindsey saw his KR avg drop to 19.9 (25.5 '04) and his PR avg to 5.1 (10.1 '04). Special teams cost them the Marshall game when they had 2 blocked punts and a 10 yard punt setting up all of Marshall's scores. Mullins hit 14 of 18 FG's with a long of 41 but hit only 2 of 5 att from 40+. Swayze Waters (PS#59) was signed to handle the FG duties but as a true only handled KO's with 7 TB's on 61. Mullins and Waters both return along with Norris Drinkard who led the team in KR's (22.4). Even with the loss of Lindsey I expect UAB to improve upon their #95 ranking.

COACHES - Watson Brown enters his 12th year at UAB with a record of 59-65. Brown was also UAB's AD but gave that post up in December. His OC, Pat Sullivan, enters his 8th year and was formerly the HC at TCU and was a runner-up for the Mid Tennessee HC job this offseason. The new DC is Rick Christophel who served the last two years as a senior associate AD at UAB. Christophel is in his 10th year here overall and was the DC in 2001 & '02 with the '01 D being #5 in the NCAA in ypg and #1 in rush D.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UAB did not even have a football team in 1991. When Watson Brown showed up in January of 1995 they had only filled half of their allotted scholarships, had no football office and no locker room. They joined CUSA seven years ago and have an amazing (for such a young program) record of 28-23 in conference play. Of the schools that have been in the CUSA over that span UAB has the 2nd best record among conf members. In 2004 the Blazers only lost 9 lettermen and returned 18 starters including QB Hackney. They were picked 6th in CUSA by the media and managed to finish in a 4-way tie for second and earned their first ever bowl game at 7-4. Last year they had 14 returning starters and were arguably the most talented team in CUSA. They actually led the conference with 5 players named 1st Tm CUSA. Even Coach Brown said after the year that the team greatly underachieved. It had to be an excruciating season for Coach Brown as UAB finished just 3-5 despite outgaining CUSA foes by 60.3 ypg (3rd best). They had 5 close losses (see pg 299) and could easily have finished with a winning record and been bowl bound. Against Tennessee, a 4th down pass in the EZ fell incomplete and they lost by 7. They appeared to have the SMU game in hand when they punted with just :22 left but were stunned with a 31 yd Hail Mary pass on the game's final play. Marshall turned 2 blocked punts into 14 points and UAB, despite a 432-251 yd edge, lost by one (also missed 2 pt conv). UAB suffered four 4Q turnovers vs UCF blowing a 21-13 lead. After knocking off #24 UTEP on the road, they only needed to beat EC to get to a bowl but instead were upset. This year they lose outstanding QB and team leader, Hackney and their 12 returning starters are the 2nd lowest in CUSA. In the spring Brown indicated that 2006's offense would be a ball control unit with the inexperience at QB and the depth at RB. They are more experienced than the 5 returning starters indicate but with a conservative offense will likely be less potent than 2005's 27.9 ppg. With a much more experienced LB corps and a return to 2004's form for DE McSwain, the D should be an improved unit. Many times when a team underachieves one year they have a better than expected year the following season (see Hardcore). UAB has the schedule and defense to return to a bowl in 2006.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 10 Chris Williams Sr. 5-11 205 PS#268. 3 st, 3Y, 640 pass (43%) 4-5 ratio, 59 rush. **3** Sam Hunt (6-3 215 Jr) PS#217. Mid Tenn trans. 4.65 spd. **5** Joseph Webb (6-4 200 rFr).

RB 30 COREY WHITE SR. 6-2 235 PS#122. 11 st 3Y, 1553 rush (5.0). **34** Dan Burks (6-1 218 Sr) PS#149. 18 st, 4Y, 1845 rush (4.9). **28** Marculus Elliott (5-9 195 Sr) PS#166. 428 (5.5) 3Y.

WR 1 Norris Drinkard Sr. 6-0 195 5 st '04, 21 (7.4). 2 st LY, 41 rec (9.5). **85** Gershom Bigham (5-11 190 rFr) PS#218. **15** Sylvester Mencer (5-11 185 So) PS#339QB. 3 gm true.

WR 29 Nick Coon Sr. 6-1 185 PS#333. 5 sts as true, 10 rec (36.2!). 3 rec L2Y (inj). **14** Willie Edwards (6-3 215 Jr) PS#323LB. **8** Steven Brown (6-1 180 So) Auburn trans.

WR NA Courtney Smith Fr. 6-4 205 PS#90. **Jared White is PS#14. 83** Chris Blanks (6-2 190 rFr). **27** Todd Tate (5-11 180 So). **82** Vernard Hoover (6-3 195 Jr) PS#378. 4.4 spd.

TE 81 Jordan Erwin Sr. 6-6 245 Move TE in spg. **35** David Sigler (6-3 250 Jr) 2 rec rFr. 1 st FB LY, 4 yd. **89** Cortlin Johnson (6-2 255 Sr) 1 st DE '03. **84** Zach Lankford (6-4 245 rFr).

C 53 JAKE SEITZ rFr. 6-2 300 2nd string LY. **65** Daniel Turner (6-2 300 Jr) +15 lbs. **LS 66** Chris Barrett (6-0 235 Jr). No gm action '05. **62** Jeff Hamby (6-1 205 So). RS LY.

RG 61 ADAM TRUITT JR. 6-3 310 PS#147. 9 gm rFr C. 11 st RG LY. Tommie Keys (6-1 300 Sr) PS#67JC. 4 gm '04. RS LY. **63** Willie Thompson (6-6 285 rFr) PS#420.

LG 69 QUINTON HARRIS SR. 6-4 330 PS#163. 9 sts RG in '04. 11 st LG LY. Miss spg (acad). **79** Jamarius Dismuke (6-5 320 Jr) PS#276. 2nd string 2Y. Jamaal Lewis PS#491.

RT 78 JULIUS WILSON SR. 6-5 310 PS#261JC. Orig PS#177DL at WKU '02. 12 st '04. 11 st RT LY, **3rd Tm CUSA. .75** Joey Horne (6-6 310 Sr) **PS#98**. 2L. Joseph Waller PS#630.

LT 70 CORNELIUS ROGERS SR. 6-4 320 PS#381. 2nd string rFr. 10 st '04, **Top OL Award**. 11 st LT LY. **73** Alan Leon (6-4 325 Sr) PS#295JC LY & RS. Patrick Swoopes (6-5 310 rFr) PS#298.

K 86 PARKER MULLINS SR. 5-11 185 Hit 14 of 18 FG's LY, long of 41, 1 miss 50+, 2 of 4 from 40+. **94** Swayze Waters (6-0 170 So) PS#59. Two 50+ FG's HS. 7 TB's 61 KO's here LY.

DE 98 JERMAINE McELVEEN SR. 6-5 250 **12 st true, 63 tkl, 6 sk**. 6 st, 2Y, 55 tkl, 6 sk (inj). **46 David Miller** (6-3 265 Sr) PS#318LB. 22 tkl rFr. 7 st in '04, 18 tkl. 8 st LY, 28 tkl, 5 tfl.

NT 54 Clarence Respress Sr. 6-1 320 PS#230JC. 20 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. **88** Jason Hamlin (6-2 285 Sr) 15 tkl, 1 sk in '03. **96** Tony Haynes-Dalton (6-4 285 Sr) 15 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y. Inj spring.

DT 92 Brandon Jeffries Jr. 6-4 250 PS#375LB. 7 tkl, 1 tfl 2Y. **99** Jerrickus Speights (6-5 255 Jr) PS#361. 7 tkl LY. **67** LaDarrius Stanley (6-3 315 Jr). **58** Brandon Madden (6-2 285 rFr).

DE 44 LARRY McSWAIN SR. 6-1 255 PS#125LB. 11 st, **13 sk '04. 1st Tm CUSA '04 & '05**. 53 tkl, 4 sk, 10 st LY. **7** Kyle Bissinger (6-3 255 Sr) PS#250QB. 3 st, 3Y, 46 tkl. **91** Joe Happe (6-4 245 rFr).

WLB 11 ORLANDUS KING SR. 6-3 215 PS#240JC. 11 st LY, 85 tkl, 6 tfl, 2 int. **51** Joe Henderson (6-2 210 So) PS#382. 35 tkl LY. Stanley Lykes 7 sk JC LY. **52** Jeffery Williams (6-0 225 Jr) PS#208. 8 tkl LY.

MLB 41 MASTAKI SMITH SR. 5-10 230 15 tkl, first 2Y. 8 st LY, 60 tkl, 2 tfl. **57** Kris Guyton (6-3 230 So) PS#269. 3 st rFr, 43 tkl, 2 tfl. **40** Taylor Ownbey (6-2 245 Sr) JC. 2 tkl LY. PS#107 '02.

SLB 55 MARCUS MARK JR. 6-2 220 8 st LY, 26 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **49** David Hines (6-2 225 Jr) is PS#269. **45** BJ Steed (6-1 210 rFr) PS#274RB. **26** Gerod Condry (6-2 220 Jr).

CB 13 WILL EVANS SR. 5-9 175 PS#412. 11 st '04, 49 tkl, 2 int. 3 st LY, 27 tkl, 1 int. **22** Kevin Sanders (5-11 185 So) 5 st rFr, 2 int, 2 pbu. Zach Britten 17 pbu at JUCO LY.

CB 6 Carnell "Escalade" **Williams Jr.** 6-1 205 4 st LY, 22 tkl, 1 pbu. **32** Durrell Fuqua (5-11 185 Jr) PS#165RB. **4.38 spd**. 1 st, 34 tkl, 4 pbu 2Y. **4** Brandon Carlisle (5-10 180 rFr) PS#316.

SS 23 CHRIS FELDER SR. 5-10 185 PS#41JC. 2 st here LY, 24 tkl, 2 pbu. **2 Brandon Register** (5-11 190 Sr) **12 st**, 3Y, 87 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu. **43** Matt Taylor (5-11 185 Jr) 1 st, 7 tkl LY.

FS NA JD Douglas Fr. 6-2 200 **PS#57. 18** Will Dunbar (6-1 195 Jr) 35 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu LY. **19** Carl Johnson (6-1 190 Jr) PS#289. 13 tkl 2Y. **47** Steven Sigler (6-0 200 So).

P 86 PARKER MULLINS SR. 5-11 185 72 punts as rFr, 41.1 (36.1 net). 61 punts '04, 40.3 avg, 34.1 net. 44 punts LY, 38.6 avg, net 29.9. **94** Swayze Waters PS#59. 42.1 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	Jared White 6-0 185 PS#14
DB	JD Douglas 6-2 200 PS#57
WR	Courtney Smith 6-4 205 PS#90
RB	Chris Evans 6-1 192 PS#121
TE	Jeffrey Anderson 6-3 220 PS#52
TE	Cory Powers 6-5 245 PS#67
DL	Bryant Turner 6-2 235 PS#172LB
LB	Stanley Lykes 6-2 205 PS#419JC
DB	Zach Britten 5-10 180 PS#433JC
DB	Anthony Davis 6-0 195 PS#347
WR	Rashad Slaughter 5-9 185 PS#355DB
WR	Tebiarus Gill 6-2 190 PS#373
DB	Frantrell Forrest 6-2 195 PS#381WR
TE	Justin Cofer 6-5 255 PS#157
DB	Michael McRae 5-11 175 PS#473
OL	Jamaal Lewis 6-4 280 PS#475
DL	Jermaine Rodgers 6-4 242 PS#436
QB	Anthony Speight 6-3 205 PS#342
WR	Mike Jones 6-1 180 PS#423
QB	Seth Harkness 6-4 200 PS#395
OL	Logan Creel 6-5 285 PS#562
OL	Joseph Waller 6-4 290 PS#562
DL	Caleb Haynes 6-4 245 PS#495
DL	Kevin Whitehurst 6-4 250 PS#495

UAB BLAZERS

Birmingham, Alabama
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WATSON BROWN (Career 77-134-1)(Div IAA 14-8)
12th Year at UAB
Brown's SU Bowl Record: 0-1

Brown's records AT UAB

59-65	Straight Up	9-14	Home Favorite
48-42-2	Vs The Spread	11-3-1	Home Underdog
24-18-1	Off A SU Loss	5-9-1	Away Favorite
30-25-2	Vs Conference	23-16	Away Underdog
18-17	Vs Non-Conf	6-5-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (20,26,5)
Lost: 17 (9,7,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,101

CUSA - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#69

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UAB	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at Oklahoma	G					
Sep. 9	East Carolina	G					
Sep. 16	at Georgia	G					
Sep. 23	Mississippi St	G					
Sep. 30	Troy	G					
Oct. 7	Memphis	G					
Oct. 14	at Rice	A					
Oct. 21	Marshall	G					
Oct. 31	at SMU (Tues)	A					
Nov. 4							
Nov. 10	UTEP (Fri)	G					
Nov. 18	at S Mississippi	A					
Nov. 25	at UCF	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Watson Brown was the AD at Alabama-Birmingham until last December.
UAB is 9-1 SU (2-2 ATS) since 1996 in home openers.
Blazers are 3-12 SU but 11-4 ATS in September road games.

UAB is 2-6 SU but 5-2 ATS vs the Big 12 all-time.
Blazers are 19-10 ATS since 1999 as a road dog (9-20 SU).

UAB is 6-10 ATS their last 16 games as a home favorite.
Blazers are 21-12-1 ATS after a SU loss since 1999.

UAB is 2-7 SU but 5-2 ATS vs current SEC teams.
Blazers actually led the #4 Bulldogs 13-10 in the 3Q of their only game in 2003.

Could apply: UAB is 11-3-1 ATS as a HD since moving up to IA in 1997.
Watson Brown was Miss St's OC in '91-'92 under Jackie Sherrill.

The Blazers are 12-7 SU but 4-7 ATS vs current SBC members.
The home team is 0-3 ATS in this in-state series that began in 1993.

UAB is 6-0 SU & ATS the last 6 years vs Memphis.
RB Corey White ran for a career high 200 yds in last year's game.

Brown was the HC of Rice in 1984 & '85 compiling a 4-18 record.
Blazers are 4-3 SU & 5-2 ATS in their 1st conference road game S/'99.

Last yr UAB outgained Marshall 432-251 but had 2 blk'd punts that cost them.
UAB lost their 6 gms LY by a combined 32 pts, biggest loss by 9 pts!

LY SMU drove 80 yds in :22 & won on a "Hail Mary" as time expired in their 1st meeting.
UAB is 8-4 ATS prior to a bye week all-time as a IA program.

The Blazers are 7-5 SU & 6-4-1 ATS since 1998 after a bye week.
UAB is 4-2 ATS in home finales since 2000.

UAB is 0-6 SU all-time & 0-3-1 ATS last 4 years vs Southern Miss.
The Blazers have lost 6 games to the Golden Eagles by just 5.3 ppg.

UAB is 0-3 SU & 0-2 ATS, being outscored 86-41 all-time vs UCF.
UCF took advantage of four 4Q TO's by UAB last year.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Darrell Hackney 9,886 2001-'05
Rushing: Pat Green 2,817 1991-'94 Receiving: Derrick Ingram 3,379 1991-'94

WR Norris Drinkard

STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (72,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	7-4	6-5	5-7	5-7	7-4	5-6	40-39
Home	3-2	4-2	4-1	4-2	2-3	4-1	2-3	23-14
Away	2-4	3-2	2-4	1-5	3-4	3-3	3-3	17-25
ATS	7-3-1	7-3	6-4	5-6-1	5-7	6-5	5-5	41-33-2
Home Fav	1-1	1-2	2-2	1-1	0-3	3-1	1-3	9-13
Home Dog	2-1	2-0	0-0	3-0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	9-2-1
Away Fav	0-0-1	1-0	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-2	4-8-1
Away Dog	4-1	3-1	3-1	1-3	4-2	1-2	3-0	19-10
Favorite	1-1-1	2-2	3-3	1-3	0-4	4-3	2-5	13-21-1
Dog	6-2	5-1	3-1	4-3-1	5-3	2-2	3-0	28-12-1
Grass	6-3	5-2	6-4	4-4-1	5-7	5-2	2-4	33-26-1
Artificial	1-0-1	2-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-3	3-1	8-7-1
vs Conf	4-1-1	4-2	5-2	4-3-1	4-4	4-4	3-5	28-21-2
vs Non-Conf	3-2	3-1	1-2	1-3	1-3	2-1	2-0	13-12
Off SU Win	1-3	3-3	5-1	2-2-1	2-3	3-4	1-3	17-19-1
Off SU Loss	5-0-1	4-0	1-3	3-3	3-3	2-1	3-2	21-12-1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
04	Hawaii	+4	Hawaii	40-59	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UAB's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Corey White	130	649	17	632	7	4.9
Dan Burks	67	326	5	321	4	4.8
Marculus Elliott	49	301	6	295	2	6.0
Trey Chaney	38	165	9	156	0	4.1
Darrell Hackney	51	187	82	105	1	2.1
Norris Drinkard	13	53	8	45	0	3.5
Brandon Alexander	8	23	2	21	0	2.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Darrell Hackney	386	242	62.7	3180	22	12
Chris Williams	3	3	100.0	33	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Reggie Lindsey	53	978	18.5	11	89
Jhun Cook	42	653	15.5	2	58
Norris Drinkard	41	390	9.5	2	35
Lance Rhodes	24	374	15.6	3	66
Chico Cleveland	25	312	12.5	4	51
Cedric Hampton	15	181	12.1	0	28
Carl Duncan	12	118	9.8	0	19
Corey White	10	79	7.9	0	17
Trey Chaney	10	66	6.6	1	15
Dan Burks	5	33	6.6	0	12

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Parker Mullins	44	1698	38.6	5	29.9	2	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Parker Mullins	37-37	7-8	5-5	2-4	0-1	14-18	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Orlandus King	85	3	3	3	2
Dominique Cosper	70	3	1.5	3	2
Mastaki Smith	60	1	1	0	0
Larry McSwain	53	4	1	0	1
Carlos Hendricks	51	0	1.5	6	1
Kris Guyton	43	0	2	1	1
Ernest Respress	42	3	9.5	0	0
Joe Henderson	35	0	1	2	1
Will Dunbar	35	0	1	3	1
Brandon Register	32	0	0	1	2
Julius Wainwright	29	0	1.5	3	1
David Miller	28	2	3	1	0
Will Evans	27	1	0	1	1
Jermaine McElveen	26	2	2	0	1
Marcus Mark	26	1	0.5	1	0
Sam Williamson	25	1	3	2	0
Chris Felder	24	0	0	2	0
Carnell Williams	22	0	0	1	0
Durrell Fuqua	20	0	2	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Reggie Lindsey	15	77	5.1	0
Jermaine McElveen	1	22	22.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Norris Drinkard	15	336	22.4	0
Reggie Lindsey	14	279	19.9	0

UAB'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	27.9	22	143	4.3	292	63.0	15.6	+5	2005	6	24.0	21	148	3.9	224	61.0	15.5
8*	31.0	21	147	4.1	256	55.1	13.0	0	2004	10	29.3	21	142	3.9	270	60.1	14.1
7*	20.4	16	132	3.6	217	48.7	17.1	-5	2003	6	23.9	20	178	4.4	208	57.9	16.1
8*	22.3	18	130	3.4	185	48.7	14.1	+1	2002	2	30.8	20	154	3.7	228	56.4	12.4
6*	24.1	17	161	3.7	142	48.3	12.6	+3	2001	9	18.7	16	57	1.9	209	54.7	14.2
8*	21.6	17	164	3.8	153	49.7	14.6	+1	2000	7	17.5	18	84	2.4	207	52.8	16.7

2005 STATS BY GAME

UAB 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at Tennessee	21	23 - 53	2.3	27 - 38	282	1	24	35 - 138	3.9	22 - 38	274	0	+1
–	at Troy	24	39 - 164	4.2	25 - 38	296	0	9	20 - 26	1.3	12 - 26	164	4	+4
–	Jacksonville St	18	40 - 151	3.8	16 - 24	231	0	17	33 - 113	3.4	21 - 29	259	3	+1
–	Rice	25	31 - 134	4.3	27 - 36	372	2	27	51 - 267	5.2	9 - 18	98	1	+4
–	SMU	19	23 - 73	3.2	22 - 35	344	1	22	36 - 80	2.2	30 - 43	333	4	-2
–	at Marshall	22	37 - 187	5.1	20 - 35	245	0	16	35 - 152	4.3	14 - 28	99	1	0
–	S Mississippi	23	28 - 80	2.9	29 - 42	407	7	24	36 - 177	4.9	18 - 33	247	0	-1
–	at Memphis	32	37 - 217	5.9	25 - 42	334	0	18	44 - 218	5.0	16 - 22	187	0	+2
–	UCF	19	30 - 190	6.3	20 - 39	240	3	21	44 - 175	4.0	15 - 24	183	1	-3
–	at UTEP	22	45 - 189	4.2	11 - 17	184	0	30	43 - 148	3.4	33 - 52	337	3	+2
–	at East Carolina	22	31 - 130	4.2	23 - 43	278	1	25	41 - 135	3.3	21 - 33	286	1	-3
TOTALS		247	364 - 1568	4.3	245 - 389	3213	15	233	418 - 1629	3.9	211 - 346	2467	18	+5
AVERAGES		22.4	33 - 143	4.3	22 - 35	292	1.4	21.2	38 - 148	3.9	19 - 31	224	1.6	0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana St	NL	41-13	–
at Florida St - #6	+29	7-29	W
Army	-16	55-3	W
at S Mississippi	+6	0-3	W
at UCF	-2'	7-24	L
Cincinnati	-7'	17-31	L
Tulane	-9	34-27	L
at Memphis	+1	17-14	W
TCU	-6'	38-17	W
at Houston	-15'	43-21	W
at Pittsburgh	+6'	6-24	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida - #6	+32	3-51	L
Troy	-1'	27-26	L
Pittsburgh	+6'	20-26	W
at Louisiana-Lft	-7'	0-34	L
Memphis	+8'	31-17	W
Houston	-3'	51-34	W
at Tulane	+4'	14-35	L
at Army	-8	29-26	L
S Mississippi	+7	13-20	T
East Carolina	+3'	36-29	W
at Louisville	+18	21-41	L
at Cincinnati	+17	23-31	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Baylor	-9	24-19	L
S Mississippi	+3	12-17	L
Troy	-11'	9-20	L
at South Carolina	+14	10-42	L
at Memphis	+9'	24-10	W
Cincinnati	+5'	31-14	W
at TCU - #16	+10'	24-27	W
at Georgia - #4	+29	13-16	W
Army	-21'	24-9	L
Tulane	-13'	24-38	L
at South Florida	+6'	22-19	W
at Houston	+1	28-56	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Baylor	-14	56-14	W
at Florida St - #8	+23	7-34	L
Memphis	+2'	35-28	W
at Cincinnati	+1	30-27	W
at Mississippi St	-12	27-13	W
TCU	-7	41-25	W
at Tulane	-18	55-59	L
South Florida	-19	20-45	L
Houston	-9'	20-7	W
at Army	-11'	20-14	L
at S Mississippi	+1	21-26	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee - #3	+21'	10-17	W
at Troy	-9'	27-7	W
Jacksonville St	NL	35-28	–
Rice	-17'	45-26	W
SMU	-20	27-28	L
at Marshall	-2	19-20	L
S Mississippi	-2'	28-37	L
at Memphis	+2'	37-20	W
UCF	-7'	21-27	L
at UTEP - #24	+7'	35-23	W
at East Carolina	-5'	23-31	L

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - The Herd has had a couple of special QB's in Byron Leftwich and Chad Pennington, both of whom were 1st round DC's and starters in the NFL. Since Leftwich departed in 2002 the Herd has struggled with consistency at this position. Jimmy Skinner (PS#84) appeared in eight games with just four att's in '03 & '04. His advantage last year was complete knowledge of OC Larry Kueck's system. Bernard Morris has a cannon for an arm and is also mobile but had one att and 25 yards rushing in '04. JUCO Derek Devine was the most mobile of the 3 QB's but joined in the fall. Skinner won the starting job but after throwing for 98 yards vs W&M, Morris came off the bench and led the team on 4 TD drives on 9 poss. Morris started vs K-St but was injured and Skinner hit 15 of 25 for 189. Skinner then hit 25 of 45 for 296 vs UCF but Morris started the next four taking every snap. Morris hit just 13 of 30 for 125 vs UTEP and Skinner started vs Tulane where he struggled with 3 int, two of which were ret'd for TD's. Morris started vs S Miss and hit just 7 of 19 for 71 before getting knocked out for the year in the 3Q. Skinner came off the bench to hit 11 of 16 for 147 and helped to guide the comeback. Skinner hit 26 of 33 for 191 vs EC and Devine saw his first action going 0 for 1. Skinner struggled in the finale hitting 11 of 19 for 97 and in 3 series, Devine was 0 for 4 and had 2 delay of game and 2 false start penalties. All 3 QB's return and Skinner had the best % (62%) with Morris having the most yds in total offense including 356 rush. Added to the mix this year are Wesley Beardain (6-1 198 rFr, PS#91) and Zach Barnard (6-4 203 rFr, PS#265). This unit is more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - Marshall has only had one 1,000 yard rusher since Doug Chatman in 1998 and that was JC transfer Earl Charles (2003). Former HC Pruett called MU's 2003 RB's the best group he'd had in his tenure and almost everyone returned in '04. VHT transfer Ahmad Bradshaw (PS#34), who originally signed with Virginia, was able to play as a true frosh and rushed for 462 yards (4.9) while adding 187 yards in rec. Charles had to be replaced last year and Bradshaw added 12 lbs of muscle to handle the feature duties. The top backup was Chubb Small (PS#101) who has 4.32 speed and worked at WR in the spring. Bradshaw nearly became the 8th MU RB to top 1,000 yards. He had just 176 in the first four but with 229 receiving. He became more of a force down the stretch with 150 vs S Miss and 187 vs EC. He needed just 92 yards in the season finale but came up three yards short. He also led the team with 56 rec (although #3 in yds). Small rushed for 197 (3.4). Both RB's return and added to the mix are Gerwin Williams (5-8 210 So, PS#97), Kyle Echols (5-10 171 Sr), FB Will Albin (6-3 243 Jr, PS#187LB), Paco Jones (5-8 181 Jr), Antoine Cabarrus (5-11 205 Sr) and '05's Off Scout Tm MVP Cody Tominack (5-11 216 So).

RB Ahmad Bradshaw

RECEIVERS - Marshall has always had great receivers including their most famous alumni, Randy Moss. In 2004 they had to replace the MAC's all-time career leader in rec's and yards in Darius Watts. Josh Davis simply topped those totals finishing #2 all-time in the NCAA in career rec's. Last year basically all the top WR's were lost including Emanuel Spann who was #3 with 27 (8.6). He missed '05 with injury. Marcus Fitzgerald, who was the top returning WR (12), had 9 starts and 41 (10.9). Hiram Moore (PS#67) surprisingly had just 5 rec's in his first 2 years but led the team with 630 yards (11.9). Wilbur Hargrove had 3 starts and 14 (17.7) missing 3. The only losses are starting TE Jeff Mullins (11 st, 10 rec), Hargrove and WR Nate Manns. Last year's problem, beside the inexperience, was lack of a deep threat, which JUCO Mike Bolio could supply if he becomes eligible. With the top three back and with Spann's return, this is a much improved group. Not listed below are Bolio, WR Malcolm Ames (5-10 160 Jr), TE Mike Nolan (6-4 230 Sr), WV trans Nick Carbacio (6-3 268 Jr) and Patrick Wilkinson (6-7 210 rFr).

OFFENSIVE LINE - After the 2003 Herd O-line paved the way for 4.7 ypc rushing, they had to replace three starters in 2004 including a 1st Tm MAC player and the ypc dropped to 3.4 while allowing 34 sacks. Their new strength coach had the OL lose a combined 147 lbs over the summer. The unit struggled at times last year and in the first half vs UCF, all five starters had a false start penalty called on them, with star C Doug Legursky playing LG due to injury and susp. They had to replace three starters and a backup but surprisingly managed to improve to 3.7 ypc while trimming the sack total to 21. This year the only losses are LT Toby Bullock (11 st, 3 yr st'r) and LG Ryan Baynes (2nd string). Eight of the top 10 are back including 5 with starting experience and this should be a much improved O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The last time the Herd had an inexperienced D-line was 2001 when they allowed 4.8 ypc rushing, their worst total ever under Pruett. After having experienced units for 3 straight years, last year they had to replace all 4 starters including 2nd Tm AA Jonathan Goddard (led NCAA with 16 sk), and a pair of backups with the leading returning DL tackler from 2004 having just 14. They were small in the middle with their DT's averaging 267 lbs, until JUCO Juan Underwood (323 lb) took over a spot. The Herd were respectable allowing 162 ypg rush (4.0) but naturally the sack total dropped to 22. The only losses are DE Demarcus Thomas (8 st, 46 tkl, 3.5 sk), Floyd Wright (1 st, 34 tkl, 2 sk) and DT Gavin Herscher (1 st, 15 tkl, 1.5 tfl). Five players return with starting experience and John Jacobs (6-3 240 rFr) moves in from LB. JUCO Chris Terrell (6-6 336) should be more of a force in his second year here. This year the unit is in much better shape.

LINEBACKERS - Marshall had a solid LB corps in 2004 but unfortunately all three starters departed last year and starter Donte Newsome missed 2 games. This year the unit is much more experienced. The only losses are WLB Newsome (5 st, 24 tkl), SLB Scott Wilks (1 st, 12 tkl) and John Jacobs who moved to the DL in the spring. Three players return with starting experience and they bring in a solid frosh class including VHT Josh Johnson (PS#17) who originally signed at Georgia!

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Marshall was #50 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and had three starters back in 2005. Even with zero returning starters in the front 7, Marshall was still a respectable #60 last year and the unit even got the addition of CB Chris Hawkins (PS#183) who had 5 starts at NC in 2003. This year they lose Hawkins (11 st, 2nd Tm CUSA, 7 pbu), CB Willie Smith (11 st, 38 tkl, 8 pbu) and FS Chris Royal (9 st, 51 tkl, 3 tfl). True frosh James Johnson got 2 starts at NB and Zearrick Mathews burned his redshirt. SS Curtis Keyes was 2nd Tm MAC in 2004 but was banged up even missing one and Geremy Rodamer (PS#68RB) got in three starts. This unit is clearly less experienced, but probably won't drop much in my pass D rankings with a better front 7.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Marshall had some solid ST finishes under former HC Pruett (Top 25 in '98 and '99). Snyder inherited a group that was #54 in 2004 and had everyone back. Snyder does put a priority on ST's, in fact, he holds a scrimmage where they draft players for the ST's unit in August. Unfortunately, Emanuel Spann (11.2 PR '04) missed the year. Marshall's ST basically won the UAB game for them, setting up all 3 scores. The unit, however, cost them the S Miss game when 2 FG's were blocked and a 27 yd'r in OT was missed. Ian O'Connor, who was P & K in 2004, was struggling at just 5 of 10 FG's. Vs S Miss he had an early FG blocked and later had a KO sail out of bounds. At that point Snyder took the redshirt off of true frosh David DeFatta. DeFatta's first FG would have won the game in regulation but was blocked. His OT FG bounced off the upright. O'Connor hit his final 2. DeFatta was 1 of 3 (long 22) overall. Snyder signed JUCO P Anthony Binswanger who handled KO's for Cal in '04 (15 TB's) and hit 9 of 12 FG's at JUCO (long 51). Left-footed P Marty Biagi avg 38.4 (33.7 net). Chubb Small handled KR's (25.9) and PR's (3.7) with Chris Royal having 9 PR's (14.6). Marshall should be one of the CUSA's most improved ST units (#62 LY).

COACHES - Last year HC Mark Snyder stepped into a tough situation, having to replace Marshall's storied HC Bob Pruett. Snyder was not even hired until after spring practice. He was a standout DB on Marshall's storybook 1987 team and his 10 int's that season still remains a school record. He was Youngstown St's DC in 1996, Minnesota's DE coach in '97-2000, Ohio St's LB coach in 2001-'03 and in 2004 their DC. OC Larry Kueck has been the QB coach since '02 and was the interim HC for 2005 spring practices. Jim Collins enters his 3rd year here, 2nd as the DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The last time Marshall stepped up to a stronger conf it was the move from IAA to the MAC. They stepped right in and dominated winning the MAC in five of the first 6 years. In 2004 Marshall appeared to have the MAC wrapped up but suffered some close losses and stunningly fell to 6-6 after their bowl loss to Cincinnati. Last year Snyder stepped into the HC role for the first time in his career. He admitted that in his first year as a Div IA DC (Ohio St '04), that it was a huge learning experience. He also inherited a team that had just 5 returning starters and had to replace their entire defensive front 7. Marshall also removed their AstroTurf and the huge crown (elevation at midfield), which was a big part of their home edge, as it was reduced from 20 to 6 inches. I didn't make a lot of fans in Huntington when I called for Marshall to finish LAST in the CUSA East even below UCF which was 0-11 the previous year. They had a record of 102-7 at home in the history of Joan C. Edwards Stadium, but were just 3-3 last year and their 6 senior starters were the 5th lowest in the NCAA. The Herd trailed in all 11 games including vs IAA William & Mary (24-23 3Q). They had three very fortunate wins and managed a 4-7 record which actually shows that Snyder did a good job. They trailed SMU 10-0 in the 4Q and rallied to win in OT, were outgained by UAB 432-251 but thanks to two blocked punts and a missed FG and 2 pt conv, won by one. Trailing Tulane 26-14 in the 4Q. MU rallied for a one point win. It was their first losing season since 1983. MU was -6 in turnovers and both their offensive and defensive ypp qualifies for a positive system of mine (pg 299). Snyder now has the advantage of working with the team in the spring and they did play a lot of youngsters last year. With just 2 starters back on offense, Marshall averaged a CUSA low of 18.5 ppg. This year they have 9 starters back including their top 4 rushers, top 4 receivers, two veteran QB's and a top-notch O-line. The last time they had 9 starters back on offense was 2002 when they avg 35.2 ppg. The defense is much tougher up front and actually did a better job than expected last year allowing just 340 ypg and 25.9 ppg. As long as the young secondary plays well, I rate their defense #2 in CUSA. Marshall is in much better shape to contend in CUSA in 2006 and despite a tough non-conf schedule (W Virginia, Kansas St, Tenn) has a shot at bowl eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 14 BERNARD MORRIS JR. 6-4 211 7 st LY, 1121 pass (53%) 6-6 ratio, 356 rush. **16 Jimmy Skinner** (6-3 198 Sr) **PS#84.** 4 st LY, 1135 pass (62%) 6-8 ratio, 17 rush.

RB 44 AHMAD BRADSHAW JR. 5-11 192 **PS#34.** Virginia. 1079 all-purp yds true. 11 st LY, 997 (4.7) rush, 56 rec, **2nd Tm CUSA. 28** Chubb Small (5-9 193 So) PS#101 '04. 839 all-purp LY.

WR 6 SHAWN LAUZON JR. 6-6 204 7 st LY, 31 rec (9.5). **89** Matt Morris (6-3 219 Sr) 4.5 spd. 6 (13.5), 2 st LY. **82** Antonio Leath (5-7 168 So) PS#229RB. Speedster, 4.3 spd.

WR 7 HIRAM MOORE SR. 6-0 195 PS#67. 11 st LY, 53 (11.9). Darius Passmore PS#85JC. 18 TD at JC LY. **11** EJ Wynn (5-11 156 So) PS#177. **19** Uranius Johnson (6-0 185 So).

WR 1 MARCUS FITZGERALD JR. 5-10 202 PS#91RB. 9 st LY, 41 (10.9). **24 Emanuel Spann** (5-11 179 So) PS#288. 27 rec (8.6) '04. **17** Jermaine Filer (6-3 196 Jr) 5 rec LY. **15** Robert Surratt (5-10 182 rFr).

TE 13 Brian Shope Jr. 6-5 248 PS#39. 2 st '04. Solid blk'r. **83** Matt Parkhurst (6-3 238 So) PS#45. **86** Joe Bragg (6-4 263 So) PS#38. **85** Cody Slate (6-4 212 Fr) PS#147.

C 66 DOUG LEGURSKY JR. 6-3 311 PS#373. 1 st LG true, 12 gm. 11 st LY, (10C, 1G) **2nd Tm CUSA. 65** Brian Leggett (6-1 285 So). 1 st C true. **LS 97** Brett Riffey (6-2 231 Sr).

RG 63 JOHN INMAN JR. 6-5 302 PS#179. 8 gm rFr. L/8 st RG LY. **62** Matt Altobello (6-1 306 So) 2nd string as rFr. Added 16 lbs. Brandon Campbell is PS#429.

LG 74 DAVID ZIEGLER JR. 6-5 296 PS#247. 4 game rFr, 2nd string. 11 st LG last year. **77** Zane Bruhin (6-6 301 rFr) PS#194. Lost 14 lbs in '06. Josh Evans is PS#148.

RT 78 Wesley Jones Sr. 6-5 329 PS#180. Alcorn St signee. JUCO LT at Hinds '04. 2nd string here LY. **64** Chris Barnes (6-4 265 Jr) PS#205JC. 2nd string LY.

LT 73 SETH COOK SR. 6-4 332 PS#223. 5 gms rFr. 11 st RT '04. 11 st RT LY. Added 17 lbs. **79** Daniel Baldridge (6-9 315 rFr). Added 45 lbs! Chad Schofield is PS#128.

K 49 IAN O'CONNOR SR. 6-2 205 PS#99. 14-19 FG's '04, long 52. 7 of 14 LY, long 44. **41** Anthony Binswanger (6-2 193 Jr) 9-12 FG's JC, long 51. **33** David DeFatta (5-9 182 So).

DE 96 ALBERT McCLELLAN SO. 6-2 225 PS#280. 6 st true, 40 tkl, 3 sk, 4 tfl, CUSA Fr Tm. **93** Ryland Wilson (6-3 248 Jr) PS#371JC. In for spring. **58** Jeff Bush (6-3 248 So) PS#347.

DT 99 JUAN UNDERWOOD SR. 6-3 323 JUCO. 9 st here, 37 tkl, 6.5 tfl. +23 lbs. **90** Blake Merritt (6-4 250 So) 7 tkl, 1 sk rFr. **94** Byron Tinker (6-4 281 Jr) PS#492OL. 1 tkl in 2005.

DT 84 ADRIAN DAVIS SR. 6-3 263 PS#130. #4 CFL DC. 11 st LY, 18 tkl. **95** Chris Terrell (6-6 326 Sr) JC. 15 tkl LY. **70** James Burkes (6-1 285 rFr). **46** John Jacobs (6-3 240 rFr) PS#132RB.

DE 91 Shavar Greer Sr. 6-0 226 7 st LY, 22 tkl, 4 sk. **51** Jason Kaminski (6-3 235 Sr) PS#386LB. 1 st, 3 tkl LY. **92** Bilal El-Amin (6-3 249 So) PS#181. **98** EJ Rascoe (6-0 252 So).

WLB 30 DENNIS THORNTON SR. 5-11 215 2 st, 39 tkl, first 2Y. 10 st LY, #1 w/104 tkl, 4 sk, 6 tfl. **59** Travis Noel (6-2 222 Jr) PS#335DB. Inj'd '05. **60** Daniel Wells (6-1 236 rFr). +11 lbs.

MLB 47 MATT COUCH SR. 6-2 235 7 tkl true. 1 st, 33 tkl '04. 11 starts LY, 97 tkl, 5 tfl. **55** Brandon Souder (6-2 236 Sr) PS#273JC. 3 tkl. Antwan Booker PS#189. Mario Harvey PS#361.

SLB NA Josh Johnson Fr. 6-2 235 **PS#17 '04 Georgia.** Prep school LY. **21** Ian Hoskins (6-2 245 So) 4 st, 15 tkl, 1 tfl. Added 35 lbs. **45** Maurice Kitchens (6-3 226 So) PS#211.

CB 11 Zearrick Mathews rFr. 5-9 162 PS#150. **15** Terick Thomas (5-10 155 So) PS#486. 1 tkl, 10 gm rFr. **27** Jeremy Frazie (5-10 181 Sr) 6 tkl. Aaron Johnson (5-11 190 Jr) PS#477JC.

CB 8 James Johnson So. 5-11 180 PS#293. 2 st as true, 11 gm. 42 tkl, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. **37** Chuck Roberts (5-11 163 rFr) 200m champ in HS. **18** Jon Moravec (6-0 195 So) PS#145WR.

SS 25 CURTIS KEYES SR. 6-0 206 Last 7 st rFr, 9 pbu. 12 st SS '04, **2nd Tm MAC**, 108 tkl. 7 st LY, 88 tkl, 2 pbu. **29** Phillip Gamble (5-11 217 So). **9** Ivan Clark (5-9 201 Sr) 2 blk'd P LY.

FS 2 Geremy Rodamer Jr. 6-0 191 **PS#68RB.** 10 tkl rFr. 3 st LY, 29 tkl, 1 int. **4** CJ Spillman (6-0 193 So) 3 st true, 38 tkl last year. **19** John Saunders (6-0 192 rFr) PS#471RB.

P 31 MARTY BIAGI SO. 6-0 170 PS#54. 44.3 in HS. 61 P true, 38.4, net of 33.7. **49** Ian O'Connor (6-2 205 Sr) 64 punt '04, 40.4 avg, net 35.3. **46** Chris Desautels (6-4 183 rFr) PS#53.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

LB	Josh Johnson 6-2 235 PS#17 '04
WR	Darius Passmore 6-3 180 PS#85JC
OL	Chad Schofield 6-4 320 PS#128
DB	DeNathian Robinson 5-10 161 PS#121
OL	Josh Evans 6-4 315 PS#148
QB	Brian Anderson 6-3 190 PS#105
LB	Antwan Booker 6-1 240 PS#189
DL	Ryland Wilson 6-3 248 PS#371JC
WR	Bryant Milligan 6-1 185 PS#235DB
DB	Ashton Hall 5-10 183 PS#285
RB	Darius Lewis 6-0 215 PS#285
RB	Kirby Watson 5-6 197 PS#316
RB	DeMorris Kilow 6-2 202 PS#326
TE	David Redick 6-4 235 PS#115
LB	Mario Harvey 6-0 220 PS#361
OL	Brandon Campbell 6-5 305 PS#429
TE	Cody Slate 6-4 212 PS#147
WR	Travius Thompson 6-2 165 PS#373
QB	Arron Ward 6-3 175 PS#310
LB	Howard King 6-2 193 PS#416
DB	Aaron Johnson 5-11 190 PS#477JC
K	Anthony Binswanger 6-2 193 PS#477JC
RB	Josh Tillman 6-3 245 PS#515
OL	Erik Vint 6-4 275 PS#562
DL	Michael Janac 6-4 250 PS#495
DL	Josh Long 6-5 242 PS#495
DL	Richard Nelson 6-3 260 PS#495
DB	Kevin Perry 5-10 162 PS#560
WR	Courtney Edmonson 6-0 175 PS#485

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

Huntington, West Virginia
Weather (304) 529-5100

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#66

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at West Virginia	A					
Sep. 9	Hofstra	A					
Sep. 16	at Kansas St	A					
Sep. 23	at Tennessee	G					
Sep. 30							
Oct. 4	UCF (Wed)	A					
Oct. 14	at SMU	A					
Oct. 21	at UAB	G					
Oct. 28	Memphis	A					
Nov. 4	Tulane	A					
Nov. 11	at East Carolina	G					
Nov. 18	UTEP	A					
Nov. 25	at S Mississippi	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Snyder is a Marshall alumni & the 28th HC in school history.
The Thundering Herd is 21-2 SU (0-1 ATS) in home openers since 1984.
MU is 13-0 SU & 6-3 ATS since 1993 on Homecoming.

Marshall is 14-27-1 SU & 4-1 ATS all-time (including bowl gms) vs current BE tms.
MU is just 5-10 ATS (1-14 SU) as an away dog since 2000.

The Thundering Herd is 105-10 SU (91%) at home since 1991.
The Pride finished 7-4 last year as Div IAA Atlantic 10 members.

MU is 2-0 ATS vs the Wildcats, including an outright upset in 2003 at KSt.
Snyder was 3-1 ATS after a SU win in his 1st year as head coach.

The Thundering Herd is 6-10 ATS on grass since 2000.
Marshall is 8-5 SU & 9-3 ATS before a bye week since 1997.

Marshall is 2-6 ATS after a bye week the last 4 years.
The HT is 1-3 ATS as these 2 former MAC tms are now in their 2nd yr in CUSA.

The Thundering Herd is 9-23-1 ATS in conference road games since '98.
Could apply: MU is 6-13-1 ATS as an away favorite since 2000.

MU was outFD'd 22-16 & outgained 432-251 LY vs UAB but won w/great ST's.
Could apply: MU is 0-6 ATS all-time as a conference away dog.

After 2 consecutive road gms, the next wk MU is 9-1 SU & 7-3 ATS S/'98.
With LY's loss to Memphis, MU finished the season w/3 straight losses for the 1st time S/'80.

Marshall is 5-2 SU but 2-5 ATS as a home favorite the last 2 years.
As a IA program, MU is 13-2 SU & 10-3 ATS in November home games.

RB Bradshaw had a career high 187 yds (2 TD's) vs EC last year.
Marshall is 3-9 ATS on the road in November the last 6 years.

LY MU failed to score a TD in just 2 gms as that is the 1st time its happened S/'93 (IAA program).
Not including MAC Title gms, MU is 8-1 SU & 5-2 ATS S/'97 in home finales.

Marshall missed 2 FG's in OT last year in their 1st game vs S Miss.
S Miss is 1 of 5 tms MU plays TY that went to a bowl LY (UTEP, Memphis, UCF & WV).

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Chad Pennington 13,143 1995-'99
Rushing: Chris Parker 5,924 1992-'95 Receiving: Mike Barber 4,242 1985-'88

MARK SNYDER (Career 4-7)

2nd Year at Marshall — Snyder's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Snyder's records AT MARSHALL

4-7	Straight Up	0-2	Home Favorite
4-5-1	Vs The Spread	3-0	Home Underdog
1-4-1	Off A SU Loss	0-1-1	Away Favorite
2-5-1	Vs Conference	1-2	Away Underdog
2-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-2	Off A Bye

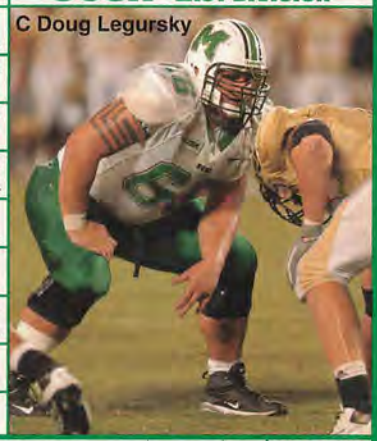
2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (24,22,2)
Lost: 13 (4,8,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 26,510

CUSA - EAST DIVISION



STADIUM: JOAN C. EDWARDS STADIUM (38,019)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	12-0	7-5	10-2	10-2	8-4	6-5	4-7	57-25
Home	7-0	5-1	6-0	7-0	4-1	4-1	3-3	36-6
Away	5-0	2-4	4-2	3-2	4-3	2-4	1-4	21-19
ATS	8-3	3-8	4-5-1	4-6-1	6-5	4-7	4-5-1	33-39-3
Home Fav	4-2	2-2	1-2-1	2-2-1	2-2	2-3	0-2	13-15-2
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	5-0
Away Fav	4-1	0-2	3-2	1-3	2-2	0-3	0-1-1	10-14-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-4	0-1	0-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	5-10
Favorite	8-3	2-4	4-4-1	3-5-1	4-4	2-6	0-3-1	23-29-3
Dog	0-0	1-4	0-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	4-2	10-10
Grass	4-0	0-3	1-2	0-2	2-1	2-1	1-1	10-10
Artificial	4-3	3-5	3-3-1	4-4-1	4-4	2-6	3-4-1	23-29-3
vs Conf	6-3	3-6	4-4-1	4-4-1	4-4	2-6	2-5-1	25-32-3
vs Non-Conf	2-0	0-2	0-1	0-2	2-1	2-1	2-0	8-7
Off SU Win	7-3	1-5	4-4-1	3-5-1	4-3	1-4	3-1	23-25-2
Off SU Loss	0-0	2-3	0-0	1-1	2-2	3-2	1-4-1	9-12-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ahmad Bradshaw	214	1034	37	997	9	4.7
Bernie Morris	75	356	100	256	4	3.4
Chubb Small	58	212	15	197	0	3.4
Gerwin Williams	3	9	0	9	0	3.0
Scott Wilks	1	7	0	7	0	7.0
Jimmy Skinner	14	17	64	-47	0	-3.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bernie Morris	216	114	52.8	1121	6	6
Jimmy Skinner	184	114	62.0	1135	6	8
Derek Devine	5	0	0.0	0	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Hiram Moore	53	630	11.9	4	36
Marcus Fitzgerald	41	448	10.9	2	30
Ahmad Bradshaw	56	381	6.8	1	52
Shawn Lauzon	31	295	9.5	3	25
Wilbur Hargrove	14	248	17.7	0	66
Matt Morris	6	81	13.5	0	37
Jeff Mullins	10	70	7.0	1	16
Chubb Small	9	42	4.7	1	17
Jermaine Filer	5	42	8.4	0	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Marty Biagi	61	2343	38.4	11	33.7	0	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ian O'Connor	16-17	4-5	2-3	1-4	0-2	7-14	44
David DeFatta	2-3	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	22

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dennis Thornton	104	4	6	3	1
Matt Couch	97	0	5	3	1
Curtis Keyes	88	0	4	2	0
Chris Royal	51	0.5	2.5	2	3
Demarcus Thomas	46	3.5	0	1	0
James Johnson	42	1	1	1	0
Albert McClellan	40	3	4	2	0
CJ Spillman	38	0	1	3	1
Willie Smith	38	0	1	8	2
Juan Underwood	37	2.5	4	0	0
Floyd Wright	34	2	2	0	0
Geremy Rodamer	29	0	0	1	1
Chris Hawkins	28	0	1.5	7	0
Donte Newsome	24	0	0	2	0
Shavar Greer	22	4	0.5	1	0
Adrian Davis	18	0	0	0	0
Chris Terrell	15	0	1	2	0
Gavin Herscher	15	0.5	1	0	0
Ian Hoskins	15	0	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Royal	9	131	14.6	0
Chubb Small	15	56	3.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chubb Small	21	544	25.9	1
Chris Hawkins	14	276	19.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT		SCORE	ATS
99	Motor City	-3	BYU		21-3	W
00	Motor City	+2'	Cincinnati		25-14	W
01	GMAC	+2	E Carolina	(2OT)	64-61	W
02	GMAC	-2'	Louisville		38-15	W
04	Fort Worth	+1	Cincinnati		14-32	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Marshall's All-Time SU Bowl Record 5-2

MARSHALL'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
2	18.5	20	127	3.7	205	56.0	17.9	-6	2005	3	25.9	18	162	4.0	178	56.2	13.1
5*	24.2	18	113	3.4	209	58.4	13.2	+2	2004	8	22.2	18	111	3.0	223	56.4	15.1
6	29.2	23	195	4.7	245	67.6	15.1	-19	2003	6	23.2	15	152	4.0	177	53.6	14.2
9*	35.2	25	126	3.9	370	66.6	14.1	-7	2002	6	24.2	18	173	4.2	161	47.8	13.6
6*	39.4	27	149	4.4	367	65.6	13.1	+4	2001	4	28.4	23	226	4.8	196	51.6	14.9
5	28.2	20	113	3.6	293	60.4	14.4	+5	2000	6	22.8	20	169	4.0	181	55.4	15.3

MU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	2005 STATS BY GAME SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	William & Mary	24	30 - 103	3.4	26 - 40	313	0	21	37 - 155	4.2	18 - 35	204	2	+1
–	Kansas St	18	26 - 74	2.8	22 - 38	262	2	17	46 - 208	4.5	10 - 19	126	3	-2
–	at UCF	22	16 - 11	0.7	33 - 58	368	4	17	43 - 76	1.8	19 - 26	260	3	-1
–	SMU	27	33 - 99	3.0	34 - 60	314	1	7	34 - 40	1.2	10 - 25	151	2	-1
–	at Virginia Tech	20	44 - 164	3.7	14 - 28	117	3	25	42 - 233	5.5	12 - 18	176	2	-1
–	UAB	16	35 - 152	4.3	14 - 28	99	1	22	37 - 187	5.1	20 - 35	245	0	0
–	at UTEP	16	41 - 215	5.2	13 - 30	125	4	22	38 - 194	5.1	17 - 26	215	3	+2
–	at Tulane	19	38 - 134	3.5	17 - 32	152	0	9	33 - 40	1.2	9 - 22	146	3	-2
–	S Mississippi	23	41 - 191	4.7	18 - 35	218	2	19	40 - 159	4.0	17 - 28	224	0	+1
–	East Carolina	22	34 - 199	5.9	26 - 35	191	1	25	45 - 245	5.4	17 - 25	219	2	0
–	at Memphis	14	36 - 57	1.6	11 - 23	97	3	15	54 - 243	4.5	1 - 8	-3	2	-3
TOTALS		221	374 - 1399	3.7	228 - 407	2256	21	199	449 - 1780	4.0	150 - 267	1963	22	-6
AVERAGES		20.1	34 - 127	3.7	21 - 37	205	1.9	18.1	41 - 162	4.0	14 - 24	178	2.0	-0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida - #1	+31	14-49	L
Massachusetts	NL	49-20	–
Bowling Green	-5	37-31	W
at N Illinois	-1	37-15	W
at Buffalo	-25	34-14	L
C Michigan	-23'	42-21	L
Akron	-17	50-33	T
at Kent St	-13	42-21	W
at Miami, Oh	-3	27-21	W
Ohio	-24'	42-18	L
Youngstown St	NL	38-24	–
† Toledo	-3	36-41	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Appalachian St	NL	50-17	–
at Virginia Tech - #11	+11	21-47	L
UCF	-11	26-21	L
at Kent St	-14	42-21	W
Buffalo	-31	66-21	W
Troy	-20	24-7	L
at C Michigan	-20'	23-18	L
at Akron	-17'	20-34	L
Miami, Oh	+2'	36-34	W
at Ohio	-15	24-21	L
Ball St	-15	38-14	W
† Toledo	-4	49-45	T

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Hofstra	NL	45-21	–
at Tennessee - #12	+19'	24-34	W
Toledo	-5'	17-24	L
at Kansas St - #6	+19'	27-20	W
at Troy	-12'	24-33	L
Kent St	-20	49-33	L
at Buffalo	-29	26-16	L
at W Michigan	-8'	41-21	W
Akron	-14	42-24	W
at Miami, Oh - #23	+12'	6-45	L
at UCF	-11'	21-7	W
Ohio	-17	28-0	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Troy	-14'	15-17	L
at Ohio St - #9	+16'	21-24	W
at Georgia - #3	+18'	3-13	W
Miami, Oh	-7	33-25	W
at Ohio	-8'	16-13	L
at Kent St	-13'	27-17	L
Buffalo	-25	48-14	W
UCF	-26	20-3	L
at Akron	-9	28-31	L
at Bowling Green	+10	35-56	L
W Michigan	-27	31-21	L

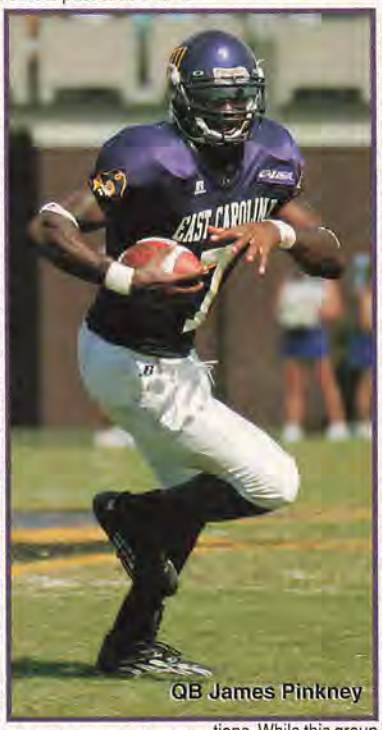
2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
William & Mary	NL	36-24	–
Kansas St	+9	19-21	W
at UCF	-3'	13-23	L
SMU	-11'	16-13 OT	L
at Virginia Tech - #3	+35	14-41	W
UAB	+2	20-19	W
at UTEP	+13'	3-31	L
at Tulane	-1	27-26	T
S Mississippi	+7	24-27 OT	W
East Carolina	-5'	29-34	L
at Memphis	+10'	3-26	L

EAST CAROLINA PIRATES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - E Carolina has had some fine QB's including David Garrard, their all-time career passer as well as Jeff Blake and Marcus Crandall. In 2003 when the starting QB got injured rFr James Pinkney (PS#134) started the final three. Pinkney threw for just 422 yds (49.4%) with a 2-2 ratio. In 2004 Pinkney threw for 2,195 (56.0%) with an 18-15 ratio (252 rush). He was not enrolled in the spring of 2005 (acad) so Davon Drew (PS#64) and Patrick Pinkney (PS#88, no relation) were 1-2 on the depth chart. James Pinkney returned in the fall and with Drew suspended and Patrick Pinkney banged up, true freshmen Brett Clay (6-0 194 PS#159) and Rob Kass (6-4 240 PS#197) took #2 and #3 spots. Pinkney showed little rust as he was CUSA's Off POW in his first game. He had a school record 8 straight 200+ passing efforts and threw for the 4th most yards in school history with 2,773 (60.7%) with a 14-8 ratio. Pinkney passed Jeff Blake as #3 career passer here (5,390). The only other QB to throw a pass was Kort Shankweiler (6-2 217 Sr, PS#212) who had one attempt and is now a FB. Everyone returns and Pinkney should have his best season as a senior, especially after being able to participate in the spring.


QB James Pinkney

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004, due to injuries, the top rusher turned out to be true frosh Chris Johnson, who led the team with 561 yards (4.2). Taking away an 86 yard run vs Wake Forest, he avg'd just 3.6 ypc. The top 3 RB's last year were on the small side, with Johnson at 170 lbs, Brandon Fractious (180 lbs) and true frosh Dominique Lindsay (PS#166) being the biggest at 5-10 198. Fractious (PS#123JC) has 4.3 speed and was #2 with 261 yards and a team high 5.6 ypc while Lindsay rushed for 210 (5.1). When the team used a FB it was good sized Jermarcus Veal (257 lbs) but he had just 16 yards. Johnson runs the 100m in 10.62 and had 259 yards (86.3 ypg) in the first 3 games but just 267 (44.5) over the next 6. He finished with 684 (3.9), adding 356 yards receiving (10.2). The team's most effective game was vs UCF when the 3 RB's split the snaps equally (236 yds rush). All three return this year so the Pirates' RB production should increase. Added to the mix is ex-QB Kort Shankweiler at FB, true frosh Norman Whitley (5-9 180 PS#43) and Kevin Gidrey (6-2 250 PS#515). Hewett was a national HS track champ who had 9 rec (8.4) and is now at CB. Pat Dosh (6-3 238 Sr) also moved from LB to RB.

RECEIVERS - EC's receiving corps was inexperienced and injury plagued in 2004. Not only did most everyone return last year, but they got a couple of significant additions including Aundrae Allison who was a JUCO All American. Allison lived up to his billing by setting an EC record with five 100+ receiving games and had more than double the catches 83 (12.3) of the #2 man (RB Johnson). He set a school record with 1,024 yards receiving. Walk-on soph Phillip Henry was #2 and had 25 of his 28 rec in the last 6 games. Robert Tillman (5-11 178 Sr, PS#141RB) had 16 rec in the first 5 but was bothered by a hamstring injury. He was suspended from the team in the spring, but may return this fall. Bobby Good missed most of the 1H of the year (hamstring) but averaged a team high 19.5 ypc on his 15 grabs. Holtz liked to use the 2-TE offense and Sean Harmon and Shawn Levesque performed well despite the fact that they both missed a good portion of 2004 and the entire spring with injuries. This year they must replace Levesque (7 st, 10 rec), Harmon (1 st, 2 rec), WR's Bryson Bowling (1 st, 0 rec), Brian Howard (1 rec) and possibly Tillman (4 st, 10 rec). This unit is even more experienced and if Allison is 100% after his late season MCL injury, they will be even better.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Pirates had to replace five players who combined for 44 starts and the OL struggled mightily paving the way for just 2.8 ypc rushing while allowing 35 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and learn a brand-new offensive system. After the opener, they switched the O-line prior to WF with only one starter remaining in the same spot. EC played their starters most of the games (70-80 snaps) and showed improvement as they avg'd 3.8 ypc trimming the sack total to 21. This year they lose RT Guy Whimper (#4DC NYG, 10 st, 3 yr st'r), C Gary Freeman (11 st, 2 yr st'r), RG Chris Sellers (11 st), C Hunter Wood (1 st, 2nd string) and RG Trey MaGee (5 gm). Two starters return and they add ex-DT Fred Hicks and ex-TE Josh Coffman, each started three games at their old positions. While this group is less experienced, in the second year of the system, they should come close to matching 2005's output.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 EC had their worst run D since 1992 thanks in part to a young D-line that consisted of just 4 players that combined for 4 starts in 2003. Last year basically everyone was back and they showed some improvement allowing 15 ypg less rushing (4.8) while the team increased its sack output by 5 (20). The unit got the outstanding addition of VHT Marcus Hands, who led CUSA in sacks with 5.5 when he was knocked out for the season in the 8th game. This year the only losses are DE Michael MacDonagh (5 st, 11 tkl), DE Lorenza Pickett (8 tkl) and DT Fred Hicks (2 st, 15 tkl) who moves to C. This is the most experienced D-line EC has had in a while and even though this unit won't conger up images of the "Purple People Eaters" that the Minnesota Vikings fielded in the '70's, it should help EC achieve its best rush D in four years.

LINEBACKERS - Last year EC had 2 starters returning to this group and they improved in the new system allowing 11.1 ppg less than '04. This year it is an inexperienced group. Gone are 1st Tm CUSA MLB Chris Moore (11 st, #1 tkl'r, 17 tfl), SLB Richard Koonce (11 st, 53 tkl), WLB Josh Chilsom (9 st, 53 tkl, 6 tfl) and WLB Dashaun Stephens (33 tkl). Two players return with starting experience and Holtz brings in 3 JUCO's who were in for the spring (all 1st string at one point) and I list the 3 deep below. This is clearly EC's defensive question mark in 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With two starters back, EC ranked #105 in my pass D rankings in 2004. Last year they had to replace one starter but starting OLB Jamar Flournoy was moved to S. Flournoy missed the season (susp) so they had 3 starters back. The Pirates moved up to #80 allowing a solid 11-15 ratio. This year they lose CB Demetrius Hodges (8 st, 46 tkl), SS Zach Baker (8 st, 58 tkl, 3 int), CB Erode Jean (3 st, 24 tkl), SS Matt Cox (2 tkl) and FS Mickey McCoy (2 st, 25 tkl). Flournoy will battle Chase, who has 16 career starts. Travis Williams and Stacy Walls have excellent speed and are competing for the open CB spot so I look for EC to achieve its best finish in the pass D rankings in four years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Punter Ryan Dougherty (PS#25) has a powerful leg and despite never playing in a college game was one of 32 punters listed on the Preseason Ray Guy list in '03. Dougherty did not disappoint as a rFr having a 44.5 average (net 40.6). EC was #48 in my ST rankings in 2003. Most players returned in '04 but not much went right and the team actually dropped to #85. Dougherty saw his net punting drop to 33.2. Travis Williams, who avg'd 17.7 on PR's in '04, maintained his 4.3 speed adding 10 lbs of muscle in '05 but surprisingly saw his PR avg drop to 7.4. Chris Johnson, who averaged 20.7 on KR's in '04 improved to 21.9. Last year they had to replace their K and one of Holtz's top signees was Robert Lee who hit 17 of 19 with a long of 51 and was a Lou Groza semifinalist. Dougherty had 30 TB's on 55 KO's. Markeith McQueen took home CUSA's ST POW honors vs Duke with a 45 yd KR (longest KR here in 3 yrs) and also was solid in the coverage units. He was lost for the year in Wk 2 and redshirted. The great news for EC is that everyone is back and after a #72 finish they will contend for Top 25 honors.

COACHES - Louis "Skip" Holtz is the 19th EC head coach of all-time and took over for John Thompson who was here for just 2 years. Holtz had success as a HC at Connecticut ('94-'98) with final Top 25 IAA rankings his last 4 seasons and a 34-23 overall record. Holtz was the OC at S Carolina from '99-'03 and was thought to be groomed for the HC spot there but actually lost his OC job in '04 (asst HC). His OC is Steve Shankweiler who had been a high school HC in Georgia from '95-'97 and the OL coach at EC from '98-'02. He was the OL coach at Cincy in '03 and at S Car in '04. Greg Hudson is now in his 2nd year as DC and was DC at Minnesota the previous 2 years after being the LB coach there from '01-'02. Hudson was the asst HC at Cincy from '97-2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

E Carolina had a streak of 4 straight winning seasons snapped in 2002 and surprisingly fired the school's all-time winningest head coach Steve Logan while bringing in John Thompson. When a team changes HC's generally it means a rebuilding phase due to attrition and it takes a year or two to adjust to the new systems on both offense and defense (see *Baylored* on pg 309). In 2004 EC was outgained in league play by 128.8 ypg, the most of any team in the conf. Holtz did inherit a veteran squad with 17 starters returning and got the unexpected return of QB James Pinkney prior to the season. Holtz brought discipline into the program, suspending numerous players, including two for the season and they beat Duke in the opener 24-21. EC showed great improvement in CUSA play only being outgained by 6.4 ypg and moving up to 4-4 in the league. They benefitted from a +2 net close wins (see page 299) but got their 2nd road win of the season knocking off Marshall and then knocked UAB out of a bowl with a 31-23 home upset improving their record by 3 wins to 5-6. With 7 starters back on offense including Pinkney, they should easily top last year's 24.3 ppg. The defense, with 8 returning starters last year, was much stronger allowing 54 ypg and 11.1 ppg less and should come close with six returning starters provided the new LB corp plays well. I feel EC overachieved some last year finishing 5-6. This year's EC team is a stronger bunch but also have a more difficult schedule with 4 extremely tough non-conf games (Navy, WV, UVA, NCSt). This is an improved team on both sides of the ball but the Pirates may find it difficult to top last year's 5-6 record.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 7 JAMES PINKNEY SR. 6-3 209 PS#134. 3 st rFr, 422 (49%). 11 st '04, 2195 (56%). 11 st LY 2773 (61%). Career ratio 34-25, 500 rush. **15** Patrick Pinkney (6-0 188 So) PS#88.

TB 5 CHRIS JOHNSON JR. 5-11 170 7 st true, 561 (4.2), 32 rec (7.4). 11 st LY, 684 (3.9), 35 rec (10.2). **21** Brandon Fractious (5-9 187 Sr) 4.3 spd. 288 ttl yd. **FB 13** Pat Dosh PS#57QB.

WR 2 AUNDRAE ALLISON SR. 6-1 192 JUCO. 11 st LY, **1st Tm CUSA**, 83 rec (12.3). **82** Juwon Crowell (6-2 181 Jr) PS#180. 3 rec. **88** Kyle Johnson (6-3 197 rFr) PS#355.

WR 19 BOBBY GOOD SR. 6-1 187 6 st '04, 33 rec (12.9). 2 st LY (inj), 15 rec (19.5). **80** Kevin Roach (6-4 217 Sr) PS#114. 7 st, 41 rec (11.4) 3Y. **86** Will Bland (5-9 185 Sr) 1 st, 8 rec '04.

WR 32 PHILLIP HENRY JR. 6-0 170 8 st, 28 rec (15.3), 25 rec L/6 gm. **83** Steven Rogers (6-0 172 Jr) PS#109. 2 st, 4 rec LY. Melvin Patterson PS#87. **81** Alex Taylor (6-4 192 rFr).

TE 3 Davon Drew So. 6-4 231 PS#64QB. #1 QB spg in '05, zero passes rFr. **91** Jay Sonnhalter (6-5 246 Jr) JUCO 1 st LY, zero rec, 11 games. Stanley Bryant (6-5 254 Jr).

C 61 Thomas Wingenbach Sr. 6-6 300 PS#245. Worked out at C in spg. **95** Fred Hicks (6-0 290 Jr) PS#163DL. 3 st, 23 tkl at DT 2Y. Larry Lease (6-2 265 Fr) grayshirt.

RG 76 Josh Coffman Jr. 6-7 292 PS#68TE. 3 st @TE true, 4 rec. 7 gm '04. RS LY, 2nd string OT. **71** Jonathan Battle (6-3 286 rFr) PS#151. **77** Drew Sutton (6-3 282 Sr) PS#524.

LG 68 MATT BUTLER JR. 6-4 308 8 games as rFr, 58 plays. 11 st (10LG, 1RG) LY, 2 letters. **72** Stephen Heis (6-5 262 rFr). Josh Stahl (6-4 343 rFr). Corey Dowless PS#258.

RT 74 Terence Campbell rFr. 6-5 325 PS#539. Willie Barton (6-5 350 Jr) PS#366JC. **58** Lance Neisz (6-4 294 Sr) 2nd string in last year. Doug Polochak PS#452. 300 pclean.

LT 78 ERIC GRAHAM SR. 6-6 324 3 gm rFr. 11 st '04, 764 snap. 11 st LY, 761 snap, 65 kd. **57** Paul Walsh (6-5 318 So) PS#115. 2nd string '04, RS. Inj LY. Andrew Farr (6-4 280 Fr) PS#214. Hargrave LY.

K 39 ROBERT LEE SR. 5-11 211 PS#116JC. 14 of 16, long 42 at JC in '04. 17 of 19 FG, long 51 here LY, Groza semi, only 2 made from 40+. Jerry Murphy (5-10 157 rFr).

DE 55 SHAUNTAE HUNT SR. 6-5 262 PS#328. 16 tkl, 3 tfl as rFr. 8 st '04, 31 tkl, 4 tfl. 11 st LY, 36 tkl, 4 sk, 3.5 tfl. **53** Scotty Robinson (6-4 215 rFr). **56** Craig Harper (6-4 243 Jr).

NG 96 MARK ROBINSON JR. 6-3 274 PS#249. 8 tkls as true. 11 st LY, 32 tkls, 2 tfl, 2 pbu. **99 Dontré Brown** (6-1 309 Sr) PS#124. 11 st NG '04. 2 st LY. 57 tkl, 5 tfl 3 years.

DT 93 BRANDON SETZER SO. 6-6 317 PS#157. Hargrave '03. Acad in '04. 8 st LY (last 6) 28 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **97** Wendell Chavis (6-2 273 Jr) PS#413LB. 1 tkl. **69** Michael LaGow (6-3 266 Jr).

DE 92 MARCUS HANDS JR. 6-5 270 **PS#34**. UNC signee. 5.5 sk #1 CUSA until inj, miss 3. 21 tkl, 5 st, 9 tfl. Miss spg. Johnnie "JT" McCoy (6-3 225 Fr) GS LY. **41** Zach Slate (6-5 216 So) 4 tkl true.

WLB NA Orlando Farrow Sr. 6-3 225 PS#218JC In for spring. 62 tkl & JC basketball. **S2 Jarrett Wiggins** (6-5 209 So) PS#175DL. GS. 16 tkl true. **49** Jeremy Chambliss (6-0 194 rFr) PS#476.

MLB NA Fred Wilson Jr. 6-2 255 PS#262JC. In for spg. **48** Durwin Lamb (6-1 238 Jr) PS#316DL. 1 st '04. 32 tkl, 3 tfl, 2Y. Danny Muhwezi PS#446JC. Lorenzo Osborne PS#372.

SLB 50 Quentin Cotton Jr. 6-2 221 PS#146. 2 tkl last year in 2 games. **34** Pierre Bell (6-2 228 So) PS#274RB. L/2 st OLB rFr, 28 tkls, 3 tfl. Missed spg w/foot inj. Julius Hill (6-0 232 Jr). 182 Jr) PS#213. 4.4 spd. 1 st WR true, 1st Tm CUSA ST. 24 tkl, 2Y, 707 ret yd. Dekota Marshall PS#163RB.

CB 26 Stacy Walls So. 5-9 175 PS#167. 10.6 in 100m, 8 tkl rFr. **8** Travis Williams (5-10 8 pbu. **35** Jerek Hewett (5-11 184 So). **22** Markeith McQueen (5-9 185 Sr) 1 st career, 47 tkl.

CB 17 KASEY ROSS SR. 6-0 175 PS#170QB. 3 st as true. 11 st LY, 35 tkls, 3 int, **ROV NA Jamar Flournoy Sr.** 6-0 205 **11 st OLB '04!** 75 tkl, 12 tfl. RS LY. **4** Kyle Chase (5-8 190 Sr) **11 st in '04**. 16 st, 3 yr, 130 tkls. Herman Best (6-0 195 So) 9 games LY.

FS 1 PIERRE PARKER SR. 6-0 207 **PS#84QB**. 15 tkls 2Y. 9 st at FS LY, 69 tkls, 3 int, 6 pbu. **37** Van Eskeridge (6-0 191 rFr) PS#173WR. **38** Chris Mattocks (6-0 195 rFr) PS#580.

P 10 RYAN DOUGHERTY SR. 6-1 221 **PS#25**. 1st Tm CUSA '03, 44.5 avg, **net 40.6!** 2nd Tm CUSA '04, 41.8, 33.2 net. 40.8 avg, 33.9 net LY, 30 TB on 55 KO's. Ben Hartman (5-11 180 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Norman Whitley 5-9 180 PS#43
QB	Dwayne Harris 6-0 190 PS#61
WR	Melvin Patterson 6-3 205 PS#87
LB	Orlando Farrow 6-3 225 PS#218JC
LB	Fred Wilson 6-2 255 PS#262JC
DB	Dekota Marshall 6-1 185 PS#163RB
OL	Sean Allen 6-3 290 PS#199
OL	Andrew Farr 6-4 280 PS#214 in '05
OL	Willie Barton 6-5 350 PS#366JC
OL	Cory Dowless 6-5 300 PS#258
WR	DeMorio Waymon 6-3 185 PS#255
LB	Danny Muhwezi 6-3 235 PS#446JC
LB	Lorenzo Osborne 6-3 200 PS#372
OL	Doug Polochak 6-4 270 PS#452
OL	DJ Scott 6-6 305 PS#452
DL	Davion Holman 6-4 245 PS#412
DB	Travis Simmons 5-10 175 PS#391WR
DL	Willie Smith 6-6 230 PS#422
LB	Chris Atkins 6-3 200 PS#410
LB	Nick Johnson 6-1 225 PS#426
QB	Dan Wideman 6-2 210 PS#366
RB	Kevin Gidrey 6-2 250 PS#515
WR	Javon Brumsey 6-4 190 PS#485
DL	Joe Council 6-4 235 PS#495
DL	Travis Melvin 6-6 260 PS#495
LB	AJ Johnson 6-2 225 PS#485
DB	Darryl Reynolds 6-1 185 PS#560

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#61

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score EC	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 2	at Navy	A					
Sep. 9	at UAB	G					
Sep. 16	Memphis	G					
Sep. 23	West Virginia	G					
Sep. 30							
Oct. 7	Virginia	G					
Oct. 14	Tulsa	G					
Oct. 21	SMU (HC)	G					
Oct. 28	at S Mississippi	A					
Nov. 4	at UCF	G					
Nov. 11	Marshall	G					
Nov. 18	at Rice	A					
Nov. 25	at NC State	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

East Carolina was 5-1 ATS on the road last year.
The Pirates are 5-15 ATS the last 20 games after a bye week.
East Carolina is 5-12 SU & 7-10 ATS the last 17 games on the CUSA road.

E Carolina is 6-9 ATS the last 15 games on artificial turf but 4-1 ATS LY.
This is the 1st ever meeting between these two schools.

The home team & the dog are 4-1 ATS.
East Carolina is 11-5-1 ATS in the 2nd of back-to-back road games S/'94.

The dog in this series is 5-1 ATS since 1998.
East Carolina is 7-7 SU but 3-9 ATS in home openers since 1992.

Pirates are 2-15 SU all-time & 1-4 ATS the last 5 games vs West Virginia.
Heading into 2006 EC is 6-11-1 ATS in September home games S/'93.

Bonus: Heading into 2006, East Carolina is 7-3 ATS at home the L2Y.

Schools have met once before. EC won 61-10 in Charlottesville in 1975.
East Carolina is 1-6 SU & 5-2 ATS the last 7 vs current ACC members.

The home team is 5-1 ATS in this series.
These teams have combined for an average of 52 ppg in their 6 meetings.

The Pirates are 1-0 SU & ATS with 2005's meeting the 1st ever.
This is the 5th straight home game for EC, the most in school history.

The visitor is 11-4-1 ATS since 1990.
EC is 0-5 SU & has been outscored on average 35-13 L5Y vs S Miss.

The Pirates are 4-1 SU but dropped their only ATS meeting last year.
East Carolina is 6-12 ATS their last 18 November road games.

EC is 7-4 ATS since 1995 in home finales.
East Carolina is 4-1 ATS in November home games the last 4 years.

Could apply: East Carolina is 1-3 ATS the L/4 games as an away favorite.
EC faces LY nation's #1, 4, 5 & Rice's #11 rushing offense this year.

East Carolina is 9-14 SU & 7-4 ATS all-time vs NC State.
Including the Peach Bowl in '02, the L/5 gms these teams have avg 61 ppg.

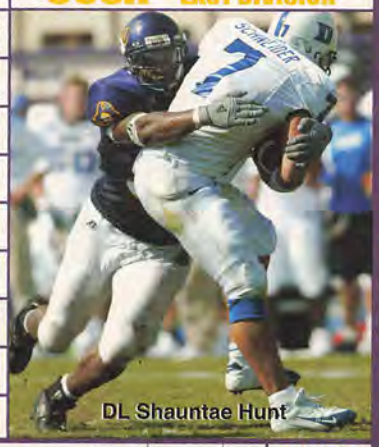
ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: David Garrard 9,029 1998-'01
Rushing: Junior Smith 3,745 1991-'94 Receiving: Troy Smith 1,982 1995-'98

SKIP HOLTZ (Career 5-6) (Div IAA 34-23)
2nd Year at E Carolina
Holtz's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Holtz's records AT EAST CAROLINA

5-6	Straight Up	1-1	Home Favorite
8-3	Vs The Spread	2-1	Home Underdog
3-3	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
5-3	Vs Conference	5-1	Away Underdog
3-0	Vs Non-Conf	1-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (5-6)
RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 7* DEFENSE: 6
LETTERMEN: Returning: 40 (19,18,3) Lost: 26 (13,13,0)
2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 33,046
CUSA - EAST DIVISION


DL Shauntae Hunt

STADIUM: DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM (43,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-2	7-4	6-5	4-8	1-11	2-9	5-6	34-45
Home	5-1	4-2	2-3	3-2	0-6	2-3	3-2	19-19
Away	4-1	3-2	4-2	1-6	1-5	0-6	2-4	15-26
ATS	9-2	5-6	5-5	3-8-1	5-7	5-6	8-3	40-37-1
Home Fav	4-0	2-3	1-3	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	9-9
Home Dog	2-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-5	4-0	2-1	10-10
Away Fav	2-1	1-2	3-1	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	7-6
Away Dog	1-0	2-0	1-1	1-3-1	3-2	1-5	5-1	14-12-1
Favorite	6-1	3-5	4-4	1-3	1-0	0-1	1-1	16-15
Dog	3-1	2-1	1-1	2-5-1	4-7	5-5	7-2	24-22-1
Grass	8-2	5-5	3-3	3-7-1	4-5	5-3	4-2	32-27-1
Artificial	1-0	0-1	2-2	0-1	1-2	0-3	4-1	8-10
vs Conf	4-2	3-4	4-3	3-5	3-5	4-4	5-3	26-26
vs Non-Conf	5-0	2-2	1-2	0-3-1	2-2	1-2	3-0	14-11-1
Off SU Win	6-2	2-4	2-3	0-4	0-1	1-1	4-0	15-15
Off SU Loss	2-0	2-2	3-1	3-3-1	5-5	4-4	3-3	22-18-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Johnson	176	761	77	684	6	3.9
Brandon Fractious	47	265	4	261	2	5.6
Dominique Lindsay	41	221	11	210	1	5.1
James Pinkney	95	378	185	193	7	2.0
Aundrae Allison	7	67	2	65	0	9.3
Zach Baker	1	44	0	44	0	44.0
Robert Tillman	10	31	8	23	1	2.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
James Pinkney	366	222	60.7	2773	14	8
Aundrae Allison	2	1	50.0	41	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Aundrae Allison	83	1024	12.3	7	59	
Phillip Henry	28	428	15.3	1	80	
Chris Johnson	35	356	10.2	2	81	
Bobby Good	15	292	19.5	3	55	
Robert Tillman	16	186	11.6	1	36	
Kevin Roach	11	145	13.2	0	27	
Shawn Levesque	10	142	14.2	0	25	
Jerek Hewett	9	76	8.4	0	16	
Steven Rogers	4	48	12.0	0	17	
Juwon Crowell	3	31	10.3	0	13	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Dougherty	58	2368	40.8	10	33.9	1	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Robert Lee	30-30	10-10	5-5	1-3	1-1	17-19	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chris Moore	96	4.5	12.5	1	0
Pierre Parker	69	0	1	6	3
Zach Baker	58	0	2	1	3
Josh Chilsom	53	1	5	1	0
Richard Koonce	53	2	0.5	0	0
Demetrius Hodges	46	0	1	4	2
Shauntae Hunt	36	4	3.5	1	0
Kyle Chase	36	0	2	3	0
Kasey Ross	35	0	2	8	3
Dashaun Stephens	33	0	1	0	1
Mark Robinson	32	0	2	2	0
Pierre Bell	28	1	2	3	2
Brandon Setzer	28	0	6.5	1	0
Mickey McCoy	25	1	0	0	0
Erode Jean	24	0	0	0	1
Marcus Hands	21	5.5	3.5	1	0
Dontré Brown	16	1	1	0	0
Jarrett Wiggins	16	0	1	0	0
Fred Hicks	15	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Travis Williams	14	104	7.4	0
Aundrae Allison	6	33	5.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Johnson	21	459	21.9	0
Travis Williams	7	139	19.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
94	Liberty	+7	Illinois	0-30	L
95	Liberty	+3'	Stanford	19-13	W
99	Mobile Alabama	-4'	TCU	14-28	L
00	galleryfurniture.com	+1	Texas Tech	40-27	W
01	Mobile	-2	Marshall (2OT)	61-64	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
E Carolina's All-Time SU Bowl Record 4-3

EAST CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	24.3	20	137	3.8	256	60.5	16.2	0	2005	8	28.8	21	218	4.8	185	59.2	14.0
4*	21.0	17	93	2.8	216	54.2	14.7	-4	2004	6	39.9	21	233	4.9	224	60.1	11.4
7*	18.1	18	138	3.3	173	58.6	17.2	-12	2003	4	35.7	21	210	4.8	200	58.1	11.5
6	27.9	19	124	3.4	215	48.8	12.1	-10	2002	6	33.2	22	207	4.6	239	53.8	13.4
6*	35.1	21	213	5.4	210	55.5	12.1	-9	2001	9	30.0	24	142	3.1	287	58.2	14.3
9*	30.8	20	169	4.1	225	51.2	12.8	+1	2000	6	21.3	18	137	3.3	212	54.1	16.3

2005 STATS BY GAME

EC 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Duke	11	36 - 103	2.9	17 - 21	235	1	19	43 - 162	3.8	15 - 30	139	3	+2
–	at Wake Forest	20	26 - 118	4.5	20 - 45	292	2	23	65 - 407	6.3	10 - 17	69	1	+1
–	at West Virginia	20	42 - 81	1.9	21 - 35	206	6	17	46 - 127	2.8	15 - 20	180	3	+2
–	S Mississippi	20	34 - 161	4.7	20 - 28	202	1	26	42 - 169	4.0	23 - 35	324	1	-4
–	Rice	18	30 - 104	3.5	22 - 35	355	0	23	53 - 230	4.3	9 - 19	87	3	0
–	at SMU	15	51 - 127	2.5	15 - 22	225	2	18	34 - 143	4.2	19 - 37	211	2	+4
–	at Memphis	20	16 - 46	2.9	26 - 46	297	0	20	63 - 340	5.4	10 - 14	117	1	0
–	UCF	26	41 - 272	6.6	24 - 46	270	4	15	48 - 249	5.2	10 - 25	181	2	-6
–	at Tulsa	16	32 - 120	3.8	21 - 34	229	2	26	35 - 238	6.8	21 - 31	257	2	-2
–	at Marshall	25	45 - 245	5.4	17 - 25	219	2	22	34 - 199	5.9	26 - 35	191	1	0
–	UAB	25	41 - 135	3.3	21 - 33	286	1	22	31 - 130	4.2	23 - 43	278	1	+3
TOTALS		216	394 - 1512	3.8	224 - 370	2816	21	231	494 - 2394	4.8	181 - 306	2034	20	0
AVERAGES		19.6	36 - 137	3.8	20 - 34	256	1.9	21.0	45 - 218	4.8	16 - 28	185	1.8	0.0

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	-16	19-21	L
at Tulane	-9'	51-24	W
William & Mary	NL	38-23	–
at Syracuse	+7	30-44	L
at North Carolina	+6	21-24	W
at Army	-13'	49-26	W
Memphis	-10	32-11	W
at TCU	-6'	37-30	W
at Cincinnati	-7'	28-26	L
Louisville - #19	-1/2	34-39	L
S Mississippi	-1'	21-28	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Duke	-14'	16-23	L
at Wake Forest	+5	22-27	T
Tulane	-8'	24-20	L
at West Virginia	+7'	17-37	L
Army	-20	59-24	W
USF	E	30-46	L
at Louisville	+14'	20-44	L
at Houston	+1	54-48 OT	W
at UAB	-3'	29-36	L
TCU - #22	+8'	31-28	W
at S Mississippi	+9'	7-24	L
Cincinnati	+7'	26-42	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+8	3-40	L
West Virginia	+9'	7-48	L
at Miami, FL - #2	+41	3-38	W
at Wake Forest	+19'	16-34	W
Houston	+1'	13-27	L
North Carolina	+7'	17-28	L
at Army	-5'	38-32	W
Louisville	+15'	20-36	L
at Memphis	+17'	24-41	W
USF	+11	37-38 OT	W
at Tulane	+9	18-28	L
S Mississippi	+14'	21-38	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at W Virginia - #10	+28'	23-56	L
Wake Forest	+14'	17-31	W
Cincinnati	+11'	19-24	W
at Louisville - #22	+30	7-59	L
Tulane	-3'	27-25	L
at S Mississippi	+19'	10-51	L
Army	+3	38-28	W
at Houston	+16'	24-34	W
at USF	+13	17-41	L
Memphis	+16'	35-38	W
† NC State	+21	14-52	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Duke	+3	24-21	W
at Wake Forest	+13	34-44	W
at West Virginia	+22'	15-20	W
S Mississippi	+7'	7-33	L
Rice	-4	41-28	W
at SMU	+2	24-17	W
at Memphis	+7'	24-27	W
UCF	-1'	20-30	L
at Tulsa	+9	13-45	L
at Marshall	+5'	34-29	W
UAB	+5'	31-23	W

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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Maurice Avery (PS#54) hit 4 of 9 passes while rushing for 92 yards in '02 as a true frosh but moved to WR. Danny Wimprine was a 4 year starter who became the school's career leader in passing yards in just his junior season and as a senior in '04 threw for 2,892 (56.5%) with a 22-14 ratio. Patrick Byrne (PS#131) was his backup and also handled KO's (38 TB's). With 4.52 speed, he is the fastest QB ever here. He beat out good sized Will Hudgens (6-4 223 So, PS#112). After waiting 3 years to become the starter, Byrne broke his leg on just the 3rd play of the opener last year and the offense unfortunately was based around his mobility. Hudgens is more of a drop back passer with a strong arm and was forced to start the next two. West took the RS off of true frosh Billy Barefield (PS#63) who is a stark contrast to Hudgens at 5'10" 175. Amazingly Hudgens was also lost for the season (brk leg) vs Tulsa. Barefield started the next two but West opted to go with Maurice Avery. Avery was leading the team with 170 rec yards after 3 then 0 the next 2 weeks and was moved to QB. He was 5-2 as a starter throwing for 894 (56.8%) and rushing for 664. After completing just 1 of 8 for -3 (CUSA record) vs Marshall, he threw for 170 in the bowl. Byrne, Hudgens and Barefield are all back and adding depth is Brett Toney (6-1 184 rFr) and true frosh Matt Malouf (PS#60). The biggest addition is Martin Hankins who simply threw for 7,777 yards in two years at SE Louisiana playing under Hal Mumme including 3,537 and 30 TD's his frosh season. He ran the scout team here in 2005. This unit is more experienced and should stay healthier.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 the Tigers returned their leading rusher Dante Brown but true frosh DeAngelo Williams (PS#66) who, at 217 lbs, set the Arkansas HS record in the 100m, and led the team with 684 (6.6). In 2003 Williams led the NCAA in all-purpose yards even though he missed the last two games and was voted CUSA Off POY. In '04 he rushed for 1,948 (6.2) and won that title again. Last year Williams simply became the all-time career leader in the NCAA in all-purp yards (7,573) and finished #4 all-time in rushing. His 6.22 career ypc is the second best ever and he became the school's sixth 1st or 2nd Tm AA. He led the NCAA with 178.6 ypg and was the CUSA Off POY for the third straight season. His 34 career 100 yard games topped Archie Griffin (Ohio St) and Tony Dorsett (Pitt) who each had 33. He did all of this despite missing the Tennessee game. Joseph Doss (PS#94), who bulked up in the offseason, was a solid backup with 440 (5.2). Adding depth is Jamarcus Gaither (5-10 198 Jr, PS#366DB) who has 106 career yards, TJ Pitts (PS#108), Miguel Barnes (5-11 190 rFr) and Chris Barnett (6-0 189 Jr, PS#295JC). I think Doss will have a solid season but it will be impossible to duplicate Williams' numbers, especially since he was the first 1st round DC from Memphis (CAR) since '96 (Jerome Woods, KC) and the second highest DC ever (Keith Simpson #9 pick SEA in '78).

RECEIVERS - In 2004 the Tigers' receiving corps were a veteran group which included five productive seniors. Last year not only did those 5 depart, but Mario Pratcher (15 rec '04), who was expected to be one of the top WR's, tore his ACL in August. Their top receiver after 3 games was Maurice Avery but he was moved to QB. TE John Doucette, who was almost moved to tackle in the spring, dropped 15 lbs but had just 12 rec (14.2). On top of losing Pratcher and Avery, the unit was also banged up and 6'4" Ryan Scott led with 37 (15.6). Earnest Williams had 17 (7.7) as the #2 man. This year they must replace Doucette and Avery but get Pratcher back and intriguing 6'8" rFr Carlos Singleton. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Alton Starr (6-0 185 rFr, PS#250), Brandon Hunt (6-2 207 Sr), Brandon Feagans (5-9 180 So), Brian Hall (5-11 181 rFr, PS#198QB) and Shelton Oliver (5-7 156 So). This unit is more experienced and will get a lot more action in the new pass offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Tigers OL paved the way for 5.1 ypc rushing while allowing a minuscule 5 sacks (1.2%). Last year they had to replace four starters and two key backups and the only returnee was moved from G to C. They got back a 2 year starter in Andrew Handy who missed 2004 so basically had two starters back. It was a much larger group (300 avg) as the 2004 version avg'd 270 lbs. They were nicknamed the "Pit Crew" in reference to Williams' Heisman campaign (race car). The switch to a more mobile QB in the 2H of last year always helps the OL stats and they managed to actually improve to 5.4 ypc with just 9 sacks (3.8%). This year they lose LG Andrew Handy (12 st, 3 yr st'r, 1st TM CUSA) and LT Greg Billingslea (8 st). Eight players return with starting experience including Kentucky transfer Jared McGowan (5 st at UK '02). While this unit is more experienced and stronger, they may not match 2005's stats in a more pass based offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Memphis allowed 3.7 ypc rushing in 2004 and last year had to replace NT Albert Means (PS#3) and a starting DE from the 3 man front. Starter Rubio Phillips tore his ACL in the opener. DE Van Houston missed the year with a knee injury. Brandon Farrar suffered a season ending injury in game 2. Four of the 7 DL's that played vs UCF were frosh and were whipped up front on a regular basis. At times the Tigers played with a 2 man defensive front but still allowed a respectable 3.6 ypc rushing although the D had just 22 sacks. This year they lose LT Marcus West (12 st, 43 tkl, 1st Tm CUSA), RT Tyus Jackson (3 st, 13 tkl) and NG LaVale Washington (11 st, 36 tkl, 3 sk). While just two starters depart, they have zero full-time starters returning due to the amount of LB starts last year but with a couple of Ole Miss transfers who could play immediately and their injured players back, the unit has more depth.

LINEBACKERS - LB's are an important part of Joe Lee Dunn's complex defenses. While the Tigers play a 3-3-5, I list the RCAT in the LB writeup. In 2004 they had to replace all 4 starting LB's. The inexperienced group was a big part of the reason Memphis went from allowing 295 ypg to 418. Last year they moved one starter to DB and Quinton McCrary missed the year with injury so just two starters returned and they finished as the team's top two tacklers. This year they must replace OLB Carlton Baker (12 st, 88 tkl, 5 sk) and ILB Tim Goodwell (12 st, 102 tkl, 11 tfl). This may finally be the year VHT Greg Hinds (PS#17DB) emerges as a starter and they also get McCrary back. In the 2 deep I list below, 6 players have starting experience. Even with the loss of their top two guys, this unit should come close to 2005's standards.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UM finished in the top 26 of my pass D rankings 3 out of 4 years from 2000-'03 but dropped to #97 in 2004. Last year the Tigers had to replace 3 players who combined for 27 starts. Their best CB from 2004, Dustin Lopez (4 int, 11 pbu), lost his spot to 6'3" Jamaal Rufus who started the last 7. The Tigers surprisingly moved up to #64. This year they must replace LCAT OC Collins (9 st, 55 tkl) but 7 of the top 8 return. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Bernard Key (5-11 175 rFr) and Chris Huffman (6-3 190 rFr). They do have 1st Tm CUSA FS Wesley Smith back and I'll call this one of the conf's best secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Tigers used to have a reputation for blocking kicks but have only blocked one in West's tenure. Their highest finish in my ST rankings in West's first 4 years was just #86 ('04). Last year West signed JC Michael Gibson who originally signed at Auburn and took a detour playing baseball. Gibson had a phenomenal year avg 44.6 with a net of 39.2. Memphis had a Lou Groza winner in Joe Allison ('92) who was the career leader in FG's (51). Stephen Gostkowski crushed that record and became CUSA's career leader in scoring, FG's and xp's. Gostkowski, with a powerful leg, hit 22 of 25 FG's and a perfect 10 for 10 from 40+ including 3 from 50+!! He also drilled 39 TB's on 68 KO's. Part of the reason for UM's outstanding kicking can be traced to LS Rusty Clayton, who, in 3 years, has not had a single bad snap. Last year marked the 2nd time in West's tenure they have avg'd over 18.9 yards per KR (20.2). Overall, Memphis finished an outstanding #12 in my ST rankings and despite losing Gostkowski (#4DC NE), it will be solid.

COACHES - Chuck Stobart was let go in 1994 after three straight 6-5 seasons and the team failed to achieve a winning record until 2003 when Tommy West did it in his 3rd year. West underwent a triple bypass in Feb but should be 100% this fall. He had his contract extended through 2010 in April. His OC is Randy Fichtner who is in his 6th year after being the OC at Ark St from 1997-2000. DC Joe Lee Dunn had a great 1st year here in '03 allowing just 19.2 ppg but has caught a lot of flack the last 2 years, especially at midseason last year but Memphis did allow just 23.0 ppg on the year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After going -14 in turnovers in 2002 and finishing with a 3-9 record, Memphis was the typical Turnovers=Turnaround (pg 312) team in 2003. They won 7 or more games for the first time since 1976, with their first bowl appearance since 1971 and accomplished all that with just 12 starters returning. They outgained league foes in 2003 by 151.3 ypg which was the league's best mark by far, almost double that of the #2 team. They only lost 10 lettermen heading into in 2004 with 15 starters back including QB Wimprine and RB Williams. Unfortunately the defense struggled allowing 31.3 ppg and 417.8 ypg. They lost two games in the final minute (UAB and L'ville) but finished 8-4 marking the first time they had back-to-back 8+ win seasons since 1963. That 2004 team, for the first time ever, appeared in the AP poll (was #14 in the UPI in '63 but the AP only counted the Top 10 that year). Last year was a radical shift for the offense as they had just 3 starters back and had to replace Wimprine. After throwing for 200+ passing yards 9 times in 2004, they had zero games of 200+ yards in 2005 relying on RB DeAngelo Williams. I called for Memphis to achieve their 3rd consecutive winning season. They did so for the first time since 1994 and knocked off Akron in the bowl game despite losing their 1st and 2nd string QB's early in the season. They knocked off previously unbeaten UTEP 27-20 and nearly upset Tenn leading 16-14 in the 4Q despite RB Williams missing the game and QB Avery injuring his ankle. They got their first win at S Miss since 1984 and after opening the season 4-5, won their last 3. Their 13 returning starters are 3rd fewest in the league and they benefitted from +7 in turnovers and 4 close wins last season (also 3 close losses). While the offense lost DeAngelo Williams and their starting QB, they figure to pass more and with 7 returning starters, look to be upgraded at every spot but RB. Despite the loss of 3 of their top 4 tacklers, they have 6 starters back and should remain healthier and allow less than the 405 ypg they did in 2005. One thing not in UM's favor this year is the schedule as they draw the 3 toughest teams from CUSA West (Houston, UTEP and Tulsa) and most of their winnable games are on the road. That could mean a stop to Memphis' 3 year streak of winning seasons.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 13 Martin Hankins Jr. 6-2 205 PS#116. 7777 yd (63%) 65-31 ratio @SE Louis 2Y! **19** Patrick Byrne (6-3 213 Sr) PS#131. **11** Billy Barefield (5-10 175 So) PS#63. 322 ttl yds LY.

RB 5 Joseph Doss Jr. 5-9 193 PS#94. 5 st 2Y, 623 rush (4.5), 22 rec (6.2) 476 KR yds 2Y. **3** TJ Pitts (5-10 190 rFr) PS#108. **33** Jamarcus Gaither (5-10 198 Jr) 106 yds in 2Y.

WR 84 MARIO PRATCHER SR. 6-4 220 PS#236. 25 rec (14.0) 2Y, RS LY. **87** Carlton Robinzine (6-3 202 So) PS#248. 5 st rFr, 8 (16.4). **12** Taz Knockum (6-2 210 Jr) PS#95RB. 4 rec LY.

WR 80 MAURICE JONES SO. 6-2 214 15 rec true, **CUSA Fr Tm. 14** Earnest Williams (6-0 186 So) PS#142DB. 5 st, 17 (7.7) rFr. **89** Carlos Singleton (**6-8** 195 rFr). **81** Brandon Stewart (5-5 157 Jr).

WR 83 RYAN SCOTT SR. 6-4 207 PS#220. 5 st, 30 rec '03-04. 12 st LY, 37 (15.6). **9** Antonio McCoy (6-0 179 So) PS#284. 2 st, 8 rec rFr. **27** Michael Grandberry (5-10 162 So) PS#209.

TE 35 Stacy Jones rFr. 6-2 240 PS#36. **85** Brett Russell (6-3 233 So) PS#64. 5 st, 2 (13.0) rFr. **13** Devin Gardner (6-4 230 So) PS#268QB. Walter Andrews (6-4 231 rFr) Ark trans.

C 66 STEPHEN SCHUH SR. 6-1 288 Grandson of NFL's Harry. 55 plays as true. 54 plays '04. Last 7 st LY. **61** Clay Presley (6-0 275 rFr) **LS 98 Rusty Clayton** (6-2 232 Sr).

RG 69 ANDY SMITH JR. 6-4 307 PS#309. 140 snap rFr. First 9 st LY, 488 snap until ACL. **70** Michael Denning (6-4 270 Jr) PS#408LB. 1 st LY. **73** Kenneth Turner (6-3 280 rFr).

LG 63 BLAKE BUTLER SR. 6-3 287 PS#397. 3 st LG '03, 568 plays. **12 st '04.** 7 st LY (5 at C), 464 snaps. **74** Jared McGowan (6-4 308 Sr) PS#286. **5 st Kentucky** as true '02.

RT 71 BRANDON PEARCE SO. 6-6 270 PS#283. Last 8 st RT rFr, **CUSA Fr Tm**, 427+ snaps. **65** Abraham Holloway (6-4 301 Jr) 12 games, 3 st RT LY. **56** Eric Evans (6-4 300 rFr).

LT 54 Willie Henderson Sr. 6-7 335 PS#19DL. 104 plays '03-'04. 5 sts at LT LY, 362 snaps, 11 games. **79** Paul Edwards (6-6 305 rFr) **PS#99. 93** Philip Beliles (6-4 270 So).

K 34 Michael Gibson Sr. 6-2 210 PS#58. Orig at Auburn. JUCO. **91** Trey Adams (5-9 175 So) 1-1 xp's LY. Matt Reagan is PS#78. **93** Kittrell Smith (5-8 165 So). 2-3 FG's spg.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 41 Corey Mills So. 6-4 260 **PS#52.** Ole Miss trans. **92** Van Houston (6-6 280 Sr) JC. 8 tkl '04. RS LY. **50** Cortez McCraney (6-4 255 So) 10 tkl. **91** Michael Stackens (6-3 265 So).

NT 62 Ryan Williams So. 6-2 278 PS#320. 10 tkl, 2 st rFr. **60** Brandon Douglas (6-3 291 So) 2 tkl rFr. **90** Arron Bentley (6-3 290 Jr) PS#385. **94** Greg Terrell (6-4 215 rFr).

DE 99 Rubio Phillips Sr. 6-2 262 PS#248JC. 12 tkl '04. Inj'd LY. **53** Clinton McDonald (6-3 240 So) PS#178LB. 6 tkl as true. **96 Jada Brown** (6-2 260 rFr) **Ole Miss transfer.**

OLB 4 GREG HINDS JR. 6-1 233 **PS#17DB.** 18 tkl, 2 tfl, 2Y. **55 Mike Snyder** (6-2 234 Sr) **10 st LY,** 44 tkl. **25** Jeremy Rockette (6-3 200 rFr). **58** Brandon Slaughter (5-11 222 So).

MLB 37 HEATH GRANT JR. 6-1 225 **PS#105.** 5 st, 32 tkl, 2 tfl. **15 Mike Spurlock** (6-1 222 Sr) PS#392. 2 st, 18 tkl LY. **28** Donald Thornton (6-3 218 Jr) PS#295JC. **59** Greg Jackson (6-2 195 So).

OLB 30 Quinton McCrary Jr. 6-2 232 **PS#124DB. 12 st OLB '04,** 82 tkl, 5 sk. 10 tkl, 2 st LY (inj). **44** TiQuintin Morrell (6-2 222 So) PS#392. 6 games. Corderick Govan is PS#105.

RCAT 36 ROD SMITH JR. 6-1 215 PS#291. 9 st LY, 50 tkl, 3.5 tfl. Tenn Mr Football in HS. **47** Jake Kasser (5-10 195 Jr) **4 st,** 21 tkl LY. **17** Javar Pollard (6-0 212 Sr) 17 tkl, 3 years.

CB 8 BRANDON McDONALD SR. 5-11 180 PS#295JC. 11 starts CB LY, 49 tkl, 3 int, 11 pbu. **6** Jermaine Chambers (6-0 207 Sr) 23 tkl 2Y. **18** LaKeitharun Ford (5-9 170 Jr) PS#260JC.

CB 31 JAMAAL RUFUS SR. 6-3 207 PS#309. Last 7 st LY, 41 tkl, 7 pbu. **26** Dustin Lopez (5-10 192 Sr) PS#387JC. 12 st, 2Y, 51 tkl, 18 pbu. **16** Deante' Lamar (5-10 183 rFr) PS#245.

SS 23 Sam Brewer Sr. 6-1 202 PS#442. 5 st, 60 tkl, 2 pbu 3Y. **21** Derek Clenin (5-9 193 Sr) 1 st, 28 tkl, 2 tfl 3Y. **33** Tyler Griffin (5-11 192 So) PS#488. 5 tkl as true. 11 games.

FS 45 WESLEY SMITH SR. 6-3 195 **3x 1st Tm CUSA.** 13 st rFr, 98 tkl, 3 int, 8 pbu. 12 st, 89 tkl '04. 12 st LY, 82 tkl, 3 pbu. **2** Brandon Patterson (6-1 180 So) PS#337. 13 tkl, 2 int LY.

P 34 MICHAEL GIBSON SR. 6-2 210 PS#58. 59 punts, #11 NCAA 44.6 avg, #3 in NCAA **39.2 net! 2nd Tm CUSA. 19** Patrick Byrne (6-3 213 Sr) PS#131QB. 38 TB on KO '04.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Corey Mills 6-4 260 PS#52
QB	Matt Malouf 6-3 215 PS#60
LB	Corderick Govan 6-2 200 PS#105
DB	Dave Thomas III 5-11 180 PS#198 '05
WR	Duke Calhoun 6-4 185 PS#191
OL	Dominik Riley 6-4 300 PS#231
LB	Jeremy Longstreet 6-1 200 PS#219
DB	Bryan Wright 6-1 180 PS#346
WR	Curtis Echols 6-3 190 PS#297
LB	Winston Bowens 6-0 250 PS#317
DB	Malcolm Jones 6-1 210 PS#390
DB	Jon Cook 6-2 190 PS#373WR
DL	Josh Weaver 6-3 210 PS#412
K	Matt Reagan 6-1 210 PS#78
LB	Lester Lawson 6-2 244 PS#422
TE	Deven Onarheim 6-6 240 PS#169
DL	Steven Turner 6-3 240 PS#431 '05
TE	Charlie Bryant 6-6 260 PS#205
OL	Will Truitt 6-5 290 PS#562
DB	Turner West 6-3 185 PS#560

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#98

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at Mississippi	A					
Sep. 9	Chattanooga	A					
Sep. 16	at East Carolina	G					
Sep. 23							
Sep. 30	Tennessee	A					
Oct. 7	at UAB	G					
Oct. 14	Arkansas St	A					
Oct. 21	Tulsa (HC)	A					
Oct. 28	at Marshall	A					
Nov. 4	S Mississippi	A					
Nov. 11	UCF	A					
Nov. 18	Houston	A					
Nov. 25	at UTEP	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

- The Tigers are 10-21 ATS after a SU win since 2000. Memphis has been to 3 straight bowls for the 1st time in school history. The Tigers are 10-1 ATS the week after a bye since 1999.
- Memphis is 2-6 SU & ATS their last 8 road openers. The Tigers are 5-22 SU but 17-10 ATS vs the SEC the last 12 years.
- The Mocs finished 6-5 LY as Div IAA Southern Conference members. Tommy West was HC at Chattanooga in 1993 going 4-7.
- Memphis is 6-8 SU but 3-11 ATS since 1990 vs East Carolina. The Tigers are 3-7 ATS prior to a bye week since 2000.
- Memphis is 1-19 SU in this series but 6-0 ATS the last 6 vs Tennessee. The Tigers are 12-4 ATS as a home dog since 1998.
- Memphis has dropped 6 straight to UAB L6Y & average loss is by 10 ppg. The dog is 7-0 ATS the last 7 years in this series.
- Memphis is 8-0 SU & 5-3 ATS since 1997 vs current SBC members. The Tigers are 9-16 ATS as a home favorite the last 25 games.
- The home team is 1-7-1 ATS in this series since 1987. Memphis is 9-1 ATS in their 1st CUSA home game since 1996.
- UM is 1-0 SU & ATS beating Marshall 26-3 LY to become bowl eligible. Coming into 2006, the Tigers are 2-6 ATS as an away favorite the L4Y.
- UM has been outscored 307-135 the L/12 games vs SM (2-12 ATS S/'92). The Tigers are 8-18 ATS the last 26 November home games.
- Memphis is 1-1 SU & 0-1 ATS all-time vs UCF. The Tigers 21 pt loss LY to UCF was their worst defeat of the season.
- UM is on a current 3-0 SU & ATS run with the average score being 40-16. The visitor is 5-1 ATS the last 6 years in this series.
- Memphis won their only prior meeting last year, 27-20 (+3'). UTEP is the only school Memphis plays TY on the road that was in a bowl LY.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Danny Wimprine 7,041 2001-'04
Rushing: DeAngelo Williams 6,026 2002-'05 Receiving: Earnest Gray 2,126 1975-'78

TOMMY WEST (Career 63-56) (Div IAA 4-7)
6th Year at Memphis
West's SU Bowl Record: 3-4

West's records AT MEMPHIS

32-28	Straight Up	8-12	Home Favorite
25-27	Vs The Spread	5-0	Home Underdog
15-7	Off A SU Loss	3-6	Away Favorite
18-21	Vs Conference	9-9	Away Underdog
7-6	Vs Non-Conf	8-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (7-5)
RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 7 DEFENSE: 6
LETTERMEN: Returning: 57 (28,27,2) Lost: 13 (5,7,1)
2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,991
CUSA - EAST DIVISION

OLB Quinton McCrary

STADIUM: LIBERTY BOWL (62,380)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	4-7	5-6	3-9	8-4	8-3	6-5	39-40
Home	2-4	2-4	4-2	3-3	5-2	4-1	4-2	24-18
Away	3-2	2-3	1-4	0-6	3-2	4-2	2-3	15-22
ATS	7-4	4-7	5-5	5-6	5-6	5-5	5-5	36-38
Home Fav	0-2	1-1	2-2	2-2	1-4	2-1	1-3	9-15
Home Dog	2-2	2-2	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	9-4
Away Fav	1-0	1-3	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-4	0-1	5-9
Away Dog	4-0	0-1	1-3	2-3	2-2	1-0	3-1	13-10
Favorite	1-2	2-4	3-2	2-3	2-4	3-5	1-4	14-24
Dog	6-2	2-3	2-3	3-3	3-2	2-0	4-1	22-14
Grass	5-4	3-6	5-5	5-5	3-6	4-4	2-1	27-31
Artificial	2-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	1-1	3-4	9-7
vs Conf	4-2	2-5	3-4	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	24-28
vs Non-Conf	3-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-1	1-1	12-10
Off SU Win	3-1	1-3	2-3	1-2	3-5	2-4	1-4	13-22
Off SU Loss	3-3	3-3	3-1	4-4	2-1	2-1	4-0	21-13

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
DeAngelo Williams	310	2052	88	1964	18	6.3
Maurice Avery	132	664	94	570	5	4.3
Joseph Doss	85	465	25	440	2	5.2
Earnest Williams	17	111	3	108	2	6.4
Billy Barefield	23	121	22	99	0	4.3
Will Hudgens	9	15	13	2	0	0.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Maurice Avery	118	67	56.8	894	5	4
Will Hudgens	62	33	53.2	413	3	2
Billy Barefield	53	33	62.3	223	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ryan Scott	37	577	15.6	3	66
Maurice Avery	10	196	19.6	2	62
John Doucette	12	170	14.2	0	28
Maurice Jones	15	157	10.5	2	27
Carlton Robinzine	8	131	16.4	0	38
Earnest Williams	17	131	7.7	0	42
DeAngelo Williams	12	78	6.5	1	29
Antonio McCoy	8	45	5.6	0	10
Taz Knockum	4	37	9.2	0	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Michael Gibson	59	2632	44.6	5	39.2(T)	0	13
Maurice Avery	3	118	39.3	0	–	0	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Stephen Gostkowski	35-35	5-5	7-10	7-7	3-3	22-25	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tim Goodwell	102	4	7	2	1
Carlton Baker	88	5	4	0	0
Wesely Smith	82	1	1	3	1
OC Collins	55	0	1	8	2
Rod Smith	50	1	2.5	2	2
Brandon McDonald	49	0	3.5	11	3
Mike Snyder	44	1	0	3	0
Marcus West	43	3	2	1	0
Jamaal Rufus	41	0	1	7	0
LaVale Washington	36	3	0	0	0
Heath Grant	32	1	1	4	0
Jake Kasser	21	0	0	1	0
Mike Spurlock	18	1	0	0	0
Derek Clenin	17	1	0	0	1
Sam Brewer	16	0	0	1	0
Dustin Lopez	14	0	0	7	0
Brandon Patterson	13	0	0	0	2
Tyus Jackson	13	1	0	1	0
Jermaine Chambers	13	0	0	0	0
Quinton McCrary	10	1	2.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon McDonald	32	153	4.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Joseph Doss	19	423	22.3	0
DeAngelo Williams	2	33	16.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
71	Pasadena	NL	San Jose St	28-9	–
03	New Orleans	-4	North Texas	27-17	W
04	GMAC	+3	Bowling Green	35-52	L
05	Motor City	-4	Akron	38-31	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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MEMPHIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3	27.2	20	268	5.4	130	56.5	14.6	+7	2005	7	23.0	21	126	3.6	280	55.0	17.6
10*	35.8	23	203	5.1	257	55.8	12.8	0	2004	5	31.3	23	142	3.7	276	57.0	13.4
4*	30.2	22	182	4.5	263	55.3	14.7	-4	2003	8	19.2	15	110	3.0	185	47.5	15.4
9*	25.3	20	116	3.6	239	53.3	14.1	-14	2002	7	27.3	21	197	4.4	166	60.1	13.3
7*	26.7	17	137	3.6	190	55.7	12.2	+7	2001	5	25.5	21	153	3.8	230	52.6	15.0
5*	16.0	15	105	2.6	151	53.4	16.0	-6	2000	8	18.1	15	73	2.3	203	53.3	15.2

2005 STATS BY GAME

UM 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	Mississippi	16	38 - 119	3.1	16 - 29	149	2	16	36 - 55	1.5	15 - 31	207	5	-1
–	Chattanooga	32	54 - 398	7.4	17 - 23	194	0	18	43 - 227	5.3	11 - 21	105	2	+3
–	at Tulsa	20	48 - 335	7.0	9 - 24	147	0	18	47 - 197	4.2	15 - 23	234	2	-1
–	UTEP	17	51 - 252	4.9	13 - 21	122	1	30	25 - 74	3.0	23 - 53	431	3	+6
–	at UCF	14	32 - 221	6.9	14 - 23	80	1	26	57 - 261	4.6	14 - 21	290	1	-1
–	at Houston	20	56 - 315	5.6	7 - 12	112	0	19	36 - 106	2.9	26 - 45	396	1	0
–	East Carolina	20	63 - 340	5.4	10 - 14	117	1	20	16 - 46	2.9	26 - 46	297	0	0
–	UAB	18	44 - 218	5.0	16 - 22	187	0	32	37 - 217	5.9	25 - 42	334	0	-2
–	at Tennessee	17	38 - 165	4.3	13 - 30	128	2	20	37 - 126	3.4	15 - 27	215	2	+1
–	at S Mississippi	25	61 - 263	4.3	12 - 19	157	0	17	26 - 94	3.6	22 - 40	297	0	0
–	Marshall	15	54 - 243	4.5	1 - 8	-3	2	14	36 - 57	1.6	11 - 23	97	3	+3
–	† Akron	21	58 - 346	6.0	7 - 14	170	0	24	23 - 47	2.0	34 - 59	455	3	-1
TOTALS		235	597 - 3215	5.4	135 - 239	1560	9	254	419 - 1507	3.6	237 - 431	3358	22	+7
AVERAGES		19.6	50 - 268	5.4	11 - 20	130	0.8	21.2	35 - 126	3.6	20 - 36	280	1.8	0.6

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi St - #18	+18'	10-30	L
Chattanooga	NL	43-10	–
South Florida	-7'	17-9	W
at Louisville	+10'	21-38	L
S Mississippi	+8	22-17	W
at Houston	-7'	52-33	W
at East Carolina	+10	11-32	L
UAB	-1	14-17	L
at Tennessee - #6	+24	28-49	W
Army	-16	42-10	W
Cincinnati	-3'	34-36	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Murray St	NL	52-6	–
at Mississippi	+8'	16-38	L
at S Mississippi	+11'	14-33	L
Tulane	-7	38-10	W
at UAB	-8'	17-31	L
Louisville	+10'	32-38	W
Mississippi St	-2'	17-29	L
at Cincinnati	+6'	10-48	L
Houston	-5	21-26	L
at South Florida	+16'	28-31	W
Army	-14'	38-10	W
at TCU	+14'	20-27	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tennessee Tech	NL	40-10	–
Mississippi	+8	44-34	W
at S Mississippi	+5	6-23	L
Arkansas St	-16	38-16	W
UAB	-9'	10-24	L
at Mississippi St	+4	27-35	L
at Houston	+5	45-14	W
at Tulane	-4'	41-9	W
East Carolina	-17'	41-24	L
at Louisville	+6'	37-7	W
Cincinnati	-10	21-16	L
South Florida	-10	16-21	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi	+4	20-13	W
Chattanooga	NL	52-21	–
at Arkansas St	-23	47-35	L
at UAB	-2'	28-35	L
Houston	-13	41-14	W
Tulane	-23	49-24	W
at Cincinnati	-6	10-49	L
Louisville - #14	+13'	49-56	W
S Mississippi	-6	30-26	L
at East Carolina	-16'	38-35	L
at South Florida	-3'	31-15	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Mississippi	-2'	6-10	L
Chattanooga	NL	59-14	–
at Tulsa	+1'	31-37 OT	L
UTEP	+3'	27-20	W
at UCF	-1'	17-38	L
at Houston	+10'	35-20	W
East Carolina	-7'	27-24	L
UAB	-2'	20-37	L
at Tennessee	+18'	16-20	W
at S Mississippi	+7	24-22	W
Marshall	-10'	26-3	W

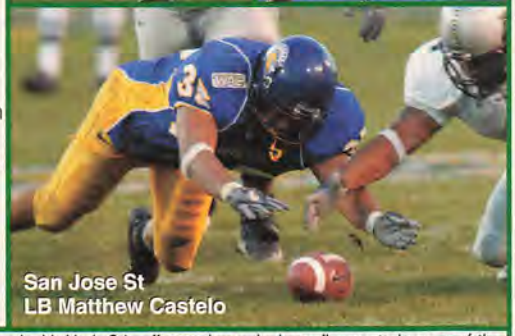
WAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 WAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Colt Brennan, Hawaii	Jeff Rowe, Nevada	Jared Zabransky, Boise St	Leon Jackson, Utah St
RB	Marcus Cross, Utah St	Brian Flowers, Idaho	Ian Johnson, Boise St	Justine Buries, New Mex St
RB	Dwayne Wright, Fresno St	Robert Hubbard, Nevada	Nate Ilaoa, Hawaii	Yonus Davis, SJSt
WR	Davone Bess, Hawaii	Jerard Rabb, Boise St	Kevin Robinson, Utah St	John Broussard, SJSt
WR	Paul Williams, Fresno St	Ryan Grice- Mullen, Hawaii	Johnathan Holland, LA Tech	Drisan James, Boise St
WR	Akieem Jolla, New Mex St	Caleb Spencer, Nevada	Jason Rivers, Hawaii	Tony Pennyman, Utah St
TE	Anthony Pudewell, Nevada	Derek Schouman, Boise St	Anthony James, LA Tech	Luke Smith-Anderson, Idaho
C	Kyle Young, Fresno St	Samson Satele, Hawaii	Jeff Cavender, Boise St	Brent DeLadurantey, Utah St
G	Cole Popovich, Fresno St	Marcus Lindsey, LA Tech	Barrett Reznick, Nevada	Jade Tadvick, Idaho
G	Ryan Wendell, Fresno St	Tad Miller, Boise St	Marcel Burrough, SJSt	Fred White, Nevada
T	Dane Uperesa, Hawaii	Chris Denman, Fresno St	Mike Martinez, New Mex St	James Paulk, Fresno St
T	Ryan Clady, Boise St	Tala Esera, Hawaii	Nate VanderPol, Idaho	Bradis McGriff, San Jose St
DL	Melila Purcell, Hawaii	Charles Wilson, Nevada	Michael Stuart, Fresno St	Jason Roberts, Fresno St
DL	Brian Soi, Utah St	EJ Reid, Utah St	Michael Lafaele, Hawaii	Jason Shirley, Fresno St
DL	Andrew Browning, Boise St	Matt Hines, Nevada	Freddy McCutcheon, SJSt	Siua Musika, Idaho
DL	Ikaika Alama-Francis, Hawaii	Tyler Clutts, Fresno St	Mike G Williams,Boise St	Jared Naylor, New Mex St
LB	Korey Hall, Boise St	Brannon Jackson, LA Tech	Jeremy Engstrom, Nevada	Devon Hall, Utah St
LB	Dwayne Andrews, Fresno St	Robert Davis, Idaho	Colt Brooks, Boise St	JJ Milan, Nevada
LB	Jake Hutton, Utah St	Ezra Butler, Nevada	Matthew Castelo, SJSt	Marcus Riley, Fresno St
LB	Solomon Elimimian, Hawaii	Josh Bousman, Idaho	Marcus Riley, Fresno St	Marquis McBeath, LA Tech
CB	Marcus McCauley, Fresno St	Orlando Scandrick, Boise St	Stanley Franks, Idaho	Christopher Vedder, SJSt
CB	Joe Garcia, Nevada	Courtney Bryan, New Mex St	AJ Martinez, Hawaii	Damon Jenkins, Fresno St
SS	Gerald Alexander, Boise St	Daniel Dykes, Idaho	Brad Kalilimoku, Hawaii	Josh Sherley, Fresno St
FS	Terrance Washington, Utah St	Marty Tadman, Boise St	Vincent Mays, Fresno St	Leonard Peters, Hawaii
K	Mike Barrow, Idaho	Clint Stitser, Fresno St	Daniel Horwedel, LA Tech	Jared Strubeck, SJSt
P	Kyle Stringer, Boise St	Mike Lingua, Fresno St	Kurt Milne, Hawaii	Waylon Prather, SJSt
KR	Tony Pennyman, Utah St	Quinton Jones, Boise St	Derek Dubois, New Mex St	Patrick Jackson, LA Tech
PR	Kevin Robinson, Utah St	Clifton Smith, Fresno St	Quinton Jones, Boise St	Princeton McCarty, Idaho

Fresno St
CB Marcus McCauley

Boise St
DT Andrew Browning


San Jose St
LB Matthew Castelo

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 WAC FORECAST

Boise St
QB Jared Zabransky

1. BOISE ST - Boise St rattled off 24 straight wins in WAC play dominating it from 2002 to 2004 outscoring their league foes by 30.7 ppg!!! Last year it appeared the king was dead as Fresno St hammered them on the road with just 2 games to go. Amazingly Fresno fell apart and Boise was able to land a share of the WAC Title, their fourth straight. They did "only" outgain WAC foes by 70.1 ypg, (3rd best) but numerous things have me calling for a big year from Boise. First of all, they are the most experienced team in the WAC (see pg 311) as they have 18 starters back and only lose 8 lettermen. They almost qualified for my Turnovers=Turnaround article. After normally being + in turnovers, they were -8. Boise also has my #2 rated offense and #1 rated defense in the WAC. They do have a new HC in Chris Peterson which is the main concern but the clincher is that they get both Fresno St and Hawaii at home on the blue turf where they are undefeated in league play. Boise not only has a shot at an undefeated WAC season but an overall one as well.

2. FRESNO ST - To me the most amazing stat is that Pat Hill, arguably the most successful coach in the WAC in his tenure, does not have a WAC championship. Last year he clearly had the best team in the conf as Fresno outgained WAC foes by 137.8 ypg, the best mark in the league. Things appeared great for Fresno when they throttled Boise at home to basically wrap up the WAC Title. Fresno never recovered, after a near upset of #1 ranked USC, dropping their last 3 games and amazingly losing a share of the title. The biggest question for Fresno this year is their new QB but Tom Brandstater should become yet another in a long line of great Fresno QB's. Fresno's 49 lettermen returning are #2 in the conf and two of my 7 sets of power ratings call Fresno the most talented team in the league. They do have a clear shot at the Title but must win on the blue turf of Boise and that has me calling them for 2nd in a much improved league.

3. HAWAII - UH has missed out on a bowl for 2 straight seasons but last year outplayed both Boise and Fresno at home, but unfortunately, came up short on the scoreboard. They finished just 4-4 in the WAC despite outgaining league foes by 79.2 ypg, the 2nd best mark in the league. UH has the most potent offense in the WAC this year and Colt Brennan should have a record setting season. Jerry Glanville took over the defense after spring practice had started last season and the unit now has a full year of his blitzing schemes under their belt. If UH had last year's schedule, I would call for them to win the WAC but having to win at both Fresno and Boise has me calling for 3rd in an improved league but also returning to the post season for the first time in 3 years.

4. NEVADA - The Wolf Pack won a share of the WAC Title last year by upsetting Fresno, having the edge of taking on the Bulldogs a week after their all-out effort vs USC. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs get a shot at them right out of the gate in Fresno. The WAC is a much improved league but Nevada is still one of the upper half teams. This is the second year of their pistol offense and they have a top-notch D but last year benefitted from +4 net close wins (see page 299) and will probably drop a few notches in the WAC standings.

5. UTAH ST - I'm impressed with Utah St's offense. Leon Jackson figures to be one of the most improved QB's in the league and has the excellent WR duo of Robinson and Pennyman to throw to. The O-line is more stable and Marcus Cross will be the #2 newcomer of the league this year. Despite the loss of some quality personnel on D, I like the two big DT's to stuff the run and the back 7 appear more than capable. Of the WAC teams that finished 2-6 last year, Utah St had the best ypg in conf games and that gives them the best upward mobility.

6. IDAHO - One of the oddest moves of the entire offseason was Coach Holt of Idaho, who under no pressure, stepped down. At first it was for an NFL asst job and then leaving that to go to USC. I felt he had a talented, quality team coming back and one that did not catch a lot of breaks last season. Idaho had a banged up O-line and QB Wichman was not able to show off his full talent under duress. This year Wichman is back playing behind a stronger O-line with a good set of receivers and the top set of RB's in the league. They should have a potent offense. The Vandals also have 7 starters back on D and will be much stronger on that side of the ball. The WAC schedule is not easy nor is the overall schedule but I think the Vandals should at least double last year's 2-win total and move well up in the WAC standings.

7. LOUISIANA TECH - LT had some good things going for it last year and actually finished 6-2 tied for 2nd in the WAC. Amazingly, despite their fine record, they were actually outgained in WAC play by 11.1 ypg. They have just 9 returning starters, tied with SJSt for fewest in the league. A couple more troubling facts is that they benefitted from +13 in turnovers (see pg 312) and have just 2 starters back on defense. LT has the talent to be the 5th or 6th best team in the league but with 8 road games overall, they may get worn down and fall into the lower half of the standings.

8. NEW MEXICO ST - The Aggies have a lot of things in their favor this year. They had a QB that did not fit the system last season and now have Chase Holbrook who had 2 years in Mumme's system at SE Louisiana and they also get the league's Newcomer of the Year in Akieem Jolla. Their offense could actually double last year's output. New Mexico St was -23 in turnovers which fit into my Turnovers=Turnaround and the Aggies will be a much improved team. The schedule is difficult but this is a team that will show the biggest improvement of any in the WAC this year and one that is even capable of moving into the upper half of the standings.

9. SAN JOSE ST - It's scary picking the Spartans down here because every team in the WAC is improved including SJSt. Dick Tomey is an outstanding coach and the team had 3 net close losses last year which means they could have easily been a 6-5 team. This year they also have 7 home games and the Spartans are the 2nd most experienced team in the league (page 311) despite the fact they have the fewest amount of returning starters (9). SJSt was outgained by 74 ypg in league play and I think Tomey will have an outstanding winning season, but in 2007.

WAC Notes: A check of my All WAC Team shows Fresno St has the most 1st Teamers (7) but surprisingly Utah St is tied with Hawaii in 2nd with (6). Fresno St has the most of the 1st two teams combined (12) while Boise has the most in 1st three teams with 16. As you would expect, last year's 3 newcomers from the SBC finished the last 3 teams in the league. Fresno was arguably the best team in the WAC last year (+137.8 ypg) but still did not win its first WAC Title under Hill. Last year the WAC had just 2 definite bowl tie ins but add another this year with the New Mexico Bowl. Last year they did land 3 bowl bids with Fresno accepting the Liberty Bowl bid and then after doing so they lost their last 3 games! The WAC was a disappointing 9-22 (29%) in non conf games and 0-16 vs BCS conference schools (only conf not to win one). They had just 5 players drafted (2nd lowest) and were 1-2 in bowl games. I expect much stronger numbers from this conference. They have 18 games vs BCS schools and should win at least 2 or 3 and I can see them landing more than their allotted 3 bowl bids.

2005 WAC vs WAC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
24	Fresno St	36.5	3	442.6	3	171.8	3	4.5	3	270.9	3	61.2	3	12.1	6	15	5	11	1
25	Hawaii	33.0	4	485.5	1	76.9	9	3.5	6	408.6	1	66.9	1	14.7	5	14	3	24	8
53	Nevada	37.1	2	446.5	2	209.3	2	4.5	2	237.3	5	60.4	4	12.0	7	15	5	19	5
54	Boise St	42.4	1	434.4	4	215.1	1	5.0	1	219.3	6	57.1	6	10.3	9	19	7	14	3
81	Louisiana Tech	32.4	5	383.3	5	164.1	4	4.0	5	219.1	7	53.9	8	11.8	8	10	1	14	3
98	Idaho	22.5	6	343.8	8	85.0	7	2.7	9	258.8	4	54.8	7	15.3	4	23	8	21	6
107	Utah St	20.9	8	329.6	9	114.1	6	2.8	8	215.5	8	62.3	2	15.8	3	14	3	23	7
109	San Jose St	21.6	7	349.1	7	148.8	5	4.1	4	200.4	9	46.9	9	16.1	2	13	2	12	2
112	New Mexico St	18.4	9	364.9	6	84.6	8	2.9	7	280.3	2	58.2	5	19.9	1	26	9	26	9

2005 WAC vs WAC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
42	Fresno St	17.9	1	304.8	1	131.1	5	3.8	6	173.6	1	55.0	2	17.0	9	14	7	25	2
62	Boise St	22.3	2	364.3	2	95.5	2	2.9	1	268.8	5	52.6	1	16.4	7	22	2	29	1
70	Louisiana Tech	24.0	3	394.4	5	123.1	3	3.7	5	271.3	6	57.5	3	16.4	8	26	1	17	5
91	Nevada	28.0	4	386.9	4	91.5	1	3.2	2	295.4	9	58.4	5	13.8	5	17	3	20	4
97	Utah St	33.8	7	384.0	3	127.0	4	3.5	4	257.0	4	61.0	7	11.4	2	12	8	17	5
102	San Jose St	30.1	5	423.5	7	132.0	6	3.3	3	291.5	8	61.6	8	14.1	6	15	6	15	7
106	Hawaii	30.5	6	406.3	6	186.8	8	4.7	8	219.5	2	58.1	4	13.3	4	16	4	21	3
112	Idaho	39.1	8	426.5	8	178.1	7	4.7	9	248.4	3	59.2	6	10.9	1	16	4	15	7
119	New Mexico St	39.1	8	489.1	9	204.5	9	4.7	7	284.6	7	62.3	9	12.5	3	11	9	5	9

Boise St
DE Mike Williams

Fresno St
RB Dwayne Wright

2005 WAC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2005	2004	2003
Nevada	7	1	297	224	9	3	410	383	+59.6	-42.7	-3.9
Boise St	7	1	339	178	9	4	469	317	+70.1	+191.3	+176.4
Louisiana Tech	6	2	259	192	7	4	316	281	-11.1	+33.5	-97.1
Fresno St	6	2	292	143	8	5	491	292	+137.0	+62.2	+48.5
Hawaii	4	4	264	244	5	7	368	428	+79.3	-67.8	+55.4
San Jose St	2	6	173	241	3	8	248	357	-74.4	-108.0	-59.5
Utah St	2	6	167	270	3	8	208	360	-54.4	-43.7	+70.1
Idaho	2	6	180	313	2	9	243	419	-82.7	-20.2	+18.5
New Mex St	0	8	147	313	0	12	198	465	-124.2	+104.5	+113.3

Coach of the Year: Chris Ault, Nevada

2004 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Boise State	8	0	401	196	11	1	587	308
UTEP	6	2	315	227	8	4	429	301
Fresno State	5	3	338	165	9	3	482	253
Louisiana Tech	5	3	260	220	6	6	308	382
Hawaii	4	4	238	324	8	5	467	499
Nevada	3	5	236	318	5	7	356	413
Tulsa	3	5	272	303	4	8	345	398
SMU	3	5	182	290	3	8	202	420
Rice	2	6	236	321	3	8	272	377
San Jose St	1	7	256	377	2	9	312	469

Coach of the Year: Mike Price, UTEP

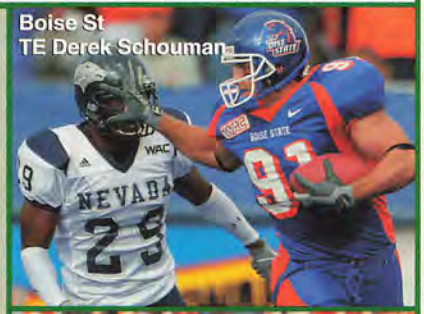
2003 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Boise St	8	0	375	143	13	1	602	239
Fresno St	6	2	203	168	9	5	322	317
Tulsa	6	2	272	193	8	5	400	361
Hawaii	5	3	242	211	9	5	486	427
Rice	5	3	292	217	5	7	343	378
Nevada	4	4	195	251	6	6	282	338
Louisiana Tech	3	5	237	275	5	7	310	394
San Jose St	2	6	217	290	3	8	259	386
UTEP	1	7	195	332	2	11	288	498
SMU	0	8	98	246	0	12	134	386

Coach of the Year: Steve Kragthorpe, Tulsa

Fresno St
RG Ryan Wendell

San Jose St
P Waylon Prather


Boise St
TE Derek Schouman

Boise St
SS Gerald Alexander

2005 WAC CONF LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Colt Brennan, Hawaii	**515**	**350**	**68.0**	**13**	**4301**	**5.4**	**35**	**155.5**
Paul Pinegar, Fresno St	416	265	63.7	15	3335	8.0	30	147.6
Jeff Rowe, Nevada	**389**	**241**	**62.0**	**10**	**2925**	**7.5**	**21**	**137.8**
Jared Zabransky, Boise St	**342**	**202**	**59.1**	**16**	**2562**	**7.5**	**18**	**130.0**
Matt Kubik, LA Tech	312	171	54.8	7	2202	7.1	18	128.6
Leon Jackson III, Utah St	**229**	**132**	**57.6**	**6**	**1547**	**6.8**	**8**	**120.7**
Steven Wichman, Idaho	**401**	**226**	**56.4**	**18**	**2746**	**6.9**	**15**	**117.2**
Royal Gill, New Mexico St	328	195	59.5	9	1930	5.9	11	114.5
Adam Tafralis, SJSt	**286**	**142**	**49.7**	**10**	**1810**	**6.3**	**11**	**108.5**
Joey Vincent, N Mexico St	**215**	**113**	**52.6**	**12**	**1219**	**5.7**	**6**	**98.2**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Ryan Grice-Mullen, Hawaii	**12**	**85**	**1228**	**12**	**14.4**	**7.08**	**102.3**
Daniel Smith, Idaho	10	67	1001	7	14.9	6.70	100.1
Davone Bess, Hawaii	**12**	**89**	**1124**	**14**	**12.6**	**7.42**	**93.7**
Caleb Spencer, Nevada	**11**	**67**	**884**	**7**	**13.2**	**6.09**	**80.4**
Tony Pennyman, Utah St	**10**	**63**	**741**	**5**	**11.8**	**6.30**	**74.1**
Paul Dombrowski, NMSt	12	78	798	2	10.2	6.50	66.5
Ross Dickerson, Hawaii	**12**	**51**	**725**	**4**	**14.2**	**4.25**	**60.4**
Kevin Robinson, Utah St	**11**	**43**	**661**	**8**	**15.4**	**3.91**	**60.1**
Nichiren Flowers, Nevada	12	55	706	2	12.8	4.58	58.8
Paul Williams, Fresno St	**13**	**43**	**729**	**7**	**17.0**	**3.31**	**56.1**
Eric Newman, LA Tech	**11**	**30**	**566**	**8**	**18.9**	**2.73**	**51.5**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Quinton Jones, Boise St	**22**	**459**	**3**	**20.9**
Adam Jennings, Fresno St	22	272	0	12.4
Kevin Robinson, Utah St	**27**	**270**	**1**	**10.0**
Kevin Stanley, Nevada	22	219	0	10.0
James Jones, San Jose St	**20**	**106**	**0**	**5.3**
Wes Williams, Idaho	**16**	**80**	**0**	**5.0**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Mike Barrow, Idaho	**11**	**43**	**1811**	**42.1**
Brad Evans, New Mexico St	12	66	2761	41.8
Kyle Stringer, Boise St	**13**	**52**	**2159**	**41.5**
Justin Bergendahl, Nevada	12	54	2229	41.3
Waylon Prather, San Jose St	**11**	**74**	**2908**	**39.3**
Chris Keagle, Louisiana Tech	**10**	**52**	**1946**	**37.4**
Justin Hamblin, Utah St	**11**	**60**	**2234**	**37.2**

FIELD GOALS

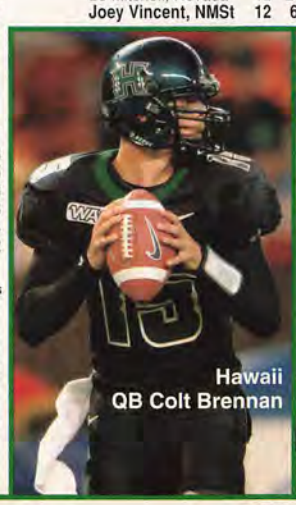
	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Mike Barrow, Idaho	**11**	**16**	**19**	**84.2**	**53**
Brett Jaekle, Nevada	**12**	**12**	**15**	**80.0**	**40**
Danny Horwedel, LA Tech	**11**	**18**	**26**	**69.2**	**46**
Dan Kelly, Hawaii	**12**	**10**	**15**	**66.7**	**46**
Jared Strubeck, San Jose St	**11**	**11**	**18**	**61.1**	**46**
Anthony Montgomery, Boise St	**13**	**6**	**10**	**60.0**	**44**
Conor Foley, New Mexico St	12	6	12	50.0	39
Justin Hamblin, Utah St	**11**	**6**	**14**	**42.9**	**50**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
BJ Mitchell, Nevada	12	261	1399	5.4	12	116.6
Wendell Mathis, Fresno St	13	248	1313	5.3	15	101.0
Justine Buries, N Mexico St	**11**	**187**	**779**	**4.2**	**5**	**70.8**
Yonus Davis, San Jose St	**10**	**95**	**638**	**6.7**	**4**	**63.8**
Mark Dillard, LA Tech	**11**	**155**	**672**	**4.3**	**8**	**61.1**
Robert Hubbard, Nevada	**12**	**122**	**719**	**5.9**	**11**	**59.9**
Lee Marks, Boise St	13	133	759	5.7	6	58.4
Nate Ilaoa, Hawaii	**12**	**85**	**643**	**7.6**	**6**	**53.6**
Ian Johnson, Boise St	**13**	**119**	**663**	**5.6**	**4**	**51.0**
Rolly Lumbala, Idaho	**11**	**128**	**472**	**3.7**	**1**	**42.9**
Bryson Sumlin, Fresno St	13	120	536	4.5	5	41.2
Patrick Jackson, LA Tech	**10**	**88**	**367**	**4.2**	**6**	**38.7**
Ryan Bohm, Utah St	**9**	**92**	**340**	**3.7**	**4**	**37.8**
Freddie Franklin, LA Tech	**10**	**91**	**448**	**5.0**	**4**	**36.7**
Leon Jackson III, Utah St	**9**	**136**	**328**	**2.4**	**1**	**36.4**
Antwaun Carter, Boise St	13	100	440	4.4	10	33.8

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Colt Brennan, Hawaii	**12**	**99**	**154**	**515**	**4301**	**4455**	**371.2**
Jeff Rowe, Nevada	**12**	**119**	**244**	**389**	**2925**	**3169**	**264.1**
Paul Pinegar, Fresno St	13	46	59	416	3335	3394	261.1
Steven Wichman, Idaho	**11**	**46**	**-199**	**401**	**2746**	**2547**	**231.5**
Jared Zabransky, Boise St	**13**	**107**	**262**	**342**	**2562**	**2824**	**217.2**
Matt Kubik, LA Tech	11	53	122	312	2202	2324	211.3
Leon Jackson III, Utah St	**9**	**136**	**328**	**229**	**1547**	**1875**	**208.3**
Royal Gill, N Mexico St	10	41	-157	328	1934	1773	177.3
Adam Tafralis, SJSt	**11**	**47**	**104**	**286**	**1810**	**1910**	**174.0**
BJ Mitchell, Nevada	12	261	1399	0	0	1399	116.6
Joey Vincent, NMSt	**12**	**60**	**166**	**215**	**1219**	**1385**	**115.4**


Hawaii
QB Colt Brennan

Boise St
WR Jerard Rabb

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Tony Pennyman, Utah St	**23**	**675**	**2**	**29.4**
Adam Jennings, Fresno St	20	580	0	29.0
Lee Marks, Boise St	17	474	1	27.9
Patrick Jackson, LA Tech	**17**	**471**	**0**	**27.7**
Trestin George, San Jose St	16	436	1	27.3
Quinton Jones, Boise St	**30**	**741**	**0**	**24.7**
Wes Williams, Idaho	**11**	**260**	**0**	**23.6**
Kevin Robinson, Utah St	**23**	**498**	**0**	**21.7**
Andre Taylor, Hawaii	**28**	**600**	**0**	**21.4**
Weldon Brown, Louisiana Tech	**18**	**362**	**0**	**20.1**
Antwaun Sherman, Idaho	19	367	0	19.3
DeAngelo Ramsey, Idaho	**16**	**303**	**0**	**18.9**
John Broussard, San Jose St	**24**	**449**	**0**	**18.0**

TFL

	NO	YDS
John Chick, Utah St	20	107
Justin James, SJSt	21	78
Cole Snyder, Idaho	19	69
Ezra Butler, Nevada	**19**	**64**
Kila Kamakawiwo'Ole, UH	14	78
Colt Brooks, Boise St	**14**	**75**
Tyler Clutts, Fresno St	**13**	**55**
Garrett McIntyre, FS	13	55
Josh Bousman, Idaho	**11**	**48**
Eric Wilson, SJSt	9	52

SACKS

	NO	YDS
John Chick, Utah St	13	89
Justin James, SJSt	9	59
Kila Kamakawiwo'Ole, UH	8	62
Tyler Clutts, Fresno St	**8**	**45**
Colt Brooks, Boise St	**7**	**50**
Garrett McIntyre, FS	7	44
Ezra Butler, Nevada	**7**	**37**
Roosevelt Cooks, Nevada	6	46
Josh Bousman, Idaho	**5**	**39**
Cole Snyder, Idaho	5	26

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Jimmy Cottrell, N Mexico St	12	85	94	179	14.9
Cole Snyder, Idaho	11	87	52	139	12.6
Matt Griebel, New Mexico St	12	66	49	149	12.4
Ezekiel Staples, San Jose St	11	43	72	115	10.5
Barry Robertson, LA Tech	11	55	48	103	9.4
Eric Wilson, San Jose St	9	50	28	78	8.7
Matt Castelo, San Jose St	**11**	**44**	**47**	**91**	**8.3**
Roosevelt Cooks, Nevada	12	46	52	98	8.2
Korey Hall, Boise St	**13**	**51**	**55**	**106**	**8.2**
Jake Hutton, Utah St	**11**	**40**	**47**	**87**	**7.9**
Marty Tadman, Boise St	**13**	**48**	**53**	**101**	**7.8**
Matt Wiser, Utah St	11	42	43	85	7.7
Chris Barrios, Boise St	13	45	52	97	7.5
Byron Santiago, LA Tech	11	49	30	79	7.2
Soloman Elimimian, Hawaii	**12**	**56**	**27**	**83**	**6.9**

PHIL'S WAC UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Fresno St	7	2	4	1	3	3	3	1	1
Hawaii	1	3	1	4	2	7	4	7	3
San Jose St	9	5	9	3	7	8	9	6	2
Nevada	2	6	6	6	4	1	2	9	3
New Mexico St	6	9	2	8	6	9	6	8	7
Utah St	4	3	5	8	5	6	7	2	8
Boise St	3	7	3	2	1	2	1	3	8
Idaho	5	1	7	7	7	5	4	5	5
Louisiana Tech	7	7	7	5	7	4	8	4	6

BOISE ST BRONCOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Chris Petersen did a tremendous job developing QB's here as the OC. In 2001 Boise had to replace Bart Hendricks who shattered 10 school records and was the Offensive MVP of the Big West in each of his final 2 years. He threw for 3,611 with a 36-9 ratio in his senior year leading the nation in pass efficiency. Ryan Dinwiddie (PS#104) did not possess Hendricks' mobility but threw for 3,043 (62.4%) with a 29-11 ratio and was #4 in the NCAA in pass efficiency. Dinwiddie broke his ankle in the 2nd game of 2002 and backup BJ Rhodes saved the team's season throwing for 1,444 (62.4%) with an 11-5 ratio. Dinwiddie returned and finished with 2,283 (65.4%) and a 20-3 ratio (#1 pass eff). Legedu Naanee (PS#98) was the Offensive Scout Team MVP. Dinwiddie missed 2003's spring (susp) so Mike Sanford, Naanee and Jared Zabransky saw plenty of action. During the season the backup QB takes 40% of the snaps in practice. Dinwiddie threw for 4,356 (62%) in 2003's with a 31-7 ratio and set the NCAA record for career pass efficiency previously held by Florida's Danny Wuerffel ('93-'96). Sanford, Naanee and Zabransky battled all spring and August of 2004. Zabransky won the starting spot and was 12th in the NCAA in pass efficiency, one of 13 semifinalists for the Davey O'Brien Award and his 85 yard TD run vs Hawaii set a school record. Zabransky turned the ball over more than Boise QB's normally do (16-12 ratio) throwing for 2,927 (63.0%) with 570 rush. Naanee moved to WR. In 2005 Taylor Tharp beat out rFr Bush Hamdan (PS#182) for the backup job. Zabransky was benched twice (UGA and Idaho). He had 11 TO's in the first 3.5 games and saw his pass yardage drop to 2,562 (59.1%) with just a 18-16 ratio (462 rush). Tharp played in 8 throwing for 271 (56.8%) with a 1-2 ratio and led the team to a blowout win over Idaho. Hamdan played in 5 (8 passes). All 3 return and Zabransky, who was a Heisman contender heading into last season, should have a much better year.

RUNNING BACKS - Brock Forsey led this team in rushing for 3 straight years including a school record 1,611 yards (5.5) with 26 TD's in 2002 and was the WAC's Off POY and an NFL DC. David Mikell was more of a speed back and had 1,142 (4.7) in 2003. In 2004 Lee Marks rushed for 968 (5.1). Excluding QB Zabransky, JUCO Antwaun Carter was #3 with 278 (3.7) and Quinton Jones was #4 with 273 (outstanding 9.1). Jeff Carpenter, the team's projected starter, had 286 (4.6). Jon Helmandollar added just 231 (5.0) but was the team's goal line threat with 14 TD's (schl rec 5 vs LT). Last year Helmandollar was lost over the summer and four backs split the carries so the team did not have a 100 yard rusher until the NMSt game (9th). Lee Marks had 7 starts and led with 759 (5.7) and rFr Ian Johnson (PS#181) led the team in rushing 7 times and finished with 663 (5.6) while Carter rushed for 440 (4.4) and Carpenter added 306 (6.0) and was the #4 receiver with 300 yards (10.0). This year they must replace Marks, Carpenter and Carter. Not listed below are Andy Silsby (5-11 190 rFr, PS#423DL) and Max Davis (5-10 173 rFr). With the loss of 3 of their top 4 rushers, this group figures to be down a few notches.

CB Quinton Jones

RECEIVERS - Boise St had a streak of four straight years in which they produced a 1st or 2nd Tm All Conf TE but have not had one the last four as starter Derek Schouman had just 17 rec (10.4) in '05. Last year they had to replace their #1 and #3 WR's with Drisan James (40 rec, 14.2) the leading returnee and no other WR had more than 13. PS#22JC Jerard Rabb (6'2") lived up to his VHT status. He started 11 games and led with 38 (15.1) despite being banged up and having just 5 rec in a 3 game stretch. James had 8 starts and 34 (15.2). Converted QB Legedu Naanee had some big time plays and in 8 starts had 34 (14.2) while Oregon St transfer Cole Clasen had 20 (14.9). This year they must replace Clasen (2 st) and WR Jason Murray (10, 11.4). Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE Chris O'Neill (6-3 221 So, PS#131) and WR's Nick Harris (5-11 168 So), Toshi Franklin (6-1 165 So), Jovan Hutchinson (5-11 186 Sr), Tanyon Bissell (5-10 179 So) and Steven Tracey (5-10 175 rFr). This is the most experienced receiving corps Boise has had in years.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Three times in the last five years Boise has had to replace 3 starters on the O-line and still opened holes for 4.1, 4.8 and 4.6 ypc rushing. Surprisingly with 3 starters back in 2003, they only avg'd 3.7 ypc. Last year they had 3 starters back and opened holes for 4.7 ypc rush while allowing just 19 sacks (4.9%). This year they lose outstanding LT Daryn Colledge (#2DC GB, 13 st, 1st Tm WAC 2Y, 4 yr st'r) but return 9 of the top 10 making this their most experienced O-line since 1999. It's one of the WAC's best and has twin brothers Jeff and Pete Cavender manning the middle.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Boise always has a tough run defense despite having inexperienced defensive fronts most of the decade. Last year they had 3 starters back up front and seven of the top 8 and allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing while the D recorded 38 sacks. This year they lose DT Alex Guerrero (13 st, 31 tkl, 4 sk, 1st Tm WAC) but once again return 7 of the top 8 making them even more experienced. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Sean Bingham (6-3 244 So), Phillip Edwards (6-4 266 So), Ian Smart (6-3 277 Jr) and Steven Wulff (6-2 225 rFr).

LINEBACKERS - The Broncos' LB corps has returned exactly two starters in each of the last three years. Last year they had to replace their leading tackler but Korey Hall had just one less tackle. Both he and former walk-on, starting SLB Colt Brooks returned. The new starting LB was Chris Barrios who had 13 starts and was #3 with 97 tackles in 2005. This year they lose Barrios and 3rd string Ben Chuckovich (1 tkl). Five of the top 6 are back and not listed in the 3 deep below are Zac McNally (6-0 220 rFr) and Bryan Anderson (6-1 217 Jr). This unit is even more experienced than 2005.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Boise finished #8 in my pass D rankings in 2002, #6 in '03 and #15 in '04. Last year they had to replace their top cover CB (1st Tm WAC) and two other players with 6 starts a piece. Starting FS Cam Hall only got in two starts due to off field problems. The inexperienced secondary dropped to #52 allowing 31 TD's and 261.8 ypg. This year the only losses are FS Hall (23 tkl), CB Robby Jones (8 tkl) and CB Rashaad Richards (19 tkl). Richards played more at the end of the year in place of Orlando Scandrick. Still this unit has four starters back and 7 players with starting experience and should move back up to their normal spot near the top of the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit has, indeed, been special the last seven years with rankings of #32, #23, #28, #28, #2, #4 and #19. Boise has blocked 22 punts in that span. Last year they lost Groza finalist Tyler Jones (24 of 27 FG's) but returned P Kyle Stringer (37.3 net). Stringer was a Ray Guy nominee and had a 36.1 net in '05. JUCO Anthony Montgomery hit just 6 of 10 FG's with a long of 44 and had a miss from 50+ but only made one from 40+. Stringer had 8 TB's on 81 KO's, a dropoff from Tyler Jones' 36 TB's. OT Daryn Colledge blocked two kicks vs Hawaii which CB Scandrick ret'd for a TD and a PAT. PR Austin Smith (12.2 in '04) avg just 4.8 and Quinton Jones (4.4 spd) returned 3 punts for TD's including a 92 yarder and avg'd a super 20.9 on 22 returns. Jones was the top KR in 2004 (21.0) and improved that to 24.7 with Lee Marks adding a super 27.9 on 17 KR's including a 92 yd TD. With everyone back except for Marks, this looks like one of the best ST units in the country.

COACHES - When Dirk Koetter left for Ariz St, asst Dan Hawkins took over and did a fine job as in his 5 years he went 53-11, achieving the school's highest finish ever in the AP poll in 3 consecutive years and was WAC Coach of the Year twice. He has left for Colorado and the new HC is Chris Petersen who hopes for similar success. He was BSU's OC the past 5 years and was a Broyles finalist 2 of the last 4 years. His offenses, in one 3 year stretch avg'd 45.6, 43.0 and 48.9 ppg. The new OC is Bryan Harsin who is in his sixth season as a member of the Bronco staff (TE coach) and played here from '95-'99. The DC is Justin Wilcox who served as the Cal LB coach from '03-'05. He spent 2001-'02 here as a defensive graduate asst. Brent Pease, who was Baylor's OC the last 3 years, is the WR coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Boise St dominated the WAC from 2002-2004 with a perfect 24-0 record in league play and outscored their foes by ridiculous margins. In 2002 they outgained WAC foes by 208.4 ypg, outscoring them by 37.4 ppg. In 2003, despite having the fewest amount of returning starters (10) in the league and facing both Fresno and Hawaii on the road, they went 8-0 outgaining WAC foes by 176.4 ypg, outscoring them by 29 ppg. In 2004, they had just 10 starters back and had to replace their outstanding QB but outgained WAC foes by 191.3 ypg and outscored them by 25.6 ppg. The Broncos climbed to their highest AP ranking ever at #12 and they came into last season 36-3 over the previous 3 years. Last year they had the fewest amount of lettermen lost in the league (13) so big things were expected and for the first time in history Boise was ranked in the preseason coaches' poll at #18. Not bad for a school that was a JUCO until 1968 and last year was just their 10th year of IA ball. Boise St had a couple of incredible streaks end last year as they had won 31 straight WAC games until they were knocked off by Fresno (27-7) and saw their home win streak end at 31 straight in their loss to BC in the bowl game. Boise dropped their first two games, both on the road vs BCS schools (UGA and Oreg St) and 3 of their 4 losses came to ranked teams. Despite the loss to Fresno, they still won a share of the WAC Title at 7-1 and have an amazing record of 37-3 in WAC play. Boise was the first team to win 4 straight WAC Titles since BYU (1989-1993). Boise outgained league foes by +70.1 which was #3 (behind Hawaii and Fresno). The last time they were -8 in turnovers for a season, they rebounded with a 12-1 (2002) season and they were -8 in turnovers last year. From 2002 to 2004 the Broncos averaged 45.9 ppg on offense. Last year, with 7 starters back including their QB, they only avg'd 36.1 ppg. This season, with 9 starters back, they should once again top 40 ppg. The Broncos always have a tough D and this year return 9 starters (most since 1999) and should be one of the WAC's top D's. The most starters Boise has returned since joining the WAC has been 14 but this year they return 18. Boise has the talent and the schedule to run the table in the WAC and grab their fifth straight title as they get the toughest two WAC foes (Fresno and Hawaii) at home. The big question is if Petersen can step in and be as successful as Hawkins was. This team is capable of running the table in the WAC, and going undefeated on the season as well.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 5 JARED ZABRANSKY SR. 6-2 203 **2nd Tm WAC 2Y**. 25 st, 3Y, 5669 pass (60.5%). 35-29 ratio, 1137 rush. **10** Taylor Tharp (6-2 205 Jr) PS#235. 283 ttl yds last year.

RB 41 Ian Johnson So. 5-11 193 PS#181. 1 st, 663 (5.6) rFr. **33 Jon Helmandollar** (5-11 227 Jr) 2 st, 231 (5.0) **14 TD** '04. Pers issue LY, not on tm. **35** Brett Denton (5-9 197 Sr).

FB 34 BRAD LAU SR. 5-11 255 14 st FB 3Y, 152 ttl yd. 420 bench. Michael Lose (5-10 228 Jr). **TE 86 Sherm Blaser** (6-3 240 Sr) PS#104TE. 2 st, 9 rec 3Y. Richie Brockel (6-2 230) PS#71.

WR 11 DRISAN JAMES SR. 5-11 184 4 st, 40 (14.2) '04. 8 st, **2nd Tm WAC** LY, 34 (15.2). **19 Vinny Perretta** (5-9 193 So) 3 st, 12 (14.1) rFr. **85 Jeremy Childs** (6-0 170 rFr) **PS#39**.

WR 1 JERARD RABB SR. 6-2 198 **PS#22JC**. 11 st, 38 (15.1). **4 Legedu Naanee** (6-2 230 Sr) 320 bench, 37" VL. Ex-QB. 8 st, 34 (14.2) LY. **84** Aiona Key (6-4 205 rFr) PS#104.

TE 91 DEREK SCHOUMAN SR. 6-2 211 PS#98. 17 st 3Y, 49 rec (15.0). **39** Ryan Putnam (6-2 253 Jr) 4 st 2Y, 4 rec. **49** Jared Hunter (6-4 225 Sr). **45** Jovan Hutchinson (5-11 186 Sr).

C 54 JEFF CAVENDER JR. 6-2 287 PS#301. 12 st RT rFr. 13 st at C LY. **69** Jadon Dailey (5-11 288 Sr) PS#260JC. 5 gm LY. **50** Joe Wiegand (6-1 286 Sr) 8 gm '04. 1 gm LY.

RG 64 PETE CAVENDER JR. 6-2 289 **PS#128DL**. 3 st RG rFr. 10 st RG LY. **67** Andrew Woodruff (6-3 324 So) Canadian. 3 st RG rFr. BS rec hang clean (465). Kevin Sapien PS#483.

LG 66 TAD MILLER JR. 6-4 303 PS#408. 12 st LG rFr. 13 st LG LY. **61** Jeff Biedermann (6-3 286 Jr) 2 tkl true. 410 bench. **65** Cameron Filkins (6-4 318 rFr) PS#170DL.

RT 71 Ryan Keating Sr. 6-4 317 PS#77TE. 2nd string rFr. 10 gm '04. 2 st RT LY. **77** Ben Iannacchione (6-3 280 rFr) PS#224DL. **W Virginia. 78** Paul Lucariello (6-4 250 rFr).

LT 79 RYAN CLADY SO. 6-6 312 PS#587. 11 st RT rFr, missed 2 (inj). **70** Tony Volponi (6-4 299 Sr) 2nd string 3 years. **76** Jon Gott (6-3 287 So) is PS#352. Canadian.

K 47 ANTHONY MONTGOMERY SR. 6-1 215 PS#261JC. Hit 6 of 10 FG here LY, long 44, 61-62 xp's. David Lowery PS#70. 11 of 17 FG's HS last year. **14** Chris Chalmers (5-11 175 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 97 NICK SCHLEKEWAY JR. 6-4 261 PS#386. 15 tkl, 1.5 tfl true. 12 st LY, 33 tkl, 1.5 sk. **74** Mike Dominguez (6-2 251 Sr) 36 tkl, 7 sk, 2 st, 3Y. **93** Mike T. Williams (6-4 240 So).

DT 57 ANDREW BROWNING SR. 6-0 278 31 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 12 st, 31 tkl, 5 tfl '04. **2nd Tm WAC** '05, 3.5 tfl. **75** Dan Gore (6-5 281 Jr) PS#238OL. 6 tkl 2Y. **98** Erik Brunken (6-2 255 Jr).

DT 58 Tim Volk Sr. 6-2 260 **PS#41DL. Arizona** trans. 1 st, 19 tkl, 2Y. **60** Joe Bozikovich (6-1 283 So) PS#105DL. Out '05 inj. Sione Tavake (6-1 270 Jr) PS#166JC in '04.

DE 96 MIKE G. WILLIAMS SR. 6-3 244 PS#180. 30 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. 10 st, 40 tkl, 4.5 tfl '04. 12 st, 24 tkl, 3 sk LY. **92** Dennis Ellis (6-3 270 Sr) **PS#61JC**. 11 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **91** Branden Rule (6-7 221 rFr).

WLB 56 Josh Bean Jr. 6-2 229 PS#401. 27 tkl, 1 tfl, 2Y. **44** Kyle Gingg (5-11 209 So) PS#177DB. 1 st, 9 tkl LY. Garrett Tuggle (6-1 225 Jr) PS#358JC. Ben Chandler PS#128.

MLB 25 KOREY HALL SR. 6-1 228 92 tkl, 7.5 tfl rFr. 12 st, #2 tkl w/85, 4 sk '04. **1st Tm WAC 2Y**. 13 st LY, 106 tkl, 5 tfl. **43** David Shields (6-1 217 So) 9 tkl LY. **51** Dallas Dobbs (6-2 220 So).

SLB 31 COLT BROOKS SR. 6-1 208 10 tkl rFr. 11 st '04, 40 tkl, 2.5 sk. 12 st LY, 80 tkl, 6 sk. **13** Mike Altieri (5-11 211 Jr) PS#193QB. 11 tkl LY. **24** Tim Brady (6-1 200 rFr) Scout Tm MVP.

CB 16 ORLANDO SCANDRICK SO. 5-11 175 11 st true, 50 tkl, **11 pbu**, 1 int. **32** Chad McKibben (5-10 182 Sr) 17 tkl 3Y. **6** Rashaun Scott (5-10 186 Jr) 20 tkl 2Y. 345 bench.

CB 37 AUSTIN SMITH JR. 5-9 170 4 st ROV, 36 tkl rFr. 13 st at CB LY, 51 tkl, 5 pbu. **23** Quinton Jones (5-9 186 Sr) 1200 ret yds LY, 3 pbu. **7** Kyle Wilson (5-10 180 rFr) PS#169.

SS 2 GERALD ALEXANDER SR. 6-0 197 20 tkl rFr. 12 st CB '04, 53 tkl, 5 int. 13 st LY, 50 tkl, **13 pbu**. **29** Ashlei Nyong-Dunham (5-10 201 Jr) 3 st, 22 tkl, 2Y. **26** Ia Falo (5-7 159 Jr) 13 tkl LY.

FS 20 MARTY TADMAN JR. 5-11 176 PS#71. 14 tkl true. 13 st LY, **#2 tkl'r w/101**, 5 int, 7 pbu, **2nd Tm WAC**. **18** Ellis Powers (5-10 201 So) 19 tkl, 2 sk LY. **7** Jon Barry Van Hoogen PS#386QB.

P 42 KYLE STRINGER SR. 5-8 190 60 punts true, 40.2 avg. 38 punts, 43.9 avg, **net 37.3 '04. 2nd Tm WAC** LY, 52 punts, 41.5 avg, net 36.1. Kyle Brotzman (5-10 172 Fr) in for spg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Sione Tavake 6-1 270 PS#166JC '04
QB	Michael Coughlin 6-5 215 PS#75
LB	Ben Chandler 6-3 220 PS#128
LB	Garrett Tuggle 6-1 225 PS#358JC
OL	Nate Potter 6-6 265 PS#248
TE	Kyle Efaw 6-4 200 PS#104
DL	Will Lawrence 6-2 260 PS#306
LB	Derrell Acrey 6-2 235 PS#332
WR	Xavier Lucas 6-4 200 PS#327
DL	Kapono Rawlins-Crivello 6-1 240 PS#349
TE	Tommy Gallarda 6-6 220 PS#135
K	David Lowery 6-0 185 PS#70
RB	Taryn Sanders 5-9 201 PS#391LB
DB	Cedric Febis 6-3 188 PS#473
OL	Kevin Sapien 6-4 260 PS#483
WR	Jason Robinson 6-0 185 PS#410
RB	Jarvis Hodge 5-9 193 PS#445
DL	Ryan Winterswyk 6-3 230 PS#285DB
DB	Jeron Johnson 5-11 190 PS#560
DB	Keith McGowen 5-10 165 PS#560
K	Kyle Brotzman 5-10 172 PS#102
LB	Brandon Hupperl 6-1 206 PS#485
RB	Kyle Pick 5-11 196 PS#515

BOISE ST BRONCOS

Boise, Idaho
Weather (208) 342-6569

Phil's Homefield Edge-6
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#109

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	Sacramento St (Thur)	A					
Sep. 7	Oregon St (Thur)	A					
Sep. 16	at Wyoming	A					
Sep. 23	Hawaii	A					
Sep. 30	at Utah	A					
Oct. 7	Louisiana Tech	A					
Oct. 15	at New Mex St (Sun)	G					
Oct. 21	at Idaho	A					
Oct. 28							
Nov. 1	Fresno St (Wed)	A					
Nov. 11	at San Jose St	G					
Nov. 18	Utah St	A					
Nov. 25	at Nevada	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Chris Peterson is the 9th HC in the 38 year history of Bronco football.
BSU has won 30 straight reg ssn HG's & are 19-9 ATS in that span.
The Broncos are 15-4-1 ATS since 1997 after a SU loss.

The Hornets finished 2-9 SU LY as IAA Big Sky Conference members.
Boise St is a former Big Sky conf member with 7 league titles between '73 & '94.

The Broncos all-time are 43-27 ATS (61%) after a SU victory.
Boise St is 1-10 SU & 2-6-1 ATS vs Pac 10 opponents all-time.

Broncos are 12-5 SU & 6-2 ATS in reg ssn gms vs current MWC members.
Could apply: Boise St is 12-6 ATS last 4 years as an away favorite.

BSU is 37-3 SU & 27-13 ATS in WAC play since 2001.
Boise St & Hawaii have avg'd 80 ppg the L4Y w/the avg score B-54 H-26.

BSU has won & covered as DD dogs in their 2 gms as IA programs vs Utah.
Could apply: The Broncos are 0-5 SU & 1-3-1 ATS as away dogs the L4Y.

BSU is 2-4 ATS S/'98 vs LT but the Broncos have won & covered L2 yrs.
This series began as Div II members in the 1973 "Pioneer Bowl" (playoff gm).

Broncos are 7-1 SU but 3-5 ATS the last 2 yrs in WAC road games.
Boise St is 6-0 SU & 5-1 ATS all-time vs New Mexico State.

LY's 70 pts scored vs the Vandals was BSU highest ttl in this instate series (3rd BSU history).
Boise St is 7-0 SU & 6-1 ATS before a bye since 1998.

Favorite is 5-1 ATS since 1996 in this series.
The Broncos are 24-5 SU & 22-6 ATS in November since 1997.

BSU was down 7-0 early & only led by 10 pts before a TD w/6:46 left sealed LY's gm.
In their 5 conference meetings these tms have combined to avg 74 ppg.

BSU is 7-1 SU & 6-2 ATS the last 8 home finales.
In their 8 most recent gms (all after '95) these schools have avg'd 66 ppg combined.

This series started in 1971 as Div II opp's & BSU leads all-time 20-12 SU.
The Broncos are 6-0 SU & ATS vs the Wolf Pack the last 7 years.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Ryan Dinwiddie 9,819 2000-'03
Rushing: Cedric Minter 4,475 1977-'80 Receiving: Ryan Ikebe 2,751 1993-'96

CHRIS PETERSON (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Boise St

Peterson's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Peterson's records AT BOISE ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-0	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (23,24,2)
Lost: 8 (5,3,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,048

WAC

LT Ryan Clady

STADIUM: BRONCO STADIUM (30,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Blue AstroTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	9-2	8-4	11-1	12-1	11-0	9-3	69-14
Home	7-0	5-0	5-1	6-0	6-0	7-0	6-0	42-1
Away	2-3	4-2	3-3	5-1	6-1	4-0	3-3	27-13
ATS	7-3	7-2	7-4-1	9-3	7-5	6-5	6-4-1	49-26-2
Home Fav	2-0	3-0	4-1	4-2	2-3	5-2	4-1	24-9
Home Dog	3-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1
Away Fav	0-2	3-2	1-2	5-0	4-2	1-3	2-1	16-12
Away Dog	2-1	1-0	2-0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2-1	6-4-2
Favorite	2-2	6-2	5-3	9-2	6-5	6-5	6-2	40-21
Dog	5-1	1-0	2-1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2-1	9-5-2
Grass	1-1	3-1	1-1-1	2-1	2-1	0-1	1-2	10-8-1
Artificial	6-2	4-1	6-3	7-2	5-4	6-4	5-2-1	39-18-1
vs Conf	5-1	4-1	6-2	7-1	5-3	4-4	5-3	36-15
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-1	1-2-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	1-1-1	13-11-2
Off SU Win	5-2	5-2	4-3	8-2	7-4	5-5	4-3	38-21
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-0	3-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	2-0-1	9-2-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lee Marks	133	805	46	759	6	5.7
Ian Johnson	119	678	15	663	4	5.6
Antwaun Carter	100	456	16	440	10	4.4
Jeff Carpenter	51	326	20	306	4	6.0
Jared Zabransky	107	462	200	262	11	2.4
Drisan James	7	70	0	70	0	10.0
Quinton Jones	3	53	5	48	1	16.0
Taylor Tharp	4	12	11	1	0	0.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jared Zabransky	342	202	59.1	2562	18	16
Taylor Tharp	37	21	56.8	271	1	2
Bush Hamdan	8	3	37.5	59	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jerard Rabb	38	572	15.1	5	38	
Drisan James	34	518	15.2	2	55	
Legedu Naanee	34	483	14.2	6	46	
Jeff Carpenter	30	300	10.0	1	30	
Cole Clasen	20	297	14.9	1	35	
Derek Schouman	17	177	10.4	1	33	
Vinny Perretta	12	169	14.1	0	35	
Jason Murray	10	114	11.4	0	32	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Stringer	52	2159	41.5	10	36.1	0	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Anthony Montgomery	61-62	2-3	3-4	1-2	0-1	6-10	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Korey Hall	106	1.5	3.5	3	2
Marty Tadman	101	1	1	7	5
Chris Barrios	97	4.5	4	4	1
Colt Brooks	80	6	5	2	1
Austin Smith	51	1.5	2.5	5	0
Orlando Scandrick	50	1	2	11	1
Gerald Alexander	50	0	2	13	1
Andrew Browning	35	1	2.5	0	0
Nick Schlekeway	33	1.5	0.5	1	0
Alex Guerrero	31	4	5	0	0
Mike G Williams	24	3	1	1	0
Cam Hall	23	1	2	3	0
Ellis Powers	19	2	1	0	0
Rashaad Richards	19	0	0	3	1
Josh Bean	18	0	1	0	0
Quinton Jones	16	0	0	3	0
Ashlei Nyong-Dunham	13	0	2	2	2
Ia Falo	13	0	0	0	0
Dennis Ellis	11	1.5	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Quinton Jones	22	459	20.9	3
Austin Smith	13	62	4.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Quinton Jones	30	741	24.7	0
Lee Marks	17	474	27.9	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
00	Humanitarian	-9	UTEP	38-23	W
02	Humanitarian	-12	Iowa St	34-16	W
03	Fort Worth	-11	TCU	34-31	L
04	Liberty	+10'	Louisville	40-44	W
05	MPC Computers	+2'	Boston College	21-27	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Boise St's All-Time SU Bowl Record 4-2

BOISE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	36.1	22	202	4.7	222	57.9	11.8	-8	2005	7	24.4	19	108	3.3	262	54.8	15.2
4	48.9	26	230	4.6	263	62.3	10.1	+10	2004	6	25.7	17	104	3.3	254	53.2	13.9
3*	43.0	23	150	3.7	336	60.3	11.3	+10	2003	7	17.1	18	101	3.2	248	49.2	20.4
7*	45.6	24	209	4.8	293	64.4	11.0	+8	2002	7	18.5	19	109	3.4	231	51.7	18.5
7	34.3	23	169	4.1	275	60.5	13.0	-8	2001	3	23.3	19	118	3.3	252	56.6	15.8
7*	44.3	23	175	4.5	316	60.4	11.1	+10	2000	5	22.8	19	137	3.6	226	50.6	15.9

2005 STATS BY GAME

BSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
#18	at Georgia	17	35 - 169	4.8	13 - 25	123	0	22	33 - 180	5.5	22 - 33	394	0	-5
–	at Oregon St	21	44 - 149	3.4	19 - 36	233	1	21	30 - 83	2.8	27 - 38	279	4	0
–	Bowling Green	34	64 - 337	5.3	17 - 26	209	1	13	21 - 84	4.0	18 - 36	220	1	-2
–	at Hawaii	23	48 - 223	4.6	18 - 33	207	4	25	22 - 114	5.2	30 - 55	442	2	-2
–	Portland St	27	49 - 213	4.3	21 - 29	256	0	12	27 - 165	6.1	16 - 30	104	0	-2
–	San Jose St	21	49 - 229	4.7	20 - 29	249	1	15	31 - 54	1.7	17 - 34	217	4	+1
–	at Utah St	22	34 - 84	2.5	27 - 40	351	0	19	39 - 84	2.2	17 - 31	211	6	+1
–	Nevada	23	42 - 264	6.3	15 - 24	196	1	25	46 - 117	2.5	23 - 42	321	6	+2
–	New Mexico St	31	58 - 303	5.2	19 - 33	221	0	10	28 - 61	2.2	14 - 38	115	5	+2
–	at Fresno St	13	22 - 104	4.7	15 - 32	190	3	24	46 - 206	4.5	22 - 37	307	2	-2
–	Idaho	19	34 - 254	7.5	9 - 25	203	3	24	30 - 72	2.4	34 - 62	357	3	0
–	at Louisiana Tech	23	54 - 260	4.8	10 - 17	137	2	17	25 - 56	2.2	17 - 32	180	3	+1
–	† Boston College	17	27 - 43	1.6	23 - 41	317	3	20	43 - 127	3.0	19 - 36	256	2	-2
TOTALS		291	560 - 2632	4.7	226 - 390	2892	19	247	421 - 1403	3.3	276 - 504	3403	38	-8
AVERAGES		22.4	43 - 202	4.7	17 - 30	222	1.5	19.0	32 - 108	3.3	21 - 39	262	2.9	-0.6

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at South Carolina - #21	+19	13-32	T
Washington St	+5	20-41	L
UTEP	-5'	42-17	W
at Idaho	-11'	45-13	W
at Rice	-4'	14-45	L
Tulsa	-12'	41-10	W
at Fresno St - #8	+16	35-30	W
Nevada	-22	49-7	W
at Louisiana Tech	-1'	42-48	L
at Hawaii	+4	28-21	W
San Jose St	-15	56-6	W
C Michigan	-24	26-10	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-23	38-21	L
at Arkansas	+7'	14-41	L
at Wyoming	-6	35-13	W
Utah St	-19	63-38	W
Hawaii	-4	58-31	W
at Tulsa	-26	52-24	W
Fresno St	-7	67-21	W
at San Jose St	-16'	45-8	W
at UTEP	-32'	58-3	W
Rice	-27'	49-7	W
Louisiana Tech	-28	36-10	L
at Nevada	-18'	44-7	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho St	NL	62-0	–
at Idaho	-23	24-10	L
at Oregon St	+5'	24-26	W
Wyoming	-23	33-17	L
at Louisiana Tech	-8	43-37	L
Tulsa	-22'	27-20	L
at SMU	-24	45-3	W
San Jose St	-27	77-14	W
at BYU	-8'	50-12	W
UTEP	-40'	51-21	L
at Fresno St	-8	31-17	W
Nevada	-22	56-3	W
at Hawaii	-11	45-28	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Idaho	-31'	65-7	W
Oregon St	-8	53-34	W
at UTEP	-29'	47-31	L
BYU	-22	28-27	L
SMU	-38	38-20	L
at Tulsa	-21	45-42	L
Fresno St	-9	33-16	W
Hawaii	-23'	69-3	W
at San Jose St	-33	56-49 2OT	L
Louisiana Tech	-24	55-14	W
at Nevada	-25'	58-21	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia - #13	+7	13-48	L
at Oregon St	+3	27-30	T
Bowling Green	-7'	48-20	W
at Hawaii	-10'	44-41	L
Portland St	NL	21-14	–
San Jose St	-30'	38-21	L
at Utah St	-19	45-21	W
Nevada	-20	49-14	W
New Mexico St	-33'	56-6	W
at Fresno St - #20	+9'	7-27	L
Idaho	-32'	70-35	W
at Louisiana Tech	-6'	30-13	W

FRESNO ST BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In Pat Hill's first five years as a HC, not a single QB missed a solitary snap due to injury and David Carr was a 1st round NFL DC. Replacing Carr in 2002 was Jeff Grady, who was injured in the opener so Paul Pinegar took over and had a frosh season that came close to Carr's junior year (his first year as a starter). Pinegar was 9-3 as a starter and for the season threw for 2,929 (57.1%) with a 20-10 ratio. Pinegar added 10 lbs and Hill said he was "the best QB we've had in the pocket since I've been here." Unfortunately Pinegar suffered an injury to his pectoral muscle. Grady started the first six, but threw for just 917 (53.1%) with a 4-6 ratio vs a tough schedule. Pinegar returned and started the final 8 finishing with 1,773 (59.2%) with an 11-9 ratio and was 6-2 as the starter. In 2004 they signed Tom Brandstater (great size and arm strength) and Sean Norton (PS#58). Pinegar was much maligned after the team dropped 3 straight games and was booed by the home crowd with just a 6-12 ratio. Fortunately Pinegar turned it around in the 2H of the season and had a 17-3 ratio (66%) including 5 TD's in the bowl. Brandstater was the backup gaining valuable reps in practice but once Hill committed to redshirting him, Jordan Christensen (6-3 190 Sr) got in two games throwing 4 passes. Last year Pinegar almost became the first QB in NCAA history to start and win 4 bowl games. Ironically in a stretch of the final six games in '04 and the first 6 of '05, Fresno avg'd 48.3 ppg but Pinegar topped 200 yds passing just 4 times and one of those was a loss (418 pass in 3 pt loss to Oregon) as the team was 10-1 in that stretch. Pinegar finished #2 in the WAC in pass efficiency and had an 18-5 ratio in the 1st 9 games last year but had 12 TD's and 10 int in the final 4. Brandstater appeared in 8 (13 passes). Ryan Colburn (PS#136) grayshirted but was able to participate in bowl practices. Brandstater, Colburn and Norton make a talented group, but it is clearly much less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - Pat Hill has done a great job developing the run game. Last year he basically had three 1,000 yard rushers returning as UCLA transfer Wendell Mathis had 995 (6.8) in '04 despite having 5 games w/6 or less carries , walk-on Bryson Sumlin who had 1,104 (5.8) in '04 and Dwayne Wright (PS#66) who originally signed at Wash St, had 1,038 (5.5) in '03 but missed most of '04. They also added Clifton Smith (PS#42DB). Unfortunately Wright was still not 100% and did not play and Smith went down with a torn ACL. Sumlin had 106 vs Toledo but then Mathis (1st Tm WAC) took over and rushed for 1,313 (5.3) including 229 vs Hawaii and had a streak of five straight 100+ yards games including 109 vs USC. The production dropped in their final 3 as FB Roshon Vercher was lost for the year. Sumlin rushed for 536 (4.5) while former walk-on Matt Rivera, who filled in at both FB and TB, had 116 (4.1) with 38 rec (11.1). This year they lose Sumlin, Mathis and Rivera however Wright returns along with Vercher and near VHT Smith. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Rich Owens (6-0 220 rFr), Shannon Dorsey (6-1 205 Jr), Andrew Jones (5-10 190 So), Kreig Peters (5-9 190 So), Raynard Camp (5-11 250 rFr) and Seth McDaniels (6-0 220 So). Despite the losses, the Bulldogs should have their normal strong RB unit.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 Fresno had to replace their top two WR's who combined for 103 rec while the #3 man had just 23. Soph Joe Fernandez became the go-to man hauling in 38 (14.4). Paul Williams, an NFL caliber talent, looked great in practice showing size, speed and leaping ability but had just 8 catches combined in his first two years. Last year they had to replace their top 3 TE's but had their top 3 WR's back. Williams finally emerged and led with 729 yards (17.0). His 98 yard TD reception vs Boise helped him become 1st Tm WAC. Fernandez led in rec with 46 (12.2) despite missing 2 games. WR Devyn McDonald added 25 lbs and took over for Bear Pascoe as the starting TE. Jermaine Jamison (6'3"), who was #2 in 2004 (24), had 38 (12.5). This year they must replace Jamison (5 st) as well as Adam Jennings (#6DC ATL, 11 st, 22, 12.6) and TE McDonald (11 st, 18, 13.4). I list the 3 deep below and not listed are Jason Crawley (6-2 185 rFr, PS#180), Darren Newborne (5-11 185 rFr), Michael Hamdorf (6-1 165 Jr) and TE Christian Jesperson (6-5 250 rFr). With the top two receivers back, the Bulldogs receivers are almost as experienced as LY.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Bulldogs had to replace four starters and then lost their lone returning OL to injury but still paved the way for 4.3 ypc rushing while allowing just 26 sacks. With basically everyone back in 2004, they improved to 5.4 ypc while allowing just 18 sacks. Last year they had to replace a 1st round DC but had 4 starters return including Ryan Wendell (WAC Co-Frosh of the year '04). They trimmed down and actually had the smallest O-line in the WAC (288 avg) and allowed just 14 sacks (3.3%!) but the ypc dropped to 4.5. This year they lose 1st Tm WAC LT Dartangon Shack (13 st, 4 yr st'r) but have 9 of the top 10 returning. They also add in VHT JUCO James Paulk who was in for the spring and DL Adam McDowell. With stars like C Kyle Young, Wendell and frosh AA Cole Popovich (1st true OL to start under Hill), this looks to be the WAC's best O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Fresno St had a veteran D-line (all 4 starters returned) in 2004 but surprisingly allowed 4.1 ypc rush while recording just 27 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters and while the 149 ypg rush allowed was the best in five years, they still allowed 4.2 ypc (34 sk). DT Garrett McIntyre, the lone returning starter, was simply the WAC's Def POY and accounted for 7 sacks despite only starting 8 games due to a broken hand. This year they must replace McIntyre and backup DE McDowell who moves to the O-line but have 6 of the top 8 returning including 5 with starting experience. They also add a couple of Pac 10 transfers in DE Jason Roberts (Wash St) and VHT Michael Stuart (USC). Despite losing their star, this line has good size in the middle with their DT's averaging 325 lbs and has four top-notch DE's. This will be one of the WAC's best DL's in 2006.

LINEBACKERS - Fresno had an inexperienced LB corps in 2004 but had 5 of the top 6 back last year including MLB Dwayne Andrews who got the attention of some NFL scouts and was 2nd Tm WAC. They lost OLB Marcus Riley to an ACL injury vs USC and he missed the spring. This year they lose Manuel Sanchez (2 st, 65 tkl, 7 tfl) and Kyle Goodman (36 tkl, 1 tfl). JUCO Trevor Shamblee had 8 tackles in the spring game. As long as Riley recovers from his ACL, this looks like an improved group once again.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - FSU finished #23 in my pass D rankings and recorded four IR TD's in 2004. Last year they had to replace a #4DC but did have 3 starters back. CB Richard Marshall (#2DC CAR, 13 st, 78 tkl) was a lockdown corner and 2nd Tm WAC recording 14 pd. FS Tyrone Culver earned 1st Tm WAC honors (#6DC GB, 13 st, 7 pbu). Those two must be replaced along with CB Raymond Washington (27 tkl) and SS Awan Diles (32 tkl). CB Marcus McCauley was 2nd Tm WAC and the new projected starters are both VHT's but with a less experienced group, it will be tough to top last year's #44 finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Pat Hill's lowest finish in my ST rankings in 9 of the last 10 years is #36. They have blocked 60 kicks including 34 punts. Fresno finished #14 in 2003 despite having to replace both P and K. Mike Lingua had an average hangtime of 4.5 in HS and had a solid rFr year with a 35.0 net. His nickname is "Mike The Leg" and in 2004 he avg'd 36.3 but his net (opp had just 27 yd in ret) was 35.8. Fresno finished #24 in my ST rankings in 2004. Last year they had to replace their top-notch K but had their top returnman back in Adam Jennings and also Clifton Smith (PS#42DB) who had a 67 yard PR and a blocked punt. Lingua, who had back surgery in spring '05, saw his numbers drop to a 35.1 avg and a team net of 33.9. Smith opened the season with 2 PR TD's but was lost for the year vs Oregon. Jennings (1st Tm WAC) was also injured but still was the team's top returnman. They were down to 4th string PR Joe Fernandez vs Idaho and he simply had a PR for a TD while avg 22.6 on the year. Jennings avg 29.0 on KR's and 12.4 on PR's. VHT Clint Stitser (PS#22) took over as the FG man and hit 10 of 12 with a long of 44 and had 14 TB's on 47 KO's but was lost for the year vs Idaho. Kyle Zimmerman hit 7 of 9 FG's with a long of 38 and had 2 TB's on 42 KO's. Lingua, Stitser and Zimmerman all return while Jennings should be replaced by the explosive Smith. Fresno St was #5 last year and should be near the top once again in 2006.

COACHES - I like Pat Hill's attitude, as he's willing to take on any team, anywhere, to build his program and has pulled some big upsets. He is now in his 10th year. OC Frank Cignetti led FSU to two consecutive Top 10 finishes in the NCAA in scoring offense the last two years but left for N Car. The new OC is Steve Hagen who was the OC at Cal from 99-'00 and the NFL Browns' QB coach from 2001-'04. Dan Brown is in his 6th year as the DC and 10th overall here. Last year he guided the #1 defense in the WAC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Fresno has gained the most national notoriety of the WAC teams since Pat Hill took over. One of the most surprising stats is that FSU has not finished any higher than 2nd in the WAC since 1999 and their last outright conference title came in 1989. In 2001 FSU was ranked #8 at one point finishing 11-3 including upsets of Colorado, Ore St and Wisconsin in 3 straight weeks. The 2002 squad finished 6-2 in WAC play but only outgained league foes by 3.8 ypg. In 2003 they were 6-2 in the WAC but outgained conf foes by 48.5 ypg. 2004 was one of Hill's most experienced squads with 16 starters returning. They beat BCS member Washington 35-16 then destroyed (45-21) defending Big 12 champ Kansas St (#13) on the road. Surprisingly FSU lost 3 games in WAC play and finished 9-3 but did win their 3rd consecutive bowl game over a BCS foe. Heading into last year they were actually 6-2 in their last 8 vs BCS schools. Last year FSU led Oregon 17-0 but ended up losing by 3. They rebounded and appeared to have clinched the WAC Title when they destroyed Boise St 27-7 at home to move to 8-1 and #16 in the polls. They travelled to face #1 USC and nearly came away with the upset as they suffered 4 int including 2 at the goaline and fumbled at their own 15. At that point FSU stood 9-2 and both of their losses were to Top 10 teams and there was talk that they were the greatest team in school history. They accepted the bid to the Liberty Bowl. FSU suffered a massive letdown at Nevada and lost by 3 and then amazingly lost vs LT at home (thanks to 5 TO's) and did not gain even a share of the WAC Title despite outgaining conf foes by 137.0 ypg, (#1 in WAC, 57.7 ypg better than #2 Hawaii). FSU also blew a lead in the bowl and stumbled to an 8-5 finish despite eight 1st Tm WAC members, the most since 2001. FSU was -3 net in close losses (pg 299) and also had their first negative turnover ratio since 1996. The offense loses 3 year starting QB Pinegar, along with their top three rushers but have a veteran O-line and Dwayne Wright was a 1,000 yard rusher in 2003. They probably won't match last year's 37.8 ppg. The defense has allowed 22.6, 21.1 and 22.5 ppg the last 3 years and with 8 starters back on that side, could improve despite the loss of the WAC Def POY and 1st and 2nd Tm WAC DB's. Two of my 7 sets of power ratings call Fresno the most talented team in the league but unfortunately to win their first WAC Title, they must win on the blue turf of Boise. One of these years, Pat Hill will break through and it could be this year. They have the opportunity to upset LSU and Boise and will not be intimidated after standing toe-to-toe with USC last year and should have another fine season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 7 Tom Brandstater So. 6-5 220 PS#246. 6 of 13 for 49 yd rFr. **3** Sean Norton (5-11 175 So) PS#58. Inj as rFr. **15** Ryan Colburn (6-3 220 Fr) PS#136. GS LY. In for spg.

RB 32 Dwayne Wright Jr. 6-1 220 PS#66. 9 st '03, 1038 (5.5). 2 st '04, 183 (3.7) ACL, out LY. **2 Clifton Smith** (5-8 190 Jr) PS#42DB. 1 st, ACL LY. Lonyae Miller is **PS#54**.

FB 26 Roshon Vercher Sr. 5-11 245 3 st FB rFr. 9 st '04. 4 st LY until inj. 115 ttl yd 3Y. **40** Nate Adams (5-11 240 Jr). **45** Isaac Kinter (6-1 240 rFr) PS#160LB. **38** Kyle Richard (6-0 225 So).

WR 1 PAUL WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 210 **1st Tm WAC**, 12 st, 43 (17.0) LY. **87** Kevin Ciccone (5-11 175 So) PS#154. **19** Seyi Ajirotutu (6-3 200 rFr) PS#261. **5** Marlin Moore (6-0 180 rFr).

WR 84 JOE FERNANDEZ SR. 5-10 175 11 st, 38 (14.4) '04. 2 st LY, 46 (12.2). **18** Jaron Fairman (6-1 195 Sr) 2 st, 34 (13.9) 2Y. **6** Chastin West (6-1 195 rFr) PS#238. Big spring.

TE 85 Bear Pascoe So. 6-5 260 PS#291QB. 2 st rFr, 5 (6.8). Jesus Tapia (6-6 250 Jr) 1 rec. Drew Lubinsky (6-6 250 So) PS#127. Norman Davis (6-6 210 rFr). Christian Jesperson (6-5 250 rFr).

C 59 KYLE YOUNG SR. 6-5 330 14 st C rFr. 12 st C '04, **2nd Tm WAC**. 13 st C LY, **1st Tm WAC**. **67** Cameron Harris (6-3 250 So). **74** Joe Bernardi (6-2 280 Fr) PS#191. GS.

RG 77 RYAN WENDELL JR. 6-2 275 PS#170. 9 st LG true, **WAC Co-Frosh Yr**. 13 st at RG LY. **52** Richard Pacheco (6-2 285 So) PS#122. **65** Pierce Masse (6-4 285 So).

LG 62 COLE POPOVICH SO. 6-2 285 PS#336. GS. 2 st LG true, inj'd & RS. 12 st LG rFr, Frosh AA. **66 Robin Kezirian** (6-3 300 Sr) **PS#96**. Washington transfer. 1 st LG LY.

RT 79 CHRIS DENMAN SR. 6-6 305 DT as true. 8 st RT rFr. 12 st RT '04. 13 st RT LY. Added 20 lbs. **76** Adam McDowell (6-4 285 So) PS#329. Scout TM Def MVP '04. 6 tkl DL rFr.

LT 71 James Paulk Jr. 6-3 310 **PS#20JC**. In for spring. **72** Bobby Lepori (6-5 285 So) PS#281. **54** John Guevara (6-2 270 So) PS#340. **68** James Meeks (6-5 310 rFr).

K 39 CLINT STITSER JR. 6-1 200 PS#22. Four 50+ FG's in HS, long 57. 10 of 12 FG's LY (inj), long 44. **35** Kyle Zimmerman (5-11 200 Sr) 7 of 9 FG's LY, 0 att 40+, long 38.

DE 11 TYLER CLUTTS JR. 6-2 245 PS#260LB. 19 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. 13 st DE, 52 tkl, 7 sk, 5 tfl LY. **Michael Stuart (6-4 245 Jr) PS#10TE. USC trans.** **96** Wilson Ramos (6-4 270 rFr).

NT 98 LOUIS LEONARD SR. 6-4 320 1 st, 16 tkl, 1 sk '03-'04. 13 st DT LY, 26 tkl, 2.5 sk. **42** Charles Tolbert (5-11 265 Jr) 1 st, 8 tkl, 1 sk LY. **91** Kenny Avon (6-3 260 So) PS#456. 4 tkl LY.

DT 97 Jason Shirley Jr. 6-5 330 PS#383. 16 tkl, 3 tfl as rFr. 6 st LY, 14 tkl, 4 tfl. **94** Jon Monga (6-2 280 So) 370 bench. 5 tkl, 1 sk rFr. **41** Ikenna Ike (6-1 255 So). 14 tkl, 4 sk LY.

DE 99 JASON ROBERTS SO. 6-5 250 PS#129LB. Wash St. **92** Marlon Brisco (6-3 260 Sr) PS#41TE. 1 st, 18 tkl '04, 11 st, 19 tkl LY. **93** Devin Packard (6-6 245 rFr). **46** John Green (6-2 240 So). **32** Quaadir Brown (6-0 210 So) PS#348. 16 tkl, 2 sk true. **49** Todd Chisom (6-1 220 rFr) 400m in HS.

MLB 51 DWAYNE ANDREWS SR. 6-0 240 PS#142. 11 st '04, 66 tkl, 3 tfl. 13 st LY, 71 tkl, 7.5 tfl, **2nd Tm WAC**. **34** Trevor Shamblee (6-1 220 Jr) PS#450JC. In for spg. **47** Ryan Machado (6-0 210 rFr).

OLB 10 ALAN GOODWIN SR. 6-2 220 22 tkl true. 6 st '04, 36 tkl, 4 tfl. 13 st LY, 58 tkl, 2 tfl. **43** Ahijah Lane (6-1 225 Jr) PS#334RB. 1 st, 29 tkl, 5 tfl 2Y. **58** Ryan McKinley (6-2 220 So) 10 tkl LY.

CB 25 Damon Jenkins Jr. 5-11 185 **PS#44**. 8 tkl, 2 pbu LY. **30** Elgin Simmons (5-9 180 Sr) 4 tkl '04. 5 tkl, 1 pbu LY. Lorne Bell is PS#340RB. **27** Jay Reddick (5-8 175 rFr).

CB 17 MARCUS McCAULEY SR. 6-1 205 1 st, 11 tkl rFr. 10 st '04, 3 int, 8 pbu, 31 tkl. 13 st LY, 45 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu, **2nd Tm WAC**. **37** Jason Blackmon (5-10 170 rFr). Damion Owens is PS#560.

SS 15 JOSH SHERLEY SR. 6-0 205 PS#218. 17 tkl, 2 tfl '04. 13 starts LY, 51 tkl, 4 tfl. **3** Moses Harris (6-1 200 rFr) PS#218. Speedy. AJ Jefferson (6-0 180 Fr) is PS#560.

FS 4 Vincent Mays Sr. 5-11 205 **PS#48**. 3 tkl rFr. 24 tkl '04. 21 tkl, 1 tfl, 1 pbu LY. **19** Marvin Haynes (6-1 195 rFr) PS#339WR. **23** Jake Jorde (6-1 195 So) 5 tkl, 8 gms LY.

P 37 MIKE LINGUA SR. 6-0 190 PS#62. 84 punt rFr, 38.3 avg. 49 punts '04, 36.3 avg. 35 punts LY, 35.1 avg (not 100%). Robert Malone is PS#102. 39.2 avg in HS, 20 rec.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	James Paulk 6-3 310 PS#20JC '05
DL	Michael Stuart 6-4 245 PS#10TE '04
RB	Lonyae Miller 5-11 210 PS#54
OL	Joe Bernardi 6-2 280 #191 '05
RB	Anthony Harding 6-0 215 PS#221
QB	Ryan Colburn 6-3 220 PS#136 '05
DL	Taylor Smith 6-3 230 PS#259
DL	Andrew Jackson 6-5 250 PS#298
LB	Nico Herron 6-3 240 PS#312
DL	Mark Roberts 6-2 275 PS#318
DB	Lorne Bell 5-10 195 PS#340RB
OL	Charley Robbins 6-2 270 PS#371
LB	Robert Schenck 6-2 235 PS#319
OL	Kenny Wiggins 6-7 260 PS#452
WR	Barry Wilson 6-3 170 PS#410
LB	Ben Jacobs 6-3 225 PS#440
WR	Jamel Hamler 6-1 190 PS#485
LB	Will Smith 6-1 205 PS#485
DB	Damion Owens 5-11 185 PS#560
DB	Ken Hedrington 6-1 175 PS#560
DB	AJ Jefferson 6-0 180 PS#560
K	Robert Malone 6-2 215 PS#102

FRESNO ST BULLDOGS

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PAT HILL (Career 72-43)
10th Year at Fresno St
Hill's SU Bowl Record: 3-4

Hill's records AT FRESNO STATE

72-43	Straight Up	18-19-2	Home Favorite
54-48-2	Vs The Spread	7-1	Home Underdog
18-19-1	Off A SU Loss	11-13	Away Favorite
32-37-2	Vs Conference	18-15	Away Underdog
22-11	Vs Non-Conf	4-7	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (24,22,3)
Lost: 16 (8,8,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,307

WAC

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#84

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	Win	Loss
Sep. 1	Nevada (Fri)	G						
Sep. 9	Oregon	G						
Sep. 16	at Washington	A						
Sep. 23								
Sep. 30	Colorado St	G						
Oct. 7	at Utah St	A						
Oct. 14	Hawaii (HC)	G						
Oct. 21	at LSU	G						
Oct. 28								
Nov. 1	at Boise St (Wed)	A						
Nov. 11	New Mexico St	G						
Nov. 18	Idaho	G						
Nov. 24	at Louisiana Tech (Fri)	G						
Dec. 2	at San Jose St	G						

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Including bowls, FSU under Pat Hill has 10 wins over BCS schools, the most of any non-BCS school (ttl record vs BCS 10-17 SU & 20-7 ATS). The Bulldogs have been to a school record 7 straight bowls.

The Bulldogs are 8-2 SU & 7-3 ATS their L10 gms as a home favorite. FSU is 6-1 SU & 5-1-1 ATS with a 24 pt margin of victory L7Y vs Nevada.

Bulldogs are 24-13-1 ATS their last 38 games after a SU win. Fresno St is 22-8 ATS the L30 gms vs lined non-conf opponents.

Could apply: The Bulldogs are only 3-12-1 ATS after a SU loss the L4Y. Fresno State is 2-5 ATS since 2001 the week before a bye.

Bulldogs are 6-3 SU but just 2-7 ATS their last 9 games after a bye. The home team is 8-1 ATS all-time in this series (1st gm 1992).

Fresno St is 11-9-1 SU & 1-4 ATS vs Utah State (1st gm 1952). Under Hill, FSU is 18-13 SU & 12-19 ATS in conference road gms S/'98.

Fresno St is 4-1 SU & 1-4 ATS their last 5 Homecoming games. The home team is 11-3 SU & 10-4 ATS the last 14 years in this series.

Fresno St is 11-6 ATS (6 outright upsets) last 17 gms as an away dog. FSU's 3rd all-time gm vs current SEC member (0-2 SU & 1-1 ATS) being outscored 86-6.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Kevin Sweeney 10,808 1983-'86
Rushing: Ron Rivers 3,473 1991-'93 Receiving: Charlie Jones 3,344 1992-'95

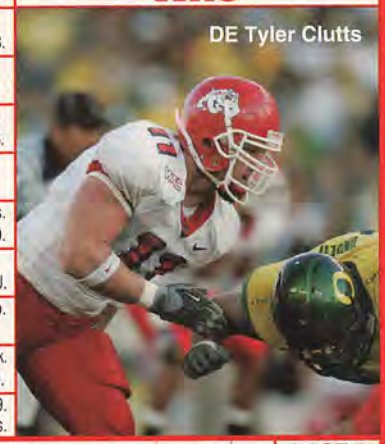
Bulldogs are 1-4 SU & ATS with the avg score BSU 35 FSU 22 last 5 yrs. Fresno St is 22-5 SU in reg ssn gms (10-5 ATS L15) after October S/'00.

The all-time avg score in this series 12 meetings is FSU 38 NMSU 11. Fresno St got the "front door" cover scoring a TD w/5:56 left in LY's gm vs NMSU.

FSU had a 72 yd PR (TD) & a blk'd punt (TD) in LY's 1st gm S/'79 w/ Idaho. The Bulldogs are 8-5-1 ATS in their home finale since 1992.

Last gm in Ruston #17 FSU led 21-20 w/4:00 left, had the ball but couldn't run out the clock. Last year #23 FSU committed 4 TO's as LT built a 33-10 lead after 3Q.

FSU has won 12 straight vs SJSt (5-2 ATS L7Y) outscoring them 488-189. Including bowls, Bulldogs are 10-3 SU & ATS since 1999 vs in-state schools.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STADIUM: BULLDOG STADIUM (41,031)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	7-4	11-2	8-5	8-5	8-3	8-4	58-27
Home	6-0	5-0	5-1	5-1	5-1	4-1	5-1	35-5
Away	2-4	2-4	6-1	3-4	3-4	4-2	3-3	23-22
ATS	6-5	5-6	8-5	4-8-1	5-6-1	7-3	7-4	42-37-2
Home Fav	3-1	3-2	2-3	0-4-1	1-1-1	3-1	3-2	15-14-2
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	4-1
Away Fav	0-3	0-1	3-2	1-2	0-2	2-1	3-1	9-12
Away Dog	2-1	2-3	2-0	2-2	3-2	2-1	1-1	14-10
Favorite	3-4	3-3	5-5	1-6-1	1-3-1	5-2	6-3	24-26-2
Dog	3-1	2-3	3-0	3-2	4-3	2-1	1-1	18-11
Grass	6-2	5-4	5-4	2-5-1	4-3-1	4-2	5-2	31-22-2
Artificial	0-3	0-2	3-1	2-3	1-3	3-1	2-2	11-15
vs Conf	3-4	3-5	4-4	1-6-1	2-5-1	5-3	5-3	23-30-2
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-1	4-1	3-2	3-1	2-0	2-1	19-7
Off SU Win	3-4	2-4	6-4	3-3-1	3-3	5-1	6-2	28-21-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	3-1	1-1	0-5	1-3-1	1-2	1-2	10-15-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Wendell Mathis	248	1368	55	1313	15	5.3
Bryson Sumlin	120	554	18	536	5	4.5
Matt Rivera	28	118	2	116	0	4.1
Paul Williams	9	84	1	83	0	9.2
Paul Pinegar	46	169	110	59	3	1.3
Shannon Dorsey	9	33	0	33	0	3.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Paul Pinegar	416	265	63.7	3335	30	15
Tom Brandstater	13	6	46.2	49	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Paul Williams	43	729	17.0	7	98
Joe Fernandez	46	561	12.2	8	38
Jermaine Jamison	38	475	12.5	4	58
Matt Rivera	38	421	11.1	3	31
Jaron Fairman	26	348	13.4	2	31
Adam Jennings	22	278	12.6	3	36
Devyn McDonald	18	242	13.4	2	39
Wendell Mathis	19	156	8.2	1	25
Bryson Sumlin	10	77	7.7	1	21
Bear Pascoe	5	34	6.8	0	12

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Lingua	35	1230	35.1	11	33.9(T)	0	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Clint Stitser	29-30	6-6	2-3	2-2	0-1	10-12	44
Kyle Zimmerman	25-28	5-7	2-2	0-0	0-0	7-9	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rich Marshall	78	0	1	11	3
Dwayne Andrews	71	0	7.5	1	0
Manuel Sanchez	65	1	6	0	1
Alan Goodwin	58	1	1	0	1
Tyler Clutts	52	7	5	3	0
Marcus Riley	52	2	0	3	0
Josh Sherley	51	0	4	1	0
Marcus McCauley	45	0	2	7	1
Tyrone Culver	44	2	0	7	2
Kyle Goodman	36	0	1	0	0
Awan Diles	32	0	2	2	0
Garrett McIntyre	29	7	5.5	3	0
Ray Washington	27	0	1	1	0
Louis Leonard	26	2.5	2	2	0
Vincent Mays	21	0.5	0.5	1	0
Marlon Brisco	19	0	1	1	0
Quaadir Brown	16	2	1	0	0
Ikenna Ike	14	4	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Adam Jennings	22	272	12.4	0
Clifton Smith	3	189	63.0	2
Joe Fernandez	5	113	22.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Adam Jennings	20	580	29.0	0
Rich Marshall	14	316	22.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT		SCORE	ATS
01	Silicon Valley	-4'	Michigan St		35-44	L
02	Silicon Valley	+6'	Georgia Tech		30-21	W
03	Silicon Valley	+3	UCLA		17-9	W
04	MPC Computers	+5	Virginia - #17	(OT)	37-34	W
05	Liberty	-7	Tulsa		24-31	L

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	37.8	22	165	4.5	260	63.0	11.3	-4	2005	7	22.5	20	149	4.2	198	59.0	15.4
8*	40.2	21	228	5.4	177	58.7	10.1	+7	2004	7	21.1	18	165	4.1	175	51.1	16.1
6*	23.0	18	160	4.3	192	56.8	15.3	+5	2003	6	22.6	19	175	4.6	206	55.7	16.8
6	27.0	20	132	3.6	242	55.1	13.9	+6	2002	5	27.1	22	160	3.9	245	55.2	14.9
9*	40.0	24	153	4.1	348	64.0	12.5	+21	2001	6	24.6	20	117	3.2	264	55.6	15.5
7	26.4	18	122	3.6	241	60.3	13.7	0	2000	8	20.9	21	157	3.6	206	52.4	17.3

2005 STATS BY GAME

FSU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
#24	Weber St	18	30 - 157	5.2	16 - 22	200	0	20	35 - 77	2.2	23 - 42	261	1	+1
#23	at Oregon	25	28 - 112	4.0	33 - 43	418	2	31	37 - 160	4.3	28 - 39	332	2	-1
–	Toledo	13	33 - 179	5.4	9 - 17	69	0	20	49 - 141	2.9	16 - 24	163	4	+2
–	at New Mex St	19	49 - 207	4.2	10 - 19	112	0	10	28 - 90	3.2	17 - 31	105	3	+2
–	Utah St	22	45 - 193	4.3	13 - 23	174	2	17	36 - 44	1.2	14 - 24	158	4	+1
#24	at Idaho	20	35 - 156	4.5	21 - 34	228	2	14	35 - 89	2.5	18 - 30	121	5	0
#22	at Hawaii	17	28 - 232	8.3	15 - 25	213	2	27	23 - 129	5.6	35 - 56	327	5	-1
#21	San Jose St	30	51 - 161	3.2	23 - 36	370	2	14	31 - 211	6.8	5 - 23	48	0	+1
#20	Boise St	24	46 - 206	4.5	22 - 37	307	2	13	22 - 104	4.7	15 - 32	190	3	+2
#16	at USC	26	32 - 110	3.4	27 - 45	317	1	25	36 - 308	8.6	22 - 33	200	2	-4
#16	at Nevada	28	28 - 133	4.8	30 - 45	405	1	22	47 - 235	5.0	15 - 22	189	3	-2
#23	Louisiana Tech	25	24 - 86	3.6	33 - 54	358	0	21	53 - 147	2.8	13 - 22	251	2	-4
–	† Tulsa	22	47 - 208	4.4	19 - 30	213	0	20	28 - 196	7.0	18 - 27	234	0	-1
TOTALS		289	476 - 2140	4.5	271 - 430	3384	14	254	460 - 1931	4.2	239 - 405	2579	34	-4
AVERAGES		22.2	37 - 165	4.5	21 - 33	260	1.1	19.5	35 - 149	4.2	18 - 31	198	2.6	-0.3

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Colorado	+8'	24-22	W
Oregon St - #10	+3'	44-24	W
at Wisconsin - #23	+4'	32-20	W
at Tulsa	-12	37-18	W
Louisiana Tech	-22	38-28	L
at Colorado St	-7'	25-22 OT	L
Boise St	-16	30-35	L
at Hawaii	-6	34-38	L
Rice	-15	52-24	W
at SMU	-16'	38-13	W
at Nevada	-19'	61-14	W
San Jose St	-28'	40-21	L
Utah St	-22	70-21	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wisconsin - #25	+9'	21-23	W
San Diego St	-17	16-14	L
at Oregon - #13	+16'	24-28	W
at Oregon St	+11'	19-59	L
at Rice	-7	31-28	L
Colorado St - #25	+5'	32-30	W
SMU	-23'	30-7	L
at Boise St	+7	21-67	L
Hawaii	-1'	21-31	L
Tulsa	-26	31-12	L
Nevada	-8	38-30	T
at San Jose St	-6	19-16	L
at Louisiana Tech	-1'	45-13	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Tennessee - #12	+20	6-24	W
Oregon St	+8'	16-14	W
at Oklahoma - #1	+28'	28-52	W
Louisiana Tech	-10	16-6	T
Portland St	NL	42-16	–
at Colorado St	+5	10-34	L
at Hawaii	+3	28-55	L
Rice	-20	31-28	L
at SMU	-14'	20-11	L
at Nevada	+2'	27-10	W
San Jose St	-14	41-7	W
Boise St - #20	+8	17-31	L
at UTEP	-20'	23-20	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington	+1'	35-16	W
at Kansas St - #13	+12'	45-21	W
Portland St	NL	27-17	–
at Louisiana Tech	-14	21-28	L
UTEP	-17'	21-24	L
at Boise St - #19	+9	16-33	L
SMU	-27'	42-0	W
at Rice	-7	52-21	W
Hawaii	-21	70-14	W
Nevada	-26	54-17	W
at San Jose St	-26	62-28	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Weber St	NL	55-17	–
at Oregon	+2'	34-37	L
Toledo	-14	44-14	W
at New Mexico St	-28	37-7	W
Utah St	-33	53-21	L
at Idaho	-29'	40-10	W
at Hawaii	-13	27-13	W
San Jose St	-33	45-7	W
Boise St	-9'	27-7	W
at USC - #1	+23	42-50	W
at Nevada	-15	35-38	L
Louisiana Tech	-23'	28-40	L

HAWAII WARRIORS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - The biggest question of 2005 was who would replace Timmy Chang who left as the only passer in NCAA history to top 17,000 yards (17,072). E Mich transfer Kainoa Akina was the backup (19 att) in '04. The race was wide open in the spring of '05 although Akina and Jack Rolovich didn't make the 105 man roster in Aug. Tyler Graunke (bench 225 9x's) and JC transfer Colt Brennan (orig at Colo) split time vs USC with Graunke getting the start. Graunke hit 2 of 11 vs Mich St while Brennan hit 23 of 31 for 219 and the Brennan era began. He had his best game vs N Mex St with 515 yards (71.7%, 7-1 ratio). He suffered a mild shoulder separation and also was playing with a sore back at the end of the season. He was the only walk-on starting QB in the NCAA last year (given scholarship end of '05). He also suffered a sprained thumb while throwing for 236 vs LT. Brennan led the NCAA in passing yds and TD passes finishing with 4,301 yds (68.0%) and a 35-13 ratio, adding 371 on the ground. He set 9 school records including ypg passing (358.4) breaking Nick Rolovich's 2001 mark (336.1). Surprisingly the UH record for completion % in a season was just 60% (Chang) and he thrashed that. Both QB's return and the '05 scout team QB Inoke Funaki (5-11 210 rFr, PS#302) is also on hand. Brandon Satcher (6-0 186 PS#198) transferred to Dixie St LY but said at the time, he plans to return for the '06 season. Jones said at the beginning of the year that Brennan took off running too many times and that he would be a better QB by season's end. I look for continued improvement and another huge passing year.

RUNNING BACKS - UH had to replace their top two RB's last year but their leading rusher only had 722 (6.4). Jones wanted to rely on Nate Ilaoa but he showed up in Aug at 248 lbs and did not complete the 10x220 conditioning sprints. Jones was furious and said he also had a problem blocking. Jones also said he had NFL potential but needed to show more desire. Bryan Maneafaiga (5-9 200 Sr), who benched 225 17'xs, was named the starter but after 2 games went down with a hamstring injury. Jones wanted to use true frosh Mario "Super Mario" Cox (PS#180, 4.5 spd, 335 bench) but he had trouble with blocking schemes, showed up late to a couple of meetings and fell into the coaches' doghouse. Cox also suffered a sprained ankle and had one start (71 yd, 4.4) and now moves to LB. RFr David Farmer had 120 total yards in two starts. Ilaoa got in better shape (234 lbs) and had 95 vs Fresno and an impressive 151 vs SDSt, finishing with 643 (7.6)! Also vs SDSt Reagan Mauia (350 lbs) rushed for 56 after coming in with just 3. Adding depth are Jazen Anderson (5-10 211 Jr, NFL Jamal's brother) and Siave Seti (5-11 311 Jr) who moved from DL to FB in the spring. With the exception of Cox, everyone returns plus Ilaoa was 220 lbs in the spring and Mauia trimmed to 303, so I look for much improved production from the running game.

RECEIVERS - UH uses 4 WR's, rarely using a FB or TE. They had a 1st round DC (Ashley Lelie, DEN) who left after having 1,713 yards (20.4) with 19 TD's in '01. The group was injury-plagued the next 2 years. They were young in 2005 having to replace their top six receivers as Jason Rivers became ineligible. Jason Ferguson was impressive but was injured in the first game and missed the year. The feature WR became true frosh Davone Bess who Jones said "might be the best player at receiver I have ever had", earning 1st Tm WAC honors, WAC Fr of Yr and Fr AA. He had 89 rec (12.6) with 14 TD's. Ryan Grice-Mullen is an underrated player, who had more yards than Bess (1,228), a better ypc (14.4) and also added 12 TD's but did not receive conference honors. Ross Dickerson was #3 (51, 14.2) and Chad Mock was #4 (42, 12.0) and all four are back filling out the WR positions. Michael Washington had 13 rec (7 gm) but only avg'd 6.6 ypc despite his 4.27 speed. This year they add in starting CB Kenny Patton (22 st, 4Y). Not listed below are Adam Linwood (5-8 182 rFr), Antwan Mahaley (6-2 193 rFr), Marquez Jackson (5-7 144 rFr), Aaron Bain (5-9 179 So, 5 rec LY), Desmond Thomas (6-2 172 So) and Dylan Linkner (6-0 191 So, 3 rec LY). UH receivers always catch a lot of passes but this group is one of the most talented under Jones and is far more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - June Jones has done a fine job developing the line and in the last 7 years has had 6 OL's drafted. The '03 O-line paved the way for 4.6 ypc rush and allowed just 3.4% sacks. The entire line returned in '04 and while it suffered injuries, improved to 4.7 ypc and a minuscule 2.7% sacks (17). Last year they only had to replace one starter and one backup and had 8 of the top 10 back. Due to problems at RB, UH only managed 4.0 ypc and allowed 6.6% sacks (38). This year they lose their top OL, C Derek Faavi (12 st, 3 yr st'r) and RG Brandon Eaton (12 st, 2nd Tm

WAC, 3 yr st'r). The unit got a big boost when Samson Satele turned down the NFL, so they have two All-WAC OL's returning and should improve upon last year's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '03 UH had their best rush D in 6 years allowing just 3.8 ypc and the team recorded 46 sacks. In '04 they had to replace four starters, two backups and a projected starter. The defense was abysmal allowing 253 ypg rushing (5.4) with just 29 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and switched to a 3-man front. Ikaika Alama-Francis, who was on the basketball team (4.6 spd), took over a starting DE spot and earned 2nd Tm WAC honors. They used four different starting NG's in the first 4 games but Michael Lafaele took control and is probably the nastiest player on the D-line. They improved some last year allowing 188 ypg (4.7) with 25 sacks. In the second year of the 3-man front, this unit is ridiculously deep. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jake Ingram (6-4 226 So, 4 tkl), Fale Laeli (6-2 311 So, 1 tkl), Jason Laumoli (5-10 264 Jr, JC), Ammon Tong (6-0 260 Jr), Kekoa Kama (6-0 254 Fr), Colorado trans David Veikune (6-3 245 So, PS#297) and Clarence Tuioti-Mariner (6-0 286 So). The only loss is Tony Akpan (2 st, 5 tkl). This unit goes from a weakness to a strength.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 UH had the most injury-plagued LB corps in the country so last year it was a very experienced group. With 3 full-time starters back, they moved to a 3-4 D. This year the losses are much heavier as gone are Tanuvasa Moe (12 st, 64 tkl, 7 tfl), Kila Kamakawiwo'ole (2nd Tm WAC, 84 tkl, 8 sk, 12 st), Ikaika Curnan (2 st, 20 tkl) and Brad Kalilimoku who moves to SS. While this unit is clearly weaker, it is very deep. Not listed in the FOUR deep below are Brendan Feliczak (6-1 217 So, JC), Joshua Rice (5-11 198 rFr), Po'okela Ahmad (6-2 205 Fr) BJ Fruean (6-1 203 So, susp), RJ Kiesel-Kauhane (5-11 208 rFr) and Mario Cox who moves from RB.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UH finished a surprising #25 in my pass D rankings in '02 and then despite having all 4 starters back in '03, dropped to #71 and #77 in '04. Last year they had to replace one starter but then lost S Leonard Peters in the opener, the team's #1 tackler in 2004. SS Lono Manners was the star and earned 1st Tm WAC honors but 3 of their 4 starting DB's entered the program as walk-on's. UH finished #105 in my pass D rankings (25-9 ratio). This year they lose Manners (12 st, 68 tkl, 6 pbu), FS Lamar Broadway (7 st, 61 tkl), SS Landon Kafentzis (22 tkl), CB Turmanrian Moreland (4 st, 26 tkl, 4 int) and possibly CB's Keao Monteilh and Ryan Keomaka (5-10 165 Jr) who combined for 8 starts and were dismissed in the spring but could return if they get their academics in order. This year they move starting LB Brad Kalilimoku to SS, hopefully get back FS Peters (applied to NCAA for 6th year) and move HT WR AJ Martinez to CB which makes UH more athletically talented and they also have JC's coming in. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Guyton Galdeira (5-7 163 So), CJ Tausaga (5-8 180 Fr), Erik Pedersen (6-0 194 rFr), Chris Thorpe (5-7 183 Jr, JUCO), Anapuni Coleman (6-1 184 Jr), Daniel Libre (5-8 174 So, JUCO), Josh Aufai (5-11 190 rFr), Devion Volta-Johnson (5-10 190 rFr) and Jo Pierre Davis (6-0 196 rFr). Despite the losses, I'll call it an improved group.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 1998's 0-12 season, UH had the worst ST in the country. June Jones came in and the unit finished #66, #67 and then #4 in his 3rd year ('01). A big part of that was Chad Owens who was an explosive returnman. Jones added K Justin Ayat who tied Jason Elam's school record 56 yard FG in '04. The unit dropped to #90 (see Hardcore Fans pg 322). This should be one of the most improved ST squads in the country.

COACHES - June Jones enters his 8th season here and was the 1999 NCAA Coach of the Year. He was the San Diego Chargers HC and has complied a 53-37 record here. He is his own OC. Last year his new DC was Jerry Glanville who, of course, was the head man of the Houston Oilers and Atlanta Falcons but had been out of coaching since 1993 working on TV and radio. Glanville had the "Gritz Blitz" in Atlanta and June Jones was his QB coach in Houston. 2004's DC, George Lumpkin, remains on the staff as the LB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 I called for UH to have the most improved team in the NCAA and they did not disappoint going from 0-12 to 9-4, the biggest single season turnaround in NCAA history. They had a rebuilding year in 2000 (3-9) but rebounded with 4 consecutive winning seasons and 3 straight bowls. In 2002 they were ranked in the Top 25 for the first time since 1992 and went 10-4 despite being -14 in turnovers. In 2003 they upset Alabama 37-29, had a 26-21 FD edge in their loss to USC and finished 9-5. Last year they had to replace the NCAA's all-time career leading passer in Timmy Chang and lost the highest amount of lettermen in the league (26). Also, despite their 4-4 WAC record in 2004, UH had been outgained by 67.8 ypg in league play. In '05 UH was much better statistically as they once again finished 4-4 in the WAC but this time outgained league foes by 79.3 ypg (2nd best), even stronger than that of WAC co-champs, Nevada and Boise St. They had two tough losses (see Hardcore). The offense had just 4 starters back and the 30.7 ppg was their lowest in five years. This year with 9 starters back including two NFL caliber OL's, the WAC's best receiving corps and their QB, UH should have their best ppg since 2001 (40.3). The last two years, UH has returned just 3 and 6 starters on defense and allowed the most ppg in the June Jones era at (38.4 and 35.7). Despite having just 5 starters back on the D, in the second year of Glanville's system and with some solid athletic talent to work with, they will be stronger on that side of the ball. **IF** Hawaii had last year's schedule, they would get my call for the WAC Title, but this season they have to travel to Boise and Fresno. Still, this is a much stronger team that will be back in the post season and could pull some surprises on the road, especially since they play Boise earlier in the year when the weather is more to their liking.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 15 COLT BRENNAN JR. 6-3 190 Colorado trans. PS#170. JUCO. 10 st LY, **#1 NCAA 4301 yds** (68%), 35-13 ratio, 371 rush. **6** Tyler Graunke (5-11 190 So) PS#252. 2 st, 306 yd.

RB 4 NATE ILAOA SR. 5-9 220 PS#77WR. 16 st 3Y, 699 rush (**7.7**), **84 rec** (10.2). **45** Reagan Mauia (6-0 303 Sr) PS#261JC. **3** Bryan Maneafaiga (5-9 200 Sr) **PS#47**. 1 st, inj LY.

WR 1 RYAN GRICE-MULLEN SO. 5-10 174 11 st rFr, **85 rec** (14.4). **24 Kenny Patton** (6-0 184 Sr) **22 st CB 4Y**, 121 tkl. 350 bench. **FB 79** Siave Seti (5-11 311 Jr) PS#295JC. 400 bench.

WR 7 DAVONE BESS SO. 5-10 187 **1st Tm WAC as true**, 12 st, 89 (12.6). **Jason Rivers** (6-1 189 Jr) PS#110. **19 st**, 128 rec (12.2) 2Y! **22** Patrick Olchovy (5-8 176 Jr) 2 rec LY.

WR 82 ROSS DICKERSON SR. 5-10 185 PS#246. 16 st, 3Y, 74 rec (12.5). **2 Jason Ferguson** (5-5 157 Jr) PS#202RB. 1 st, inj LY. **5 Michael Washington** (5-7 155 So) **4.27 spd**, 225 bench 9x's.

WR 88 CHAD MOCK SR. 5-11 171 JC. 7 st LY, 42 (12.0). **81 Ian Sample** (5-10 189 Sr) 4.47 spd. 3 st, 19 (12.8) 2Y. **83** Jordan Slye (6-4 210 Sr) 1 st, 7 rec (14.9) LY.

C 64 SAMSON SATELE SR. 6-3 311 PS#205. 14 st rFr, **2nd Tm WAC**. 13 st '04. **1st Tm WAC** LY, 12 st, 2 sk all'd. **60 Marques Kaonohi** (6-1 261Sr) PS#270. **225 bench 38x's**. 7 gm LY.

RG 55 John Estes rFr. 6-1 275 In for spring. **74** Raphael Ieru (6-1 362 rFr) PS#317DL. **76** Nathan McKay (6-3 265 rFr). **63** Brysen Ginlack PS#562. In for spring.

LG 65 Hercules Satele Jr. 6-2 302 **PS#103**. 2 st LG rFr. 10 gm '05. **73 Larry Sauafea** (6-3 301 Jr) 1st, 10 gms LY. **50** Laupepa Letuli (6-3 273 rFr) PS#205. 42 kd's in HS.

RT 72 DANE UPERESA SR. 6-5 331 PS#185. 1 st RT '03. 11 st LY, **225 bench 29x's**. **66** Adrian Thomas (6-5 305 Fr) GS LY. Added 30 lb. **69** Daniel Johnson (6-3 291 rFr) PS#262.

LT 70 TALA ESERA SR. 6-4 295 PS#235DL. 9 st rFr. 13 st LT '04. 12 st LT '05, **2nd Tm WAC**. **62** Keith Ah-Soon (6-1 309 So) 11 gm rFr. **77** Aaron Kia (6-4 268 rFr).

K 99 DAN KELLY SO. 6-3 199 Hit 10 of 15 FG's as true, long 46, 42-45 xp's, 11 TB's on 68 KO's. **95** Jeremy Shibata (5-8 223 rFr). Nolan Miranda (5-8 163 Jr) PS#73.

DE 98 MELILA PURCELL SR. 6-5 282 12 st, 74 tkl, 16 tfl '04. 8 st LY, 34 tkl, **2nd Tm WAC**. **97** Renolds Fruean (6-4 275 Sr) Wash St trans. 3 st, 11 tkl LY. **53** Daniel Tautofi (6-2 259 Jr) PS#177LB.

NT 67 MICHAEL LAFAELE JR. 6-0 306 PS#261OL. L/9 st LY, 23 tkl, 5 tfl. **93 Keala Watson** (6-3 325 So) 1 st, 7 tkl LY. **68** Kahai LaCount (6-2 303 Sr). **92** Rocky Savaiigaea (6-3 312 rFr).

DE 91 IKAIKA ALAMA-FRANCIS SR. 6-5 279 Basketball tm. 400 bench. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm WAC**, 49 tkl, 5 sk. **99** Lawrence Wilson (6-0 295 Sr) **225 bench 39x's**. **12** Karl Noa (6-4 240 Jr).

SLB NA Amani Purcell So. 6-3 262 PS#341DL. **Penn St transfer**. **44** Adam Leonard (6-0 237 So) 9 tkl **true**. **7** Khevin Peoples (5-11 198 So). **11** Victor Fergerstrom (5-9 206 Sr).

MLB 33 CJ Allen-Jones So. 6-2 219 4.4 spd. 11 tkl true. RS LY. **10** Timo Paepule (6-0 246 Jr) PS#158DB. 1 st, 14 tkl 2Y. **52** Rustin Saole (6-0 232 Jr) 8 tkl LY. **55** Nick Sipin (6-0 245 Jr) JC.

WLB 13 Brashton Satele rFr. 6-1 238 PS#223. 4.56 spd. **58** John Fonoti (6-3 233 So) 7 tkl **true**, 4.58 spd. **8** Tyson Kafentzis (6-1 215 So) 16 tkl rFr. **26** Micah Lau (5-9 207 Jr).

BLB 41 SOLOMON ELIMIMIAN SO. 5-11 224 **10 st true**, 83 tkl, 6 tfl. **49** Blake Robinson (6-2 227 So) PS#180RB. Blaze Soares (6-1 225 Fr) PS#282. Jacob Patek (6-2 210 Jr). PS#291JC.

CB 19 CJ Hawthorne Jr. 5-11 165 PS#433JC. 4.4 spd. In for spg. Keao Monteilh (5-11 170 Jr) 5 st, 13 tkl LY. Susp? Ryan Keomaka (5-10 165 Jr) 3 st, 29 tkl LY. Susp?

CB 34 AJ Martinez Jr. 5-10 177 **PS#68**. 4.41 spd. Keenan Jones (5-11 180 Jr) PS#103. SDSt '04. JC. 4.5 spd. Myron Newberry PS#330JC. **4.36**. **23** Marques Dailey (5-10 169 Jr) JC.

SS 43 BRAD KALILIMOKU JR. 5-10 204 5 st true LB, 29 tkl. 12 st LB LY, 71 tkl, 4.5 spd. **14** Kirk Alexander (6-2 200 So) PS#219. 9 tkl true. George Perry (5-11 179 Jr) PS#316.

FS 42 Leonard Peters Sr. 6-1 199 PS#219. 9 st, 91 tkl 1st 2Y. **13 st SS** '04, **#1 tkl'r w/120**, 4 int. 5 pbu. Desmond Thomas (6-2 172 So). **20** Michael Malala (6-2 201 Sr). **30** Dane Porlas (5-10 176 So).

P 25 KURT MILNE SR. 5-11 208 63 punts rFr, 39.7 avg, net 34.6. 54 punts '04, 39.9 avg, 31.0 net. 41 punts LY, 36.1 avg, net 30.0. **95** Jeremy Shibata (5-8 223 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

LB	Jacob Patek 6-2 210 PS#291JC
DB	Myron Newberry 5-9 170 PS#330JC
QB	Kiran Kepo'o 6-2 220 PS#130
DB	Chris Camacho 5-10 190 PS#422JC
LB	Waylon Lolotai 6-2 215 PS#96TE
DB	CJ Hawthorne 5-11 165 PS#433JC
DL	David Veikune 6-3 245 PS#297 in '04
LB	Blaze Soares 6-1 225 PS#285 '05
DB	James Hayth 6-0 185 PS#417
RB	Jazen Anderson 5-10 211 PS#359 in '02
DB	Keenan Jones 5-11 180 PS#477JC
DL	Jason Laumoli 5-10 264 PS#477JC
WR	Mitch Farney 6-0 185 PS#443
LB	Peyton Ma'o 5-11 235 PS#453DL
WR	Rick Taylor 5-11 177 PS#485
OL	Brysen Ginlack 6-1 311 PS#562
OL	Jared Lene 6-4 240 PS#562
DL	Clayton Laurel 6-3 255 PS#495
DL	Alasi Tollolo 6-3 230 PS#495
LB	Po'okela Ahmad 6-2 205 PS#485
LB	Elliott Purcell 6-3 230 PS#485
DB	Lucious Henderson 5-10 170 PS#560
DB	Spencer Smith 6-0 180 PS#560
WR	Malcolm Lane 6-2 185 PS#485
WR	Tui Richter 6-3 194 PS#485
DB	Afa Bridenstine 6-1 190 PS#560
OL	Adrian Thomas 6-5 305 PS#675 '05
DL	Kekoa Kama 6-0 254 PS#495
LB	Victor Clore 6-2 229 PS#485

HAWAII WARRIORS

Honolulu, Hawaii
Weather (808) 973-4380

JUNE JONES (Career 53-37)
8th Year at Hawaii
Jones' SU Bowl Record: 3-1

Jones' records AT HAWAII

53-37	Straight Up	16-12	Home Favorite
44-37	Vs The Spread	14-9	Home Underdog
20-12	Off A SU Loss	5-6	Away Favorite
28-27	Vs Conference	9-10	Away Underdog
16-10	Vs Non-Conf	5-6	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 61 (25,34,2)
Lost: 16 (6,10,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 32,735

WAC

Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#103

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Including bowls, during the last 3 years Hawaii is 4-11 SU & ATS on the mainland but 18-6 SU & 14-9 ATS on the island. This will be the 22nd straight year UH will play at least 12 games.
Sep. 2	at Alabama	G						Hawaii is 1-10 SU & 4-7 ATS in their road openers the last 11 years. UH Warriors are 11-5-1 ATS on natural grass since 1998.
Sep. 9								ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Timmy Chang 17,072 2000-'04 Rushing: Gary Allen 3,451 1978-'81 Receiving: Ashley Lelie 3,341 1999-'01
Sep. 16	UNLV	A						Hawaii is 20-12 ATS (63%) since 1999 after a SU loss. The Warriors are 4-4 SU but 6-2 ATS vs current MWC schools the last 6 yrs.
Sep. 23	at Boise St	A						Hawaii is 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS against Boise St in WAC play the last 5 years. The Warriors are 6-9 SU & 4-11 ATS their last 15 WAC road games.
Sep. 30	Eastern Illinois	A						The Panthers finished 9-3 last year (#15 IAA) making it to the playoffs. This will be E Illinois 3rd trip to Hawaii as the teams average 77.5 ppg.
Oct. 7	Nevada	A						Could apply: The Warriors are 9-16 ATS their last 25 games after a SU win. Could apply: Warriors are 4-10 ATS S/'98 as a conference home dog.
Oct. 14	at Fresno St	G						Hawaii is 7-4 ATS the last 11 years vs Fresno State. The last time UH lost 3 straight games to Fresno St was from 1964-1966.
Oct. 21	at New Mexico St	G						LY QB Brennan had career highs in TD passes (7) & passing yds (515) vs NMSt. Hawaii is 4-3 SU & 2-5 ATS their last 7 games as an away favorite.
Oct. 28	Idaho	A						The Warriors are 5-1 SU & 2-0 ATS all-time vs the Vandals (1st gm in 1931). Hawaii is 9-0 SU & 6-3 ATS as a WAC home favorite the last 3 years.
Nov. 4	at Utah St	A						The Warriors last trip to Logan, UT was in 1965 (3rd all-time visit). Hawaii is just 2-10 ATS since 1992 in November road games.
Nov. 11	Louisiana Tech	A						Warriors are 19-8 SU & ATS in their last 27 November/December HG's. Hawaii is 3-1 SU & ATS vs Louisiana Tech, 1st game in 2000.
Nov. 18	San Jose St	A						Warriors are 3-7 ATS the L10Y in their final conf game of the season. These two schools since 1988 (12 gms) have averaged 67 ppg.
Nov. 25	Purdue	A						Purdue is the only tm UH plays this yr that they have never met previously. UH is 3-4 SU & 5-2 ATS hosting Big 10 teams since 1997.
Dec. 2	Oregon St	A						Hawaii is 4-7 SU but 7-4 ATS in their last 11 home finales. UH last met OSU in June Jones 1st yr as the Warriors HC ('99 Oahu Bowl).

DL Ikaika Alama-Francis

STADIUM: ALOHA STADIUM (50,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	3-9	9-3	10-3	8-5	7-5	5-7	50-36
Home	5-4	3-5	7-2	7-1	6-1	7-1	3-4	38-18
Away	3-0	0-4	2-1	3-2	2-4	0-4	2-3	12-18
ATS	7-4	7-4	7-4	6-6	4-8	6-6	7-5	44-37
Home Fav	0-1	2-0	3-3	2-4	2-2	4-2	3-0	16-12
Home Dog	4-3	3-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	1-3	14-9
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-3	0-1	1-0	5-6
Away Dog	2-0	2-2	1-0	2-1	0-2	0-3	2-2	9-10
Favorite	1-1	2-0	4-4	3-5	3-5	4-3	4-0	21-18
Dog	6-3	5-4	3-0	3-1	1-3	2-3	3-5	23-19
Grass	2-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	1-2	0-1	2-1	10-4
Artificial	5-4	5-4	6-4	4-6	3-6	6-5	5-4	34-33
vs Conf	5-2	4-4	5-3	4-4	2-6	3-5	5-3	28-27
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-0	2-1	2-2	2-2	3-1	2-2	16-10
Off SU Win	5-3	2-1	6-2	4-5	2-6	3-3	2-2	24-22
Off SU Loss	2-0	5-3	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-2	5-2	20-12

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Nate Ilaoa	85	654	11	643	6	7.6
Colt Brennan	99	371	217	154	2	1.6
Mario Cox	16	72	1	71	0	4.4
Tyler Graunke	21	89	21	68	0	3.2
Reagan Mauia	12	59	0	59	1	4.9
David Farmer	12	52	3	49	1	4.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Colt Brennan	515	350	68.0	4301	35	13
Tyler Graunke	56	28	50.0	306	2	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Ryan Grice-Mullen	85	1228	14.4	12	73	
Davone Bess	89	1124	12.6	14	62	
Ross Dickerson	51	725	14.2	4	87	
Chad Mock	42	502	12.0	1	44	
Nate Ilaoa	36	274	7.6	1	24	
Ian Sample	12	172	14.3	1	27	
Jordan Slye	7	104	14.9	0	23	
Aaron Bain	5	88	17.6	2	32	
Michael Washington	13	86	6.6	0	10	
Bryan Maneafaiga	8	75	9.4	1	27	
David Farmer	11	71	6.5	1	14	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Kurt Milne	41	1479	36.1	10	30.0	0	8
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dan Kelly	42-45	1-1	6-8	3-6	0-0	10-15	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kila Kamakawiwo'ole	84	8	6	5	0
Solomon Elimimian	83	2	4	1	1
Brad Kalilimoku	71	0.5	4.5	0	0
Lono Manners	68	2	1	6	1
Tanuvasa Moe	64	2.5	4.5	2	0
Lamar Broadway	61	2	0.5	2	0
Kenny Patton	54	0	0.5	4	1
Ikaika Alama-Francis	49	5	2.5	2	0
Melila Purcell	34	1	0	1	0
Ryan Keomaka	29	0	1	3	1
Turmarian Moreland	26	0	1	3	4
Michael Lafaele	23	0	5	0	0
Landon Kafentzis	22	0	0	1	0
Ikaika Curnan	20	0	1	0	0
Dane Porlas	16	0	0	0	1
Tyson Kafentzis	16	0	0.5	0	0
Keao Monteilh	13	0	1	2	0
Renolds Fruean	11	1	0.5	1	0
Adam Leonard	9	0	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Andre Taylor	5	37	7.4	0	
AJ Martinez	4	32	8.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Andre Taylor	28	600	21.4	0	
AJ Martinez	21	403	19.2	0	

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
92	Holiday	E	Illinois	27-17	W
99	Oahu	+9	Oregon St	23-17	W
02	Hawaii	-14	Tulane	28-36	L
03	Hawaii	-10'	Houston (3OT)	54-48	L
04	Hawaii	-4	UAB	59-40	W

Hawaii's All-Time SU Bowl Record 4-2

HAWAII'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	30.7	26	92	4.0	384	65.6	15.5	-3	2005	6	35.7	24	188	4.7	251	62.1	12.3
10*	35.9	22	96	4.7	339	58.2	12.1	-2	2004	3	38.4	25	253	5.4	235	55.8	12.7
7*	34.7	24	104	4.6	384	58.9	14.1	-8	2003	7	30.5	21	158	3.8	239	56.7	13.0
6*	35.9	24	110	5.0	386	55.7	13.8	-14	2002	8	27.8	22	169	4.0	226	51.1	14.2
9*	40.3	24	81	3.4	381	57.4	11.5	+9	2001	6	26.5	24	182	4.0	250	54.6	16.3
5	24.5	20	74	3.7	323	50.7	16.2	-8	2000	7	33.3	22	211	4.3	194	55.6	12.2

2005 STATS BY GAME

UH 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	USC	23	21 - 60	2.9	33 - 49	377	4	24	33 - 177	5.4	20 - 29	341	1	-2
–	at Michigan St	22	28 - 123	4.4	25 - 43	236	4	25	41 - 198	4.8	21 - 26	301	2	-1
–	at Idaho	21	25 - 41	1.6	36 - 47	364	3	9	21 - 41	2.0	8 - 25	112	3	+1
–	Boise St	25	22 - 114	5.2	30 - 55	442	2	23	48 - 223	4.6	18 - 33	207	4	+2
–	at Louisiana Tech	17	15 - 11	0.7	26 - 37	269	3	26	54 - 327	6.1	14 - 20	149	3	-2
–	New Mexico St	34	18 - 97	5.4	40 - 59	531	1	33	38 - 112	2.9	36 - 60	391	3	+1
–	at San Jose St	32	28 - 62	2.2	36 - 48	457	3	25	35 - 170	4.9	22 - 35	262	0	+2
–	Fresno St	27	23 - 129	5.6	35 - 56	327	5	17	28 - 232	8.3	15 - 25	213	2	+1
–	at Nevada	25	19 - 46	2.4	30 - 46	415	5	29	50 - 236	4.7	20 - 36	204	3	-2
–	Utah St	25	24 - 115	4.8	30 - 45	464	2	16	44 - 153	3.5	17 - 24	218	3	-1
–	Wisconsin	23	17 - 43	2.5	33 - 54	403	5	24	53 - 249	4.7	12 - 16	191	0	-2
–	San Diego St	34	39 - 262	6.7	25 - 39	326	1	31	37 - 133	3.6	33 - 51	421	1	0
TOTALS		308	279 - 1103	4.0	379 - 578	4611	38	282	482 - 2251	4.7	236 - 380	3010	25	-3
AVERAGES		25.7	23 - 92	4.0	32 - 48	384	3.2	23.5	40 - 188	4.7	20 - 32	251	2.1	-0.3

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Montana	NL	30-12	–
at Nevada	-5'	20-28	L
Rice	-3'	24-27	L
at SMU	+5'	38-31 OT	W
UTEP	-7	66-7	W
at Tulsa	-7	36-15	W
Fresno St - #18	+6	38-34	W
San Jose St	-13	34-10	W
Boise St	-4	21-28	L
Miami, Oh	-7'	52-51	L
Air Force	-9'	52-30	W
BYU - #9	+3	72-45	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Illinois	NL	61-36	–
at BYU	+11	32-35	W
at UTEP	-19'	31-6	W
SMU	-22'	42-10	W
at Boise St	+4	31-58	L
Nevada	-10	59-34	W
Tulsa	-30'	37-14	L
at Fresno St	+1'	31-21	W
San Jose St	-24'	40-31	L
at Rice	-8	33-28	L
Cincinnati	-3'	20-19	L
Alabama - #14	+11'	16-21	W
San Diego St	-14'	41-40	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Appalachian St	NL	40-17	–
at USC - #4	+21	32-61	L
at UNLV	+1	22-33	L
Rice	-21	41-21	L
at Tulsa	-9	16-27	L
Fresno St	-3	55-28	W
at Louisiana Tech	E	44-41	W
UTEP	-27'	31-15	L
at San Jose St	-13	13-10	L
at Nevada	-3'	14-24	L
Army	-26'	59-28	W
Alabama	+2'	37-29	W
Boise St - #18	+11	28-45	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida Atlantic	-21	28-35 OT	L
at Rice	-1'	29-41	L
Tulsa	-11	44-16	W
Nevada	-18'	48-26	W
at UTEP	+3'	20-51	L
San Jose St	-22	46-28	L
at Boise St - #18	+23'	3-69	L
Louisiana Tech	-3'	34-23	W
at Fresno St	+21	14-70	L
Idaho	-21	52-21	W
Northwestern	+6	49-41	W
Michigan St	+6	41-38	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
USC - #1	+36	17-63	L
at Michigan St	+31'	14-42	W
at Idaho	E	24-0	W
Boise St	+10'	41-44	W
at Louisiana Tech	+3	14-46	L
New Mexico St	-20	49-28	W
at San Jose St	-6	45-38	W
Fresno St - #22	+13	13-27	L
at Nevada	+5	28-38	L
Utah St	-16'	50-23	W
Wisconsin - #24	+7	24-41	L
San Diego St	-3	49-38	W

NEVADA WOLF PACK

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Nevada has always had a high flying pass attack but the Wolf Pack had their streak of 17 seasons topping 2,000 yards passing snapped in 2001. In '02 true frosh Jeff Rowe played in six games (26 passes). In 2003 Rowe and Travis Moore (PS#225), who both have strong arms and great size, battled Jr Andy Heiser (6-1 180), who had the best understanding of the offense. Rowe struggled early, lost his job, regained it, then separated his shoulder. Heiser threw for 2,294 yards (50.3%) with a 13-12 ratio. All three QB's returned in '04. Heiser suffered a shoulder injury (7 passes). Rowe began as the starter but split time with Moore the first 6, taking half the snaps vs UNLV and Hawaii. With the team 2-4, Ault said he needed to turn the offense over to one QB and Rowe started the last six. Rowe was the clear-cut starter in '05 and had his best season, as he went from throwing 2,633 (58%, 15-12 ratio) in '04 to 2,925 (62%, 21-10 ratio), while also rushing for 470. Ault said that true frosh Nick Graziano (PS#196) was the team's clear future at QB and would have played had Rowe gone down with injury. Moore was the backup again (16 att). Ault was critical of Rowe after his 4 int effort vs Boise but he rebounded with a 9-2 ratio in the last 5. Rowe has good size (6-5 220) and is now in his 2nd year in the new "pistol" offense and should continue to show improvement.

RUNNING BACKS - BJ Mitchell was the team's #2 rusher in each of his first 3 years and had a combined 996 yards (4.5) with 4 starts, heading into 2005. Last year he had to battle JUCO Robert Hubbard who had 1,518 yards and 23 TD's at JC in 2003 and was one of Nevada's top scout team players in '04. Hubbard was not 100% at the start and Mitchell proved to be the key to the team's offense. Whenever Mitchell had 77 yards or more the team won and when he had less, the team lost. Mitchell led the WAC in rushing with 117 ypg for 1,399 (5.4) and 12 TD's (178 in bowl). Hubbard had just 180 in the first six but over the last 6 had 539. Hubbard had 11 TD's and it could have been 12 if he didn't slide down at the 1 vs Fresno in order to run out the clock. The only other two RB's to touch the ball were Tommy Haug (46 yd) and speedster Kyle Eklund who came into the season with an Achilles injury (3 rush). Mitchell departs as does Haug and Hubbard becomes the main back. Mike Kanellis (5-10 190 rFr) and Ken Visor (6-0 185 Fr) will contend for the #2 spot along with Luke Lippincott (6-2 200 So), Tim Ham (6-0 200 rFr), who has been inj'd (may return) and Mark Seward (6-0 220 So), who moved over from LB. If Hubbard stays healthy, this group could come close to last year's standards.

RECEIVERS - Nichiren Flowers at 6'3" was 1st Tm WAC in '04 with 91 rec's (12.4). JUCO Caleb Spencer, who was a HS QB, took to the position in just his 2nd year at WR and first at Nevada (67 rec, 11.4). They both returned last year but Flowers was suspended the 1H of the first game for not practicing hard enough. Later in the season, he lost 24 lbs as it was discovered he was suffering from Crohn's disease. Naturally he saw his #'s drop to 55 (12.8). Spencer had 22 rec for 298 yds in the first 3 but missed a game and only had 45 (13.3) in the final 8. RFr Mike McCoy (17, 13.5) began as a starter and JUCO Kyle Sammons took over the spot and was #3 (27, 13.9). Ault said the starting TE was a coin flip between Anthony Pudewell (27, 11.4) and Adam Bishop (PS#135, 7, 6.9) but Pudewell saw most of the action. This year they must replace Flowers and WR Trevor Brackett (9 rec). Spencer got a lot of his catches early, with D's concentrating on Flowers and they will need another WR to emerge but this unit could be stronger, even with the losses.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Ault's first year (2nd tenure here), the Wolf Pack OL paved the way for 4.0 ypc rushing, while allowing 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but returned 7 of the top 10 and the OL improved as the season went along, allowing 6 sacks in the opener but just 24 in the final 11. One of their two returning starters, Jimmy Wadhams was lost for the year after 4 starts. TE Tony Moll moved to RT, added 30 lbs and was simply 1st Tm WAC. The C's struggled at times with the new pistol offense. At one point the top 3 C's were out and rFr Dominic Green started the last 8 at C. This year they lose Moll (#5DC GB, 12 st) and OT Adam Kiefer (12 st, 2 yr st'r). The inexperienced group paved the way for 4.5 ypc (30 sk). Five players return with starting experience, so this group is in better shape.

DEFENSIVE LINE - An inexperienced Wolf Pack defensive front allowed 4.9 ypc rushing, while the D had just 28 sacks in 2004. Last year they switched to a 3-4 and had 5 of their top 6 back, although they lost the team MVP and 1st Tm WAC DT in Chris Berry. NG Matt Hines became the first player in Nevada history to bench over 500 lbs. The Wolf Pack improved to 4.3 ypc allowed (29 sk). This year they lose DE Craig Bailey (12 st, 2nd Tm WAC, 27 tkl, 4 sk), DE Corey Fagan (1 st, 9 tkl) and DT PJ Hoeper (6 tkl). They get solid additions with 2 JUCO's and a VHT true frosh and should have their best defensive front in years.

OLB Ezra Butler

LINEBACKERS - The Wolf Pack returned 3 starters to their brand-new 3-4 D last year, including Jeremy Engstrom (PS#273) who led the team in tackles (97) and earned 2nd Tm WAC honors in '04. True frosh Joshua Mauga got offers from Ariz St and Oregon but signed here and started immediately. JJ Milan (PS#250DL), who was a DE in '04, was projected to start at SLB in 2005 but was lost for the season. Engstrom surprisingly only had 35 tackles (8 st), with Jason DeMars starting the last 4 in his place, including 13 tackles vs Utah St. This year they lose WLB Roosevelt Cooks (12 st, 98 tkl, 2nd Tm WAC, Def MVP) and WLB Jamaal Jackson (20 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep below is Mohulamu Otuafi (6-2 235 Jr, PS#153TE) and Talaisa Paloka (6-4 231 rFr). They not only have 8 players back with starting experience but Milan returns and they add in Oregon transfer Jerome Johnson (PS#86). This should be one of the WAC's better LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After an outstanding #66 finish in my pass D rankings in 2003, the Wolf Pack had just one starter back in 2004. They were hit hard by injuries and at one point had just 6 healthy DB's and dropped down to #90. Last year they appeared to only have to replace one starter but then returning starter CB Pratt was lost for the year. UCLA transfer Joe Garcia (PS#29) came in and started all 12 games. FS Matt Virden started the opener but tore an ACL. True frosh Mike Samples took off his redshirt and played the last 7 (3 st). SS Nick Hawthorne then went down with an ACL injury after 5 starts. CB Kevin Stanley did tie for the WAC lead in pbu's with 15 and the Wolf Pack secondary, which had just one returning starter available at season's end, moved up to #73, although they did allow a 30-11 ratio. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Cameron Bayne (6-2 180 rFr). This year they lose CB Kevin Stanley (10 st, 45 tkl, 15 pbu) and SS Roderick Stallings (12 st, 70 tkl, 4 pbu), but have six of the top 8 back, including 8 with starting experience and get back Pratt.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit must be an area of concern for Coach Ault. The Wolf Pack's best finish in my ST rankings was #54 in 2002 but in 2003 they dropped to #112 and #96 in '04. Last year they had to replace their four year K but did have their top PR and P Justin Bergendahl returning. Nevada was actually #1 in the WAC in KR coverage at one point. Last year I said there was only one way for the unit to go, but I was wrong, as Nevada dropped to #99 and Ault heavily criticized the special teams throughout the year. Bergendahl avg'd 52.8 vs UNLV and was the WAC Special Tms POW but finished with a 41.3 avg (32.8 net). RFr Brett Jaekle is capable of hitting 50% TB's but the Wolf Pack opted to sky kick on most KO's. He had 16 TB's on 75 KO's. Jaekle missed 3 early xp's and Ault was reluctant to let him try any FG's over 37 yards. He att'd just 3 from 40+ with a long of 40 but he did hit a solid 12 of 15. Their backup K was WR Alex Rosenblum but he missed his only xp att. Wolf Pack KR's were last in the WAC early and then Robert Hubbard took over and had 13 returns (24.0) but the team avg'd just 18.7. The team came up a -3 in the TD/Blk category. They have allowed seven KR TD's the last three years. Top PR, Kevin Stanley was solid avg'g 10.0 and all-purpose Rosenblum had 4 PR's (9.5). I look for Jaekle to improve as a soph and, while I'm hesitant to say it again, I feel this unit can only improve.

COACHES - Chris Ault led Nevada to seven conf titles and a 163-63-1 record from 1976-'92 and '94-'95. He is in the College Football Hall of Fame. He was the AD here at Nevada and, despite Chris Tormey improving his record each year, he was fired by Ault, who took over as the head man in 2004, vacating his AD duties. In 2004 he had co-DC's in Barry Sacks and Dave Fipp. Sacks is now in his 5th year but Fipp left for San Jose. Ault made a solid choice bringing in Tim DeRuyter, who spent the last three years as the DC coach at Ohio and was also Navy's DC from 1999-'01. Chris Klenakis is now in his 2nd year as Co-OC. Ault was given a 3 year contract extension thru 2008.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nevada amazingly improved its win total each season under then-coach Chris Tormey, moving from 2 to 3 to 5 and finishing with a 6-6 record in 2003. That 2003 team stood toe-to-toe with Pac 10 powers Washington and Oregon and was better than their record. When Ault took over in 2004, 13 players left the team over the summer and just 70 of their players were on scholarship. They benefitted from playing a soft schedule (#109) and, in fact, after 10 weeks not a single one of their foes had a winning record. Nevada was much better at home than on the road as they were 5-1 at home, winning by an average of 41.5-26.7. On the road they were 0-6 SU losing by an avg of 42.2-17.8. Last year Nevada had a dream season as they got their first winning year since 1998. Seventy-two of their 73 players stayed in school for summer workouts and Ault commented how they were bigger, stronger and faster. They ended a 5 game losing streak to rival UNLV, reclaiming the Freemont Cannon. After a 49-14 loss to Boise St, they were just 4-3 but rallied to win their final four, including a victory over #16 Fresno St, who was coming off their huge effort vs USC. They then beat UCF in the bowl game by 1 in OT and finished with an outstanding 9-3 mark and #29 in the AP poll. They were 7-1 and co-Champs of the WAC but outgained foes by just 59.6 ypg, only the 4th best mark in the league. Nevada also benefited from +4 in net close wins (pg 299). On offense last year Nevada instituted the "pistol" formation, where the QB lined up 5 yards from the line of scrimmage in a mini-shotgun. After averaging just 21.3 ppg their first three games, they avg'd 38.4 ppg their final 9. While RB Mitchell will be tough to replace, they have seven starters back, including QB Rowe and will be potent. The Wolf Pack's D is much improved and could allow the fewest ppg since 1996 (23.2). This is an even stronger team than last year but so is their schedule. They could actually be an underdog in their first 6 games and, while it should be another successful season for the Wolf Pack, I doubt they'll match last year's 9 win total.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 3 JEFF ROWE SR. 6-5 220 26 st, 3Y. 5955 career yd (59.6%) 38-25 ratio, 831 gross rush. **10** Nick Graziano (6-1 230 rFr) PS#196. **12** Travis Moore (6-2 215 Sr) 584 pass 3Y.

RB 19 Robert Hubbard Sr. 5-11 195 1518 rush, 23 TD JC '03. RS '04. 719 (5.9) in '05. **30** Kyle Eklund (5-8 185 Sr) PS#271WR. **7** Luke Lippincott (6-2 200 So). **36** Mike Kanellis (5-10 190 rFr).

WR 89 Mike McCoy So. 6-0 190 PS#280. 5 st rFr, 17 rec (13.5). **42** Andy McIntosh (6-0 185 So). **81** Arthur King (6-1 190 rFr) PS#465DB. Jack Darlington (6-2 190 So) PS#103. 4 st, 15 rec.

WR 5 KYLE SAMMONS SR. 6-0 190 PS#266JC. L/6 st LY, 27 rec (13.9). Marko Mitchell 34 rec (21.1) JC LY. **85** Dwayne Sanders (5-10 175 rFr) PS#367. Rocco Bene (6-0 195 rFr).

WR 87 CALEB SPENCER SR. 5-11 180 JC. 11 st '04, 67 rec (11.4). 11 st LY, 67 rec (13.3), **1st Tm WAC**. **80** Alex Rosenblum (5-9 185 Sr) 1 st, 14 rec (11.3) 3Y. No spg, inj.

TE 83 ANTHONY PUDEWELL SR. 6-3 240 8 st rFr. 12 (10.2). 12 st '04, 13 rec (12.0). 12 st LY, 27 rec, **2nd Tm WAC**. **88** Adam Bishop (6-4 245 Jr) 1 st, 9 rec 2Y. **82** Travis Branzell (6-4 240 Sr).

C 76 Jimmy Wadhams Sr. 6-3 290 8 st C '04, 12 gm. First 4 st at RG LY, injured. **66** Kyle Robertson (6-3 290 Jr) PS#148TE. Backup LY. **59** Mike DeMars (6-2 305 So) PS#477JC.

SG 70 BARRETT REZNICK SR. 6-1 285 PS#416DL. 1 st SG, 12 gm rFr. 11 st LG, **2nd Tm WAC** LY. **71** Kenny Ackerman (6-4 265 rFr). **51** Dain Lutz (6-5 250 rFr). 1 gm RS.

WG 53 Fred White Jr. 6-2 280 PS#442JC. 1 st LG (inj), bench 500. **60** Greg Hall (6-3 285 So) 2nd string rFr. **72** Joe Bultena (6-3 330 Sr). **78** Chris Hegge (6-2 280 rFr).

ST 75 CHARLES MANU JR. 6-3 300 PS#295JC. Last 8 st RG here LY. **67** Reid Jacobs (6-4 295 Jr) PS#273JC. 2nd string LY. Adam Garcia (6-4 300 Jr) 12 gm '04, 3 letters.

WT 61 DOMINIC GREEN SO. 6-2 290 PS#386. 12 st (8 C, 4 RG) rFr. AJ Slater (6-4 300 Jr) PS#477JC. In for spg. **65** Brad Eskew (6-3 295 So) PS#338. **74** Alonzo Durham (6-3 270 rFr).

K 13 BRETT JAEKLE SO. 6-4 210 Hit 12 of 15 FG LY but long 40, 1-2 from 40+, 16 TB's on 75 KO's. James Cullen (6-0 170 Fr) PS#40. **40** Thomas Barcia (5-10 185 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 93 CHARLES WILSON SR. 6-4 270 Scout POY true. 6 st '04, 13 tfl. 10 st LY, 38 tkl, 2.5 sk. **48** Erics Clark (6-5 260 Jr) PS#236LB. 2 st, 27 tkl, 3.5 sk, 2Y. **94** Mundrae Clifton (6-2 292 So).

DT 57 MATT HINES JR. 6-0 285 **505 bench**. 2 st, 18 tkl as rFr. 12 st LY, 22 tkl, 2 tfl. **95** Nate Agaiava (6-2 298 rFr) PS#379. **79** Josh Catapano (6-3 265 Jr) 1 tkl LY. Daniel Agaiava (6-2 285 rFr).

DE NA John Romero Fr. 6-4 295 **PS#54**. **97** Jay Dixon (6-2 265 Jr) PS#74TE in '03. 5.5 sk at JUCO '04. RS LY. **43** Harry Powell (6-3 255 So). **92** Danny Wadhams (6-1 250 rFr).

SLB 56 EZRA BUTLER JR. 6-2 248 1 st rFr, 4.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 75 tkl, 5.5 sk, 10 tfl. **91** JJ Milan (6-5 265 Sr) 5 st true. 9 st '03. 9 st DE '04, 49 tkl, 10.5 tfl. RS LY. **52** Nick Fuhr (6-3 245 Jr) 2 st LY.

MLB 33 JASON DeMARS SR. 6-2 255 PS#295JC. L/4 st, 39 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **47** John Simpson (6-2 220 Jr) 9 tkl, 2Y. **31** Kevin Porter (6-1 240 Jr) 1 st, 20 tkl '04. **46** Dustin Pappas is PS#485.

WLB 32 JOSHUA MAUGA SO. 6-2 245 PS#333. **9 st true**, 32 tkls, 6 tfl. **Jerome Johnson** (6-1 265 So) **PS#86 '03**. Orig at Oregon, GS. **45** Scott Garrison (5-11 220 Sr) PS#112. 70 tkl, 7 sk, 3Y.

BAN 44 Jeremy Engstrom Jr. 6-1 247 PS#273. 12 st '04, **2nd Tm WAC**, 97 tkl. 8 st LY, 35 tkl. **55** Selevasio Fauolo (6-3 220 Sr) PS#260JC. 1 st, 18 tkl. **40** Zach Shapiro (6-1 245 rFr).

CB 35 Paul Pratt Jr. 5-10 185 PS#164. 3 st, 13 tkl true. **11 st** '04, 42 tkl, 3 pbu. ACL RS LY. **4** De'Angelo Wilson (5-10 185 So) 11 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu LY. Devon Walker (6-0 175 Jr) PS#446JC.

CB 23 JOE GARCIA SR. 6-0 180 **PS#29 in '02. UCLA trans.** 12 st LY, **1st Tm WAC**, 4 int, 14 pbu, 72 tkl. **18** Shannon Sevor (5-10 196 Jr) 5 st, 42 tkl 2Y. **39** Luke Rippee (5-9 170 So).

SS 24 Mike Samples So. 6-0 195 PS#171. 3 st true, 24 tkl. Justin Jackson (6-1 195 Jr) PS#358JC. **17** Uche Anyanwu (6-4 220 So) 7 tkl in '05. **14** Ryan Sollod (6-3 205 Jr).

FS 28 NICK HAWTHRONE SR. 6-0 200 PS#272. 11 st ROV rFr, 77 tkl, 3 int. 8 st '04, 57 tkl, 5 int. 5 st LY, 2 int. **38** Matt Virden (6-0 180 So) PS#204LB. 1 st rFr, ACL. Sergio Villasenor (6-1 206 Jr) 3 st, 18 tkl.

P 40 Thomas Barcia So. 5-10 185 Had P job to himself in spring. Dropped 25 lbs. Robert Van Hook (6-2 185 rFr) RS LY. **13** Brett Jaekle (6-4 210 So) FG's & KO's last year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	John Romero 6-4 295 PS#54
LB	Jerome Johnson 6-1 265 PS#86 '03
DB	Dontay Moch 6-1 220 PS#152
WR	Chris Wellington 6-1 185 PS#133
OL	Rob Sullivan 6-4 275 PS#198
LB	Ryan Coulson 6-3 220 PS#161
DB	Justin Jackson 6-1 195 PS#358JC
DB	Adam Liranzo 6-4 210 PS#224
RB	Vai Taua 5-10 230 PS#289
WR	Marko Mitchell 6-4 190 PS#428JC
RB	Brandon Fragger 5-9 195 PS#277
K	James Cullen 6-0 170 PS#40
QB	Colin Kaepernick 6-5 190 PS#153
DL	Mundrae Clifton 6-1 295 PS#446JC
DB	Devon Walker 6-0 175 PS#446JC
OL	Zach Hanson 6-8 305 PS#484
OL	Mike DeMars 6-2 305 PS#477JC
OL	AJ Slater 6-4 300 PS#477JC
DL	Sam Stewart 6-3 275 PS#477JC
RB	Courtney Randall 5-10 215 PS#515
WR	Virgil Green 6-4 210 PS#485
WR	Marshane Haynes 6-2 180 PS#485
OL	Mike Gallett 6-6 295 PS#562
OL	Omar Rawashdeh 6-6 315 PS#562
DL	Kevin Basped 6-6 235 PS#495
DL	John Bender 6-8 335 PS#495
LB	Dustin Pappas 6-1 230 PS#485

NEVADA WOLF PACK

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#90

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UN	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 1	at Fresno St (Fri)	G					
Sep. 9	at Arizona St	G					
Sep. 16	Colorado St	A					
Sep. 22	Northwestern (Fri)	A					
Sep. 30	at UNLV	A					
Oct. 7	at Hawaii	A					
Oct. 14							
Oct. 21	San Jose St	A					
Oct. 28	New Mexico St	A					
Nov. 4	at Idaho	A					
Nov. 11	Utah St	A					
Nov. 18	at Louisiana Tech	G					
Nov. 25	Boise St	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

In 2002, Chris Ault was inducted into the College Hall of Fame.
Nevada is 9-3 SU & 7-2 ATS in Homecoming games since 1994.
The Wolf Pack is 5-14 ATS the last 19 games as a DD away dog.

Nevada is 3-10 SU & 2-11 ATS their last 13 road games.
The Wolf Pack defense has given up 46 ppg the last 7 yrs vs the Bulldogs.

Wolf Pack is 2-0 all-time vs the Sun Devils but their last gm was in 1947.
Nevada has a 7-49-4 SU record vs the Pac 10 but is 4-1 ATS since 2000.

The Wolf Pack is 9-4 ATS their last 13 games as a home dog.
Nevada is 0-8 SU (4-3 ATS) vs Colorado St with the avg score 41-20 all-time.

Wolf Pack is 2-6 SU & ATS S/'97 the week before taking on rival UNLV.
Nevada has faced just one current Big 10 tm ever (Wisconsin in '93, lost 35-17).

This in-state rivalry has been played every year S/'89. Nevada went 10-1 SU & 3-0 ATS ('89-99) but UNLV has dominated the L6Y going 5-1 SU & 4-2 ATS.

The home team has both won and covered the last 6 years in this series.
The Wolf Pack is 8-1 ATS since 1998 before a bye week.

Wolf Pack is 4-0 SU & ATS vs the Spartans the L4Y w/the avg cover by 10 ppg.
Nevada is 6-0 SU & ATS the L2Y as a home fav, covering by avg of 11.5 ppg.

Nevada has been upset once as a DD fav (11-1 SU & 8-4 ATS) in '98 by NMSU 48-45 (-12).
The Wolf Pack is 8-1 SU avg 42.5 ppg in their 9 meetings with the Aggies.

The Wolf Pack is 5-2 SU & 3-1 ATS since 1990 vs the Vandals.
Nevada is 3-11-1 ATS since 1997 in November away games.

Wolf Pack sptms play in LY's gm was terrible giving up 99 (TD) & 84 yd KOR's.
These two teams are avg'ing 71 ppg in their 9 most recent meetings.

Nevada had big FD (26-14) & yd (458-229) edges LY, but 2 fum kept the score close.
These two teams have avg'd 79.5 ppg in their 6 meetings (95, '01-'05).

In their L/11 gms (S/'93) the SU winners avg margin of victory per gm is 32 pts.
Nevada is 3-6 SU & ATS in home finales the last 9 years.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: David Neill 10,901 1998-'01
Rushing: Frank Hawkins 5,333 1977-'80 Receiving: Trevor Insley 5,005 1996-'99

CHRIS AULT (Career 177-73-1)

22nd Year at Nevada — Ault's SU Bowl Record: 1-2

Ault's records AT NEVADA

177-73-1	Straight Up	6-0	Home Favorite
11-11	Vs The Spread	3-2	Home Underdog
4-4	Off A SU Loss	2-2	Away Favorite
9-7	Vs Conference	0-7	Away Underdog
2-4	Vs Non-Conf	1-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 35 (17,17,1)
Lost: 15 (7,7,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,076

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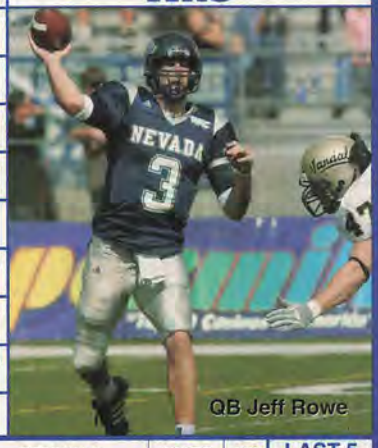


QB Jeff Rowe

STADIUM: MACKAY STADIUM (31,900)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-10	3-8	5-7	6-6	5-7	8-3	32-49
Home	2-4	1-4	2-3	4-2	3-3	5-1	5-1	22-18
Away	1-4	1-6	1-5	1-5	3-3	0-6	3-2	10-31
ATS	4-7	4-8	6-5	7-4-1	6-5	4-7	7-4	38-40-1
Home Fav	2-3	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-3	3-0	3-0	10-7
Home Dog	0-1	2-3	3-2	2-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	12-9
Away Fav	0-2	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-1	2-1	6-6
Away Dog	2-1	2-5	2-3	2-1-1	2-1	0-5	0-2	10-18-1
Favorite	2-5	0-0	1-0	3-2	2-4	3-1	5-1	16-13
Dog	2-2	4-8	5-5	4-2-1	4-1	1-6	2-3	22-27-1
Grass	4-5	1-3	1-2	2-1-1	1-0	0-3	2-1	11-15-1
Artificial	0-2	3-5	5-3	5-3	5-5	4-4	5-3	27-25
vs Conf	2-4	2-6	5-3	4-3-1	3-5	3-5	6-2	25-28-1
vs Non-Conf	2-3	2-2	1-2	3-1	3-0	1-2	1-2	13-12
Off SU Win	1-2	0-2	0-2	3-1-1	3-3	3-2	4-3	14-15-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-6	6-2	3-3	3-2	1-4	3-0	22-21

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
BJ Mitchell	261	1428	29	1399	12	5.4
Robert Hubbard	122	741	22	719	11	5.9
Jeff Rowe	119	470	226	244	6	2.1
Tommy Haug	9	48	2	46	0	5.1
Travis Moore	7	36	10	26	0	3.7
Caleb Spencer	2	9	0	9	0	4.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jeff Rowe	389	241	62.0	2925	21	10
Travis Moore	16	8	50.0	73	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Caleb Spencer	67	889	13.3	7	64
Nichiren Flowers	55	706	12.8	2	54
Kyle Sammons	27	375	13.9	2	52
Anthony Pudewell	27	308	11.4	2	27
Mike McCoy	17	230	13.5	1	50
Jack Darlington	15	165	11.0	1	33
Robert Hubbard	12	112	9.3	2	25
Trevor Brackett	9	75	8.3	0	23
Adam Bishop	7	48	6.9	1	13
Alex Rosenblum	3	27	9.0	0	12
BJ Mitchell	4	26	6.5	1	12

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Justin Bergendahl	54	2229	41.3	6	32.8	1	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brett Jaekle	50-53	7-9	4-4	1-2	0-0	12-15	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Roosevelt Cooks	98	5.5	4.5	1	0
Ezra Butler	75	5.5	10	3	0
Joe Garcia	72	1	2.5	14	4
Roderick Stallings	70	1.5	3	4	1
Kevin Stanley	45	0	2	15	1
Jason DeMars	39	0	2.5	0	0
Charles Wilson	38	2.5	1.5	1	0
Jeremy Engstrom	35	0	2	1	0
Scott Garrison	35	4	1	1	1
Josh Mauga	32	2.5	3.5	2	0
Nick Hawthrone	28	0	0	3	2
Craig Bailey	27	4	3.5	2	0
Mike Samples	24	0	0	0	0
Matt Hines	22	0	2	0	0
Shannon Sevor	20	0	0	2	0
Jamaal Jackson	20	0	0	0	0
Erics Clark	19	2.5	1.5	0	0
Selevasio Fauolo	18	0	1.5	1	0
Sergio Villasenor	18	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kevin Stanley	22	219	10.0	0
Alex Rosenblum	4	38	9.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Robert Hubbard	13	312	24.0	0
De'Angelo Wilson	8	148	18.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
48	Harbor	NL	Villanova	7-27	–
92	Las Vegas	NL	Bowling Green	34-35	–
95	Las Vegas	E	Toledo	37-40	L
96	Las Vegas	-6'	Ball St	18-15	L
05	Hawaii	-2'	UCF (OT)	49-48	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Nevada's All-Time SU Bowl Record 3-3

NEVADA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	34.2	25	200	4.5	250	61.3	13.2	0	2005	6	31.9	22	141	4.3	269	55.9	12.9
6*	29.7	24	154	4.0	265	58.8	14.1	+1	2004	4	34.4	20	209	4.9	190	55.5	11.6
6	23.5	20	171	4.3	216	49.2	16.5	+5	2003	10	28.2	22	169	4.1	237	57.6	14.4
6	27.6	24	138	3.9	296	61.2	15.7	-6	2002	10	30.9	20	178	4.7	242	54.5	13.6
10*	26.0	25	206	4.8	248	55.2	17.5	-1	2001	6	39.2	23	224	5.4	271	61.6	12.6
2*	17.3	18	68	2.2	245	48.9	18.1	-2	2000	2	38.7	23	233	5.0	202	56.5	11.2

2005 STATS BY GAME

UN 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	Washington St	21	35 - 125	3.6	23 - 42	257	6	27	43 - 247	5.7	19 - 32	287	2	0
–	UNLV	24	49 - 131	2.7	21 - 33	265	2	12	34 - 205	6.0	7 - 26	58	4	+1
–	at Colorado St	22	31 - 95	3.1	23 - 34	324	2	24	43 - 257	6.0	15 - 27	223	0	-2
–	at San Jose St	26	44 - 148	3.4	20 - 35	226	4	16	25 - 49	2.0	20 - 40	328	1	0
–	Idaho	26	44 - 265	6.0	23 - 32	272	0	19	23 - 38	1.7	25 - 49	275	3	+2
–	Louisiana Tech	26	44 - 189	4.3	25 - 45	269	3	14	32 - 68	2.1	13 - 39	161	3	-2
–	at Boise St	25	46 - 117	2.5	23 - 42	321	5	23	42 - 264	6.3	15 - 24	196	1	-2
–	Hawaii	29	50 - 236	4.7	20 - 36	204	3	25	19 - 46	2.4	30 - 46	415	5	+2
–	at New Mexico St	31	50 - 289	5.8	22 - 34	271	0	21	19 - 41	2.2	33 - 47	357	3	0
–	at Utah St	19	45 - 195	4.3	12 - 19	146	1	19	39 - 93	2.4	19 - 27	226	3	0
–	Fresno St	22	47 - 235	5.0	15 - 22	189	3	28	28 - 133	4.8	30 - 45	405	1	+2
–	† UCF	30	51 - 369	7.2	22 - 32	254	1	30	44 - 254	5.8	19 - 36	301	3	-1
TOTALS		301	536 - 2394	4.5	249 - 406	2998	30	258	391 - 1695	4.3	245 - 438	3232	29	0
AVERAGES		25.1	45 - 200	4.5	21 - 34	250	2.5	21.5	33 - 141	4.3	20 - 37	269	2.4	0.0

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	+25'	7-52	L
at Colorado St	+29'	18-35	W
Hawaii	+5'	28-20	W
UNLV	+11	12-27	L
Louisiana Tech	+9	42-45 OT	W
at Rice	+13	30-33	W
at Boise St	+22	7-49	L
SMU	+2	35-14	W
at San Jose St	+3'	45-64	L
Fresno St	+19'	14-61	L
at UTEP	-5	48-31	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington St - #12	+27	7-31	W
BYU	+14	31-28	W
Rice	-7'	31-21	W
Colorado St - #25	+11'	28-32	W
at UNLV	-1	17-21	L
at Hawaii	+10	34-59	L
San Jose St	-5	52-24	W
at Louisiana Tech	+4'	47-50	W
at SMU	-6'	24-6	W
UTEP	-27'	23-17	L
at Fresno St	+8	30-38	T
Boise St - #23	+18'	7-44	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
S Utah	NL	24-23	–
at Oregon	+22	23-31	W
at San Jose St	-1'	42-30	W
SMU	-19	12-9	L
UNLV	+5'	12-16	W
at Washington	+17'	28-17	W
at Tulsa	E	28-21	W
Louisiana Tech	-4	34-42	L
at Rice	-6	42-52	L
Fresno St	-2'	10-27	L
Hawaii	+3'	24-14	W
at Boise St - #18	+22	3-56	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisiana Tech	+5	21-38	L
Sacramento St	NL	59-7	–
Buffalo	-16	38-13	W
at San Diego St	+14'	10-27	L
at UNLV	+5'	13-48	L
at Hawaii	+18'	26-48	L
Rice	+8	35-10	W
Tulsa	-3	54-48 3OT	W
San Jose St	-14	42-24	W
at SMU	-7	20-38	L
at Fresno St	+26	17-54	L
Boise St - #10	+25'	21-58	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington St	+9	21-55	L
UNLV	+1'	22-14	W
at Colorado St	+17'	21-42	L
at San Jose St	-3'	30-23	W
Idaho	-8	62-14	W
Louisiana Tech	-2	37-27	W
at Boise St	+20	14-49	L
Hawaii	-5	38-28	W
at New Mexico St	-10	48-24	W
at Utah St	-9'	30-24	L
Fresno St - #16	+15	38-35	W

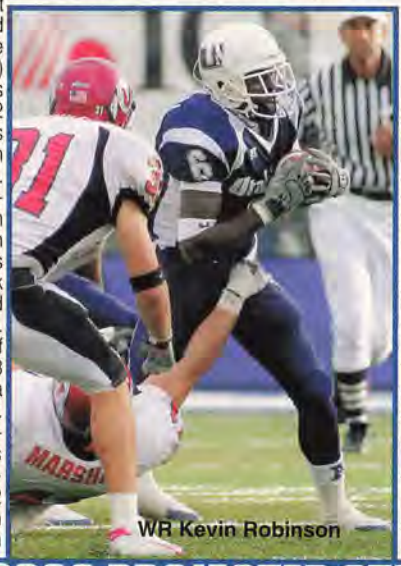
UTAH ST AGGIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2000, 3rd string QB Jose Fuentes was thrust into the starting role and ended up as the school's career passing leader. Travis Cox started the next two years and in 2004 threw for 1,908 (58.5%) but with only a 10-16 ratio (18-7 ratio '03). Leon Jackson (PS#82), who has 4.58 speed, a strong arm and had a 35-7 ratio in HS, was recruited by several Pac 10 schools. He threw for 404 (56.5%) as a rFr in '04 (75 yds rush) and also was the punter. HC Guy wants a mobile QB, he says they are the toughest to defend and Jackson fits that role to a tee. Eric Sobolewski had the strongest arm of the QB's but had a tough August and dropped to #4 and true frosh Jerod Walker became #2. Jackson had a rough start vs Utah with just 95 yards passing, the lowest total for the Aggies in a game since 1994. Walker played in 6 of the first 8 games even coming in vs Boise St when Jackson had been 7 for 7 to direct a 2Q series. Jackson's best game was throwing for 372 vs LTech but he injured his shoulder vs Hawaii and missed the final two. In Walker's two starts, he hit 33 of 46 (72%) for 408 with a 4-2 ratio. Jase McCormick (6-1 189 rFr), who originally signed at LSU in '02 and then went on an LDS mission, did well on the scout team. Jackson completed 64% with a 7-0 ratio at home but on the road hit just 54% with a 2-6 ratio. They signed Riley Nelson (PS#65) but he probably will not play until 2009 (mission). Adding depth is Bryan Black (6-2 200 Sr) and true frosh Judd Thompson who was in for the spring. Walker was dismissed from the team in April but Jackson looks like a much improved QB this year.

RUNNING BACKS - Utah St had some excellent RB's from 1999-2002 with Demario Brown breaking the Utah St single season rushing record (1,536) in 1999. Emmitt White led the NCAA in all-purpose yards in 2000 and topped 1,000 rushing for two straight years. The team had a 100 yard rusher in 51 of their previous 77 games heading into 2002 but has had just 7 by a RB in the last FOUR years (0 in '05). Injuries and academics cost the Aggies their top projected RB's in 2004 and Chris Forbes led with just 396 (3.7). Playing behind a light, inexperienced O-line, the RB's really struggled in 2005. An amazing stat is that in eleven games, a RB led the team in rushing just twice! Ryan Bohm, who graduated from HS in '01 then went on a mission, rushed for 56 vs Utah and surprisingly had just two carries vs Idaho. Bohm did have 94 vs Alabama and 79 in the season finale to finish with 340 (3.7) and added 20 rec (8.1). Forbes rushed for just 137 (3.0) and had 12 rec (5.8). With Bohm and Forbes banged up, FB Lynwood Johnson (6-1 228 So) got the start vs Boise. JUCO Marcus Crawford was injured after 3 games. Not listed in the 3 deep below are TB's Dustin Zieman (5-10 207 Jr), Marcus Davis (5-10 210 rFr), FB's Derek Christiansen (5-10 202 So) and Anthony Turchetta (5-10 215 Jr). The KEY this year is the addition of JUCO Marcus Cross who had 1,163 yards (6.0) LY at JC, making this a vastly improved RB corps in 2006.

RECEIVERS - Despite playing for just two years, Kevin Curtis left as the school's career reception leader with 174 after the '02 season (#3 DC NFL). It was an inexperienced receiving corps in 2004 but the duo of Kevin Robinson and Tony Pennyman proved to be a threat to opposing secondaries. Robinson led with 44 rec (13.7) and Pennyman had 43 (13.9). Both are dangerous returnmen as well. They returned in '05 but the team had to replace 2 starters (TE & WR). Pennyman was suspended for the opener but led with 63 (11.8), while Robinson had 43 (15.4) and led in TD's (8). The Pennyman/Robinson combo accounted for 57% of the rec with the #3 WR, Oregon transfer Tarrell Richards (PS#127QB) having just 11 (10.5). Both Robinson and Pennyman return so defenses cannot key on either one. The only losses are TE Jason Stephens (10 st, 8 rec), WR Blake Garrett (1 rec) and WR Dionté Holloway (dismissed) who led with 19.4 ypc in just 6 games (10 rec). This is one of the WAC's best receiving corps.


WR Kevin Robinson

OFFENSIVE LINE - This line has been hit hard by injuries the last two years. In 2004 the Aggies averaged just 2.3 ypc rush while allowing 38 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and one backup but then lost starting RT Justin Schlimgen (medRS). Guy said that they would like to be a zone running team but since the unit was so light, they were not able to incorporate those schemes. The starting C last year was converted TE Nick George (257 lbs) and two frosh started. This year they lose three starters in C George (11 st), LT Donald Penn (10 st, 2nd Tm WAC, 41 straight st) and LG Ryan DeQuillettes (9 st). Not only do 7 of the top 10 return but six have starting experience and the unit is much bigger averaging 303 lbs, finally giving Guy the desired size up front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Utah St has produced some great DL's like Merlin Olsen and Rulon Jones. In 2002 Utah St allowed 5.1 ypc rush with just 14 sacks. They switched from a 4-3 to a 3-4 and with all three starters back in '03, allowed 3.6 ypc, going from the #111 rush D to #45. In 2004 they only had one returning starter but slipped to 4.5 ypc (19 sk). Last year they shifted back to a 4-3 and I noted how they went 3 deep in solid experienced players and their star DE John Chick moved back from LB. Chick had a phenomenal year leading the WAC in sacks (12.5) and was 1st Tm WAC. He helped the Aggies allow just 144 ypg (3.9) rush, their best since 1998 (123). Surprisingly the D had just 23 sacks despite Chick's presence. This year Chick (11 st), DE Jarom Fano (11 st, 28 tkl, 4.5 tfl) and DE Michael Gates (6 tkl) all depart. Five players return with starting experience (including VHT DT Brian Soi) and most have been on missions so it is an older group and despite the loss of their top player, should have another solid D-line.

LINEBACKERS - The Aggies switched from a 3-4 to a 4-3 last year and basically had to replace 3 starters as John Chick moved back to DE. The one returning starter, Nate Fredrick, had just two tackles in 5 games LY, so it was a very inexperienced group. True frosh walk-on Jake Hutton had a phenomenal year. In fact, he became the first frosh to ever lead Utah St in tackles (87). He also delivered 7.5 tfl. This year they lose MLB Matt Wiser (#2 tkl'r, 6 tfl, 11 st), ALB DJ Brookter (5 st, 23 tkl, 1 sk), Ryan Taylor (6 tkl) and Fredrick. This unit is a lot more experienced than 2005.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Utah St finished an excellent #48 in my pass D rankings in 2003 but had an inexperienced secondary in 2004 and dropped to #100. Last year they only had to replace one starter and got back FS Terrance Washington who would have had a higher PS# if not for a HS injury and who also missed a good portion of 2004 (ACL). The Aggies only moved up to #103 allowing 261.5 ypg. This year they lose SS Andre Bala (8 st, 49 tkl), CB Jarrett Bush (11 st, 50 tkl), who was simply 1st Tm WAC and #6 in the NCAA in pd (15), CB Toriano Taulogo (3 tkl) and CB Cornelius Lamb (1 st, 12 tkl). Despite losing two quality players, the Aggies should improve in my pass D rankings in 2006.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Brent Guy inherited a unit that finished #20 in my ST rankings in 2004. They did have to replace their K and then P Leon Jackson became a full-time QB. In 2004 Kevin Robinson avg an amazing 22.5 with two TD's on PR's and 25.1 on KR's. Joining Robinson on returns in '05 was his WR cohort Pennyman. Pennyman had two KR TD's averaging 29.3 (#5 in NCAA). Robinson had one PR TD (10.0). K Justin Hamblin hit just 6 of 14 FG's with a 50 yd FG vs Hawaii and then after missing 2 FG's vs NMSt, banged home the game winner (37) which should give him plenty of confidence this season. JUCO Jarrod Jakubiak hit 1 of 3. Hamblin struggled at punting midyear but then ST Coach Taber contacted ex-NFL P Louie Aguiar who gave him some tips on changing his foot work. He averaged 42.9 vs Alabama and finished at 37.2. Hamblin had 7 TB's on 25 KO's and Tyler Seaman had 1 TB on 19 KO's. The Aggies dropped to #54 but I expect solid improvement from Hamblin and with one of the most dangerous return combo's in the country, they have a shot at a Top 20 ST finish.

COACHES - This is Brent Guy's first head coaching job and his second stint at Utah St. He was the LB coach here from '92-'94, the DC at Boise St from '98-2000 and at Ariz St from 2000-'04 before taking over last year. His OC is Mike Santiago who was the HC at Stephen F. Austin for 6 years with a 39-27 record. His DC is Mark Johnson who has been the LB coach at UC Davis from 2001-'04.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2002 Utah St was still an Independent, joining the SBC in 2003 and moved up to the WAC last year despite the fact that they went just 5-8 in SBC play. The Aggies have now had 23 non-winning seasons the last 25 years but made it to a bowl in 1993 and 1997. In 2003 they actually outscored SBC foes by 11 ppg, the best mark in the conf, outgaining them by 70.1 ypg, thanks to a defense that ranked #45 in the NCAA. With just 10 returning starters in 2004 and a tough schedule including 7 road trips covering 23,338 miles, they slipped to 3-8 and were outgained by 43.7 ypg in conf play where they were 2-5. Brent Guy became the 7th coach in 21 years here and the last coach to leave here with a winning record was Bruce Snyder ('76-'82). Last year the Aggies had to replace 22 lettermen and learn new schemes on both offense and defense. Guy's first squad had less than 70 scholarship players and it will really take 3 years to reach the max of 85 allowed. Last year I noted it would be tough to top even 2004's 3-win total and for the 3rd consecutive year the Aggies finished with just 3 wins. They played a lot of frosh and had a tough defensive front 7. They tied for 6th in the league at just 2-6 but of the 3 teams that tied with that record, they had the best ypg in conf play although only at -54.4. They suffered an excruciating loss vs LTech where they held a 478-276 yd edge. Idaho got a 71 yd IR for a TD breaking open a close game when the Aggies were driving to tie, down 20-13. The Aggies did get a 32 yd FG as time expired to beat New Mexico St snapping a streak of 10 straight road losses. This year the Aggies have 13 returning starters combined. The Aggies might have the best skill players in the WAC. In the last 3 years the offense has had just 4, 4 and 5 starters returning. They averaged a paltry 18.9 ppg last year and will have their best offensive production since at least 2002 and possibly since 1997 (32.4). The Aggies have just 2 seniors on D but despite the loss of two 1st Tm WAC players, they do return 6 defensive starters and should improve upon the 32.7 ppg they allowed last year. Seven Aggies are on my 1st Tm Preseason WAC Team and RB Marcus Cross is my #2 impact Newcomer of the Year in the league. The Aggies should get past their 3-win total this season and move to the middle of the pack in the WAC standings.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 7 LEON JACKSON III JR. 6-1 196 PS#82. 4.58 spd. 9 st LY. 1951 pass (57%) 9-7 ratio, 598 rush 2Y. **15** Jase McCormick (6-1 189 rFr) Mission '03-'04. **16** Bryan Black (6-2 200 Sr).

RB 4 MARCUS CROSS JR. 5-11 205 **PS#62** '03. **PS#32JC. In for spg. 17** Ryan Bohm (5-11 207 So) 8 st, 340 (3.7) LY. **2** Chris Forbes (5-11 195 Jr) PS#175. 9 st, 656 ttl yds 2Y.

WR 19 TARRELL RICHARDS SR. 5-10 191 PS#127QB. **Oregon** trans. 5 st, 11 (10.5) LY. Xavier Bowman is PS#270. **89** Chris Curtis (6-0 187 So). **FB 25** Lynwood Johnson (6-1 228 So).

WR 6 KEVIN ROBINSON JR. 6-0 185 3 st, 44 (13.7) as true. 9 st, 43 (15.4) LY. 1476 ret yds 2Y. **5** Preston Robinson (6-3 200 Jr). 1 rec LY. **81** Nnamdi Gwacham (6-3 204 rFr).

WR 1 TONY PENNYMAN SR. 5-9 164 9 st, 43 (13.9) '04. 10 st LY, 63 (11.8), **2nd Tm WAC KR. 14** Otis Nelson (6-2 206 So) PS#108TE. 2 st LY. **18** Kendall Fisher (6-4 208 rFr).

TE 88 Jimmy Bohm Jr. 6-2 271 PS#131. 7 st, 2Y, 8 rec (6.9). **84** Will Fausel (6-3 258 Jr) 2 st, 4 rec LY. **86** Rob Myers (6-4 236 So) 8 gms as rFr. "Doug" Barbour is PS#205.

C 62 Brent DeLadurantey Sr. 6-3 306 PS#328JC. Last 4 starts C in 2004. 2nd string C all year LY. Spencer Johnson (6-5 250 Fr) is PS#302. **70** Zac Zimmerman (6-5 246 rFr).

RG 63 PACE JORGENSEN JR. 6-5 318 PS#515 '02. Mission. 5 st RG as true until torn ACL. Top OL Award. 11 st RG LY. Missed spring '06 inj. **61** Brennan McFadden (6-2 274 rFr).

LG 67 Ryan Tonnemacher So. 6-3 270 **PS#158.** 3 st (2 LG, 1 LT) as a true, 9 games. **64** Ryan Wilson (6-3 256 Sr) PS#163JC. TE in RS year of '04. 2nd string OL last year.

RT 76 MALIK CIN SR. 6-4 305 Germany HS. Lettered rFr. 1 st RG '04 until inj. Last 5 st RT LY. **77 Derek Hoke** (6-9 300 So). Mission '02-'04. 4 st as true until injury.

LT 55 Ryan Pahua Sr. 6-3 315 PS#276JC. 2 st RT here LY. **74 Justin Schlimgen** (6-2 299 Sr) PS#177JC. **9 st RT** '04. Med RS LY. **65** Taylor Wallace (6-4 287 rFr).

K 13 JUSTIN HAMBLIN SR. 5-11 141 PS#69. Utah trans. 1 of 4 FG's '03. 4-5 xp's '04. 6 of 14 FG's LY, long of 50. **30** Darryl Wheeler is Canadian. PS#107. Hit 46 yd FG in HS.

DE 58 Ben Calderwood So. 6-2 252 PS#420. Mission '02-'03. 15 tkl, 1 tfl rFr in '05. **98** Mike Martini (6-4 248 rFr). Mission '02-'04. Tyler Hansen (6-4 282 Fr) Mission '03-'05.

DT 54 BRIAN SOI SO. 6-3 298 **PS#44 in 2003.** BYU. 9 st here LY, 31 tkl, 4.5 sk. **96** Alan Bishop (6-5 257 rFr) PS#220TE. Air Force prep '04. **93** Ben Childs (5-11 264 Jr) 1 st, 6 tkl 2Y.

DT 79 EJ REID JR. 6-1 297 4 st OL (2RG, 2 RT) true. 10 st LY, 25 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **57** Frank Maile (6-1 261 Jr) PS#285 in 2000. 1 st, 9 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **41** Kerry Shepherd (6-2 273 Sr).

DE 97 Bevan Howard So. 6-0 260 PS#273LB. 1 st rFr, 9 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **46** Darby Golden (6-1 231 rFr) added 16 lbs. **59** Ryan Devlin (6-4 242 Jr). Jon Overton is PS#447.

ALB 47 Daryl Fields So. 5-7 190 PS#446. 14 tkl, 2 tfl, 10 gm true. **50** Andy Carlson (6-0 208 Fr) PS#326RB '04. Mission. In for spg. **44** Clay Swan (5-11 218 So) 2 tkl LY.

MLB 53 JAKE HUTTON SO. 6-0 220 11 st true, #1 tkl'r w/87, 7.5 tfl. #3 frosh tkl per gm NCAA. Awarded scholarship. **51** Steven Downs (6-1 223 rFr). **33** Chanler Buck (6-0 226 So) 1 tkl LY.

SLB 45 DEVON HALL SO. 6-3 209 6 st ALB true, 44 tkl, 2 tfl. **42** Josh Anderson (6-1 233 Jr) PS#376 '01. 8 tkl 2Y. **40** Nick Eliason (6-1 226 Fr). **27** Chris James (5-9 228 Jr).

CB 3 Marquise Charles So. 5-8 169 PS#462. First 6 st as true, 30 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu, miss 3 (inj). **12** Drew Pearson (6-0 166 Jr) PS#295JC. RS LY. **99** Elijah Bonner (5-10 183 Sr).

CB 23 JOSH TAYLOR SO. 6-0 173 Last 4 st as true, 21 tkl, 1 int. Took off RS in gm 6! James Brindley is PS#215. Kejon Murphy is PS#361RB. **22** Tim Peyton (6-0 181 rFr).

SS 24 Antonio Taylor Jr. 6-1 205 3 st SS rFr, missed 4 inj, 47 tkl, 4 tfl in '04. 7 st LY, 65 tkl. **39** Caleb Taylor (6-3 189 So) PS#495. 19 tkl as true. Maurice Bates is PS#560.

FS 9 TERRANCE WASHINGTON SR. 5-11 197 **2nd Tm SBC** 8 st, 93 tkl, 5 int, 4 pbu rFr. 2 st '04, injured. 7 st LY, 60 tkl, 2 int. **11** Eric Sobolewski (5-11 206 Jr). Backup QB in '05, strong arm.

P 13 JUSTIN HAMBLIN SR. 5-11 141 Mission in 2000-'01. 60 punts LY, 37.2 avg, 33.2 net, improved in 2H of year. **30** Darryl Wheeler (5-10 189 rFr) avg 46.0 as punter in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Marcus Cross 5-11 205 PS#32JC
QB	Riley Nelson 6-1 195 PS#66
DB	James Brindley 5-10 170 PS#215
RB	Ryan Montague 5-8 205 PS#261
OL	Spencer Johnson 6-5 250 PS#302
WR	Xavier Bowman 6-3 190 PS#270
DB	Kejon Murphy 5-9 160 PS#361RB
LB	Maxim Dinka 6-1 210 PS#417DB
DB	Walter McClenton 5-11 185 PS#448
OL	Ty Rogers 6-3 260 PS#475
DB	"Geno" Odong 5-10 180 PS#498
QB	Judd Thompson 6-3 200 PS#290 in '02
DL	Jon Overton 6-3 235 PS#447
DL	Nick Eliason 6-1 226 PS#679 '03
RB	Jacob Actkinson 6-0 205 PS#515
RB	Derrvin Speight 5-9 195 PS#515
WR	Tony Harkey 6-2 185 PS#485
TE	"Doug" Barbour 6-4 220 PS#205
DL	Kevin Basped 6-5 230 PS#495
DL	"Junior" Keiaho 6-4 220 PS#495
DL	Brian Mason 6-0 220 PS#495
DL	David Nafe 6-2 220 PS#495
DL	Jonathon Prock 6-1 275 PS#495
LB	Paul Igboeli 6-0 197 PS#485
DB	Sidney Allen 6-1 175 PS#560
DB	Maurice Bates 6-1 180 PS#560

UTAH STATE AGGIES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#67

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score USU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Utah St was 2-6 SU & 4-4 ATS in their 1st season as WAC members. USU has not won SU vs current BCS tms on the road since a 10-7 win over KSt in '71. Aggies are 4-11 ATS their last 15 gms after a SU win.
Sep. 2	at Wyoming	A						Utah St is 12-24 ATS S/'99 as an away dog, but went 3-1 ATS LY. Aggies are 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS in their L/7 road openers.
Sep. 9	at Arkansas	G						USU played their HG's on grass til '04 when turf was installed at Romney Stadium. Aggies are 1-16 SU & 4-13 ATS their L/17 gms vs current BCS schools.
Sep. 16	Utah	A						In LY's gm Utah St had 101 yds of off in the 1Q & lead 7-0 most of the 1H. This will be the schools 106th meeting as USU is just 5-11 ATS S/'90.
Sep. 23	at BYU	G						This instate rivalry is back after a 3Y layoff as the home tm is 4-0 ATS S/'99. Utah St is 2-20 SU vs BYU since their last win in Provo in 1978.
Sep. 30	Idaho	A						The favorite is 0-4 ATS since 2000 in this series which began in 1916. Utah State is just 1-5 ATS since 1998 vs Idaho.
Oct. 7	Fresno St	A						Last year USU lead 7-0 but FSU scored 46 unanswered pts in their blowout. From 1980-'93 (13 gms) these schools have avg'd 39 ppg but the L/2 avg'd 82.5 ppg.
Oct. 14	at San Jose St	G						The visitor is 0-3 ATS since 1992 in this series. Utah St is 1-10 SU & 3-8 ATS since 2002 in conference road games.
Oct. 21	at Louisiana Tech	G						Could apply: Utah St is 1-5 ATS (0-6 SU) last 2 years as a conf away dog. The Aggies are 4-12 SU & 5-8 ATS since 1993 the week before a bye.
Oct. 28								
Nov. 4	Hawaii	A						Utah St is 12-5 ATS off a bye week since 1991. Aggies are 7-13 SU & 6-12 ATS in their last 20 Nov/Dec reg ssn games.
Nov. 11	at Nevada	A						Utah State is 3-8 SU & 2-9 ATS their last 11 November road games. The Aggies are 4-12 SU but a perfect 4-0 ATS vs the Wolfpack.
Nov. 18	at Boise St	A						Utah State is 2-6 SU & 1-7 ATS the last 8 games with Boise State. In their L3 meetings, BSU has put up 174 pts & gained 1,630 yds vs USU.
Nov. 25	New Mexico St	A						The Aggies are 3-3 SU but 3-1 ATS in their last 6 home finales. Utah St is 25-5 SU all-time & 12-3 ATS since 1990 vs New Mexico St.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Jose Fuentes 9,168 1999-'02
Rushing: Demario Brown 4,053 1996-'99 Receiving: Kendal Smith 2,943 1985-'88

BRENT GUY (Career 3-8)

2nd Year at Utah St — Guy's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Guy's records AT UTAH ST

3-8	Straight Up	1-0	Home Favorite
7-4	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Underdog
5-3	Off A SU Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
4-4	Vs Conference	3-1	Away Underdog
3-0	Vs Non-Conf	1-0	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (17,16,1)
Lost: 17 (5,11,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 10,896

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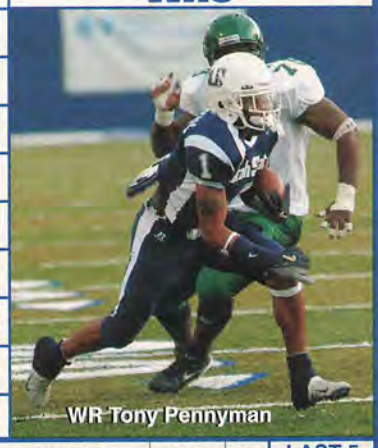
WR Tony Pennyman

STADIUM: ROMNEY STADIUM (25,513)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Sprinturf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	5-6	4-7	4-7	3-9	3-8	3-8	26-52
Home	2-3	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-3	18-16
Away	2-4	2-4	1-5	1-5	0-7	1-6	1-5	8-36
ATS	3-7	4-5	3-6	4-6	6-6	2-9	7-4	29-43
Home Fav	0-3	1-0	0-1	0-0	3-1	0-2	1-0	5-7
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	1-1	3-1	0-1	1-1	2-2	9-7
Away Fav	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-1	3-5
Away Dog	1-4	1-4	2-3	1-4	3-2	1-6	3-1	12-24
Favorite	1-3	2-0	0-2	0-1	3-3	0-2	2-1	8-12
Dog	2-4	2-5	3-4	4-5	3-3	2-7	5-3	21-31
Grass	2-5	3-3	3-6	4-3	4-4	0-4	3-0	19-25
Artificial	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-3	2-2	2-5	4-4	10-18
vs Conf	2-4	4-1	1-2	1-0	4-3	1-6	4-4	17-20
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-4	2-4	3-6	2-3	1-3	3-0	12-23
Off SU Win	1-2	3-2	1-2	1-3	1-2	0-2	1-1	8-14
Off SU Loss	2-4	1-2	1-4	3-2	5-3	2-6	5-3	19-24

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ryan Bohm	92	351	11	340	4	3.7
Leon Jackson III	136	523	195	328	1	2.4
Jerod Walker	96	388	60	328	1	3.4
Chris Forbes	46	157	20	137	2	3.0
Kevin Robinson	13	103	12	91	1	7.0
Lynwood Johnson	22	56	2	54	1	2.5
Tony Pennyman	9	51	7	44	0	4.9
Marcus Crawford	13	31	1	30	0	2.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Leon Jackson III	229	132	57.6	1547	8	6
Jerod Walker	76	53	69.7	653	6	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Tony Pennyman	63	741	11.8	5	40
Kevin Robinson	43	661	15.4	8	46
Dionte' Holloway	10	194	19.4	0	45
Ryan Bohm	20	162	8.1	0	34
Tarreli Richards	11	116	10.5	0	24
Jason Stephens	8	111	13.9	1	22
Chris Forbes	12	70	5.8	0	19
Lynwood Johnson	6	56	9.3	0	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Justin Hamblin	60	2234	37.2	6	33.2	0	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Justin Hamblin	19-20	1-3	4-6	0-4	1-1	6-14	50
Jarrod Jakubiak	4-6	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-3	25

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jake Hutton	87	0	7.5	0	0
Matt Wiser	85	0	6	2	0
Antonio Taylor	65	0	0	2	0
Terrance Washington	60	0	1	2	2
Jarrett Bush	50	1	0.5	13	2
Andre Bala	49	0	1	1	0
John Chick	48	12.5	6.5	2	0
Devon Hall	44	1	1	1	1
Brian Soi	31	4.5	3	0	0
Marquise Charles	30	0	0	3	1
Jarom Fano	28	1	3.5	0	0
EJ Reid	25	1	2.5	0	0
DJ Brookter	23	1	0	1	0
Josh Taylor	21	0	1	2	1
Caleb Taylor	19	0	0	0	0
Ben Calderwood	15	0	1	0	0
Daryl Fields	14	0	2	0	0
Cornelius Lamb	12	0	0	1	0
Frank Maile	9	0	5.5	0	0
Bevan Howard	9	0	2.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kevin Robinson	27	270	10.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tony Pennyman	23	675	29.3	2
Kevin Robinson	23	498	21.7	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
46	Raisin	NL	San Jose St	0-20	–
60	Sun	NL	New Mexico St	13-20	–
61	Gotham	NL	Baylor	9-24	–
93	Las Vegas	NL	Ball St	42-33	–
97	Humanitarian	+2'	Cincinnati	19-35	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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UTAH ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	18.9	18	117	2.9	200	60.3	16.8	-2	2005	5	32.7	22	144	3.9	262	62.2	12.4
4*	16.7	17	76	2.3	214	57.2	17.3	-6	2004	6	30.3	20	192	4.5	203	61.9	13.0
4	22.0	19	108	3.5	242	54.9	15.9	-4	2003	7	26.3	21	167	3.6	193	54.0	13.7
6*	27.7	19	84	3.1	308	53.0	14.2	-11	2002	7	39.3	22	235	5.1	236	53.6	12.0
8*	28.7	22	132	4.2	288	59.0	14.6	-13	2001	7	38.3	23	177	4.7	285	54.6	12.1
5*	26.5	19	120	4.1	266	51.3	14.6	-2	2000	4	32.4	22	197	4.4	256	56.1	14.0

2005 STATS BY GAME

USU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Utah	16	38 - 163	4.3	12 - 25	95	2	26	49 - 242	4.9	18 - 22	268	2	0
–	UNLV	17	34 - 61	1.8	21 - 29	222	3	26	31 - 122	3.9	25 - 43	265	2	+1
–	at Idaho	19	34 - 136	4.0	14 - 27	157	3	21	41 - 101	2.5	20 - 25	238	3	0
–	San Jose St	18	44 - 84	1.9	17 - 26	200	4	14	29 - 85	2.9	16 - 42	227	2	0
–	at Fresno St	17	36 - 44	1.2	14 - 24	158	2	22	45 - 193	4.3	13 - 23	174	3	-1
–	Boise St	19	39 - 84	2.2	17 - 31	211	5	22	34 - 84	2.5	27 - 40	351	0	-1
–	at Alabama	17	41 - 150	3.7	13 - 30	159	1	19	32 - 205	6.4	23 - 36	288	1	0
–	Louisiana Tech	22	38 - 106	2.8	27 - 44	372	2	20	38 - 126	3.3	16 - 26	150	3	-4
–	at Hawaii	16	44 - 153	3.5	17 - 24	218	3	25	24 - 115	4.8	30 - 45	464	2	+1
–	Nevada	19	39 - 93	2.4	19 - 27	226	3	19	45 - 195	4.3	12 - 19	146	1	0
–	at New Mex St	22	50 - 213	4.3	14 - 20	182	1	25	37 - 117	3.2	30 - 49	306	4	+2
TOTALS		202	437 - 1287	2.9	185 - 307	2200	29	239	405 - 1585	3.9	230 - 370	2877	23	-2
AVERAGES		18.4	40 - 117	2.9	17 - 28	200	2.6	21.7	37 - 144	3.9	21 - 34	262	2.1	-0.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah	+9	19-23	W
at LSU - #13	+23'	14-31	W
Wyoming	-4'	42-43	L
Oregon - #6	+16	21-38	L
at BYU - #20	+19'	34-54	L
Idaho St	NL	28-27	–
UCF	+5'	30-27	W
at Connecticut	-15	38-31	L
Weber St	NL	56-43	–
at South Florida	+7	13-34	L
at Fresno St - #21	+22	21-70	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Utah	+11	3-23	L
at Nebraska - #9	+30'	13-44	L
Idaho St	NL	38-33	–
at Iowa	+22	7-48	L
at Boise St	+19	38-63	L
BYU	+17'	34-35	W
New Mexico	+2	45-44 OT	W
at ULM	-6	48-51 2OT	L
New Mexico St	+3	32-30	W
at Troy	+7'	19-16 OT	W
at Middle Tenn	+6'	28-45	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah	+19'	20-40	L
at Nebraska - #23	+32'	7-31	W
at Arizona St - #16	+27'	16-26	W
ULM	-13'	28-10	W
at New Mexico	+14	7-34	L
Wyoming	+2	21-48	L
at North Texas	+14	27-37	W
Arkansas St	-8'	49-0	W
Middle Tenn	-2	41-20	W
at New Mexico St	-2'	21-26	L
Troy	-6'	14-23	L
at Idaho	+1'	13-20	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+26	17-48	L
Idaho	-10'	14-7	L
Utah - #15	+19	6-48	L
at UNLV	+13	31-21	W
at Troy	+14	21-49	L
North Texas	-2	23-31	L
at Clemson	+22'	6-35	L
at Middle Tenn	+9'	0-21	L
at ULM	+6'	25-32	L
at Arkansas St	+7	7-16	L
New Mexico St	+5'	34-25	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Utah	+24'	7-31	W
UNLV	+3'	31-24	W
at Idaho	-2'	13-27	L
San Jose St	-5	24-17	W
at Fresno St	+33	21-53	W
Boise St	+19	21-45	L
at Alabama - #5	+34	3-35	W
Louisiana Tech	+7	17-27	L
at Hawaii	+16'	23-50	L
Nevada	+9'	24-30	W
at New Mexico St	-2'	24-21	W

IDAHO VANDALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Idaho has had some outstanding QB's with John Friesz, Doug Nussmeier, Ken Hobart, Ryan Fien and John Welsh all producing 3,000+ yard seasons. Brian Lindgren set a single game school record with 637 yards in '01 and in '02 threw for 2,763 (miss 2.5 gm). That year, Michael Harrington (PS#79WR), Joey's brother, threw for 272 (47%) with a 2-6 ratio. Harrington started the first five in '03 (Lindgren back spasms) but the Vandals opened 0-5 and Lindgren retook the job throwing for 2,077 with a 15-8 ratio. Harrington had 996 (45.9%) with a 5-4 ratio. Harrington battled Brian Nooy (PS#89) in 2004, started all 12 and threw for 2,222 (65.8%, 12-11). Last year they added JUCO Steven Wichman who has a powerful arm and was in for the spring. Holt gave Harrington the start in the opener but only because he did not want to overload Wichman, who started the rest of the year. Harrington played in just four games (20 passes) while Wichman nearly joined the 3,000 yard club with 2,746 (56.4%) but only a 15-18 ratio. He, of course, was playing behind an O-line that was devastated by injury but his best game came vs NMSt when he had the 4th best passing yardage in school history (489). His worst game came in the season finale when he tossed 3 int's on his first 7 passes. Battling for the backup job is Nathan Enderle (PS#73) who was in for the spring, Chris Joseph (PS#192) and true frosh Jon Tobin (PS#88). Wichman figures to be better protected and is one of the best QB's in the WAC.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 Zach Gerstner started the last 8 and rushed for 1,157 (4.5). The top two RB's departed in 2004 and Holt went with a pair of good sized true frosh. Jayson Bird led with 859 (5.7) and Rolly Lumbala (6-2 241 Jr) rushed for 614 (4.4). Unfortunately in 2005 Bird was lost for the year (3rd game) and Lumbala, who would have a higher PS# but is from Canada, struggled behind an O-line that was devastated by injury, he led with just 472 (3.7). Late in the year, WR Tracy Ford became the feature and had 49 vs LT then 79 (2 TD) vs Boise St. Antwaun Sherman led in the season finale with 73 and finished with 212 (4.0). Not listed below are Devon Sturdivant (5-10 203 rFr, PS#342) who would have played but had a knee injury and E Wash transfer Gavin Smith (5-7 179 So). The only loss this year is Sherman and they add to the mix two VHT signees in Brian Flowers (PS#28JC) who rushed for 1,618 yards (6.7), a single season record at JC last year, and Andre Harris (PS#44). Idaho should have one of the most improved rush attacks in the country.

RECEIVERS - The Vandals had to replace their top two receivers in 2004 and Bobby Bernal-Wood led the SBC with 96 rec's (9.8) as a possession receiver. The #2 and #3 receivers returned last year but Holt brought in an impact JUCO, DJ Smith, who was in for the spring. Smith led the WAC in receiving yards with 1,001 (14.9) despite playing in just 10 games and set a school record with 269 yards vs NMSt. The unit took a big hit when starting TE Luke Smith-Anderson (8 st, 16 rec '04) suffered a spleen injury and missed the year. The leading returning receiver, Wendell Octave, was #2 with 33 (16.3). True frosh Tracy Ford was #3 with 30 (7.4) and also was the team's feature RB for 2 games. Matt Askew (6'4" JUCO) took over a starting job and had 28 (11.8). Smith opted to leave early for the NFL draft (10 st, 2nd Tm WAC), but IU gets Anderson back and have 12 players with starting experience in the unit. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Tracy McCormick (5-8 156 Jr), Wes Williams (5-10 167 So, 437 all-purp yds), Flip Kleffner (6-1 190 So), TE Eddie Williams (6-1 249 So), who had one start at TB, and Andrew Stobart (6-2 272 Sr) who had 2 starts at TE after starting 4 at DT in 2003 with 6 tfl.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Vandals had to replace 3 starters including an NFL DC then lost top LT Hank Therien to injury after 5 games and the unit only paved the way for 3.5 ypc rushing while allowing 45 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter but then lost starting C Jarrod Schulte along with projected starter RG Ryan Waage over the summer so basically 3 starters returned. This was one of the most beat up OL's in the NCAA with just one player starting all 11 in C Adam Korby. Therien managed 9 starts, which was the 2nd highest and as you would expect with the constant changing of the line due to injuries, the Vandals only averaged 2.5 ypc but trimmed the sack total to 34 (8.0%). The only losses are RT Therien (3 yr st'r), RT Desmond Clark (7 st) and John Neddo (2nd string). This should be one of the most improved O-lines in the NCAA.

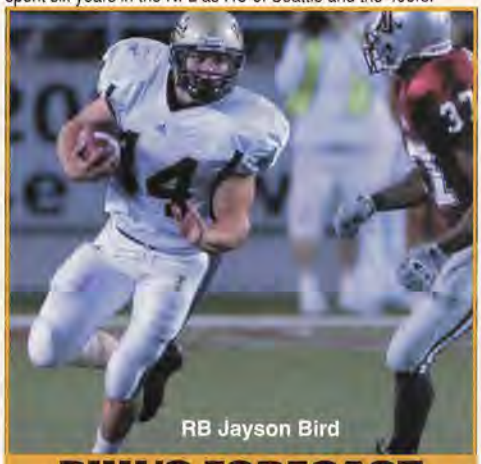
DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 Idaho allowed 4.8 ypc rushing with just 18 sacks. They had to replace 3 starters from the D-line in 2004 but moved their #1 tackler, LB Mike Anderson, to DE. They allowed 20 ypg less rushing and recorded 8 more sacks but the ypc did move up to 5.0. Last year they had to replace one starter and three backups. They moved Anderson back to LB so they had just 2 starters returning. One of the returnees, Siua Musika, tore his ACL after 7 starts. The Vandals sack total dropped to 19 but they allowed just 4.8 ypc. This year they must replace DE Mike Bonelli (11 st, 32 tkl, 2 tfl), DT Jeff Edwards (7 st, 23 tkl, 7 tfl) and DE Eric Davis (8 tkl). Six of the top 8 return and they get two top-notch JUCO's who were in for the spring. Four players return with starting experience including Musika so this unit should help Idaho allow the lowest ypc rush since 2000 (4.4).

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 Cole Snyder, in his first year as a starter, had 136 tackles, 16 tfl, was named 1st Tm SBC and was the key player of an inexperienced LB unit. Last year everyone returned and they surprisingly moved DE Mike Anderson back to LB where he started 5 games and finished as the team's #4 tackler. Snyder had another fine year as he was #2 in the WAC in tackles, #7 in the NCAA and in his last game as a Vandal, had 17 tackles, a safety and returned a blocked xp for 2. This year they lose Snyder (11 st, 1st Tm WAC, 17 tfl), Mike Anderson (67 tkl) and Nate Nichols (14 tkl). Each of the 3 projected starters I list below have at least 9 career starts so it is once again a veteran unit but with the loss of their top guy, I'll call the group down a notch.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2004 the Vandals had just one returning starter but finished a respectable #72 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace three starters then starting S Jevon Butler was lost after two starts to injury and only one DB managed to start all 11. Surprisingly the Vandals finished #76. This year the only losses are CB Herb Cash (7 st, 16 tkl), S Lawrence Guynes (11 tkl) and CB DeAngelo Ramsey (6 st, 25 tkl, 2 int) as he moves to WR. Not only do 5 players return with starting experience, but super JUCO Stanley Franks, who was in for the spring, figures to take the open CB slot and true frosh Princeton McCarty has 4.32 speed. The Vandals should have their best finish ever in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Vandals finished #32 in my ST rankings in 2002 but slipped to #86 in 2003. Mike Barrow (PS#31) is one of the best kickers that no one has ever heard of. He had amazing statistics in HS allowing opponents zero yards in PR's with an outstanding hangtime. He took over the FG job as a rFr and hit 5 of 8 with a long of 43. In 2004 he handled both K and P and surprisingly struggled hitting 4 of 12 FG's and he had a net punting of just 31.1. Last year true frosh TJ Conley took over at P (40.0) but was injured. Barrow fared much better with a 42.1 avg despite the team losing its LS to injury. They had a rough outing against Fresno, with the punting game responsible for four Fresno TD's including a fake punt that was stopped. Last year I called for significant improvement from Barrow and he hit 16 of 19 FG's including a long of 53 with one of his 3 misses from 54. Antwon Sherman, who averaged 31.3 at JC on KR's and 31.4 here in 2004, surprisingly only averaged 19.3 in 2005. Their top PR was true frosh Wes Williams (5.0). Idaho was #79 in '05 and should be improved as the team figures to be less injury-plagued and Barrow should have an exceptional senior season.

COACHES - Nick Holt was with USC from 2001-'03 as the LB coach and surprisingly after two short years here, opted to leave, at first for an NFL job but returned to USC as the DC. That simply paved the way for the return of Dennis Erickson (here '82-'85). Erickson retained the entire defensive staff with Jeff Mills assuming the DC's role that Holt held last year. His OC will be Dan Cozzetto. Erickson has had stints at Idaho, Wyoming, Wash St, Miami ('89 & '91 National Champs) and Oregon St with an 145-56-1 record. He spent six years in the NFL as HC of Seattle and the 49ers.



RB Jayson Bird

PHIL'S FORECAST

Idaho has had just 7 losing seasons since 1982 but unfortunately they have suffered 6 in a row! Moscow, ID is the dry pea and lentil capital of the world and is an out-of-the-way location which gives them a solid home edge. Idaho plays its home games in the Kibbie Dome (102-48-1 SU there since 1975) which has very rough turf (see Hardcore pg 322). In 2003 Idaho actually outgained league foes by 18.5 ypg but still finished 3-4 in SBC play and 3-9 overall. In 2004 Nick Holt inherited a rebuilding squad with just 8 starters back and 15 true frosh played (MOST in NCAA) but Holt managed to bag 3 wins. Despite a 2-5 SBC record, Idaho was only outgained by 20.2 ypg. In 2005 Idaho had 14 starters back and only lost 17 lettermen. UNLV got a FG on the last play to get past them 34-31. They lost to a couple of Pac 10 teams to open up 0-3. Still, full of confidence, they attracted 15,635, their biggest crowd since 2000 for Hawaii but lost 24-0. They suffered a tough loss to #24 Fresno giving up a 72 yard PR for a TD, a blocked punt for a score, another blocked punt set up an 11 yard TD drive and a fake punt was stopped setting up a Fresno TD. They were the first ranked team to play in Moscow since 1960. Holt went for two and the win in the 2nd OT vs NMSt and got it but they missed a 54 yd FG which would have tied LTech and lost by 3. They were 21-21 in the 3Q vs Boise St and had the ball but turnovers did them in and they then lost the season finale. This year 17 starters return, the 2nd most in the WAC. Idaho has been known for its high flying offenses in the past but surprisingly they've averaged just 23.8, 20.7, 20.4 and 22.1 ppg the last 4 years. With 9 starters back on offense, a much healthier O-line, a loaded backfield and solid receivers, they should have their most explosive offense in at least five years. The Vandals D allowed 39.4 and 38.1 ppg the last two years but with 7 of their top 9 tacklers back, will have a stronger stop unit in 2006. Erickson steps into a good situation as the Vandals are much improved on both sides of the ball and should at least double last year's win total.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 8 STEVEN WICHMAN SR. 6-3 219 PS#107JC. 10 st LY, 2746 pass (56.4%) 15-18 ratio. 10 Nathan Enderle PS#73. In for spg. 11 Chris Joseph (6-3 214 So) PS#192.

TB 46 BRIAN FLOWERS JR. 5-9 190 **PS#28JC!** Andre Harris is PS#44. 44 **Jayson Bird** (6-0 221 So) 9 st, 859 (5.7) true, **2nd Tm SBC**. Inj'd LY. 32 **Rolly Lumbala** 6 st, 1086 2Y.

WR 19 WENDELL OCTAVE SR. 6-1 187 PS#345. 8 st, 55 (12.5) first 2Y. 10 st LY, 33 (16.3). 88 Lee Smith (6-0 193 So) 1 st rFr, 17 (14.9). 22 Max Komar (5-10 185 rFr) PS#476DB.

WR 15 Tracy Ford So. 5-8 166 PS#184. **4.31 spd**. 1 st true, 30 rec (7.4), 173 yds rush RB (3.9). 4 **Desmond Belton** (6-4 187 Jr) PS#254. 3 st true, 15 (15.3). 4 tkl DB LY.

WR 3 MATT ASKEW SR. 6-4 205 PS#230 '02 JC. 8 st LY, 28 (11.8). 87 DeAngelo Ramsey (6-2 204 Sr) PS#260JC. 6 st DB LY, 25 tkl, 303 ret yd. 62 Ryan Heacock (6-0 191 Jr) 13 rec 2Y.

TE 45 LUKE SMITH-ANDERSON JR. 6-5 253 PS#82. 8 st, 16 (12.9) '04. RS LY. 80 **Keith Greer** (6-2 248 Sr) **10 st**, 8 (6.5) LY. 85 Rick Harrison (6-5 233 So) PS#241LB. 4 st WR, 7 gm LY.

C 72 ADAM KORBY SO. 6-2 292 PS#349. 11 st rFr C. 51 Marcis Fennell (6-1 304 Jr) PS#598. 2 st at RG '04. 3 st at RG LY. LS 35 Joel Jones (6-1 224 So) 7 gm, inj LY.

RG 62 Adam Juratovac rFr. 6-3 297 PS#564. Added 12 lb RS yr. 87 Kellen Beam (6-7 254 Fr) PS#138TE '05. GS, in for spg. 67 Steve Shaw (6-2 259 Sr) JC. Scout Tm in '05.

LG 50 JADE TADVICK SR. 6-5 314 10 st RG rFr. 11 st '04 (9G, 2T). 7 st LG LY (inj 4). 78 Geoff Zuber (6-4 314 Sr) PS#130TE. 11 games 2Y. 68 Irvin Stevens (6-3 267 rFr).

RT 65 KRIS ANDERSON SO. 6-3 299 PS#576. 9 st rFr (4LG, 5RG) missed 2 w/inj. 79 Bryce Sinclair (6-5 345 rFr). 76 Nick Heywood (6-2 296 rFr). 66 Kurt Newboles in for spg.

LT 68 NATE VANDERPOL SR. 6-6 306 PS#171. 2 st LT rFr. 8 st '04 (miss 4 w/inj), 8 st LY. 71 Billy Bates (6-5 271 So) PS#204. 3 st as true until inj. 74 Brandon Schulte (6-3 290 So).

K 43 MIKE BARROW SR. 5-11 158 PS#31. 9 of 20 FG first 2Y. 16 of 19 FG LY, long of 53, **1st Tm WAC**. **Grady Harmon PS#11.** 70 Matt Gregg (5-11 178 So) Brown trans.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

DE 93 Charles Campbell Sr. 6-3 226 PS#260JC. 4 st LY, 33 tkl, 2 sk. 55 George Fa'avae (6-2 258 Jr) PS#270JC in spg. 5 Brandon Ogletree (6-3 224 Jr) 9 tkl 2Y. 95 Bryan Braman (6-5 226 rFr).

DT 94 Ryan Davis Sr. 6-0 261 PS#261JC. 8 st DT LY, 24 tkl, 2 pbu. 97 Marvin Jones (6-2 301 rFr) PS#278OL. 84 Alex Toailoa (6-1 299 So) 4 tkl as rFr. Bryan Wilson is PS#495.

DT 91 SIUA MUSIKA JR. 6-1 293 PS#513. 11 st NT as true, 21 tkl, 2 sk. 7 st LY until ACL, 10 tkl, 2 tfl. 47 **Jon Dominguez PS#477JC. In for spring.** Jonah Sataraka is PS#258.

DE 58 BEN ALEXANDER JR. 6-1 224 PS#363LB. 1 st as true, 16 tkl, 1 sk. 8 st last year, 43 tkl, 4 sk. 38 Josh Shaw (6-2 254 So) PS#241LB. 57 Taylor Rust (6-2 232 So) PS#385.

SLB 31 JOSH BOUSMAN JR. 6-2 228 PS#170RB. 1 st, 37 tkl, 3 tfl as rFr. 10 st LY, 75 tkl, 5 sk, 5 tfl. **Paul Senescall is PS#109.** 13 Adam Shamion (6-2 234 Fr) PS#473. Grayshirt.

MLB 17 Robert Davis Sr. 6-4 223 PS#416DB. 3 st as rFr, 24 tkl, 2 tfl. **9 st** in '04, 76 tkl, 9 tfl. 11 tkl LY. 11 Jaron Williams (6-1 217 Sr) PS#685. 8 tkl 2LY. 59 Tyrone Turner (5-9 202 rFr).

WLB 40 DAVID VOBORA JR. 6-1 214 3 st true, 17 tkl. 6 st LY, 43 tkl, 6 tfl. 26 Jason Brown (6-1 220 So) **PS#200**. 118 total yds at RB as true. 52 Matthew Whipps (5-11 207 So).

CB 10 JASON MARTIN SR. 5-9 185 PS#133. 5 int JUCO '04. 10 st LY, 33 tkl, 5 pbu. Princeton McCarty (5-8 165 Fr) PS#206RB. **4.32 spd.** 25 Zachary Santos (5-11 190 rFr).

CB 6 Stanley Franks Jr. 5-11 167 **PS#116JC. In for spring.** 8 Reggie Jones (5-10 201 Jr) 1st. 18 tkl 2Y. 20 Keith Charles (5-10 163 rFr). 2 Nick LaFontaine (5-10 195 rFr).

SS 48 DJ DYKES JR. 6-3 202 12 st SS as true, 72 tkl, 2 int. 11 st SS LY, 69 tkl, **4 int.** 33 Brandon Nystrom (6-1 208 rFr) PS#195RB. 34 Jarvis Huff (5-11 214 Sr) **3 st '03.**

FS 16 TONE TAUPULE SR. 6-1 205 PS#184. Oreg St '02. JUCO. 8 st LY, 36 tkl, 4 pbu. 3 **Jevon Butler** (6-1 222 So) PS#236. **2 st LY until inj.** 30 tkl 2Y. 24 Lee Jones (6-2 204 Jr).

P 14 TJ CONLEY SO. 6-3 216 PS#252QB. 28 punts (40.0 avg) as true until inj. 43 Mike Barrow 75 punts (38.5) '04. 43 punts (**42.1**) LY. 28 Luke Hardwick (6-2 189 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Brian Flowers 5-9 190 PS#28JC
RB	Andre Harris 6-0 217 PS#44
DB	Stanley Franks 5-11 167 PS#116JC
K	Grady Harmon 5-11 193 PS#11
QB	Nathan Enderle 6-5 223 PS#73
LB	Paul Senescall 6-1 215 PS#109
DL	George Fa'avae 6-2 258 PS#273JC
QB	Jon Tobin 6-5 210 PS#88
DB	Princeton McCarty 5-8 165 PS#206RB
DL	Jonah Sataraka 6-2 243 PS#258
RB	Raymond Fry 5-8 170 PS#348DB
DL	Aaron Lavarias 6-3 235 PS#308
DB	Shiloh Keo 5-10 175 PS#444
OL	Kellen Beam 6-7 254 PS#138TE '05
RB	Terrance McCoy 5-7 160 PS#419
DL	Jon Dominguez 6-3 252 PS#477JC
OT	Kurt Newboles 6-7 298 PS#675 '05 GS
OL	Tristan Turner 6-4 280 PS#562
LB	Adam Shamion 6-2 234 PS#473
WR	Miles Robbins 5-11 193 PS#475 '05 GS
DL	Bryan Wilson 6-3 280 PS#495
LB	Steven Cameron 6-1 220 PS#485
DB	Adam Anderson 5-11 200 PS#560
DB	General Parnell 5-9 175 PS#560

IDAHO VANDALS

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DENNIS ERICKSON (Career 145-56-1)
5th Yr at Idaho ('82-'85)
Erickson's SU Bowl Record: 5-5

Erickson's records AT IDAHO

32-15	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-0	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (22,18,3)
Lost: 17 (8,9,0)

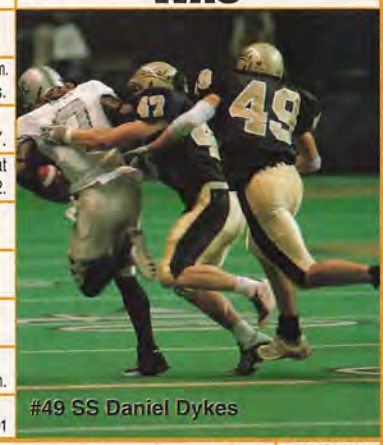
2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,175

WAC

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#87

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Sep. 2	at Michigan St	G						Dennis Erickson will make his 2nd stint as Idaho's HC as from 1982-'85 he led Idaho to a 32-15 record, 2 IAA playoff ssns & a Big Sky conf championship. The Vandals are 2-13 ATS the last 15 games as a favorite.
Sep. 9	at Washington St	A						1st meeting as the last & only time Idaho played a current Big 10 member was '64. Idaho is 2-9 SU but 6-3 ATS since 1995 in their 1st road game of the ssn.
Sep. 16	Idaho St	A						Erickson was WSU HC from 1987-'88 w/a 12-10-1 record leading them to a bowl gm. Idaho has played WSU more than any other tm (18-68-3) including their 1st gm in 1894.
Sep. 23	at Oregon St	A						The Bengals finished 5-6 LY as IAA Big Sky Conf members (last met '98). These tms have met 37 times previously (33 as conf mem), Idaho leads 26-11.
Sep. 30	at Utah St	A						The Vandals are 4-12 ATS their last 16 games after a SU victory. Erickson coached the Beavers from 1999-'02 (31-17) guiding OSU to 3 bowls.
Oct. 7	New Mexico St (HC)	A						Idaho is 3-13 SU & 5-10-1 ATS their last 16 conference road games. These two schools have avg'd just 35.5 ppg in the last 6 meetings.
Oct. 14	at Louisiana Tech	G						The Vandals are 10-2 SU & 5-2 ATS since 1994 on Homecoming. Idaho is 8-13 ATS their last 21 games (lined) in the Kibbie Dome.
Oct. 21	Boise St	A						K Barrow LY tied UI's single gm rec w/5 FG's & just missed a 54 yd'r that would of tied the gm. This will only be the schools 2nd meeting as they start a new WAC series.
Oct. 28	at Hawaii	A						Idaho is 1-8 SU & 2-7 ATS the last 9 years vs Boise State. Vandals enter the 2006 season 9-4 ATS w/6 outright upsets as HD's L4Y.
Nov. 4	Nevada	A						UI has been shutout just 3 times since moving up to IA in '96 and vs the tm that shut them out the previous yr, they are 0-2 SU & ATS, being outscored 73-22.
Nov. 11								Idaho is 9-17-2 ATS since 1996 in November games. The Vandals are 3-6 ATS since 1997 before a bye week.
Nov. 18	at Fresno St	G						Idaho is 2-6 ATS the last 8 years after a bye week. Erickson coached tms are 3-1 SU & 2-1 ATS vs Fresno State.
Nov. 25	San Jose St	A						Idaho is 4-0 ATS in their last four home finales. Vandals couldn't overcome 3 1Q int's while losing their starting RB in LY's gm.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Doug Nussmeier 10,824 yds 1990-'93
Rushing: Joel Thomas 3,929 yds 1993-'98 Receiving: Kasey Dunn 3,847 yds 1998-'91



#49 SS Daniel Dykes

STADIUM: KIBBIE DOME (16,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	5-6	1-10	2-10	3-9	3-9	2-9	23-57
Home	2-1	3-1	1-3	2-3	1-4	2-1	1-3	12-16
Away	5-3	2-5	0-7	0-7	2-5	1-8	1-6	11-41
ATS	4-5	3-6	3-7	6-5	5-5	4-8	5-5-1	30-41-1
Home Fav	1-2	1-1	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-7
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-0	2-2	2-1	2-1	9-6
Away Fav	2-2	0-2	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	3-9
Away Dog	1-1	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-1	2-7	3-3-1	16-19-1
Favorite	3-4	1-3	0-3	0-3	1-2	0-0	0-1	5-16
Dog	1-1	2-3	3-4	6-2	4-3	4-8	5-4-1	25-25-1
Grass	2-3	0-1	2-1	0-2	2-2	0-0	1-0-1	7-9-1
Artificial	2-2	3-5	1-6	6-3	3-3	4-8	4-5	23-32
vs Conf	2-4	1-4	2-4	3-3	3-4	3-4	3-4-1	17-27-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	1-3	3-2	2-1	1-4	2-1	13-14
Off SU Win	2-4	1-3	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	6-14
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-2	3-5	4-4	3-4	4-4	3-4-1	21-24-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rolly Lumbala	128	493	21	472	1	3.7
Autwuan Sherman	53	235	23	212	2	4.0
Tracy Ford	44	179	6	173	2	3.9
Jason Brown	35	113	10	103	1	2.9
Jayson Bird	23	73	3	70	1	3.0
Wes Williams	5	48	0	48	1	9.6
Michael Harrington	2	0	11	-11	0	-5.5
Steven Wichman	46	29	228	-199	0	-4.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Steven Wichman	401	226	56.4	2746	15	18
Michael Harrington	20	12	60.0	77	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Daniel Smith	67	1001	14.9	7	75
Wendell Octave	33	537	16.3	3	50
Matt Askew	28	330	11.8	1	40
Lee Smith	17	254	14.9	0	32
Tracy Ford	30	223	7.4	0	33
Rolly Lumbala	22	217	9.9	2	32
Keith Greer	8	52	6.5	0	12
Autwuan Sherman	9	42	4.7	0	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Barrow	43	1811	42.1	4	32.4(T)	1	13
TJ Conley	28	1121	40.0	4	–	1	7

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mike Barrow	21-23	6-6	3-5	5-5	2-3	16-19	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Cole Snyder	139	5	12	3	3
Josh Bousman	75	5	5	1	0
DJ Dykes	69	0	2	5	4
Mike Anderson	67	0	0	2	1
Ben Alexander	43	4	3	1	1
David Vobora	43	0	6	0	0
Tone Taupule	36	0	1	4	0
Charles Campbell	33	2	1	1	0
Jason Martin	33	0	0	5	1
Mike Bonelli	32	1	1	0	0
DeAngelo Ramsey	25	0	0	3	2
Ryan Davis	24	0	1	2	0
Jeff Edwards	23	1	6	0	0
Herb Cash	16	0.5	0.5	1	1
Nate Nichols	14	0	1	0	0
Robert Davis	11	0	0	0	0
Lawrence Guynes	11	0	0	0	0
Reggie Jones	11	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Wes Williams	16	80	5.0	0
DJ Dykes	7	60	8.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Autwuan Sherman	19	367	19.3	0
DeAngelo Ramsey	16	303	18.9	0
Wes Williams	11	260	23.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Humanitarian	+17	S Mississippi	42-35	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Idaho's All-Time SU Bowl Record 1-0

IDAHO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	22.1	18	78	2.5	257	56.5	15.2	-6	2005	7	38.1	21	183	4.8	238	59.5	11.1
5	20.4	19	132	3.5	208	63.3	16.7	-2	2004	3	39.4	22	197	5.0	232	56.4	10.9
6*	20.7	19	125	3.7	256	53.4	18.5	-5	2003	7	26.2	20	217	4.8	199	62.2	15.9
7	23.8	22	115	3.5	290	59.0	17.0	-14	2002	7	35.7	22	190	4.7	274	58.8	13.0
5*	28.5	25	115	3.4	348	62.2	16.3	-16	2001	5	45.0	25	200	4.8	278	64.0	10.6
8*	29.2	23	148	3.9	305	61.9	15.5	-12	2000	7	34.3	21	167	4.4	271	53.8	12.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

		OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
UI 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Wash St	19	41 - 86	2.1	19 - 32	180	3	16	35 - 206	5.9	17 - 29	230	0	+2
–	at UNLV	23	30 - 100	3.3	19 - 31	390	3	29	41 - 193	4.7	22 - 34	250	4	-1
–	at Washington	12	31 - (-4)	-0.1	20 - 30	190	7	16	39 - 192	4.9	10 - 18	148	0	0
–	Hawaii	10	21 - 41	2.0	8 - 25	112	3	21	25 - 41	1.6	36 - 47	364	3	-1
–	Utah St	21	41 - 101	2.5	20 - 25	238	3	19	34 - 136	4.0	14 - 27	157	3	0
–	at Nevada	19	23 - 38	1.7	25 - 49	275	3	26	44 - 265	6.0	23 - 32	272	0	-2
–	Fresno St	14	35 - 89	2.5	18 - 30	121	5	20	35 - 156	4.5	21 - 34	228	2	0
–	at New Mexico St	22	33 - 93	2.8	35 - 54	489	2	25	39 - 154	3.9	28 - 51	341	2	0
–	Louisiana Tech	24	27 - 81	3.0	27 - 51	343	1	19	40 - 215	5.4	18 - 32	284	0	-1
–	at Boise St	24	30 - 72	2.4	34 - 62	357	3	19	34 - 254	7.5	9 - 25	203	3	0
–	at San Jose St	15	38 - 165	4.3	14 - 34	135	1	20	51 - 204	4.0	8 - 17	138	2	-3
TOTALS		203	350 - 862	2.5	239 - 423	2830	34	230	417 - 2016	4.8	206 - 346	2615	19	-6
AVERAGES		18.4	32 - 78	2.5	22 - 38	257	3.1	20.9	38 - 183	4.8	19 - 31	238	1.7	-0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington St	+9	7-36	L
at Arizona	+19	29-36	W
at Washington - #13	+25'	3-53	L
Boise St	+11'	13-45	L
at Middle Tenn	+19'	58-70	W
at New Mexico St	+13	39-46	W
Louisiana-Lft	-11	37-54	L
at Arkansas St	-5'	31-34	L
ULM	-14	42-38	L
North Texas	+3	27-50	L
at Montana	NL	27-33 2OT	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boise St	+23	21-38	W
at Washington St - #11	+27	14-49	L
at Oregon - #13	+32'	21-58	L
San Diego St	+7	48-38	W
at Washington - #13	+30'	27-41	W
Montana	NL	31-38	–
at ULM	-10'	14-34	L
Middle Tenn	+3'	21-18	W
at Louisiana-Lft	-1	28-31	L
at North Texas	+14	0-10	W
Arkansas St	-3'	29-38	L
New Mexico St	+4'	31-35	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Washington St	+28	0-25	W
E Washington	NL	5-8	–
Boise St	+23	10-24	W
at Washington - #19	+26'	14-45	L
at Montana	NL	28-41	–
at New Mexico St	+10	35-31	W
North Texas	+7	14-24	L
Middle Tenn	+3'	21-28 OT	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-3	20-31	L
at Arkansas St	-1'	23-24	L
at ULM	-1'	58-20	W
Utah St	+1	20-13	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boise St	+31'	7-65	L
at Utah St	+10'	7-14	W
at Washington St	+25	8-49	L
at Oregon	+35	10-48	L
at E Michigan	+7	45-41	W
ULM	+1	14-16	L
Louisiana-Lft	+3'	38-25	W
at Middle Tenn	+10	14-34	L
at Troy	+24'	7-47	L
Arkansas St	+2'	45-31	W
at North Texas	+18'	29-51	L
at Hawaii	+21	21-52	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Washington St	+29	26-38	W
at UNLV	+12	31-34	W
at Washington	+13'	6-34	L
Hawaii	E	0-24	L
Utah St	+2'	27-13	W
at Nevada	+8	14-62	L
Fresno St - #24	+29'	10-40	L
at New Mexico St	+5'	38-37 2OT	W
Louisiana Tech	+9	38-41	W
at Boise St	+32'	35-70	L
at San Jose St	+8	18-26	T

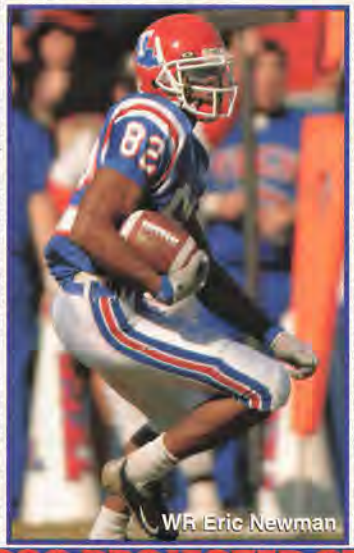
LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Tech has produced some fine QB's including Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw. Tim Rattay finished #2 in NCAA history in career passing yards despite playing just 3 seasons. LT led the NCAA in pass offense in both 1998 and 1999 under Bicknell. In 2000 true frosh Luke McCown was forced to start in Wk 4 and after four years left as #3 in the NCAA in total offense (#4DC CLE). Matt Kubik (PS#92) did not have the strongest arm but had the best grasp of the offense and battled Donald Allen who Bicknell said had the strongest arm of any QB since he's been here. Kubik started the opener but Allen was more impressive and won the starting job for '04. However, Allen injured his shoulder and Kubik took over throwing for 1,818 (50.8%) with a 10-10 ratio (343 rush yds). Allen threw for just 317 (51.9%) with 197 yards rushing. Kubik started the 2005 opener and Allen the Kansas game. Bicknell then said the job was Kubik's and he started the last 9. Allen played in just two more. Kubik had 283 vs NT and a career high 329 vs SJSt. He finished with 2,202 (54.8%) and an outstanding 18-7 ratio. Both Kubik and Allen depart. The third stringer has been Zac Champion (PS#98) who had 38 yards in 5 games the last two years. Michael Mosley (PS#168WR) redshirted. I expect the starter to be JUCO Joe Danna who, despite missing 3 games last year, threw for 1,292 (57%) with a 10-5 ratio at JC and is also mobile. He was also recruited by Ole Miss. LT has 8 pass att among their returning QB's, the 5th fewest in the NCAA. Bicknell has said he prefers to throw the ball more after a couple of years of relying on the running game so you can expect big stats from whomever wins this job.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Tech's leading RB had more receiving than rushing yards. JUCO Joe Smith had 931 (5.0) in 2001. In 2002, he became the first LT back to top 1,000 since 1994 with 1,216 (5.8) while also snagging 47 rec. In 2003 Ryan Moats, a shifty back with break away speed, almost eclipsed Jason Davis' single season rushing record of 1,351 (1991) with 1,300 (6.5) and was 1st Tm WAC. Bicknell brought in two solid frosh, Freddie Franklin and Mark Dillard. Dillard was a track champ in HS. In '04 Moats, despite sitting out the 2H vs Miami and playing just 3 snaps vs Auburn, broke the school rushing record with 1,774 (6.2). Unfortunately Moats also became the first LT player to declare early for the NFL draft (#3DC PHI). Bicknell used a 3 RB rotation in 2005 with Dillard, Franklin and true frosh Patrick Jackson (PS#81). Dillard had 155 vs Hawaii and 138 vs Idaho and finished with 672 (4.3). Franklin, who missed 3, returned to the lineup vs Fresno. He led with 120 and had the best ypc of the backs at 4.9 (448 yds). Jackson rushed for 367 (4.2) while leading the team in all-purpose yards. Dillard was suspended in the spring, pending an off-field arrest and may move to DB. Not listed in the 4 deep below are Dillard and Adrian Jackson (5-11 185 So). They add in two solid true frosh and with or without Dillard, this is an improved group.

RECEIVERS - LT has had an inexperienced receiving corps the last couple of years. Last season they lost 3 of their top 5 WR's and while they returned their #2 and #3 receivers, they each had just 19 rec in '04. LT went with a 2-TE offense a lot in '04 to block for Moats and used their TE's more as receivers last year. They did have good speed at WR and Johnathan Holland (qualified for the NCAA's 100m championships) had 29 (14.5). Seneca Chambers had 14 rec in the first 1.5 games but lacerated a kidney and had just 15 after that. Freddie King (PS#42) was #4 with 25 (7.8). Eric Newman led with 30 (18.9). True frosh Josh Wheeler averaged 23.3 (7). This year they must replace Chambers (10 st) and King (4 st). This unit figures to grab more rec with the team passing more and returns its top 2 receivers.


WR Eric Newman

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 LT had to replace 3 starters and suffered through an injury-plagued year but did a great job paving the way for 4.6 ypc rushing but allowed 35 sacks (7.3%). All 5 starters returned in 2004 and averaged 62 ypg more rushing (4.9) but allowed 12% sacks. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 24 starts. They did return star Aaron Lips who was 1st Tm WAC in '04 and set a school record with 47 straight starts. He earned 1st Tm WAC honors again last season. This year they have to replace Lips as well as starting C Marcus Stewart (11 st). LT's OL only opened holes for 3.8 ypc (25 sk) and should solidly improve upon those numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - With just one starter back on the D-line in 2003, LT allowed 5.4 ypc rushing. They switched to the 3-4 in 2004 and allowed 61 ypg less rushing (4.4). Last year they had to replace all 3 starters up front but did have all 3 backups returning plus Wendell Crowe who was 2nd Tm WAC in 2003. LT allowed 44 ypg less rush (3.8) but saw the sack total drop by 10 (22). This year the losses are even heavier as gone are DE Moqut Ruffins (11 st, 1st Tm WAC, 38 tkl, 3 sk), NT Ladarius Love (11 st, 27 tkl, 2.5 tfl), DT Eddie White (9 st, 26 tkl, 3 sk), DT Quarvay Winbush (2 st, 20 tkl) and DE Crowe (13 tkl). With 5 of the top 6 gone, you can look for plenty of this year's newcomers to have an immediate impact including good-sized true frosh Eric Harris (295 lbs) and D'Anthony Smith (305 lbs). Keeping in mind that last year's DL had zero starters back, this unit should not drop too much in performance.

LINEBACKERS - Last year LT not only had 3 starters back at LB, but the starter at the open spot was VHT Brannon Jackson (PS#47). It was one of LT's best LB corps ever and the team's top 3 tacklers were LB's. This year they lose Barry Robertson (#1 tkl'r, 11 st, 2nd Tm WAC), Byron Santiago (11 st, 79 tkl, 1st Tm WAC, UGA GB) and Jeremy Hamilton (PS#24, 10 st, 42 tkl). Five of the top 8 are back and they add in some solid JUCO's including Ole Miss transfer Marquis McBeath (PS#59). This should be a decent group, but not quite up to 2005's standards.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tech had an experienced secondary in 2004 and finished #76 in my pass D rankings. In 2005 they had to replace six players who combined for 41 starts and the only returning starter was CB Tramon Williams who did have 13 pd in 2004. Williams, starting a full season, simply led the NCAA in pd with 19 and was 1st Tm WAC. He was a key reason Tech rose to #40 despite the overall inexperience. The other CB slot was shared by Sandy Ray Collins and Delone Williams. Besides Tramon Williams, they also lose Delone Williams (7 st, 29 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu, UFA HOU), SS Alton Bryant (10 st, 32 tkl, 3 int) and FS Bo Cox (1 st, 20 tkl, 2 int). They have four of the top 8 back, get RB transfer Mark Dillard (if he returns) and a JUCO. This unit has a bit more experience than 2005 but does lose its top player.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 LT, thanks to K Josh Scobee, finished #40 in my ST rankings. In 2004 they had to replace Scobee (#5DC JAX) who had an amazing 40 TB's on 60 KO's and handled the punting. Danny Hordwedel and Brad Oestriecher combined to hit just 10 of 19 FG's. P Matt Butler's avg was hurt by Miami (FL) Devin Hester's two long PR TD's so his net was just 32.2. The unit finished just #98 and moved up to #70 last year. Butler was tried at LB and lost his P job and Chris Keagle avg'd 37.4. Oestriecher had 19 TB's on 67 KO's. Hordwedel hit 18 of 26 FG's with a long of 46 and did have a miss of 53 yards. The top KR was true frosh Weldon Brown (20.1) and the top PR's were Franklin (4.5) and Tramon Williams (6.7). Another true frosh, Patrick Jackson (PS#81), led the team in KR yards with 471 (27.7). LT has not had a KR for a TD in 194 games, the 3rd longest streak in the NCAA. This year they must replace Williams, Butler and outstanding LS Matt Graham who, in 4 years and 47 straight starts, did not have one bad snap on a punt, FG or xp!

COACHES - Jack Bicknell has come under a lot of fire nearly being let go after 2003 and at the end of 2004. His OC is Conroy Hines who enters his 7th year in that position and 15th year here. Three of those years Tech has ranked in the Top 10 nationally in passing. Last year they lost their DC and his replacement left after the spring so Bicknell promoted ILB coach Randy Bates, who had been an asst here for 5 years, to DC. In January Bicknell was given a 2 year contract extension thru 2008.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2001 LT took home the WAC Title but in 2002 suffered from -13 in turnovers and finished 4-8 dropping some winnable games. In 2003 they led WAC Champ Boise 23-16 at home but lost and finished just 5-7. 2004 was an atypical year for the offense which is known for passing but was led by Ryan Moats. LT had 490 rush attempts and just 300 passes and actually had more yards rushing than passing. LT really wanted to join CUSA which would have been a better geographic fit for them but instead are the only WAC school in the Central Time Zone. At the end of 2004, a 51-14 blowout of Rice on the road kept Bicknell around for 2005 as the team finished 6-6. They also knocked off unbeaten Fresno at home 28-21. Last year they had just 9 returning starters but did have 20 seniors and played great at home. Over the last 7 years this team has faced 21 Top 25 clubs, 24 from BCS conferences, and playing one of the toughest schedules among WAC teams. The hurricane did cancel some of LT's practices in Sept but they played well vs Kansas. Despite a 295-277 yd edge and a 7-7 halftime score, two TO's set up TD's in a 1:06 span and KU walked away with a 20 point win. LT won 6 of their next 7 to move to 6-3. They were leading Boise at home 10-7 at half but for some reason, couldn't stop the run in the 2H and lost by 17. The next week they were at #23 Fresno and stunningly won 40-28. Despite their 7-4 record and win over Fresno, LT did not get a bowl bid. In conf play, LT was 6-2 but was actually outgained by 11.1 ypg. LT benefited from +13 in turnovers last year (see Turnovers=Turnaround). LT averaged 28.7 ppg last year on offense, their best since 2001. With 7 starters back on that side of the ball, even breaking in a new QB, should top that total. First year DC Randy Bates had just 4 starters back on D but they still allowed just 25.5 ppg which was their best since 1997! They allowed under 30 ppg for the first time since 1999 and were even better than the 25.5 ppg allowed as both NMSt and NT got 2 TD's when trailing by 30+ points in the 2H and they held Hawaii's potent offense to just 14. Despite having just two starters back on D the unit is close to last year in terms of experience and should be better than the number (2) would indicate. The three major concerns I have with LT this year are the +13 in turnovers they benefitted from last year (see pg 312), the fact that they have 8 road games and that they have just 2 returning starters on defense. With those 3 things aligned, it may be difficult for LT to forge a winning season.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB William Griffin 5-11 200 PS#46
OL Jamarr Thompson 6-7 325 PS#76
QB Joe Danna 6-5 224 PS#128JC
LB Marquis McBeath 5-11 225 PS#59 '03
DL D'Anthony Smith 6-2 305 PS#108
OL Lon Roberts 6-3 260 PS#117
LB Chris Pugh 6-3 220 PS#195JC
DL Jared Parten 6-3 270 PS#211JC
RB Myke Compton 5-9 195 PS#133
TE Dustin Mitchell 6-4 235 PS#84QB '05 GS
DB Derrick Williams 6-0 185 PS#182
OL Greg Greathouse 6-5 245 PS#186DL
QB Ross Jenkins 6-3 199 PS#121
LB Chris Lowery 6-2 230 PS#348JC
OL Will Taylor 6-6 292 PS#224
DB Shalamar Walker 6-0 180 PS#374JC
DL Ramone Randle 6-3 270 PS#249LB
TE Rob McGill 6-6 235 PS#98
OL Cudahy Harmon 6-8 315 PS#299
DL Ben McGilton 6-3 236 PS#433JC
RB Daniel Porter 5-11 190 PS#327
DL Eric Harris 6-2 295 PS#322
TE Clayton Chambers 6-5 235 PS#127
WR Christopher Riser 5-7 170 PS#323
DL Nick Narcisse 6-4 230 PS#379
DL Terrance Freeman 6-4 225 PS#412
DB Antonio Baker 5-11 200 PS#484
DL Dennis Morris 6-2 255 PS#433
DL Randy Grigsby 6-4 250 PS#495
LB Joe Thomas 6-3 220 PS#495
DB Jahoyde Owens 6-0 190 PS#560
DB Travis Williams 5-8 161 PS#560
RB Ja'mel Titus 5-7 189 PS#515

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB NA Joe Danna Jr. 6-5 224 PS#128JC. In for spg. **10** Zac Champion (6-1 215 Jr) PS#98. 6 of 8 pass, 2Y, 38 yd. **13** Michael Mosley (6-1 202 rFr). PS#168WR.

RB 28 FREDDIE FRANKLIN JR. 6-0 178 PS#224. 652 (4.8), 2 st 2Y. **William Griffin is PS#46**. Myke Compton is PS#133. **23** Patrick Jackson (5-10 192 So) **PS#81**. 893 all-purp LY.

WR 7 JOHNATHAN HOLLAND SR. 6-0 189 PS#159. **100m track tm LY**. 7 st, 19 (22.2) '04. 10 st, 29 (14.5) LY. **87** Roderick Handy (6-1 210 Jr). **86** Thomas Augusta (5-11 165 So) PS#293.

WR 81 Josh Wheeler So. 6-4 200 PS#276. 1 st true, 7 (23.3). **19** Shane Womack (6-0 206 So) PS#401. 1 rec rFr. **43** Bryan Carroll (6-0 175 Sr). **83** Shawn Simmons (6-1 189 rFr).

WR 82 ERIC NEWMAN SR. 6-0 187 PS#195. 2 st, 29 (16.4), First 2Y. 8 st, #1 LY w/30 (18.9). **80** Brian Jackson (6-3 212 rFr) PS#99. **88** Earl Griffin (6-0 207 Jr) 2 rec LY. Lance Leone (6-0 183 So).

TE 89 ANTHONY JAMES SR. 6-6 265 10 st LY, 15 (13.4). **47** Anthony Harrison (6-3 225 So) PS#260LB. 1 st, 11 rec. **11** Nicholas Worzel (6-5 226 rFr) PS#101QB. Dustin Mitchell PS#84QB.

C 51 Jacob Peeler Sr. 6-3 261 PS#109JC. 2nd string but RS '04. Saw action in 3 gm LY. **79** Jason Lewis (6-4 309 So) PS#376. Lon Roberts (6-3 260 Fr) PS#117. In for spg.

RG 78 MARCUS LINDSEY SR. 6-7 386 PS#310. 9 st until inj '04. 11 st RG LY. Added 14 lbs. **75** Dwight Alexander (6-5 300 rFr) PS#343. **70** Kevon Bagot (6-7 342 Jr) PS#444.

LG 66 David Accardo So. 6-5 316 PS#574. GS '04. 9 gm true LY. 1L **62** Ben Harris (6-4 281 So) PS#606. Scout tm '05. Add 16 lbs. Will Taylor is PS#224. Greg Greathouse is PS#186DL.

RT 63 RYAN CONSIDINE JR. 6-5 297 2 gm rFr, 2nd string lettered. 11 st RT LY, 10 yds rush. **74** Jason Gooch (6-6 278 Jr) PS#64TE. 9 gm LY. Jamarr Thompson is PS#76.

LT 73 TYLER MILLER JR. 6-7 309 PS#436. 3 st rFr. 11 st LT LY. **65** Ryan Snell (6-5 282 So) PS#631. 3 gms rFr. 2nd string 2Y. **77** Bill Jones (6-6 307 So) PS#609.

K 31 DANNY HORWEDEL JR. 6-2 200 PS#58. 8 of 14 FG's '04, long 43. 2nd Tm WAC LY, 18 of 26 FG's, long 46. **33** Brad Oestriecher (5-11 185 Jr) 19 TB's on 67 KO's LY.

DE 91 Sammie Collins Sr. 6-3 249 PS#301JC. JC '03. **99** Mark Cassimere (6-3 246 rFr). **39** Thad Williams (6-3 232 Sr) PS#358. 1 rec TE LY. **90** Christon Guient (6-2 267 rFr).

NT 92 Joshua Muse Jr. 6-3 310 **PS#130**. 22 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **95** Breon Jackson (6-3 310 So). D'Anthony Smith (6-2 305 Fr) **PS#108**. Jared Parten is PS#211JC. '02-'03 at S Miss.

DE 94 Wes Day So. 6-4 249 PS#472. 1 tkl rFr. Ben McGilton (6-3 236 Jr) PS#433JC. Eric Harris is PS#322. **40** Gregory Hollins (6-1 257 Jr). David Washington (5-10 282 rFr).

WLB NA Marquis McBeath Jr. 5-11 225 **PS#59 Ole Miss**. JUCO. **27** Marquis Spurgon (6-0 187 Sr) PS#295JC. 2 tkl LY. Marvin Lubin (6-1 200 So) Scout Tm. Alex Anderson (5-11 188 So).

BLB 48 Chad Beverage So. 6-0 227 PS#307. 10 tkl, 1 sk true. Terence Alexander (6-0 223 Sr) 1 st, **72 tkl**, 5 tfl 3Y. **44** Anthony Crosby (6-0 227 Jr) 12 tkl 2Y. Brian White (6-1 218 rFr).

MLB 58 BRANNON JACKSON JR. 6-2 263 **PS#47**. 10 tkl rFr. 11 st LY, 54 tkl, 2 tfl. Chris Lowery (6-2 226 Jr) JC in spg. Leanard Powell (6-0 240 So) PS#433. Joe Thomas is PS#485.

SLB 37 Quin Harris So. 6-3 221 PS#353DB. 1 st rFr, 30 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **55** Timothy Reddick (6-3 227 Jr) PS#226. 1 tkl LY. Chris Pugh (6-3 220 Jr). Thomas Washington (6-0 245 So).

CB 20 Sandy Ray Collins Sr. 5-10 187 PS#295JC. 4 st LY, 26 tkl, 2 tfl. **30** Melvin Ellis (5-10 167 Sr) 16 pbu, 1 int JC '03. **16** Justin Johnson (6-0 197 So). 2 tkl, 11 gms LY.

CB NA Shalamar Walker Jr. 6-0 180 PS#374JC. Anthony Moss (5-10 183 So) PS#178 '01. JUCO. 19 tkl, 1 int here LY. **24** Torrance Hampton (5-9 169 Sr) PS#307JC. Lee Brown (5-10 192 Jr).

SS 35 Weldon Brown So 5-10 180 Move from WR/RB. Outstanding spg. **21** Keeven Moore (5-11 190 Sr) PS#276JC. PS#214RB in 2003. **45** Deon Young (5- 11 191 rFr).

FS 4 DEZ ABRAMS SR. 6-0 189 44 tkl, 3 pbu 1st 2Y. 11 st SS LY, 52 tkl, 2 pbu. **16** Justin Johnson (6-0 197 So) 2 tkl LY. **40** Gerald Dyer (6-0 176 Jr) 2 tkl, 1 pbu LY.

P 15 CHRIS KEAGLE SO. 5-11 225 All-state punter as soph HS. 52 punts rFr, 37.4 avg, net 33.2. David Black (6-0 193 So) Scout Tm LY. Bryant Landry (6-2 219 rFr).

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

Ruston, Louisiana
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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#77

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score LT	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 2	at Nebraska	A					
Sep. 9							
Sep. 16	Nicholls St	G					
Sep. 23	at Texas A&M	G					
Sep. 30	at Clemson	G					
Oct. 7	at Boise St	A					
Oct. 14	Idaho (HC)	G					
Oct. 21	Utah St	G					
Oct. 28	at San Jose St	G					
Nov. 4	at North Texas	A					
Nov. 11	at Hawaii	A					
Nov. 18	Nevada	G					
Nov. 24	Fresno St (Fri)	G					
Dec. 2	at New Mexico St	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Tech's schedule features the most reg ssn gms in the programs history.
Louisiana Tech is 5-1 SU & 4-1 ATS the last 6 years in home openers.
The Bulldogs are 10-19 SU & 8-20-1 ATS the last 29 away games.

Louisiana Tech is 2-10 SU & ATS vs BCS schools the last 4 years.
Met in Lincoln '98 & Tim Rattay set a school record with 590 pass yds in 56-27 loss.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Tim Rattay 12,746 1997-'99
Rushing: Jason Cooper 3,342 1991-'94 Receiving: Troy Edwards 4,352 1996-'98

Colonels finished 6-4 LY in the Southland Conf (#16 IAA) & made it to the playoffs.
This will be the 3rd meeting between these in-state programs, LT 2-0 SU.

The Bulldogs are just 3-16-1 ATS after a SU win the last 4 years.
LA Tech is 0-8 SU & 1-3 ATS all-time vs A&M, being outscored on avg 41-12 ppg.

The Bulldogs are 11-5 ATS the last 3 years after a SU loss.
LA Tech is 2-8-1 SU all-time vs current ACC tms, including 0-2 SU & ATS vs Clemson.

The Bulldogs are 3-6 SU & 5-3-1 ATS all-time as WAC away dogs.
The visitor is 2-5 ATS in this series all-time.

The Bulldogs are 17-9 ATS their last 26 gms as a home favorite.
Louisiana Tech is 4-1 SU & 5-0 ATS in their 1st conf HG's of the ssn L5Y.

LA Tech won LY despite being outgained 478-276 largely due to a +3 TO ratio.
The home team is 0-3 ATS in their only 3 meetings ('93,'94 &'05).

LA Tech is 0-2 SU & ATS all-time in San Jose, CA being outscored 73-36.
The Bulldogs are 4-11 ATS the last 6 years as an away favorite.

LA Tech is 6-12 ATS in their L/18 regular season Nov/Dec games.
Bulldogs are 13-1 SU & 9-5 ATS the L14 gms vs current SBC members.

Tech had FD & yd edges last gm at UH but a costly fumb resulted in a TD hurt in '04.
The visitor is 1-3 ATS all-time in this WAC series.

Over the L4Y vs Nevada, Tech's offensive output has gone down each yr (50,42,38 & 27).
Could apply: Tech is 1-5 SU & 2-4 ATS the last 4 years as a home dog.

The LT Bulldogs are 3-1-1 ATS vs the Fresno St Bulldogs in WAC encounters.
Louisiana Tech is 7-4 SU & 6-3 ATS in their home finales the last 11 years.

The avg margin of victory for the SU winner in this series is 24 ppg.
The visitor is 0-5 SU & 0-2 ATS all-time in this series, 1st gm 1967.

JACK BICKNELL III (Career 40-42)

8th Year at LA Tech

Bicknell's SU Bowl Record: 0-1

Bicknell's records AT LOUISIANA TECH

40-42	Straight Up	12-8	Home Favorite
35-42-1	Vs The Spread	4-5	Home Underdog
18-17	Off A SU Loss	7-12	Away Favorite
23-24-1	Vs Conference	12-17-1	Away Underdog
12-18	Vs Non-Conf	3-9	Off A Bye

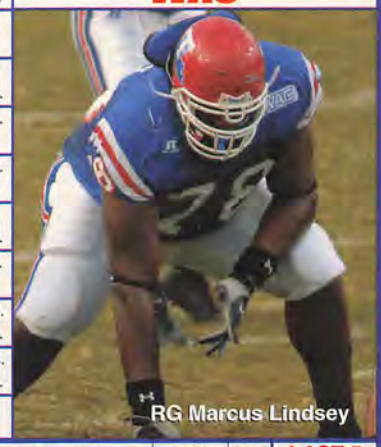
2005 RECORD: (7-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 2

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (26,20,3)
Lost: 24 (7,17,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,416

WAC


RG Marcus Lindsey

STADIUM: JOE AILLET STADIUM (30,600)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-3	3-9	7-4	4-8	5-7	6-6	7-4	40-41
Home	3-1	2-2	4-0	4-1	1-4	4-1	4-1	22-10
Away	5-2	1-7	3-4	0-7	4-3	2-5	3-3	18-31
ATS	6-4	4-6	7-4	3-9	5-6-1	5-7	5-6	35-42-1
Home Fav	1-1	1-0	2-1	2-2	1-1	2-2	3-1	12-8
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-2	1-0	0-1	4-5
Away Fav	3-1	0-3	1-2	0-3	1-2	1-0	1-1	7-12
Away Dog	2-1	2-3	3-1	1-3	2-1-1	1-5	1-3	12-17-1
Favorite	4-2	1-3	3-3	2-5	2-3	3-2	4-2	19-20
Dog	2-2	3-3	4-1	1-4	3-3-1	2-5	1-4	16-22-1
Grass	5-4	4-2	4-1	2-9	4-4-1	4-5	4-3	27-28-1
Artificial	1-0	0-4	3-3	1-0	1-2	1-2	1-3	8-14
vs Conf	2-2	2-2	5-3	2-6	3-4-1	5-3	4-4	23-24-1
vs Non-Conf	4-2	2-4	2-1	1-3	2-2	0-4	1-2	12-18
Off SU Win	5-3	1-2	4-2	0-4	1-3-1	0-5	2-4	13-23-1
Off SU Loss	0-1	3-4	2-2	2-5	4-2	4-2	3-1	18-17

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mark Dillard	155	717	45	672	8	4.3
Freddie Franklin	91	461	13	448	4	4.9
Patrick Jackson	88	383	16	367	6	4.2
Matt Kubik	53	265	143	122	1	2.3
Johnathan Holland	3	34	0	34	0	11.3
Donald Allen	19	30	68	-38	0	-2.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Kubik	312	171	54.8	2202	18	7
Donald Allen	42	19	45.2	192	0	3
Zac Champion	2	2	100.0	16	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Eric Newman	30	566	18.9	8	56	
Johnathan Holland	29	421	14.5	2	52	
Seneca Chambers	29	323	11.1	0	20	
Anthony James	15	201	13.4	2	25	
Freddie King	25	195	7.8	2	20	
Josh Wheeler	7	163	23.3	1	72	
Mark Dillard	13	157	12.1	0	49	
Freddie Franklin	17	154	9.1	0	42	
Anthony Harrison	11	98	8.9	3	20	
Patrick Jackson	9	55	6.1	0	20	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Keagle	52	1946	37.4	9	33.2	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Danny Horwedel	34-38	5-6	9-13	4-6	0-1	18-26	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Barry Robertson	103	3	3	6	1
Byron Santiago	79	2.5	2.5	5	0
Brannon Jackson	54	0	2	1	1
Dez Abrams	52	0	1.5	2	0
Tramon Williams	43	0	3	16	3
Jeremy Hamilton	42	3	3.5	2	0
Moqut Ruffins	38	3	4	5	0
Terence Alexander	36	1	1.5	1	0
Alton Bryant	32	0	0	3	3
Quin Harris	30	1	2	1	2
Delone Williams	29	0	0.5	4	2
Ladarius Love	27	0	2.5	0	0
Sandy Ray Collins	26	1	0.5	0	0
Eddie White	26	3	1	3	0
Joshua Muse	22	2	2.5	1	0
Robert Burrell	21	0	0	1	1
Tavoris "Bo" Cox	20	0	0.5	2	2
Quarvay Winbush	20	1.5	1	0	0
Anthony Moss	19	0	0	2	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Freddie Franklin	17	77	4.5	0
Tramon Williams	10	67	6.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Patrick Jackson	17	471	27.7	0
Weldon Brown	18	362	20.1	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
77	Independence	NL	Louisville	24-14	–
78	Independence	NL	East Carolina	13-35	–
90	Independence	+1'	Maryland	34-34	W
01	Humanitarian	+6'	Clemson	24-49	L

Louisiana Tech's All-Time SU Bowl Record 1-2-1

LOUISIANA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	28.7	20	148	3.8	219	53.9	12.8	+13	2005	4	25.5	20	133	3.8	248	57.0	14.9
7	25.7	18	200	4.9	180	51.3	14.8	0	2004	8	31.8	21	177	4.4	231	56.7	12.8
6*	25.8	22	138	4.6	293	55.4	16.7	-5	2003	4	32.8	24	238	5.4	273	61.8	15.5
6*	26.7	20	115	4.5	303	57.9	15.7	-13	2002	7	35.5	23	177	4.1	264	62.1	12.4
7*	33.8	23	105	3.5	320	57.8	12.6	+4	2001	8	32.5	25	212	4.5	241	55.6	13.9
5	26.4	24	103	3.7	310	65.4	15.6	-17	2000	5	33.0	22	211	5.0	198	56.6	12.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

LT 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at Florida	10	26 - 45	1.7	11 - 32	117	2	22	49 - 251	5.1	14 - 24	224	3	-3
–	at Kansas	20	30 - 38	1.3	26 - 46	257	7	13	32 - 41	1.3	19 - 31	236	0	-3
–	New Mexico St	22	42 - 177	4.2	22 - 39	249	0	19	25 - 92	3.7	25 - 43	261	5	+6
–	Hawaii	26	54 - 327	6.1	14 - 20	149	3	17	15 - 11	0.7	26 - 37	269	3	+2
–	at Nevada	14	32 - 68	2.1	13 - 39	161	3	26	44 - 189	4.3	25 - 45	269	3	+2
–	North Texas	25	41 - 227	5.5	24 - 35	283	2	15	36 - 188	5.2	10 - 23	99	2	+3
–	San Jose St	26	47 - 197	4.2	18 - 33	329	0	17	38 - 160	4.2	11 - 29	161	1	-1
–	at Utah St	20	38 - 126	3.3	16 - 26	150	3	22	38 - 106	2.8	27 - 44	372	2	+3
–	at Idaho	19	40 - 215	5.4	18 - 32	284	0	24	27 - 81	3.0	27 - 51	343	1	+1
–	Boise St	17	25 - 56	2.2	17 - 32	180	3	23	54 - 260	4.8	10 - 17	137	2	-1
–	at Fresno St	21	53 - 147	2.8	13 - 22	251	2	25	24 - 86	3.6	33 - 54	358	0	+4
TOTALS		220	428 - 1623	3.8	192 - 356	2410	25	223	382 - 1465	3.8	227 - 398	2729	22	+13
AVERAGES		20.0	39 - 148	3.8	17 - 32	219	2.3	20.3	35 - 133	3.8	21 - 36	248	2.0	1.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SMU	-5	36-6	W
at Oklahoma St	+10	23-30	W
at Fresno St - #10	+22	28-38	W
San Jose St	-7	41-20	W
at Nevada	-9	45-42	L
at Auburn - #20	+12'	41-48 OT	W
Rice	-3'	41-38 OT	L
Boise St	+1'	48-42	W
at UTEP	-14	53-30	W
at Kansas St	+21	7-40	L
at Tulsa	-20	19-7	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Oklahoma St	-1	39-36	W
at Clemson	+10'	13-33	L
Tulsa	-21	53-9	W
at Penn St - #15	+13'	17-49	L
at Texas A&M - #24	+13	3-31	L
at Rice	-6	20-37	L
at SMU	-13	34-37	L
Nevada	-4'	50-47	L
at San Jose St	-4	30-42	L
at Boise St	+28	10-36	W
UTEP	-23	38-24	L
Fresno St	+1'	13-45	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Miami, Fl - #3	+28	9-48	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-4'	34-3	W
at Michigan St	+11'	20-19	W
at Fresno St	+10	6-16	T
Boise St	+8	37-43	W
at UTEP	-15	38-35	L
Hawaii	E	41-44	L
at Nevada	+4	42-34	W
at LSU - #7	+26'	10-49	L
SMU	-20	41-6	W
at Tulsa	E	18-48	L
Rice	-7'	14-49	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nevada	-5	38-21	W
Louisiana-Lft	-14	24-20	L
at Miami, Fl - #4	+30'	0-48	L
at Tennessee - #12	+23	17-42	L
Fresno St - #17	+14	28-21	W
at Auburn - #6	+26	7-52	L
at SMU	-10	41-10	W
UTEP	-2	27-44	L
at Hawaii	+3'	23-34	L
Tulsa	-6'	38-21	W
at Boise St - #13	+24	14-55	L
at Rice	+3	51-14	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Florida - #10	+29'	3-41	L
at Kansas	+14'	14-34	L
New Mexico St	-10'	34-14	W
Hawaii	-3	46-14	W
at Nevada	+2	27-37	L
North Texas	-21	40-14	W
San Jose St	-19	31-14	L
at Utah St	-7	27-17	W
at Idaho	-9	41-38	L
Boise St	+6'	13-30	L
at Fresno St - #23	+23'	40-28	W

NEW MEXICO ST AGGIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - NMSt had run an option offense under former HC Tony Samuel but started to move away from that at the end of the 2004 with 31 passes per game. Joey Vincent was the team's 3rd string QB and had thrown for 187 yards in two years. Paul Dombrowski, who had 14 starts at QB in 3 years, was moved to WR in '04 and stayed there. New HC Mumme signed good-sized JUCO Royal Gill (6-5 215) who I thought would be a star in the new offense. Gill and Vincent were actually neck-and-neck throughout August. Gill struggled in the first two outings and Vincent came in to lead the team to two 4Q scoring drives vs NM. Gill had been sacked 13 times up to this point (10Q's). The more mobile Vincent got the start vs Cal. Keep in mind, the backup QB in Mumme's system only gets 10% of the reps in practice. Gill was brought back in vs LT and led two TD drives in that game. He started vs Hawaii, hitting 34 of 57 for 356. Both were banged up the rest of the year but Gill still threw for 357 (70%) vs Nevada and finished with 1,930 (59.5%) with an 11-9 ratio. Keep in mind that in Mumme's system, for the offense to be effective, the QB should complete about 64%. Vincent threw for just 1,219 (52.6%) with a 6-12 ratio. Mumme will start all over again as Vincent moved to FS and Gill was given his outright release. Scott Grantham learned the system last year but my favorite is Chase Holbrook who has good size (6'6") and played in Mumme's offense in '04 at SE Louisiana. The Aggies have zero pass att among the returning QB's (NCAA fewest). This is the team's second year of the offense and will put up better stats.

RUNNING BACKS - Samuel brought Nebraska's powerful rushing attack here and had some solid RB's in his tenure. As mentioned, in '04 they went to more of a passing offense and their leading rusher was Muammar Ali (561, 4.1). Mumme praised Ali prior to the season but worked his way into the coach's doghouse and was given just one carry vs Colorado and eventually was released. Justine Buries, who rushed for 260 (3.3) in 2 starts as a true frosh, had an immediate impact including four 100 yard games including 3 straight. Buries rushed for 779 (4.2) also hauling in 23 rec (6.1). He rushed for 107 vs Cal and the Bears had not allowed a 100 yard rusher in eight straight games. The #2 RB was true frosh Jeremiah Williams who had 56 (4.7) and Ali was the #3 RB with just 24 (3.0). Three of the top six rushers were either QB's or WR's. Not listed in the 2 deep below are David Romaka (5-8 212 Sr), who started 11 games at FB in 2004 (203 ttl yd) but had just 34 yards last year, and Brandon Perez (5-8 225 rFr). Buries should have an even stronger season in 2006.

RB Justine Buries

RECEIVERS - For most of Samuel's tenure, the key to WR's seeing time on the field was their blocking ability. That started to change in his final two years and in '03 Ronshay Jenkins had 928 yards rec (16.3), the most here since 1994. In '04 they had to replace their top 3 receivers. QB Dombrowski called Tim Tolbert the most athletic of the WR's (6'2", 4.4 spd) and he led the team with 28 (15.0). Dombrowski moved to WR and was #2 with 28 (14.0). True frosh TE Andrew Mooney had 8 rec vs NT and earned 2nd Tm SBC honors. Last year basically the entire unit returned but was learning a new system. The very athletic Dombrowski set a school record with 16 rec vs SJSt and finished with 78 (10.2). Tolbert missed 4 games but increased his catches to 31 (11.5). Alabama transfer Derek Dubois had 28 (13.3). Mooney was released from the team in October (2 rec). True frosh AJ Harris emerged with 100 yards and 3 TD's vs Nevada and finished #2 with 39 (11.5). Brandon Allen started all 11 in '04 with 26 rec and improved to 33 (11.0). DB Nick Cleaver moved to WR vs Hawaii and had 8 finishing with 16 (14.1). Unfortunately they lose Dombrowski, WR Jared Quick (7, 11.9), Stevelan Harper (2 st, 8.4) and TE Anthony Lonon (1 st, 3, 9.0). Even with the loss of their star, this unit is much more experienced. They also get the amazing addition of Akieem Jolla (PS#5) a Miami, FL transfer, and should become the WAC's best WR.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Aggies had a Samuel-era low 3.6 ypc rush while allowing 26 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters including their top OL (1st Tm SBC) and 2 backups but had five players back with starting experience. They had to learn a new system and yielded 8 sacks in the opener to UTEP and vs SJSt actually had three OL's ejected from the game. The unit paved the way for just 2.7 ypc rushing while allowing 45 sacks (8.2%). This year they lose RG Nick Cole (40 straight st, UFA PHI), LG Justin Shopbell (11 st, 2 yr st'r) and Kyle Smith who moves to the DL. Seven of the top ten are back and Mumme talked about how the unit needed to get bigger and brought in three good-sized JUCO's (2 in for spring) and three big true frosh. Last year they used basically 6 OL's and had little depth. In the second year of the Mumme's system, this should be a much improved O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Samuel actually started the switch from the 4-3 to the 3-4 in Wk 5 of 2004. NMSt allowed 5.0 ypc rushing (worst since 1997) while recording 13 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and moved in starting TE Jeremy Weeks to NG. DC Woody Widenhofer brought in the pure 3-4 D and they allowed 5.0 ypc with the D having only 9 sacks. This year they lose DE Chase Spicer (12 st, 24 tkl, 1 sk) and NT Sam Ford (18 tkl). Not only does everyone else return, but JUCO Maurice Murray (PS#206JC) was in for the spring and won a starting DE spot. They also move in starting OLB Brandon McKinney and starting LT Kyle Smith plus Weeks is now in his second year at NG. I look for much improved production from the Aggie D-line.

LINEBACKERS - In the new 3-4 alignment, the Aggies had two starters returning to the LB unit including their top man, Jimmy Cottrell. Cottrell simply became the first player in school history to lead the team in tackles for four straight years. He also set the school's tackle record with 179 (Sam Dickey 169 in 1989) and led the NCAA in tackles to get 1st Tm WAC. Naturally, he departs (UFA BAL) this year as does WLB John Howell (10 st, 67 tkl), OLB Dustin Sober (12 st, 67 tkl, 7 tfl), SLB Sean Dade (2 tkl) and OLB Brandon McKinney who moves to DE. I list the lightly experienced 3 deep below. Mumme did sign two good-sized HT true frosh in JD Dowling (PS#126) and Tarik Perry (PS#131) who could play immediately.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2004 The Aggies returned all 4 starters from a secondary that finished #87 in my pass D rankings in 2003 but surprisingly dropped to #106. Last year they only had to replace one starter but allowed 264 ypg passing with a 30-7 ratio and finished #114. This year they lose FS Matt Griebel, who simply set a school record for tackles (149) in a season by a DB (previously held by Ray Milo, 1976), and CB Shukree Shabazz (10 st, 77 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back with six players having starting experience including two backup CB's in Spencer Moore (9 st '03) and Gill Byrd (11 st '04) who have been full-time starters. They add in QB Joey Vincent to the FS spot. Even with the loss of their top guy, they should improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Mumme's last three years at Kentucky his special teams units ranked #61, #8 and #91. Last year he had to break in a new K and P but the unit still rose from #92 to #53 and would have been higher if not for poor FG's as they were #35 in my ST rankings pre-K. As you would expect with the woeful offense, Brad Evans had the WAC's second highest punting yards in a season but was the first NMSt punter to avg over 41.0 since Andy Kohl in 1999. Evans had an amazing net of 38.8. KO man Conor Foley had a respectable 9 TB's on 33 KO's. Foley hit just 6 of 12 FG's and only one attempt came from 40+. The top KR, Dubois, avg'd 24.1 and Chris Williams had a 94 yard KR vs Cal (29.6). They lose their top P, K and PR but Jolla (PS#5, 4.38 spd) will boost the return game.

COACHES - Hal Mumme was the head man at Kentucky in 1997 and led them to bowl games in 1998 and 1999. He led UK to its first win over Alabama in 75 years as well. He resigned after the 2000 season with an NCAA investigation pending. In 2003 he took over at IAA SE Louisiana and guided them to 5-7 and 7-4 in his two years. Mumme is his own OC. His SLU team led the IAA in total offense with 537 ypg (408 pass) in 2004. He made an excellent hire in DC Woody Widenhofer who was the DC for the Steelers for two of their Super Bowl Titles. He was later HC at Missouri and DC at Vanderbilt before becoming HC there in 1997. His 1999 Vandy's D ranked 24th in the NCAA. He was the DC for Mumme in 2003 and 2004 at SLU.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Last year I drew some parallels between the Aggie program and Nebraska. NMSt ran the Nebraska option much like the Huskers did in 2003 and was switching to a pure pass offense last year. That was a big part of the reason that in 2004 I forecasted the Huskers to have their first losing season in 42 years and they struggled mightily in the change. In Mumme's first year here the results were even worse as the Aggies had the worst record in the NCAA at 0-12 and achieved their first winless season since 1989. A good portion of their points early in the year came late in the game as they trailed UTEP 31-0 at the half but scored 17 garbage points. At NM they trailed 38-7 before getting 2 late TD's and they trailed LT 34-0 before getting 2 TD's in the final 1:05. Even with those scores, they managed just 16.5 ppg in the new passing offense. In their final two years in the SBC, NMSt had outgained its conf foes by 113.3 ypg in 2003 and 104.5 ypg in 2004. With the change in offense and conference, the Aggies were outgained by a league worst 124.2 ypg. The closest they came to victory was a 2 OT loss to Idaho and a season finale 24-21 home loss when Utah St got a 32 yd FG with 1:16 left. All of the indicators point to an improved record this year which almost seems obvious as they were -23 in turnovers (see pg 312) and are now in the 2nd year of Mumme's system. The offense gets the amazing addition of Miami, FL transfer WR Akieem Jolla (PS#5), should get much better QB play and could even come close to doubling last year's ppg. The defense has just 6 starters returning and loses 5 of their top 6 tacklers but can still improve upon last year's 38.8 ppg allowed. This year's team has more speed allowing Widenhofer to play his schemes which involves a lot more blitzing. Mumme pointed out that confidence is huge in college football and last year the Aggies were done in by a brutal opening slate as they were big dogs in their first 7. This year the opening slate is much more manageable and the offense should be stronger with QB Holbrook and WR Jolla. Last year just 2 Aggies were members of the 3-4-5 Club (300 lb power clean, 400 lb bench, 500 lb squat). This year they actually have 12 members of the club and expect 3 more by fall. If everything goes perfect and the turnovers do, indeed, turn around, the Aggies could flirt with a winning season but that is too big a jump for me to call for. Still, this will be a much more exciting year in Las Cruces.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 12 Chase Holbrook So. 6-6 235 Played in 7 gms at SEL under Mumme in '04. Trans here and RS LY. **10 Scott Grantham** (6-1 175 rFr) PS#285. **4 Joey Vincent** (6-0 219 Sr).

RB 34 JUSTINE BURIES JR. 6-0 200 PS#416. 2 st true, 260 (3.3). 11 st LY, 779 (4.2), 23 rec. Julius Fleming PS#452. **30** Jeremiah Williams (6-0 205 So) 103 ttl yd true. **35** Chris Nwoko (6-1 225 So).

WR 84 TIM TOLBERT SR. 6-2 190 PS#287. **4.4 spd.** 11 st '04, 28 rec (15.0). 8 st LY, 31 (11.5). **80** Christopher Buckner PS#307. **97** Brian Blake (6-1 210 So) PS#239DB.

WR 2 Akieem Jolla Sr. 6-3 200 **PS#5. 4.38 speed.** 15 rec (8.2) '04 at **Miami FL. 28** Chris Williams (5-9 155 So) 3 st as true, 12 rec (8.1). **5** Jared Kaufman (6-1 177 Jr) 8 rec LY.

WR 18 AJ HARRIS SO. 6-2 190 6 st true, 39 rec (11.5). **40** Nick Cleaver (6-3 218 Jr) 7 tkl as FS '04. 5 st WR LY, 16 (14.1). **16** Jahmeel Hobson (5-10 165 rFr) 8 rec as true.

WR 7 BRANDON ALLEN JR. 6-2 190 11 st rFr, 26 (11.5). 5 st LY, 33 (11.0). **19** Derek Dubois (5-9 171 Jr) Bama transfer. 2 st, 28 (13.3), 14 KR (24.1) LY. **82** Ryan Franzoy (6-4 216 rFr).

C 55 James Farrelly Jr. 6-4 285 PS#482JC. All-Conf at JC LY. #1RG in spg. **78** Ray Zielinski (6-2 295 So) PS#485. Bkup C 12 gms last year. **LS 1** Dan White (6-0 197 Jr).

RG 65 Polo Gutierrez So. 6-3 276 PS#675. 14 tkl as true DL. OL in spring. Joel Buschmann (6-4 300 Fr) PS#310 **75** Kyle Smith is PS#119. **61** John Saluitis (6-3 291 Fr) PS#562.

LG 76 ROBERTO DAVIS SO. 6-5 265 PS#170. 9 st RT true, 12 gm. **79** Maveu Hemuli (6-5 335 rFr) 3rd string as true. **72** Matthew Schoonover (6-4 290 So) PS#414. Lettered as true.

RT NA Mark Pole Jr. 6-8 340 PS#477JC. **54** Brett Leeds (6-4 280 Jr) PS#83JC. In for spg. **74** Adam Honaker (6-4 275 Jr). 3 st LY (2 LT, 1 LG), 12 gm. Patrick Blount is PS#290.

LT 69 MIKE MARTINEZ JR. 6-5 327 PS#237. 11 starts rFr (6 LT, 5 C). 12 st C LY, added 17 lbs. Dustin Bruns (6-5 280 rFr). **71** Alex Gottlieb (6-4 298 Jr). 3 st LT '04. 3 st RT LY.

K 48 Matt Pratt So. 6-1 170 PS#477JC. Transferred from N Mexico JUCO and was in for spring. **99** Mike Hartnett (5-11 180 Fr) PS#102. Will battle Pratt for the kicking duties.

DE 91 JARED NAYLOR SR. 6-2 262 PS#103. 8 st, 13 tkl rFr. 11 st, 32 tkl '04. 10 st, 18 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **95** David Niumatalolo (6-4 300 So) 2 st, 26 tkl LY. **98** Skyler Sargent (6-0 250 Jr) 27 tkl, 3 tfl LY.

NG 90 JEREMY WEEKS SR. 6-2 285 PS#262. 11 st TE '04, 8 rec. 7 st NT LY, 19 tkl. **75** Kyle Smith (6-3 265 Sr) PS#524OL. 10 gm true. 2 st '04 (inj). 10 st LT LY. **50** Martinues Albert (6-3 370 Sr) 9 gm LY.

DE 45 MAURICE MURRAY JR. 6-3 280 PS#178OL '02. PS#206JC LY. **44 Brandon McKinney** (6-3 262 Jr) PS#383. 16 tkl, 4 tfl true. 8 st OLB LY, 33 tkl, 2 sk, 6 tfl. **62** Zach Monono.

RLB 17 NATHAN NUTTALL SR. 6-0 212 10 tkl, 1 sk '04. 4 st LY, 35 tkl, 4 tfl. **57** Jamar Cotton (6-0 215 Fr) PS#433. **JD Dowling PS#126. 52** Ryan Paul (6-0 245 rFr). **93** Richard Bolin (6-2 270 So) 12 tkl true.

MLB 9 Shauna Leaupepe So. 6-1 235 PS#448JC. RS in '05. Dante Floyd (6-0 232 Jr) PS#420JC. 4.6 speed. **53** Michael Hernishin (6-2 238 So) PS#305. JC '04. 19 tkl, 3 tfl here LY.

WLB 8 Tim McManigal Sr. 6-0 215 5 tkl rFr. 22 tkl '04. 2 st LY, 36 tkl, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. Tarik Perry (6-2 245 Fr) is PS#131. 395 bench. **51** Michael Conner (5-11 210 rFr) PS#525.

LLB 11 La'Auli Fonoti So. 6-2 225 PS#158TE. 1 rec, move to LB midyear as true, 8 tkl. **59** Michael Brewer (6-3 215 Jr) 38 tkl, 2Y. **43** Danny Harmon (6-0 210 So) PS#504OL.

CB 27 COURTNEY BRYAN SR. 5-11 195 8 st, 38 tkl, 3 int, **11 pbu** LY. **15** Spencer Moore (5-10 167 Sr) **9 st '03,** 45 tkl. 30 tkl, 3 pbu L2Y. **23** Gerald Gurrier 2 st, 22 tkl LY. **41** Michael Zant.

CB 36 Alex Bernard Jr. 6-0 190 PS#437RB. 23 tkl rFr. 3 st SS in '05, 39 tkl, 2 int. **25 Gill Byrd** (5-7 165 Sr) 11 st '04. 4 st LY. 37 tkl, 5 pbu 2Y. **22** Derrick Richardson (5-11 182 So).

SS 3 ERIC CARRIE SR. 5-10 208 PS#165RB. 1 st rFr, 21 tkl, 21 tkl '04. 9 st SS LY, 80 tkl, 7 pbu, 1 int. **39** Jared McCullar (6-2 186 So) 13 tkl as true. **32** Chris Woods PS#580. 2 pbu in spg.

FS 4 Joey Vincent Sr. 6-0 219 PS#189QB. 3 st QB LY, 1219 pass (52%), 6-12 ratio, 277 rush. **26** Cole Marton (6-0 195 Sr) PS#266JC. 10 tkl, 1 pbu LY. Matt Jones PS#560. 11 tkl spg gm.

P 5 Jared Kaufman Jr. 6-1 177 Backup punter here last year 7 gms. **96** Rod Carson (5-8 201 So) PS#477JC. Was P at Benedict JC the last 2 years and in for spring

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	Akieem Jolla 6-3 200 PS#5 '02
OL	Brett Leeds 6-4 280 PS#83JC
OL	Kyle Smith 6-3 265 PS#119
DL	Maurice Murray 6-3 280 PS#260JC
LB	JD Dowling 6-1 210 PS#126
LB	Tarik Perry 6-2 245 PS#131
LB	Dante Floyd 6-0 232 PS#420JC
WR	Christopher Buckner 6-1 181 PS#307 '05
OL	Patrick Blount 6-5 280 PS#290
OL	Joel Buschmann 6-4 300 PS#310
DL	Sioeli Fakalata 6-4 295 PS#412
K	Mike Hartnett 5-11 180 PS#102
DL	Kawika Shook 6-3 280 PS#412
LB	Jamar Cotton 6-0 215 PS#433 '05
RB	Julius Fleming 5-9 175 PS#452
OL	John Salutis 6-3 291 PS#562
OL	Mark Pole 6-8 340 PS#477JC
OL	James Farrelly 6-4 285 PS#477JC
DL	Glenn Heim 6-2 275 PS#495
LB	BJ Adolpho 5-11 215 PS#485
DB	Chris Woods 5-10 185 PS#560
DB	Aaron Williams 5-8 187 PS#560
DB	Matt Jones 6-3 197 PS#560
QB	KB Davis 6-0 196 PS#395

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2nd Year at New Mexico St (Div II 40-17-1) (NAIA 25-10)
Mumme's SU Bowl Record: 0-2

Mumme's records AT NEW MEXICO ST

0-12	Straight Up	0-1	Home Favorite
2-10	Vs The Spread	1-4	Home Underdog
2-9	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-8	Vs Conference	1-5	Away Underdog
2-2	Vs Non-Conf	0-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (0-12)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (24,22,0)
Lost: 16 (7,7,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 12,556

WAC

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#118

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NMS	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	SE Louisiana (Thur)	G					
Sep. 9	New Mexico	G					
Sep. 16	Texas Southern	G					
Sep. 23							
Sep. 30	at UTEP	A					
Oct. 7	at Idaho	A					
Oct. 15	Boise St (Sun)	G					
Oct. 21	Hawaii	G					
Oct. 28	at Nevada	A					
Nov. 4	San Jose St	G					
Nov. 11	at Fresno St	G					
Nov. 18							
Nov. 25	at Utah St	A					
Dec. 2	Louisiana Tech	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

NMSU will play 7 HG's for the 1st time in school history.
New Mexico St is 9-23 ATS as a favorite the last 10 years.
The Aggies are 10-5 SU & 9-3 ATS since 1991 in home openers.

The Lions finished 4-6 LY as IAA Southland Conference members.
Hal Mumme was the HC at SE Louisiana in '03 & '04 (12-11 record).

Aggies are 4-12 ATS the last 16 games off a SU win.
In the "Battle of I-25" they play for the Maloof Trophy; the dog is 6-2 ATS L/8.

Tigers finished 1-10 LY as IAA Southwestern Athletic Conference members.
TSU is just 13-41 SU their L5Y including just one win the last 2 seasons.

Bonus: The Aggies are 3-7 ATS since 1996 after a bye.

The Aggies are 8-18 ATS since 1996 on artificial turf.
NMSU is 9-5 ATS in this series since 1990 vs UTEP.

The Aggies are 0-4 ATS in their last 4 games with the Vandals.
New Mexico St is 2-13 ATS in their last 15 conference road games.

Aggies are just 5-12 ATS in conference home games since 2001.
NMSU is 1-5 ATS vs Boise St with a combined average score of 72 ppg.

In 2005, NMSU's secondary gave up 264 ypg (62%) with a 30-7 (30 TD's T117 in NCAA).
Hawaii will be making their 1st ever visit to Las Cruces, NM.

Aggies last trip to Reno '98, both tms combined for 1,267 yds of Off (Nev 611 pass yds).
New Mexico St is 1-8 ATS since 2002 as a conference away dog.

The visitor is 6-1 ATS the last 7 meetings in this series.
New Mexico St is 6-16 ATS the last 6 years in November games.

NMSU is 0-12 SU all-time vs Fresno St including 4 blowout loses in CA (avg score 41-9).
New Mexico St is 3-7 SU (pending 9/16) & 2-7 ATS the L10 gms before a bye.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Cody Ledbetter 7,480 1991-'95
Rushing: Denvis Manns 4,692 1995-'98 Receiving: Lucious Davis 2,769 1992-'95

This series actually started in 1960 which was NMSU last bowl appearance.
The favorite is 1-6 ATS in the Utah State/NMSU series since 1998.

Aggies 1st reg ssn gm in December S/'43 when they defeated the 51st Hospital 27-0.
NMSU is 3-9 ATS (4-8 SU) in their last 12 home finales.

CB Courtney Bryan

STADIUM: AGGIE MEMORIAL STADIUM (30,343)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	3-8	5-7	7-5	3-9	5-6	0-12	29-52
Home	3-1	2-3	2-2	5-0	2-3	4-1	0-6	18-16
Away	3-4	1-5	3-5	2-5	1-6	1-5	0-6	11-36
ATS	5-5	6-5	5-7	3-9	6-5	6-5	2-10	33-46
Home Fav	1-1	2-2	0-3	1-3	0-2	1-0	0-1	5-12
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	3-1	1-4	10-5
Away Fav	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	0-1	0-0	3-8
Away Dog	3-3	2-2	3-3	1-3	3-2	2-3	1-5	15-21
Favorite	1-2	3-3	1-4	1-6	1-3	1-1	0-1	8-20
Dog	4-3	3-2	4-3	2-3	5-2	5-4	2-9	25-26
Grass	5-2	4-4	3-6	3-7	5-4	5-2	2-8	27-33
Artificial	0-3	2-1	2-1	0-2	1-1	1-3	0-2	6-13
vs Conf	3-2	3-2	2-4	0-6	3-4	4-3	0-8	15-29
vs Non-Conf	2-3	3-3	3-3	3-3	3-1	2-2	2-2	18-17
Off SU Win	3-2	3-0	2-3	0-6	2-1	2-3	0-0	12-15
Off SU Loss	2-3	3-4	3-3	2-3	4-3	4-1	2-9	20-26

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
35	Sun	NL	Harding Simmons	14-14	–
59	Sun	NL	North Texas	28-8	–
60	Sun	NL	Utah St	20-13	–

New Mexico St's All-Time SU Bowl Record 2-0-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Justine Buries	**187**	**819**	**40**	**779**	**5**	**4.2**
Joey Vincent	**60**	**277**	**111**	**166**	**0**	**2.8**
Jeremiah Williams	**12**	**56**	**0**	**56**	**1**	**4.7**
Derek Dubois	**7**	**43**	**10**	**33**	**1**	**4.7**
Paul Dombrowski	10	35	9	26	1	2.6
Royal Gill	41	48	205	-157	0	-3.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Royal Gill	328	195	59.5	1930	11	9
Joey Vincent	**215**	**113**	**52.6**	**1219**	**6**	**12**
Paul Dombrowski	3	2	66.7	43	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Paul Dombrowski	78	798	10.2	2	80
AJ Harris	**39**	**448**	**11.5**	**4**	**48**
Derek Dubois	**28**	**373**	**13.3**	**4**	**36**
Brandon Allen	**33**	**362**	**11.0**	**1**	**32**
Tim Tolbert	**31**	**358**	**11.5**	**1**	**43**
Nick Cleaver	**16**	**226**	**14.1**	**2**	**46**
Justine Buries	**23**	**141**	**6.1**	**1**	**20**
Chris Williams	**12**	**97**	**8.1**	**0**	**36**
Jared Quick	7	83	11.9	0	24
Jahmeel Hobson	**8**	**66**	**8.2**	**0**	**13**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brad Evans	66	2761	41.8	8	38.8	0	11

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Conor Foley	22-25	4-7	2-4	0-1	0-0	6-12	39

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jimmy Cottrell	179	3	6	4	0
Matt Griebel	149	0	2	9	0
Eric Carrie	**80**	**0**	**3**	**7**	**1**
Shukree Shabazz	77	0	1	6	0
John Howell	67	2	0	0	1
Dustin Sober	67	0	7	2	0
Alex Bernard	**39**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**2**
Courtney Bryan	**38**	**0**	**2**	**11**	**3**
Tim McManigal	**36**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**0**
Nathan Nuttall	**35**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Brandon McKinney	**33**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**0**
Skyler Sargent	**27**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
David Niumatalolo	**26**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Chase Spicer	24	1	0	0	0
Gerald Gurrier	**22**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Jeremy Weeks	**19**	**0**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Michael Hernishin	**19**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Sam Ford	18	0	1	0	0
Jared Naylor	**18**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Stevelan Harper	11	45	4.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derek Dubois	**14**	**338**	**24.1**	**0**
Stevelan Harper	12	239	19.9	0
Chris Williams	**7**	**207**	**29.6**	**1**

NEW MEXICO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	16.5	19	78	2.7	266	56.7	20.9	-23	2005	6	38.8	25	221	5.0	264	62.1	12.5
3*	24.8	20	131	3.6	245	61.6	15.1	+5	2004	9	32.3	21	221	5.0	197	63.5	13.0
6*	21.8	21	212	4.3	198	61.8	18.8	-8	2003	7	28.4	18	153	4.1	200	55.6	12.4
5	27.3	22	215	4.5	195	61.2	15.0	0	2002	4	27.3	19	160	4.5	201	61.9	13.2
6*	23.8	21	208	4.5	153	51.6	15.1	-5	2001	5	33.3	23	177	4.4	240	57.1	12.5
6*	26.8	22	274	5.6	159	49.1	16.2	-5	2000	6	32.5	21	200	4.8	218	55.9	12.9

2005 STATS BY GAME

NMS 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	UTEP	22	24 - (-17)	-0.7	38 - 62	347	8	16	35 - 97	2.8	17 - 33	204	2	-3
–	at Colorado	7	22 - 5	0.2	17 - 31	176	3	34	50 - 238	4.8	22 - 33	233	1	-1
–	at New Mexico	17	34 - 98	2.9	14 - 32	263	6	22	52 - 328	6.0	14 - 22	170	0	-2
–	California	22	36 - 178	4.9	18 - 39	164	2	29	45 - 311	6.9	17 - 26	284	1	-2
–	at Louisiana Tech	19	25 - 92	3.7	25 - 43	261	5	22	42 - 177	4.2	22 - 39	249	0	-6
–	Fresno St	10	28 - 90	3.2	17 - 31	105	3	19	49 - 207	4.2	10 - 19	112	0	-2
–	at Hawaii	33	38 - 112	2.9	36 - 60	391	3	34	18-100	5.4	40 - 59	531	1	-1
–	Idaho	25	39 - 154	3.9	28 - 51	341	2	22	33 - 108	2.8	35 - 54	489	2	0
–	at Boise St	10	28 - 61	2.2	14 - 38	115	4	31	58 - 303	5.2	19 - 33	221	0	-2
–	Nevada	21	19 - 41	2.2	33 - 47	357	3	31	50 - 293	5.8	22 - 34	271	0	0
–	at San Jose St	18	17 - 10	0.6	40 - 64	366	2	23	49 - 278	5.2	20 - 34	222	1	-2
–	Utah St	25	37 - 117	3.2	30 - 49	306	4	22	50 - 213	4.3	14 - 20	182	1	-2
TOTALS		229	347 - 941	2.7	310 - 547	3192	45	305	531 - 2653	5.0	252 - 406	3168	9	-23
AVERAGES		19.1	29 - 78	2.7	26 - 46	266	3.8	25.4	44 - 221	5.0	21 - 34	264	0.8	-1.9

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Louisville	+20'	24-45	L
at Texas - #5	+35	7-41	W
Oregon St - #22	+16'	22-27	W
at Kansas St - #12	+28	0-64	L
at ULM	-13	31-0	W
at Tulsa	+4'	24-7	W
Idaho	-13	46-39	L
at Middle Tenn	+7'	35-39	W
North Texas	-9	20-22	L
Arkansas St	-20	28-17	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-7'	49-46	L
at New Mexico	+10'	0-53	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at South Carolina - #22	+23'	24-34	W
at California	+12'	13-34	L
New Mexico	+6	24-13	W
at Georgia - #8	+27	10-41	L
UTEP	-17	49-14	W
Louisiana-Lft	-12'	31-28	L
ULM	-18	34-21	L
at Arkansas St	-7	26-21	L
Middle Tenn	-6'	24-21	L
at Utah St	-3	30-32	L
at North Texas	+6	27-38	L
at Idaho	-4'	35-31	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas - #5	+29	7-66	L
W New Mexico	NL	48-3	–
at Oregon St	+21'	16-28	W
at New Mexico	+10	17-24	W
Idaho	-10	31-35	L
at Middle Tenn	+4	18-35	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-7'	24-26	L
at ULM	-4	21-14	W
Arkansas St	-15	24-28	L
Utah St	+2'	26-21	W
at Arkansas	+30	20-48	W
North Texas	+8	10-13	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arkansas	+21	13-63	L
at California - #12	+34'	14-41	W
Troy	+10	22-18	W
New Mexico	+6	3-38	L
at UTEP	+7'	0-45	L
Louisiana-Lft	+3	35-32	W
at North Texas	+8	26-36	L
Florida Int'l	-10	56-31	W
Middle Tenn	+3	44-10	W
at Florida Atlantic	+7	35-7	W
at Utah St	-5'	25-34	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
UTEP	+9'	17-34	L
at Colorado	+24	0-39	L
at New Mexico	+21'	21-38	W
California - #13	+29	13-41	W
at Louisiana Tech	+10'	14-34	L
Fresno St	+28	7-37	L
at Hawaii	+20	28-49	L
Idaho	-5'	37-38 2OT	L
at Boise St	+33'	6-56	L
Nevada	+10	24-48	L
at San Jose St	+8	10-27	L
Utah St	+2'	21-24	L

SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 the Spartans had to replace the very productive Scott Rislov who came up just 9 yards short of the single season yard record in 2002 and threw for 3,016 (59.7%) with an 18-5 ratio in 2003. Adam Tafralis, a mobile passer with the strongest arm of the QB's, won the starting job but after throwing for 432 (44.6%) and rushing for 127, he was replaced by Dale Rogers vs Rice in the 2Q. Rogers threw for 359 and 5 TD's and started the rest of the season. He only topped 150 in one game as his forte was the short passing game. Last year Tafralis had to battle senior JC transfer JP Greco who threw for 2,630 with a 32-7 ratio at JC in 2003 (RS '04). Kevin Brown (PS#266JC), a pro-style QB, was in for the spring. Surprisingly true frosh Chad Bozzo (PS#214) won the backup spot. Bozzo got in a 2Q drive vs E Wash and replaced Tafralis in the 3Q vs Illinois hitting 6 of 10 for 111. He also played the 2H vs SDSt after Tafralis had hit just 5 of 18 for 57 in the 1H. Bozzo hit just 7 of 22 for 44 but still appeared on his way to winning the starting job, before suffering a torn labrum in the 4Q vs the Aztecs and redshirted. Tafralis hit 20 of 39 for 328 vs Nevada but Greco stepped in and generated two TD's in the 2H vs Boise to challenge. After Tafralis hit just 11 of 29 for 161 vs LT, Greco started vs Fresno (Tafralis inj'd) and unfortunately was 0 of 8. Tafralis came off the bench and hit just 2 of 8 for 13 yards while Brown hit 3 of 7 for 35 and took over the backup spot, Tafralis started the final two and for the season, had the lowest ypg (164.5) and pass efficiency (108.5) of the starting WAC QB's. Tafralis' 49.7% completions were actually the best of the four QB's (Bozzo, 39.4, Greco 40.0, Brown 42.9). Tomey signed JUCO Sean Flynn, who threw for 292 ypg at JC last year and was in for the spring. Greco and Brown were moved to other positions. Myles Eden (6-0 170 rFr) adds depth. No matter who wins the job this year, this unit should be more productive in Tomey's second season.

RB Yonus Davis

RUNNING BACKS - Lamar Ferguson, who was the smallest scholarship player in the NCAA in 2002, had 9 starts and despite injuries rushed for 634 (5.0). Ferguson missed '03 and powerful Lance Martin led with 520 (4.4). JUCO Tyson Thompson (PS#5), who was the fastest player on the team, had efforts of 158, 109 and 203 yards early in 2004 but was benched for being late for a team meeting and had fumble problems finishing with 811 (5.4). Martin added 556 (5.6) and Ferguson was #3 with 150 (3.1). Thompson opted to leave early for the NFL draft and Ferguson missed most of August trying to become eligible. Al Guidry (PS#266JC) battled another diminutive back Yonus Davis. Davis had 94 vs E Wash but the team struggled to run with that being the team high until Wk 9. Davis rushed for 136 vs Fresno and 150 vs NMSt but was injured early vs Idaho. The team had its third straight 200+ yard rushing game in a group effort with Guidry leading with 65. For the season Davis had 638, an outstanding 6.7 ypc while Guidry added 314 (4.3). True frosh Patrick Perry (PS#118) had 239 (3.7). FB James T. Callier chipped in 127 (3.4) and Ferguson surprisingly had just 69 (2.3). This year they must replace Ferguson and backup FB John Nelson. The Spartans have a deep group including Jacob French (PS#82JC) and true frosh Dominique Hunsucker who could play immediately. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Brandon Minor (5-6 189 rFr, PS#226) and Ricky Bravo (5-9 190 rFr). The Spartans avg'd 200.4 ypg rushing over their last 5 games and will continue to improve.

RECEIVERS - The Spartans had a very inexperienced receiving corps in 2004 with the leading returnee being Rufus Skillern (8 rec). Skillern led with 40 (14.7) and John Broussard avg'd 17.1 ypc on 20 grabs. The top 3 receivers all returned in 2005 and they added in 6'5" JUCO Jason Lance who played both TE and receiver. TE Bryan Watje showed great improvement as a senior, he was #2 in yards with 431 (16.0) and was the only Spartan selected 1st Team WAC. Skillern, who was an FWAA preseason AA selection, had 36 (15.6) despite the instability at QB. James Jones, the team's #3 receiver in '04 (25), had 30 (9.3). Broussard, who is one of the fastest players in the WAC, had 26 (13.9). This year they must replace Skillern (10 st), Clarence Cunningham (3 st, 2 rec) and Watje (11 st). Not listed in the 2 deep below are WR Michael Murphy (6-2 160 rFr), Ekahi Casino (5-11 168 rFr), Zak Latif (6-5 210 Jr) and TE's Jason Pulu (6-2 237 rFr PS#150), Brad Petersen (6-5 236 rFr) and Kyle Cancimilla (6-4 247 Jr). This unit is not quite as experienced as 2005 but should put up bigger numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Spartans had 8 of their top 10 returning but the unit was hit hard by injuries. The 104 ypg rushing (3.2) was their lowest total since 1994 but they allowed just 20 sacks (4.3%). They had a good sized but inexperienced OL in 2004 as they had to replace 5 players who combined for 36 starts. Nine different OL's got at least one start including five at LG but the line still improved to 162 ypg rushing (4.0) although the sack total increased to 28 (11.0%). Last year they had to replace two starters but had 8 of the top 10 back. They shook up the O-line vs SDSt and It got better as the season went on opening holes for 200.4 ypg rushing the last five. For the season they improved the ypc to 4.1 and allowed the fewest sacks in the WAC (14). Tomey's emphasis is always on the running game and this is a veteran line in 2006. The only losses are RT John Toensfeldt (11 st), LG Chad Lerette, RG Mark Manning (3 st) and LT Amadeo Novella (5 st).

DEFENSIVE LINE - The rush defense had been a problem area for the Spartans and in the last 11 years they have allowed over 5.0 ypc rushing six times. A veteran D in 2004 allowed 252 ypg rush (5.1) with just 22 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters including a 1st Tm WAC DE and two backups (4 st). They then lost returning starting DE Larnell Ransom and projected starting DE Bernard Afuiti (PS#56) to academics. VHT JUCO Freddy McCutcheon (PS#57) missed the first four because of academics. Surprisingly the lightly experienced front yielded just 3.5 ypc rush, their best since becoming a IA team, and the D had 27 sacks. This year the losses are heavy again. Gone are DT Anthony Flores (10 st, 20 tkl), DT Kinji Green (10 st, 56 tkl, 6 tfl, 2nd Tm WAC), DE Justin James (8 st, 50 tkl, 8 sk, 8.5 tfl), DE Ulisese Liua (6 st, 18 tkl, 2 tfl) and DT Buick Tuua (2 tkl). Despite losing 4 starters, this unit is just slightly less experienced than 2005 but could surprise.

LINEBACKERS - Last year was the Spartans' first in the Desert Swarm defense but they returned all 3 starters. This year they lose their #1 tackler, Ezekiel Staples (11 st, 115), and Eric Wilson (9 st, 78 tkl, 8 tfl). Four of the top 6 return including Matthew Castelo, who is the top returning tackler in the WAC. While less experienced, it is their 2nd year in the new D.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2002 the Spartans had a lightly experienced secondary but amazingly finished #3 in the NCAA in total int (23) but were still #80 in my pass D rankings. In '03, returning 3 starters, they were #84. With two starters back in '04, they were #85. Last year they only had to replace one starter and two backups (6 st) so basically had three starters returning. They also moved LB Bobby Godinez back to S so it was a veteran group. The Spartans still finished just #92 allowing 296 ypg (63%). This year they lose CB Trestin George (10 st, 48 tkl, 3 int, 7 pbu, 2nd Tm WAC), FS Josh Powell (11 st, 72 tkl, 4 int, 3 pbu), S Godinez (8 st, 74 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu) and S Brian Nunez (1 st, 7 tkl). Five players do return with starting experience and they move QB JP Greco to FS.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Dick Tomey inherited a unit that finished #93 in my ST rankings in 2004 with the highlight being KR John Broussard (25.0). Tomey had four Top 20 ST finishes at Arizona with his units blocking 14 kicks in '98-'99. His ST coach is Keith Burns who was the HC at Tulsa (2000-'02). With a depth-shy squad, it's not surprising that the Spartans only moved up to #75 in 2005. Broussard only avg'd 18.0 while Trestin George (27.2), who had a KR TD in '03, added another in '05. The top PR, James Jones, averaged 7.3 in '04 but 5.3 in '05. Waylon Prather had a net of just 31.2 as a rFr and improved that last year to just 33.9 but did have 36% of his punts inside the 20. Jared Strubeck (PS#68) beat out JUCO Bijan Shahmirza. He hit 11 of 18 FG's with a long of 46 and had 13 TB's on 50 KO's. With almost everyone back, I look for continued improvement and Tomey is high on this group.

COACHES - Dick Tomey guided Arizona to a 94-64-4 record, the second most victories of any Pac 10 school in the '90's, and they had seven bowl appearances. He is not only the all-time winningest HC at Arizona but also #2 at Hawaii. He took a 3-8 UH team with dwindling attendance to averaging crowds of 44,651 at Aloha Stadium when he left ten years later with a 63-46-3 record. He spent 2003 with the 49ers and 2004 as a DC with Texas. His OC last year was Ken Margerum and he is now the RB coach with OL coach Steve Morton becoming the new OC. Tomey ran the Desert Swarm D in Arizona and his new co-DC's are Dave Fipp and Tom Williams. Fipp was the co-DC at Nevada in 2004. He played FS at Arizona under Tomey from '94-'97 and was the DC at Cal Poly in 2002 and 2003. Williams spent 2002-'04 with Stanford. The Eagle-flex defense was the fourth defensive scheme here in five years but they did trim the ppg allowed by 10.1.

PHIL'S FORECAST

SJSt is coming off consecutive seasons of 2-9 and 3-8. In 2004 they had just 8 returning starters and were outscored by 15.1 ppg and outgained by 108 ypg in league play. In Tomey's 25 years of college coaching, he had never had a season with 7 losses until one last year. Even though he installed an electric atmosphere at home, they were only 3-2 SU in home games. Unfortunately, the Spartans had their streak of 6 straight road losses increase to 12. SJSt was playing its best ball down the stretch. In fact, they topped 200 yards rushing in each of their last 3 games winning their last 2 SU. Their win over Idaho was their first win to end the season since 1997. Those two victories had them finish 2-6 in the WAC although they were outgained by 74.4 ypg, the 3rd worst mark in the conference. The Spartans were -3 in net close losses which means they could have actually have been a 6-5 team. For the first time in school history, the Spartans will play 7 home games and last year all 3 of their wins came at home. Last year the Spartans had just 6 starters back on offense and were changing their systems and avg'd just 22.5 ppg, their lowest total since 1997. This year with 7 offensive starters back, the makings of a solid running game and with much improved QB play, they should be more potent. Last year the Spartans had 7 returning starters on defense and Tomey did an excellent job as the unit allowed "just" 32.5 ppg, their lowest total in 5 years. This year he has his work cut out for him as they have just two starters back on the defensive side but it is the 2nd year of the Desert Swarm D so the unit could surprise. With those 3 net close losses and the 7 home games, I'm tempted to call for San Jose to have a winning season. With just 9 starters back, they may be a year away from making such a jump. New coaches usually have their best season in their 3rd year and Tomey appears primed for that.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 17 ADAM TAFRALIS JR. 6-1 223 13 st in 2Y, 2242 (49%), 13-11 ratio, 311 rush. **2 Sean Flynn** 2006 pass, 331 rush, JUCO LY. In for spg. **5 Chad Bozzo** (6-0 215 rFr) PS#214.

TB 34 YONUS DAVIS JR. 5-7 180 PS#212. **2nd Tm WAC** in '05, 7 st, 638 (6.7). **8** Jacob French (5-10 205 Jr) **PS#82JC.** In for spg. **7** Al Guidry (6-0 205 Sr) PS#266JC. 2 st, 314 (4.3).

FB 42 James T. Callier Jr. 6-0 221 5 st, LY, 213 ttl yd. **36** Patrick Perry (5-9 213 So) PS#118. 1st rFr, 239 (3.7). **38** Donte Collins (5-10 213 Jr). Dominique Hunsucker PS#155.

WR 81 JOHN BROUSSARD SR. 6-1 165 4.4 spd. 17 st 3Y, 51 (14.2). **86** Chester Coleman (5-11 180 Sr) 2 st, 9 rec LY. **9** Michael Hooper (5-9 146 Jr). **80** Stephen Collins (6-4 180 rFr).

WR 3 James Jones Sr. 6-1 196 9 st, 2Y, 55 (10.8). 20 PR (5.3) LY. **12** Kevin Brown (6-1 194 Sr) PS#266JC. 7 att as QB LY. **11** Bernie Lewis (5-11 197 Sr) PS#327JC.

TE NA Jeff Clark Jr. 6-4 235 PS#257JC. In for spg. 45 (12.5) JC LY. **49** Jason Cain (6-5 235 So). **28** Jason Lance (6-5 235 Sr) 4 st, 12 (8.7) LY. **83** Nick Marchini (6-3 281 Jr).

C 68 JUSTIN PAYSINGER SO. 6-1 290 2nd string true. 10 gm LY, 8 st. **61** Ryan Simone (6-3 284 Jr) PS#521. 1 st rFr. 4 gm LY. **LS 40** Grant Izokovic (6-1 227 Jr) Ariz St trans.

RG 63 JOHN BOOKER JR. 6-4 300 PS#461. 3 st, 9 gm as true. 9 st, 11 gm in '05. **79** Ronnie Castillo (6-0 277 rFr) PS#500. Off Scout Tm MVP LY. **60** Aaron Gilbert (6-2 274 rFr).

LG 62 MARCEL BURROUGH SR. 6-6 322 PS#196JC. RS '04. 11 st LY. Trimmed 30 lbs. Taase Jennings (6-3 350 Jr) PS#119JC. Uncle is DL coach. **73** Rolando Gomez (6-3 267 rFr).

RT 75 Bradis McGriff So. 6-6 335 **PS#43 '04. Ariz St**. Sat out LY after transfer. **66** Chris Danser (6-6 295 So) PS#371. 5 bkup gm rFr. **74** David Giesen (6-2 283 Jr) 1 st LY.

LT 76 MATT CANTU SR. 6-3 290 2 st C rFr. 9 st '04. 7 st, 10 gm LY. Moved from C in spg. **64** Joseph Zusin (6-5 300 rFr) PS#454. **69** Andrew Bowerman (6-4 300 Jr) PS#408.

K 10 JARED STRUBECK SO. 5-9 160 PS#68. 74 TB's on KO's in HS. Hit 11 of 18, long 46 LY, 3-6 from 40+. **30** David Eisenhauer (5-11 203 Jr) PS#112. JUCO. Could handle P or PK.

DE 41 Jason Baker Jr. 6-2 228 PS#228JC. Move from LB. **David Lomu** (6-2 235 Jr) PS#321JC. 8 sk JC LY. In for spg. **93** Justin Cole (6-3 210 rFr) D Scout MVP. Carl Ihenacho PS#145TE.

DT 92 Freddy McCutcheon Sr. 6-2 295 **PS#57JC.** 6 tkl SDSt '02. Miss first 4 LY, 1 st, 10 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **94** Kalvin Cressel (6-4 275 rFr). Ailao Eliapo PS#427. Cameron Coulter PS#495.

DT 90 Josh Pulu Sr. 6-2 283 PS#193JC. 1 st, 2 tkl LY. **97 Shane Lapka** (6-3 265 Sr) PS#276JC. 4.8 spd. 1 st LY, 17 tkl, 2.5 tfl. Adonis Davis PS#337OL. Wilburn Willoughby PS#495.

DE 53 Jarron Gilbert So. 6-5 240 5 st true, 22 tkl, 3 sk, 2 tfl. **48** Rafael Pineda (6-1 264 Jr) PS#169LB. 3 st, 2Y, 24 tkl. **44** Jason Simon (6-1 238 Jr). **56** Coleman Goff (6-1 224 rFr).

LB 55 Brian Elledge So. 6-2 202 PS#160. 16 tkl rFr, 1 tfl. Jason Swisher is PS#284. **51** Chris Reese (5-9 195 So) 6 tkl, 8 gm as true. Mohamed Marah (6-2 235 Fr) is PS#485.

LB 35 MATTHEW CASTELO JR. 5-10 200 PS#370. 4 st true. 36 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 11 st LY, 91 tkl, 3 sk, 5 tfl. **46** Demetrius Jones (6-0 222 Jr) 1 st, 23 tkl, 2Y. **59** DeShaun McGregor (6-2 220 Jr).

S 37 Damaja Jones Sr. 6-1 191 2 tkl rFr. 1 st LY, 25 tkl, 1 pbu. **31** Dimitrous Chattman (6-0 190 So). **43** James Callier Jr (6-0 226 So) PS#369LB. **45** John Smith (5-11 217 rFr) 4 tkl true.

CB NA Dwight Lowery Jr. 6-1 185 PS#344JC. 13 int JC, 2Y, **32** Ellis Jones (5-11 190 So) PS#381WR. **39** Marcus Harper (5-10 155 Sr) JC '04. 1 st, 8 tkl LY. **6** Domingo Holmes (5-9 160 Jr).

CB 1 Trae Jackson Sr. 5-9 185 PS#212JC. 2 st, 23 tkl, 1 sk 2Y. **29** Christopher Owens (5-10 170 So) 2 st rFr, 35 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **23** David Bowen (6-0 185 Jr) 13 tkl, 2Y.

SS 8 CHRISTOPHER VEDDER SR. 6-0 205 JUCO '04. 8 st here LY, 56 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu. **27** Donald Richardson (6-3 195 Sr) PS#310. 17 tkl, 3Y. **13** Colin Maher (6-1 190 rFr) Moved from WR in spg.

FS 19 JP Greco Sr. 6-1 197 PS#445JC. 2 st QB LY, 157 pass. **25** Kevin Jurovich (6-0 175 So) 1 st, 14 tkl, 1 pbu LY. **22** Jason Evans (6-1 185 Sr). 6 tkl 2Y. **20** Austin Carter (5-9 163 rFr).

P 18 WAYLON PRATHER JR. 6-3 229 44 punts rFr, 36.8 avg, net 31.2. 74 punts, 39.3 avg, 33.9 net but 27 inside 20 (36%). **10** Jared Strubeck (5-9 160 So). **30** David Eisenhauer (5-11 203 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Bradis McGriff 6-6 335 PS#43 '04
RB	Jacob French 5-10 205 PS#82JC
OL	Taase Jennings 6-3 350 PS#119JC
TE	Jeff Clark 6-4 235 PS#257JC
RB	Dominique Hunsucker 5-10 190 PS#155
DL	David Lomu 6-2 235 PS#321JC
WR	Ryan Lauderdale 5-11 195 PS#266JC
DB	Dwight Lowery 6-1 185 PS#344JC
LB	Jason Swisher 6-0 215 PS#284
DL	Adonis Davis 6-1 285 PS#337OL
WR	John Thompson 6-1 170 PS#335
DE	Carl Ihenacho 6-3 225 PS#145TE
RB	Cameron Island 5-9 180 PS#419
QB	Dante Perez 5-10 175 PS#317
DB	Bryan North 5-11 180 PS#473
DL	Ailao Eliapo 6-2 310 PS#427
TE	Mark Piethe 6-4 220 PS#169
QB	Sean Flynn 6-3 215 PS#477JC
WR	Charles Walker 5-9 170 PS#485
WR	Jalal Beauchman 6-4 200 PS#485
OL	Robbie Reed 6-3 290 PS#562
OL	John Konye 6-4 270 PS#562
DL	Wilburn Willoughby 6-1 280 PS#495
DL	Cameron Coulter 6-2 295 PS#495
LB	Benjamin Taifane 6-2 230 PS#485
LB	Mohamed Marah 6-2 235 PS#485
DB	Jonathan Hardaway 6-0 175 PS#560
DB	Devin Newsome 5-10 165 PS#560
DB	Jay Atkins 6-0 200 PS#560

SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS

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DICK TOMEY (Career 161-118-7)
2nd Year at San Jose St
Tomey's SU Bowl Record: 4-3

Tomey's records AT SAN JOSE ST

3-8	Straight Up	1-0-1	Home Favorite
3-6-1	Vs The Spread	0-2	Home Underdog
3-5	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
3-4-1	Vs Conference	2-4	Away Underdog
0-2	Vs Non-Conf	1-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (3-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 2

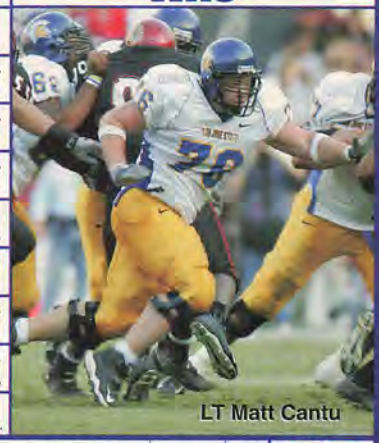
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (20,18,2)
Lost: 18 (7,11,0)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 12,506

WAC

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#92

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score SJST	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Dick Tomey is 1st on the all-time win list at Arizona with 95 & 2nd on Hawaii's all-time list with 63 wins. SJSt is 9-17 ATS the last 3 years in the dog role.
Sep. 2	at Washington	A						San Jose St is 0-9 SU all-time vs Washington but are 3-1 ATS since 1994. The Spartans are 2-7 SU & 6-3 ATS in their last 9 road openers.
Sep. 9	Stanford	G						From 1993-2000 SJSt was 7-1 ATS vs Stanford but 0-4 SU & ATS L4 gms. The Spartans are 1-6 SU & 2-5 ATS the last 3 yrs prior to a bye week.
Sep. 16								
Sep. 23	Cal Poly	G						Mustangs finished 9-4 LY (#6 IAA) advancing to the quarterfinals in the playoffs. HC Rich Ellerson was the DC for Dick Tomey while in Arizona from 1997-'00.
Sep. 30	San Diego St	G						San Jose St is just 1-5-1 ATS the last 3 years after a SU win. The Spartans are 0-5 SU & ATS in the last 5 meetings with SDSt.
Oct. 7								ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Ed Luther 7,190 1976-'79 Rushing: Deonce Whitaker 3,515 1998-'01 Receiving: Stacey Bailey 2,223 1978-'81
Oct. 14	Utah St (HC)	G						San Jose St is 2-7 SU (pending 9/23) & 2-6 ATS after a bye wk since 1999. The Spartans are 2-7 SU & ATS the last 9 Homecoming games.
Oct. 21	at Nevada	A						SJSt is 2-9 SU & 3-8 ATS the last 11 yrs in their 1st conf AG of the ssn. The favorite is a perfect 6-0 ATS in this series.
Oct. 28	Louisiana Tech	G						LY the gm was tied at 14 after 1Q but the Spartans were shutout the rest of the way. San Jose St is 3-2 SU & 4-1 ATS all-time vs Louisiana Tech.
Nov. 4	at New Mexico St	G						The Spartans are 12-6-1 ATS in the month of November the last 5 yrs. Could apply: Spartans are 7-1 SU & ATS as away favorites the last 8 yrs.
Nov. 11	Boise St	G						In their last gm in CA, BSU needed 2 OT's for the win (56-49, -33) as SJSt had a 7 pt lead in OT. The Spartans are 8-2-1 ATS their last 11 home games in November.
Nov. 18	at Hawaii	A						Dick Tomey was the Hawaii HC from 1977-1986 posting a 63-46-3 record. San Jose State is 7-3 ATS vs Hawaii since 1996.
Nov. 25	at Idaho	A						Spartans are 0-9 SU & 3-6 ATS S/'01 in their 2nd consecutive away gm. This will be SJSt 1st gm in the Kibbie Dome, last win in Moscow, ID was '54.
Dec. 2	Fresno St	G						Spartans are 3-11 SU & 3-9-1 ATS in home finales since 1992. LY SJSt QB's combined for 5-23-21.7-48-0-1, as starter Tafralis was hurt prior to game time.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STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (31,218)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-7	7-5	3-9	6-7	3-8	2-9	3-8	27-53
Home	2-1	3-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	2-3	3-2	16-15
Away	1-6	4-3	1-7	4-5	1-5	0-6	0-6	11-38
ATS	3-6	8-3	5-7	9-4	4-6	5-5	3-6-1	37-37-1
Home Fav	1-1	1-2	2-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0-1	7-4-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-1	2-1	2-1	2-2	0-2	7-7
Away Fav	0-0	3-1	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	6-1
Away Dog	2-5	3-0	3-5	4-3	0-5	3-3	2-4	17-25
Favorite	1-1	4-3	2-1	3-0	2-0	0-0	1-0-1	13-5-1
Dog	2-5	4-0	3-6	6-4	2-6	5-5	2-6	24-32
Grass	3-4	5-2	4-5	5-3	3-4	2-3	2-4-1	24-25-1
Artificial	0-2	3-1	1-2	4-1	1-2	3-2	1-2	13-12
vs Conf	1-5	5-3	4-4	6-2	4-4	4-4	3-4-1	27-26-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-0	1-3	3-2	0-2	1-1	0-2	10-11
Off SU Win	2-1	4-2	1-2	5-1	0-3	1-1	0-1-1	13-11-1
Off SU Loss	0-5	3-1	3-5	3-3	4-3	4-3	3-5	20-25

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Yonus Davis	95	674	36	638	4	6.7
Al Guidry	73	333	19	314	2	4.3
Patrick Perry	65	258	19	239	2	3.7
James T Callier	37	131	4	127	2	3.4
Adam Tafralis	46	184	80	104	3	2.3
Lamar Ferguson	30	99	30	69	1	2.3
Chad Bozzo	12	62	7	55	0	4.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Adam Tafralis	286	142	49.7	1810	11	10
JP Greco	30	12	40.0	157	1	0
Chad Bozzo	33	13	39.4	155	1	1
Kevin Brown	7	3	42.9	35	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Rufus Skillern	36	561	15.6	6	29
Bryan Watje	27	431	16.0	0	41
John Broussard	26	361	13.9	5	90
James Jones	30	278	9.3	1	35
Chester Coleman	9	214	23.8	2	80
Jason Lance	12	104	8.7	0	28
James T Callier	8	86	10.8	0	19
Al Guidry	6	51	8.5	0	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Waylon Prather	74	2908	39.3	11	33.9	0	27

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jared Strubeck	28-30	5-6	3-6	3-6	0-0	11-18	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ezekiel Staples	115	1	1	3	0
Matt Castelo	91	3	5	1	0
Eric Wilson	78	4	4	1	0
Bobby Godinez	74	1	2	8	2
Josh Powell	72	1	4	3	4
Chris Vedder	56	0	0	5	1
Kinji Green	54	2.5	3.5	1	0
Justin James	50	8	8.5	0	0
Trestin George	48	0	2.5	7	3
Chris Owens	35	0	0	4	2
Clarence Cunningham	26	0	0.5	0	0
Damaja Jones	25	0	0	1	0
Jarron Gilbert	22	3	2	2	0
Anthony Flores	20	0	1	1	0
Ulisese Liua	17	0	2	0	1
Shane Lapka	17	1.5	1	0	0
Brian Elledge	16	0	1	0	0
Kevin Jurovich	14	0	0.5	1	0
Freddy McCutcheon	10	0	5.5	0	0
Trae Jackson	10	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
James Jones	20	106	5.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
John Broussard	25	449	18.0	0
Trestin George	16	436	27.2	1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
71	Pasadena	NL	Memphis	9-28	–
81	California Raisin	NL	Toledo	25-27	–
86	California Raisin	NL	Miami, Oh	37-7	–
87	California Raisin	NL	E Michigan	27-30	–
90	California Raisin	-14	C Michigan	48-24	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
San Jose St's All-Time SU Bowl Record 4-3

SAN JOSE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	22.5	17	145	4.1	201	47.5	15.3	+1	2005	7	32.5	24	145	3.5	296	62.9	13.6
2	28.4	18	162	4.0	176	51.3	11.9	-2	2004	6	42.6	23	252	5.1	189	59.2	10.3
8*	23.5	20	104	3.2	282	59.0	16.4	+5	2003	8	35.1	22	187	4.9	272	60.2	13.1
4*	28.9	19	112	3.6	263	60.0	13.0	+6	2002	2	35.9	25	193	4.8	300	57.9	13.7
9*	24.6	21	153	4.1	276	54.9	17.5	-8	2001	4	38.4	24	204	5.1	297	59.5	13.0
8	31.2	20	188	5.2	229	50.0	13.4	+6	2000	5	29.8	25	223	4.7	253	51.5	16.0

2005 STATS BY GAME

SJST 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	E Washington	27	45 - 253	5.6	21 - 36	290	0	23	32 - 88	2.8	23 - 40	372	4	-1
–	at Illinois	8	25 - 15	0.6	19 - 30	216	2	26	53 - 243	4.6	20 - 29	249	2	0
–	at San Diego St	12	30 - 132	4.4	12 - 40	101	0	28	57 - 210	3.7	25 - 33	303	6	0
–	Nevada	16	25 - 49	2.0	20 - 40	328	1	26	44 - 148	3.4	20 - 35	226	4	0
–	at Utah St	14	29 - 85	2.9	16 - 42	227	3	18	44 - 84	1.9	17 - 26	200	2	0
–	at Boise St	15	31 - 54	1.7	17 - 34	217	4	21	49 - 229	4.7	20 - 29	249	1	-1
–	Hawaii	25	35 - 170	4.9	22 - 35	262	0	32	28 - 62	2.2	36 - 48	457	3	-2
–	at Louisiana Tech	17	38 - 160	4.2	11 - 29	161	1	26	47 - 197	4.2	18 - 33	329	0	+1
–	at Fresno St	14	31 - 211	6.8	5 - 23	48	0	30	51 - 161	3.2	23 - 36	370	2	-1
–	New Mexico St	23	49 - 257	5.2	20 - 34	222	1	18	17 - 10	0.6	40 - 64	366	2	+2
–	Idaho	20	51 - 204	4.0	8 - 17	138	2	15	38 - 165	4.3	14 - 34	135	1	+3
TOTALS		191	389 - 1590	4.1	171 - 360	2210	14	263	460 - 1597	3.5	256 - 407	3256	27	+1
AVERAGES		17.4	35 - 145	4.1	16 - 33	201	1.3	23.9	42 - 145	3.5	23 - 37	296	2.5	0.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at USC	+15	10-21	W
at Colorado	+16	15-51	L
at Arizona St	+15'	15-53	L
at Louisiana Tech	+7	20-41	L
SMU	-7	17-24	L
at UTEP	+3	40-28	W
Tulsa	-7'	63-27	W
at Hawaii	+13	10-34	L
Nevada	-3'	64-45	W
at Boise St	+15	6-56	L
at Fresno St - #23	+28'	21-40	W
Stanford - #12	+19'	14-41	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arkansas St	+1	33-14	W
at Washington - #14	+30	10-34	W
at Stanford	+18	26-63	L
at Illinois	+23'	38-35	W
UTEP	-17'	58-24	W
at SMU	-7	34-23	W
at Ohio St - #5	+28'	7-50	L
at Nevada	+5	24-52	L
Boise St	+16'	8-45	L
at Hawaii	+24'	31-40	W
Louisiana Tech	+4	42-30	W
at Tulsa	-10	49-38	W
Fresno St	+6	16-19	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Grambling St	NL	29-0	–
at Florida	+24	3-65	L
at Stanford	+12	10-31	L
Nevada	+1'	30-42	L
at Rice	+3'	24-28	L
SMU	-7'	31-14	W
at Boise St	+27	14-77	L
Hawaii	+13	10-13	W
at UTEP	-3	69-41	W
at Fresno St	+14	7-41	L
Tulsa	+7	32-34	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Stanford	+17'	3-43	L
Morgan St	NL	47-28	–
at SMU	+1'	13-36	L
Rice	+14'	70-63	W
at Washington	+17'	6-21	W
at Hawaii	+22	28-46	W
UTEP	+14'	20-38	L
at Nevada	+14	24-42	L
Boise St - #14	+33	49-56 2OT	W
at Tulsa	+10'	24-34	W
Fresno St	+26	28-62	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Washington	NL	35-24	–
at Illinois	+14	19-40	L
at San Diego St	+13'	21-52	L
Nevada	+3'	23-30	L
at Utah St	+5	17-24	L
at Boise St	+30'	21-38	W
Hawaii	+6	38-45	L
at Louisiana Tech	+19	14-31	W
at Fresno St - #21	+33	7-45	L
New Mexico St	-8	27-10	W
Idaho	-8	26-18	T

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Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP Rank	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
3	Notre Dame	38.2	1	489.1	1	154.8	2	3.7	2	334.3	1	64.8	1	12.8	4	14	1	16	1
49	Navy	32.6	2	419.9	2	305.9	1	5.6	1	114.0	4	47.1	4	12.9	3	20	2	18	2
96	Army	20.0	3	315.9	3	140.3	3	3.3	3	175.6	2	55.8	2	15.8	2	20	2	22	3
115	Temple	9.7	4	247.5	4	82.0	4	2.4	4	165.5	3	47.7	3	25.4	1	29	4	28	4

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Rush Rank	Conf Rush	Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
27	Notre Dame	23.6	1	376.9	3	119.4	1	3.6	1	257.5	3	52.1	1	15.9	4	22	1	30	1
78	Navy	25.7	2	359.6	2	155.8	2	3.8	2	203.8	2	61.9	2	14.0	3	16	4	28	2
81	Army	26.7	3	346.5	1	172.6	3	4.4	3	173.9	1	63.8	3	13.0	2	18	3	13	4
15	Temple	45.3	4	460.9	4	201.6	4	4.7	4	259.3	4	66.2	4	10.2	1	21	2	17	3

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 INDEPENDENT FORECAST

1. NOTRE DAME - Charlie Weis stepped into a good situation last year and nearly took the Irish to the National Title game as they lost in OT to Mich St and on the last play to #1 ranked USC. This year they'll be hoping for a return to Sun Devil Stadium which hosts this year's National Title game. With QB Brady Quinn, their top rusher, receiver and veteran O-line returning, the Irish will have one of the top offenses in the country and a much improved defense. They also figure to be favored in their first 11 games so it could come down to their road trip to USC to see if the Irish can find their way to Tempe.

2. NAVY - Paul Johnson is doing a tremendous job with the Midshipmen. After having a veteran team in 2004 (14 starters back) and going 10-2, Navy looked to be in a rebuilding season last year with just 6 starters back. They got a couple of close wins but still finished strong again and routed Colo St in the Poinsettia Bowl to finish 8-4. This may be the best Navy team in quite some time with 16 starters back which is a very high number for a service academy. They actually have a shot at being favored in 11 of their 12 games with the only game they'll definitely be a dog in is vs ND, a team they've lost to 42 straight times. Of course last year Kansas ended it's 36 game losing streak to Nebraska. This is a special Navy squad and are an upset of ND away from finishing top among the Independents.

3. ARMY - Bobby Ross took over a team that went 0-13 in 2003 and they have made steady strides. After going 2-9 in '04 it didn't appear like progress was being made when they opened 0-6 last year but rattled off 4 straight wins before their embarrassing loss to Navy. With 16 starters back, the Cadets have an improved veteran squad and since they started softening the schedule, actually have a shot at being bowl eligible this year. That may be on the line when they face Navy trying to end their 4 game losing streak but Army would be very attractive to bowl scouts, much like Navy if they get to the 6 win plateau.

4. TEMPLE - The Owls were not the weakest team in the Big East when it was announced they were kicked out of the conference. That announcement started a downward spiral and they have won just 3 games the last 3 years after winning four in 2002. New HC Al Golden hopes to bring in a new attitude. After going winless last season, he can only have the Owls more competitive after they were outscored by an avg of 45.3 to 9.7 last season! They only have 6 starters back and face another tough schedule so therefore do not have a shot at a winning season but with their move to the MAC in 2007, Golden steps into a great situation and the Owls program should be headed in the right direction.

Independent Notes: While there is just 4 Independents, there are a couple of spots that are extremely deep among these four teams. The biggest has to be coaches, If you look in my ranking box for the Independents, you'll see I've got Notre Dame's Charlie Weis, who I would rate as one of the top coaches in the game rated at #3 behind two excellent college HC's in Paul Johnson and Bobby Ross who both get the most out of their teams with Ross having a co-National Title under his belt. Weis is also in just his second year at Notre Dame and those rankings could change soon. The 1st Tm SS was also a tough pick with Caleb Campbell, one of the best in the game, only making 2nd Tm behind Tom Zbikowski. Temple will be leaving this list soon to join the MAC which is a good move for the Owl program. Naturally Notre Dame gets the best athletes of these four schools and dominates the All-Independent Team.

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 INDEPENDENT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team
QB	Brady Quinn, Notre Dame	Brian Hampton, Navy
RB	Darius Walker, Notre Dame	James Aldridge, Notre Dame
RB	Adam Ballard, Navy	Reggie Campbell, Navy
WR	Jeff Samardzija, Notre Dame	Travis Shelton, Temple
WR	Rhema McKnight, Notre Dame	Jason Tomlinson, Navy
TE	John Carlson, Notre Dame	Tim Dunn, Army
C	John Sullivan, Notre Dame	Pete Bier, Army
G	Zach Gallion, Navy	Dan Santucci, Notre Dame
G	Bob Morton, Notre Dame	Antron Harper, Navy
T	Elliot Seifert, Temple	Jonathan Connon, Army
T	Ryan Harris, Notre Dame	Matthew Pritchett, Navy
DL	Cameron Craig, Army	John Chan, Navy
DL	Derek Landri, Notre Dame	Larry Cylc, Navy
DL	Trevor Laws, Notre Dame	Tony Fusco, Army
DE	Victor Abiamiri, Notre Dame	Luke Pell, Army
LB	Barrett Scruggs, Army	David Mahoney, Navy
LB	Rob Caldwell, Navy	Ryan Gore, Temple
LB	Maurice Crum Jr, Notre Dame	Tyler Tidwell, Navy
CB	Keenan Little, Navy	Mike Richardson, Notre Dame
CB	Ambrose Wooden, Notre Dame	Chris Page, Temple
SS	Tom Zbikowski, Notre Dame	Caleb Campbell, Army
FS	Chinedum Ndukwe, Notre Dame	DuJuan Price, Navy
K	Justin Koenig, Army	Joey Bullen, Navy
P	Owen Tolson, Army	Jake Brownell, Temple
KR	Karlos Whittaker, Navy	David Grimes, Notre Dame
PR	Tom Zbikowski, Notre Dame	Jason Tomlinson, Navy

2005 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG ALL GAMES 2005	2004	2003
Notre Dame	9	3	440	294	+112.2	-23.9	-3.9
Navy	8	4	410	313	+60.3	+37.3	+70.7
Army	4	7	220	294	-30.6	-107.5	-168.7
Temple	0	11	107	497	-213.4	+24.0	-149.2

2005 INDEPENDENT LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Brady Quinn, ND	**450**	**292**	**64.9**	**7**	**3919**	**8.7**	**32**	158.4
Lamar Owens, Navy	122	63	51.6	8	1299	10.7	6	144.2
Zac Dahman, Army	299	168	56.2	13	1864	6.2	11	112.0
Mike McGann, Temple	250	122	48.8	13	1469	5.9	3	91.7

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Brady Quinn, ND	**12**	**70**	**90**	**450**	**3919**	**4009**	**334.1**
Lamar Owens, Navy	12	213	880	122	1299	2179	181.6
Zac Dahman, Army	11	43	-127	299	1864	1737	157.9
Mike McGann, Temple	11	53	-55	250	1469	1414	128.5
Carlton Jones, Army	10	269	1024	1	0	1024	102.4
Darius Walker, ND	**12**	**253**	**1196**	**0**	**0**	**1196**	**99.7**
Umar Ferguson, Temple	9	191	701	0	0	701	77.9
Adam Ballard, Navy	**12**	**109**	**668**	**0**	**0**	**668**	**55.7**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Jeff Samardzija, ND	**12**	**77**	**1249**	**15**	**104.1**	**6.4**	**16.2**
Maurice Stovall, ND	12	69	1149	11	95.8	5.8	16.7
Bruce Gordon, Temple	10	42	601	1	60.1	4.2	14.3
Jeremy Trimble, Army	**11**	**42**	**535**	**4**	**48.6**	**3.8**	**12.7**
Anthony Fasano, ND	12	47	576	2	48.0	3.9	12.3
Walter Hill, Army	**11**	**34**	**410**	**2**	**37.3**	**3.1**	**12.1**
Jason Tomlinson, Navy	**12**	**25**	**445**	**1**	**37.1**	**2.1**	**17.8**
Darius Walker, ND	**12**	**43**	**351**	**2**	**29.2**	**3.6**	**8.2**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Karlos Whittaker, Navy	**21**	**537**	**0**	**25.6**
David Grimes, Notre Dame	**15**	**338**	**0**	**22.5**
Scott Wesley, Army	42	833	0	19.8
Reggie Campbell, Navy	**15**	**287**	**0**	**19.1**
Michael Billops, Temple	19	340	0	17.9

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Rob Caldwell, Navy	**12**	**64**	**76**	**140**	**11.7**
Jacob Biles, Navy	12	42	67	109	9.1
Manuel Tapia, Temple	11	51	49	100	9.1
Caleb Campbell, Army	**11**	**63**	**34**	**97**	**8.8**
Brandon Hoyte, ND	12	53	39	92	7.7
Garrett Schultz, Temple	11	63	28	91	8.3
Corey Mays, ND	12	43	37	80	6.7
Barrett Scruggs, Army	**11**	**40**	**40**	**80**	**7.3**
David Mahoney, Navy	**12**	**35**	**41**	**76**	**6.3**
Ambrose Wooden, ND	**12**	**61**	**13**	**74**	**6.2**
Keenan Little, Navy	**12**	**35**	**38**	**73**	**6.1**
Tom Zbikowski, ND	**12**	**42**	**29**	**71**	**5.9**
Cason Shrode, Army	**11**	**31**	**38**	**69**	**6.3**
Dhyan Tarver, Army	11	46	22	68	6.2
Tyler Tidwell, Navy	**12**	**45**	**22**	**67**	**5.6**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Tom Zbikowski, ND	**27**	**379**	**2**	**14.0**
Scott Wesley, Army	33	218	0	6.6

FIELD GOALS

	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Justin Koenig, Army	**9**	**12**	**75.0**	**49**
Joey Bullen, Navy	**9**	**12**	**75.0**	**46**
DJ Fitzpatrick, ND	11	17	64.7	48
Ryan Lux, Temple	5	9	55.6	42

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Carlton Jones, Army	10	269	1024	3.8	6	102.4
Darius Walker, ND	**12**	**253**	**1196**	**4.7**	**9**	**99.7**
Umar Ferguson, Temple	9	191	701	3.7	5	77.9
Lamar Owens, Navy	12	213	880	4.1	11	73.3
Adam Ballard, Navy	**12**	**109**	**668**	**6.1**	**6**	**55.7**
Matt Hall, Navy	**9**	**99**	**493**	**5.0**	**6**	**54.8**
Scott Wesley, Army	11	104	528	5.1	10	48.0
Marco Nelson, Navy	12	60	533	8.9	6	44.4
Reggie Campbell, Navy	**12**	**57**	**514**	**9.0**	**7**	**42.8**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Tyler Tidwell, Navy	**19**	**86**
Brandon Hoyte, ND	16.5	45
David Mahoney, Navy	**16**	**72**
Victor Abiamiri, ND	**15**	**92**
Christian Dunbar, Temple	14	72
Mike Mendenhall, Temple	14	70
Corey Mays, ND	12.5	48
Luke Pell, Army	**9**	**19**

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Tyler Tidwell, Navy	**10**	**57**
Victor Abiamiri, ND	**8**	**78**
David Mahoney, Navy	**8**	**52**
Mike Mendenhall, Tem	7	56
Christian Dunbar, Tem	6.5	48
John Chan, Navy	**6**	**31**
Brandon Hoyte, ND	6	23
Cameron Craig, Army	**5**	**30**

2004 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
Navy	10	2	334	238
Florida Atlantic	9	3	299	207
Notre Dame	6	6	289	289
Florida Int'l	3	7	261	325

2003 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
Connecticut	9	3	408	300
Navy	8	4	382	245
Troy	6	6	185	272
Notre Dame	5	7	243	315

PUNTING

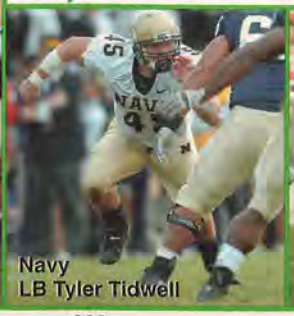
	NO	YDS	AVG
DJ Fitzpatrick, ND	45	1815	40.3
Owen Tolson, Army	**59**	**2370**	**40.2**
Jake Hendy, Temple	35	1356	38.7

PHIL'S INDEPENDENT UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Notre Dame	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	3
Temple	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4
Army	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	2
Navy	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1

Temple
P Jake Brownell

Navy
LB Rob Caldwell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Temple
RT Elliot Seifert

Notre Dame
RB Darius Walker

NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

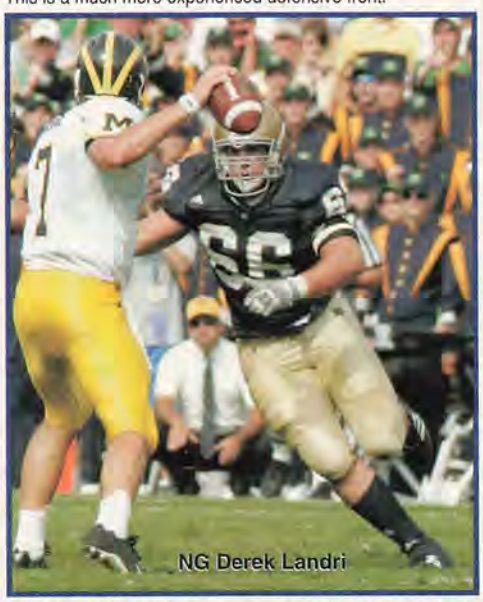
QUARTERBACKS - Any time you switch from the option to a pure passing offense, it's generally a 3 to 4 year transition and for the Irish, it took four. Brady Quinn was in the 2nd year of the switch, which was initiated by Ty Willingham and threw for 1,831 yards (47%) with a 9-15 ratio as a true frosh. He broke Steve Beuerlein's frosh record for passing yards (1,061 in '83). In 2004 he threw for 2,586 (54%) with a 17-10 ratio. Surrounded by 10 returning starters and with Weis calling the plays last year, Quinn exploded for a school record 3,919 yards (old record 2,753 Jarious Jackson in '99) hitting 64.9% with a 32-7 ratio. The previous high for TD passes in a season was 19 set by Ron Powlus. He also passed Powlus as the all-time career leading passer here (7,602 from 1994-'97). He set a school record with 5 TD passes vs Mich St and then topped it with 6 vs BYU. The backup QB last year was David Wolke (PS#44) who played in six games but got just 3 pass att including an int. It was heartwarming to see walk-on Marty Mooney, who originally signed with Yale, complete a pass vs Syracuse. Added to the mix are Evan Sharpley (PS#13), Dan Gorski (6-3 196 rFr, PS#67) and this year's 2 VHT true frosh. Quinn reset 23 school records last year including John Huarte's record of 10 straight games with a TD pass (1964) and is one of the front-runners for the Heisman Trophy as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 despite the return of 1,000 yard rusher Ryan Grant (PS#25), true frosh Darius Walker (PS#13) led the team with 786 yards (4.2) with just 2 starts. Grant rushed for 515 (4.1) that year. Walker became the first ND RB to start a season with 4 straight 100 yard games (Phil Carter 3 in 1980). He rushed for 1,196 (4.7) and also had 43 rec. Travis Thomas (PS#22) had fumble problems as a rFr but was the top backup last year and had 248 (3.9). FB Rashon Powers-Neal (PS#36DB) was 3rd with 100 yards (3.2) despite being suspended the last 7. FB Asaph Schwapp (455 bench) lost a fumble on the goal line and was SOD on 4th & 1 vs Mich St but took over the starting FB spot and had 99 total yards. This year the only losses are Powers-Neal and Justin Hoskins. Not listed in the 2 deep below is true frosh Munir Prince. I look for improved rushing numbers in 2006 and PS#2 James Aldridge was in for the spring.

RECEIVERS - Dropped passes were a problem in 2003 but Rhema McKnight (PS#9) led the team with 47 rec (12.8) and Maurice Stovall (PS#4) added 22 (19.1). TE Anthony Fasano (PS#8) had 18 and all 3 returned in '04 with Fasano setting a school record for TE receiving yards in one game (155 vs Purdue), finishing with 27 rec (13.6). McKnight led again with 42 (14.5) and Stovall added 21 (14.9). Matt Shelton, who runs on ND's indoor track team, averaged a school record 25.8 on his 20 rec in '04. He surprisingly had just 11.8 on 28 in '05. McKnight was injured after 2 games and took a medical RS. In his place Jeff "The Shark" Samardzija (PS#22) emerged. Samardzija moved into the other starting spot and had 176 yards vs Mich St and 164 vs UW. He set a school record for TD's (15) in a year (old record 11 Derrick Mayes) and Stovall matched the old record including a school record 4 TD's vs BYU. Stovall was not 100% and missed most of August but still finished with 69 (16.7). Tom Gatewood (1970) had been the last 1,000 yard receiver in ND history but both Samardzija and Stovall topped that last year. Stovall also topped Jim Seymour's 1966 record of 13 rec in a game (14 BYU). Mackey Award finalist Fasano (47, 12.3) had the second best season ever statistically for an Irish TE (Ken MacAfee 54 in 1977). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Darrin Bragg (6-1 192 So), Craig Cardillo (6-0 175 Sr) and TE Tim Gritzman (6-4 250 Jr). Stovall (#3DC TB, 11 st), Fasano (#2DC DAL, 12 st), Shelton (2 st) and TE Joey Hiben (7 gms) all depart but Samardzija and McKnight should form an outstanding WR duo.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Once again I'd like to thank the ND Athletic Dept for keeping track of minutes played. For a position that garners few stats, this is a key piece of information. The Irish had 8 of the top 10 returning in 2004 but only avg'd 3.3 ypc rushing while allowing 25 sacks (6.9%). Last year they had all 60 starts from 2004 returning and had 99 career starts among their OL's, the highest ever (84 in '97, 76 in '02). They only improved to 3.6 ypc rushing allowing 21 sacks (4.6%). This year they must replace RG Dan Stevenson (#6DC NE, 12 st, 3 yr st'r, 303 min, Top OL Award), RT Mark LeVoir (12 st, 3 yr st'r, 326 min), LS Scott Raridon (9 gm), OT James Bonelli (5 gms, 13 min) and G James Bent (7 gm, 27 min). Seven of the top 10 are back and including this year's true frosh, they have 11 VHT's. Despite being slightly less experienced, they could put up stronger numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The 2004 D-line had 3 players back who started 7 or more games and ND allowed just 2.7 ypc rushing while the team recorded 30 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including the school's all-time career leader in sacks, DE Justin Tuck (#3DC NYJ). They also lost starting DE Chris Frome after 6 starts to a knee injury. ND allowed 3.9 ypc rushing while recording 31 sacks. This year they only lose DT Brian Beidatsch (14 tkl, 96 min) and Nate Schiccatano (1 tkl) but do have 7 of the top 8 back including 6 with starting experience and 8 VHT's listed below. Travis Leitko (6-6 268 Jr, PS#16) was ineligible last year but could return. This is a much more experienced defensive front.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LINEBACKERS - While the Irish had 4 of their top 6 LB's back last year, they had to replace two starters. This year they lose MLB Corey Mays (11 st, 80 tkl, 12.5 tfl), OLB Brandon Hoyte (12 st, #1 tkl'r, 6 sk, 10.5 tfl) and Anthony Salvador (9 tkl). This group is just about as experienced as 2005 and in the 2nd year of the new system but last year they returned 2004's #2 tackler to the group and this year the top returnee was only #6 (Crum).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2004 the Irish secondary was lit up, allowing 281.3 ypg passing and finishing #75 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace three starters and 3 backups. Despite the inexperience, ND actually climbed to #42 allowing just 53.2%. This year the only losses are CB Brandon Harris (2 tkl), FS Jake Carney (6 tkl) and CB LaBrose Hedgemon (1 tkl). Tom Zbikowski is also a junior heavyweight boxer who will fight in Madison Square Garden over the summer. Basically the entire 2 deep returns and they add in 4 VHT true frosh to the mix. ND could climb into the Top 20 of my pass D rankings this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Charlie Weis inherited a unit that finished #59 in my ST rankings in 2004 and only had to replace their top PR. DJ Fitzpatrick hit 23 of 32 FG's in his first two years with a long of 50 and also had net punting avg's of 33.0 and 37.6. As a senior he hit 11 of 17 FG's with a long of 48 but missed 4 of his last 7 including 2 vs Stanford along with an xp which almost proved costly. His net punting dropped to 35.3 and he had 8 TB's on 61 KO's. Carl Gioia (PS#47) had 2 TB's on 20 KO's and hit his only FG attempt (29 yd). Chase Anastasio averaged 18.6 on KR's in 2004 but true frosh David Grimes (PS#69) took over and avg'd 22.5 LY. Tom Zbikowski (PS#9QB) set an NCAA record with 4 returns for TD's (2 IR's, 2 PR's) in a three game stretch (14.0 PR). The Irish moved up to #39 in my ST rankings and it will be interesting to see how the new K/P's fare.

COACHES - Last year Charlie Weis, who has 3 Super Bowl rings as the New England Patriots OC and is a 1978 ND graduate, took over as head man. His OC is Mike Haywood, a former ND player and most recently RB coach, co-special teams and recruiting coordinator at Texas. The DC is Rick Minter who was the DC here in '92-'93 under Holtz. He held that position at S Carolina in '04 and was the HC of Cincy for 10 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Ty Willingham started off his ND career at 8-0 but was just 13-15 after that with 8 losses of 21+ points. Dan Devine had two losses by 21+ points and even Gerry Faust had just three. ND had not finished in the Top 10 for 11 straight seasons and still has not won a bowl in 13 years. After a 5-7 season in 2003, I called the Irish the 7th most improved team in the country and they became yet another squad that got to a bowl after a losing season. They beat a Top 10 team on the road for the first time since 1996 (Tenn). When Willingham took over, he converted the team from an option-style rush attack to a pro-style pass attack and I mentioned at the time that it is usually a 3 to 4 year process. Last year Charlie Weis stepped into a great situation as he was in the 4th year of the change of offense and now had a pro-style QB, pro-style receivers and OL's who were used to pass blocking. He also inherited 10 returning starters on offense. I said they would easily beat the 24.1 ppg they achieved in 2004 and that they did rolling up 36.7 ppg. ND faced the 12th toughest schedule in the NCAA. They opened the season with a win over #23 Pitt and then upended #3 Michigan, both on the road. UM was the highest ranked team that ND had beaten since 1993. Weis became the first ND coach to begin his tenure with back-to-back road wins since Knute Rockne in 1918. He also became the first ND HC to lose his first two home games since Frank E. Hering in 1896 which actually tied a school record with 4 straight home losses. The 2nd loss was to #1 ranked USC, a game where the Irish almost pulled off the big upset, giving up a TD on the last play. The Irish won their next 4 after that and needed a win over Stanford to receive a BCS bowl berth. Despite 30-14 FD and 663-336 yd edges, they needed a TD with :55 left to pull out the win. They were outgained by Ohio St, 617-348 in their 8th straight bowl loss. Weis was named the FWAA Coach of the Year. They have 7 starters back on offense and could be just as potent as the 2005 version. Last year's defense had just 3 returning starters and this season they have 9 back. After allowing 397 ypg, the Irish could have one of the most improved defenses in the NCAA. Despite a tough schedule, the Irish figure to be favored in their first 11 games and a trip to the National Title game may be riding on their Nov 25th trip to Los Angeles.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 10 **BRADY QUINN SR.** 6-4 231 **PS#12.** 9 st true, (47%). 12 st '04, 54%. 12 st LY (65%). 8336 yds, 3Y, 58-32 ratio, 550 rush. 14 David Wolke (6-2 196 So) PS#44. 13 Evan Sharpley (6-2 207 rFr) **PS#13.**

RB 3 **DARIUS WALKER JR.** 5-10 208 **PS#13.** 2 st, 786 (4.2) true. 11 st, 1196 (4.7), 43 rec LY. 26 Travis Thomas (6-0 215 Jr) PS#22. 2 st, 273, 2Y. **James Aldridge** is **PS#2.** In for spg.

FB 44 **ASAPH SCHWAPP SO.** 6-0 250 PS#80. 1 st at FB as true, 99 ttl yds. 35 Ashley McConnell (6-0 247 Jr) PS#137. Luke Schmidt is **PS#15.** 43 Matt Augustyn (6-3 220 Jr).

WR 5 **Rhema McKnight Sr.** 6-2 207 **PS#9.** 8 st '03, 47 (12.8). 9 st '04, 42 (14.5). Med RS LY. 1 DJ Hord (6-1 198 So) **PS#10.** 7 KR true. 23 Chase Anastasio (6-2 203 Jr) **PS#26DB.**

WR 83 **JEFF SAMARDZIJA SR.** 6-5 216 **PS#22.** 1 st, 24 rec first 2Y. 12 st LY, **1st Tm AA**, 77 (16.2), 15 TD. 11 David Grimes (6-0 170 So) **PS#69.** 1 st, 2 rec LY. George West **PS#42DB.** In for spg.

TE 83 **John Carlson Jr.** 6-6 254 **PS#12.** 8 st, 2Y, 13 rec (6.7). 87 Marcus Freeman (6-3 245 Jr) PS#21. 7 st, 5 rec, 2Y. **Konrad Reuland is PS#1.** 85 Mike Talerico (6-5 245 So).

C 78 **JOHN SULLIVAN JR.** 6-4 298 **PS#3.** 12 st as a rFr, 367 min. 6 st at C LY, 12 gm, 250 min. 84 Dan Chervanick (6-1 259 Sr) 5 games, 10 min, 3Y. Eric Olsen is **PS#28.**

RG 76 **Bob Morton Sr.** 6-4 292 **PS#14.** 11 st at C as rFr. 11 sts LG '04, 310 min. 6 st C LY, 160 min. Sam Young is **PS#1.** 1st Tm USA Today as Sr. Dan Wenger is **PS#24.**

LG 50 **DAN SANTUCCI SR.** 6-4 290 PS#104DL. 1 st '04, 81 min. 12 sts LG LY, 268 min. Chris Stewart **PS#14.** In for spring. 53 Jeff Tisak (6-3 305 rFr). Bartley Webb is **PS#23.**

RT 79 **Brian Mattes Sr.** 6-6 285 **PS#27.** 2nd string as rFr. 10 gm, 8 min '04. 8 gm LY, 21 min. 72 Paul Duncan (6-7 292 So) **PS#53.** 6 gm, 24 min rFr. Matt Carufel **PS#5.**

LT 68 **RYAN HARRIS SR.** 6-5 288 **PS#18.** 8 st as true, 215 min. 12 st '04, Top OL Awd, 363 min. 12 st LY, 330 min. 77 Michael Turkovich (6-6 290 So) PS#167. 24 min LY.

K 18 **Ryan Burkhart Fr.** 5-11 185 **PS#13.** 53 yd FG in HS LY. 45 Carl Gioia (5-11 179 Jr) PS#47. KO's 5 gm as rFr. 1-1 FG's LY, 2 TB's, 20 KO's. 86 Bobby Renkes PS#33.

DE 95 **VICTOR ABIAMIRI SR.** 6-4 260 **PS#1.** 7 st true, 22 tkl. 1 st, 6 tfl, 194 min '04. 12 st, 8 sk '05, 7 tfl, Top DL. 94 Justin Brown (6-3 247 So) PS#198. 1 st rFr, 12 tkl. Travis Leitko (6-6 268 Sr) **PS#16.**

DT 98 **TREVOR LAWS JR.** 6-1 293 **PS#13.** 17 tkl rFr, 122 min. 12 st LY, 33 tkl, 3 tfl, 214 min. 92 Derrell Hand (6-3 301 rFr) PS#106. Paddy Mullen **PS#12TE.** 69 Neil Kennedy (5-11 260 So).

NG 66 **DEREK LANDRI SR.** 6-3 263 **PS#5OL.** 1 st rFr, 4 tfl. 12 st '04, 40 tkl. 241 min, 6.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 8 tfl. 96 Pat Kuntz (6-2 267 So) PS#103. 4 tkl LY. 57 Dwight Stephenson **PS#55.** 10 min LY.

DE 99 **RONALD TALLEY SO.** 6-4 261 PS#75. 5 st rFr, 23 tkl, 137 min. 75 **Chris Frome** (6-5 268 Sr) **PS#23OL.** 6 st (til inj), 98 min LY. 80 Casey Cullen (6-1 238 Jr) 8 tkl LY. Kallen Wade **PS#33.**

WLB 52 **Joe Brockington Jr.** 6-1 212 **PS#36.** 4.56 spd. 12 tkl, 92 min, 2Y. 48 Steve Quinn (6-2 215 So) PS#71WR. 4 tkl LY. Morrice Richardson PS#20. 58 Abdel Banda (6-1 220 So) PS#131.

MLB 40 **MAURICE CRUM SO.** 6-0 220 PS#80. 12 st rFr, 57 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 47 Mitchell Thomas (6-3 240 Jr) PS#37. 3 tkl, 2Y. 41 Scott Smith (6-3 234 So) PS#69. 3 tkl as true, 6 min.

APP 4 **Anthony Vernaglia So.** 6-3 221 **PS#2TE.** 4 tkl, 15 min as rFr. 59 Nick Borseti (6-4 238 Jr) PS#66. 7 tkl, 34 min rFr. 5 tkl, 2 qbh, 10 min LY. 42 Kevin Washington (6-1 231 rFr) PS#80QB.

CB 30 **MIKE RICHARDSON SR.** 5-11 193 PS#128QB. 5 st '04, 33 tkl, 3 pbu. 12 st LY, 66 tkl, 3 int, 7 pbu, 255 min. 20 **Terrail Lambert** (5-11 188 So) **PS#15.** 8 tkl rFr. Darrin Walls is **PS#5.**

CB 22 **AMBROSE WOODEN JR.** 5-11 197 **PS#8.** 4.26 spd. 12 st LY, 74 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. 15 Leo Ferrine (6-0 186 So) PS#149. 1 st, 22 tkl rFr. Raeshon McNeil PS#16. 28 Wade Iams (5-9 182 So).

SS 9 **TOM ZBIKOWSKI JR.** 6-0 208 **PS#9QB.** 4.3 spd! 12 st '04, 70 tkl, 12 st LY, **3rd Tm AA**, 71 tkl, 5 int, 2 IR, 2 PR TD. 6 Ray Herring (6-0 199 So) **PS#61.** 6 tkl true. Sergio Brown is **PS#31.**

WS 18 **CHINEDUM NDUKWE SR.** 6-2 219 PS#32WR. 12 st LY, 52 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. 27 David Bruton (6-2 187 So) PS#86. 14 tkl as true. 28 Kyle McCarthy (6-0 189 So). 35 Tim Kenney (6-0 180 Jr).

P 17 **Geoff Price Jr.** 6-3 186 PS#30. 45.6 avg as Jr in HS. 39.5 as Sr. 2 punts here as rFr, 44.5. 36 Bobby Renkes (6-0 190 Jr) PS#33. 4 TB's on 23 KO's in '04. 1 gm in 2005.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Sam Young 6-7 292 PS#1
RB	James Aldridge 6-1 215 PS#2
OL	Matt Carufel 6-5 288 PS#5
TE	Konrad Reuland 6-6 239 PS#1
DB	Darrin Walls 6-1 175 PS#5
QB	Demetrius Jones 6-4 202 PS#6
QB	Zach Frazer 6-4 215 PS#7
RB	Luke Schmidt 6-3 230 PS#15
OL	Chris Stewart 6-5 340 PS#14
RB	Munir Prince 5-10 175 PS#21
DB	Raeshon McNeil 6-0 175 PS#16
WR	Richard Jackson 6-3 200 PS#12
LB	Morrice Richardson 6-2 228 PS#20
WR	Barry Gallup 5-11 175 PS#16
OL	Bartley Webb 6-7 290 PS# 23
OL	Dan Wenger 6-4 285 PS#24
LB	Toryan Smith 6-0 230 PS# 22
OL	Eric Olsen 6-4 290 PS#28
DL	Kallen Wade 6-5 220 PS#33
DB	Sergio Brown 6-1 184 PS#31
DL	Paddy Mullen 6-5 265 PS#12TE
WR	Robby Parris 6-4 185 PS#30
WR	George West 5-8 172 PS#42DB
DB	Jashaad Gaines 6-0 195 PS#44
DL	John Ryan 6-5 240 PS#67
DB	Leonard Gordon 5-11 195 PS#79
TE	Will Yeatman 6-6 250 PS#33
K	Ryan Burkhart 5-11 185 PS#13

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Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ND	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 2	at Georgia Tech	G					
Sep. 9	Penn St	G					
Sep. 16	Michigan	G					
Sep. 23	at Michigan St	G					
Sep. 30	Purdue	G					
Oct. 7	Stanford	G					
Oct. 14							
Oct. 21	UCLA	G					
Oct. 28	at Navy (Baltimore)	A					
Nov. 4	North Carolina	G					
Nov. 11	at Air Force	A					
Nov. 18	Army	G					
Nov. 25	at USC	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

The Irish have gone 12 straight years without a SU bowl win.
Notre Dame is 11-17 ATS (39%) since 1998 after a SU loss.
HC Charlie Weis had coached in the NFL for 15 years.

Last meeting was the '98 Gator Bowl as ND is 26-5-1 SU, but 3-5 ATS all-time vs GT.
The Irish are 3-8 ATS the last 11 road openers.

ND is 4-7 SU & 3-8 ATS since 1982 vs Penn St (their last gm was in '92).
Notre Dame is 6-2 SU & 5-3 ATS since 1998 in home openers.

The 27 pts combined LY was the lowest total S/'79 & 2nd lowest since 1909.
The dog is 9-1 ATS the last 10 & 18-3-1 ATS since 1978 in this series.

The visitor is 7-2 ATS since 1997 in this series.
The Fighting Irish are just 3-7 SU & 2-8 ATS the last 10 vs the Spartans.

LY PU became the 2nd ND reg opp which the Irish have accumulated 50 wins (69 vs Navy).
The visitor is 5-9 ATS the last 14 years in this series.

Irish are 21-10-1 SU & 21-11 ATS the last 32 games vs the Pac 10.
Notre Dame is 6-19 ATS before a bye week since 1991.

Bonus: ND is 9-4 ATS the last 13 games vs Stanford.

ND is 8-2 SU & ATS the last 10 games after a bye week.
Fighting Irish are 2-0 SU vs the Bruins all-time but their last gm was in '64.

Since '85, ND has avg'd 38.6 ppg vs Navy all-time scoring 2,143 pts.
ND is 5-9 ATS on artificial turf the last 14 games.

The Irish are 10-3-1 ATS after playing Navy the last 14 years.
Notre Dame is 12-21-1 ATS in their last 34 November games.

In their 5 recent games ('94-'02), ND has held the AF ground attack to 202 ypg (4.3).
ND is 26-7 SU all-time outscoring current MWC schools on avg 32-16 a gm.

The last & only time Notre Dame lost to Army in South Bend was in 1958.
ND is 4-11-1 ATS since 1990 in their home finales.

These schools have played every year since '46 as the HT is 4-1 ATS L5Y.
Fighting Irish are only 3-7 ATS since 1996 in their series w/the Trojans.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Brady Quinn 8,336 2003-Present
Rushing: Autry Denson 4,318 1995-'98 Receiving: Derrick Mayes 2,512 1992-'95

CHARLIE WEIS (Career 9-3)

2nd Year at Notre Dame — Weis' SU Bowl Record: 0-1

Weis' records AT NOTRE DAME

9-3	Straight Up	2-3	Home Favorite
7-4	Vs The Spread	1-0	Home Underdog
2-0	Off A SU Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
0-1	Vs Independent	3-0	Away Underdog
7-3	Vs Non-Ind	2-0	Off A Bye

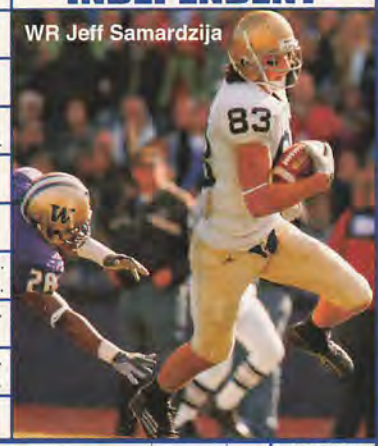
2005 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (15,20,1)
Lost: 23 (12,9,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,795

INDEPENDENT



STADIUM: NOTRE DAME STADIUM (80,795)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	9-2	5-6	10-2	5-7	6-5	9-2	49-31
Home	5-2	5-1	4-2	5-1	3-3	3-3	4-2	29-14
Away	0-5	4-1	1-4	5-1	2-4	3-2	5-0	20-17
ATS	4-8	8-3	4-7	9-3	4-8	6-5	7-4	42-38
Home Fav	2-5	2-2	1-3	4-1	1-3	2-2	2-3	14-19
Home Dog	0-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	6-4
Away Fav	0-1	4-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-1	9-5
Away Dog	2-2	0-1	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-1	3-0	13-10
Favorite	2-6	6-2	1-3	5-2	2-4	4-3	3-4	23-24
Dog	2-2	2-1	3-4	4-1	2-4	2-2	4-0	19-14
Grass	4-7	7-2	4-5	9-3	3-6	5-5	5-4	37-32
Artificial	0-1	1-1	0-2	0-0	1-2	1-0	2-0	5-6
vs Indep	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-5
vs Non-Indep	4-7	7-3	4-6	9-2	4-7	5-5	7-3	40-33
Off SU Win	2-3	6-2	2-2	8-2	2-3	3-3	4-4	27-19
Off SU Loss	1-5	1-1	2-4	0-1	2-4	3-1	2-0	11-16

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darius Walker	**253**	**1274**	**78**	**1196**	**9**	**4.7**
Travis Thomas	**63**	**266**	**18**	**248**	**5**	**3.9**
Rashon Powers-Neal	31	101	1	100	6	3.2
Brady Quinn	**70**	**245**	**155**	**90**	**1**	**1.3**
Asaph Schwapp	**27**	**74**	**7**	**67**	**0**	**2.5**
Jeff Jenkins	19	60	4	56	0	2.9
Jeff Samardzija	**9**	**25**	**12**	**13**	**0**	**1.4**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brady Quinn	**450**	**292**	**64.9**	**3919**	**32**	**7**
David Wolke	**3**	**1**	**33.3**	**28**	**0**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jeff Samardzija	**77**	**1249**	**16.2**	**15**	**80**
Maurice Stovall	69	1149	16.7	11	50
Anthony Fasano	47	576	12.3	2	43
Darius Walker	**43**	**351**	**8.2**	**2**	**51**
Matt Shelton	28	329	11.8	0	33
Rashon Powers-Neal	9	90	10.0	0	18
Rhema McKnight	**5**	**69**	**13.8**	**1**	**27**
John Carlson	**7**	**56**	**8.0**	**1**	**22**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
DJ Fitzpatrick	45	1815	40.3	5	35.3(T)	1	12
Brady Quinn	**1**	**48**	**48.0**	**0**	–	**0**	**0**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
DJ Fitzpatrick	52-54	4-6	3-5	4-6	0-0	11-17	48
Carl Gioia	**2-2**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**1-1**	**29**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brandon Hoyte	92	6	10.5	3	0
Corey Mays	80	5	7.5	2	0
Ambrose Wooden	**74**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**2**
Tom Zbikowski	**71**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**5**
Mike Richardson	**66**	**3**	**2**	**7**	**3**
Maurice Crum	**57**	**0**	**3.5**	**1**	**0**
Chinedum Ndukwe	**52**	**0**	**2.5**	**5**	**2**
Victor Abiamiri	**48**	**8**	**7**	**2**	**0**
Derek Landri	**43**	**3**	**5**	**2**	**0**
Trevor Laws	**33**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**1**	**0**
Ronald Talley	**23**	**1**	**0.5**	**2**	**0**
Leo Ferrine	**22**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**1**
David Bruton	**14**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Brian Beidatsch	14	1	1	0	0
John Carlson	**13**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Justin Brown	**12**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Joe Brockington	**9**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Anthony Salvador	9	0	0	0	0
Terrail Lambert	**8**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tom Zbikowski	**27**	**379**	**14.0**	**2**
David Grimes	**1**	**17**	**17.0**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
David Grimes	**15**	**338**	**22.5**	**0**
DJ Hord	**7**	**123**	**17.6**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
98	Gator	+2'	Georgia Tech	28-35	L
00	Fiesta	+3'	Oregon St	9-41	L
02	Gator	+1	NC State - #17	6-28	L
04	Insight	+4	Oregon St	21-38	L
05	Fiesta	+4'	Ohio St - #4	20-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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NOTRE DAME'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	36.7	26	147	3.6	330	64.8	13.0	+10	2005	3	24.5	20	132	3.9	265	53.2	16.2
8*	24.1	18	127	3.3	218	53.9	14.3	+5	2004	6	24.1	19	88	2.7	281	58.2	15.3
5*	20.3	17	157	4.0	179	47.4	16.6	+2	2003	8	26.3	17	127	3.1	213	57.6	13.0
6*	22.3	15	139	3.4	174	50.4	14.1	+5	2002	7	16.7	17	96	2.8	205	49.2	18.0
7*	19.5	17	188	3.9	102	50.0	14.9	+3	2001	6	19.5	16	132	3.5	173	50.0	15.6
7	29.4	17	198	4.1	133	65.7	11.3	+12	2000	4	22.3	19	148	3.7	216	51.6	16.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

ND 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Pittsburgh	33	50 - 275	5.5	18 - 27	227	0	20	31 - 103	3.3	20 - 35	220	5	+1
#20	at Michigan	17	44 - 104	2.4	19 - 30	140	3	15	29 - 114	3.9	19 - 44	223	2	+1
#10	Michigan St	31	38 - 107	2.8	33 - 60	487	3	18	36 - 161	4.5	16 - 27	327	1	+1
#16	at Washington	31	47 - 233	5.0	25 - 37	327	1	20	22 - 41	1.9	19 - 40	408	3	+3
#13	at Purdue	32	50 - 153	3.1	30 - 39	468	0	29	24 - 164	6.8	33 - 58	350	0	0
#9	USC	28	52 - 153	2.9	19 - 35	264	3	20	31 - 175	5.6	17 - 33	301	2	0
#9	BYU	27	23 - 44	1.9	32 - 41	467	1	26	34 - 75	2.2	26 - 45	317	4	0
#8	Tennessee	14	34 - 48	1.4	20 - 33	295	3	18	39 - 109	2.8	13 - 32	187	3	+2
#7	Navy	29	39 - 221	5.7	22 - 31	284	0	21	58 - 239	4.1	4 - 10	75	0	+1
#6	Syracuse	20	36 - 134	3.7	22 - 38	286	1	11	38 - 143	3.8	9 - 22	78	3	+1
#6	at Stanford	30	50 - 231	4.6	25 - 38	432	1	14	25 - (-11)	-0.4	23 - 36	347	7	-2
#5	† Ohio St	22	28 - 62	2.2	29 - 45	286	5	27	36 - 275	7.6	19 - 28	342	1	+2
TOTALS		314	491 - 1765	3.6	294 - 454	3963	21	239	403 - 1588	3.9	218 - 410	3175	31	+10
AVERAGES		26.2	41 - 147	3.6	25 - 38	330	1.8	19.9	34 - 132	3.9	18 - 34	265	2.6	0.8

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska - #5	+13	10-27	L
Michigan St	-9	10-17	L
at Texas A&M	+3	3-24	L
Pittsburgh	-7	24-7	W
West Virginia	-12	34-24	L
USC	+1	27-16	W
at Boston College	+3'	17-21	L
Tennessee - #7	+8	18-28	L
Navy	-27'	34-16	L
at Stanford - #13	+7'	13-17	W
at Purdue	+2'	24-18	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Maryland - #21	-2	22-0	W
Purdue	-5'	24-17	W
Michigan - #7	+5	25-23	W
at Michigan St	+2'	21-17	W
Stanford	-8'	31-7	W
Pittsburgh	-7	14-6	W
at Air Force - #18	+3	21-14	W
at Florida St - #11	+10	34-24	W
Boston College	-9	7-14	L
† Navy	-27'	30-23	L
Rutgers	-28	42-0	W
at USC - #6	+11	13-44	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Washington St	-6	29-26 OT	L
at Michigan - #5	+10	0-38	L
Michigan St	-11'	16-22	L
at Purdue - #22	+10'	10-23	L
at Pittsburgh - #15	+9	20-14	W
USC - #5	+8	14-45	L
at Boston College	+4	25-27	W
Florida St - #5	+12'	0-37	L
Navy	-8	27-24	L
BYU	-8'	33-14	W
at Stanford	-4'	57-7	W
at Syracuse	-2'	12-38	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at BYU	-5	17-20	L
Michigan - #8	+12	28-20	W
at Michigan St	-3	31-24	W
Washington	-11'	38-3	W
Purdue - #15	+2'	16-41	L
Stanford	-5	23-15	W
† Navy	-6	27-9	W
Boston College	-6'	23-24	L
at Tennessee - #9	+7	17-13	W
Pittsburgh	-11	38-41	L
at USC - #1	+23'	10-41	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh - #23	+3	42-21	W
at Michigan - #3	+7	17-10	W
Michigan St	-6	41-44 OT	L
at Washington	-12	36-17	W
at Purdue - #22	+3	49-28	W
USC - #1	+12	31-34	W
BYU	-18'	49-23	W
Tennessee	-8'	41-21	W
Navy	-23'	42-21	L
Syracuse	-34	34-10	L
at Stanford	-15	38-31	L

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Craig Candeto (PS#75) was a two year starter and in his senior season he threw for 1,140 yards (48.9%) with a 7-5 ratio while rushing for 1,112 net yards in 2003. Aaron Polanco, who was bigger and faster with a better arm than Candeto, was his backup for two years and had a fine year as the starter in '04 throwing for 1,131 (53.5%) with an 8-4 ratio (980 net rush). Polanco's backup, Lamar Owens, had played in 24 games and had 356 all-purpose yards in 3 years. The diminutive Owens (5-9 185) benches 300 lbs. He had some cramping problems in the first two games of '05 and backup Brian Hampton ended up playing in all 12 games. In the first 7 games, Owens had a total of 8 int's (5 on 1st poss) but he did not toss another one the rest of the year. He threw for 1,299 yards (51.6%) with a 6-8 ratio while rushing for 1,047 gross yards. Hampton hit just 6 of 19 for 99 yards with a 1-2 ratio but rushed for 192 gross yards. Troy Goss QB'd the JV team in 2004 and would have played more last year but was plagued by injuries. Joe Taylor got in 2 plays vs Army as a true frosh and Jarod Bryant (5-10 185 So, PS#239DB) had 29 yards rushing in the bowl. Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada (5-11 175 So, PS#349), who had 195 yards rushing in the spring game, has 4.4 speed and may also be tried at WR unless he protects the ball better. Owens must be replaced but this unit is basically as experienced as it was last season and just like last year, should improve as the season goes on.

RUNNING BACKS - Paul Johnson's spread offense uses a FB and 2 slotbacks with the FB getting the bulk of the carries. FB Kyle Eckel was 240 lbs, benched 415 and had 4.55 speed and was Navy's leading rusher for three straight years and the first RB to top 1,000 yards rushing here since Napoleon McCallum in 1985. He finished as the school's #4 all-time leading rusher. The top RB returnee in 2005 was Trey Hines (113 yd). Hines benches 400 lbs and has 4.43 speed. The Mids had the nation's shortest starting backfield to begin the season with FB Matt Hall (5'9"), Reggie Campbell (5'6"), Marco Nelson (5'7") and QB Owens (5'10"). Karlos Whittaker, a fast and elusive true frosh became just the second frosh in school history to top 100 yards in a game (110 vs Stanford). He had 290 (7.8) and was the team's best KR in the Paul Johnson era but tore his ACL and missed the last 2. Hines had 2 starts at FB but just 127 total yards in 144 plays. FB Matt Hall was the top RB rusher after 9 games with 493 (5.0) but he also suffered an ACL injury also. Those 2 injuries paved the way for SB Reggie Campbell (PS#160) who is also on the track team and FB Adam Ballard (6'1" 240, 8% body fat) who is even bigger and faster than Eckel. Campbell became just the 4th player in NCAA history to have 5 TD's in a bowl game. He finished with 514 yards rushing (9.0!) and 314 yards receiving (26.2 ypc)! Ballard, who had moved from SB and had to change his running style at FB, set a school record with 489 yards rushing in his first 3 starts (last 3 gm). The great news for Navy is that the only loss is SB Marco Nelson (12 st, 533, 8.9, 261 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Eddie Martin (5-10 175 Sr, PS#233QB), Ricky Pyfrom (5-10 201 Sr), Zerbin Singleton (5-8 165 Jr), Trevor Bacon (6-0 205 So) and John Forbes (5-7 170 So). This is the best overall group of RB's I have seen at Navy.

FB Adam Ballard

RECEIVERS - This unit does not receive a lot of attention in the option offense but in '04 SB Eric Roberts was trying to become the first Mid to lead the team in rec's for three straight years since All-American Ron Beagle (1953-'55). Jason Tomlinson, who had 10 rec's (16.5) in '03, took over for an injured Amir Jenkins at WR and led with 16 (Roberts 15) averaging 17.1 ypc. Last year Tomlinson was back and while they had to replace 2 of their top 3, it was one of the most experienced units on the team. Tomlinson, who is one of the team's best athletes, was called the team's best receiver, hands down and the best blocking WR by Johnson. Tomlinson led with 25 (17.8). This year they must replace solid blocking WR Mick Yokitis (12 st, 1 rec), WR Lloyd Regas (120 plays) and WR Mike Brammer (11 plays). Good sized Tyree Barnes (6'2" 175) had 6 rec's as a true and should do fine in the other starting WR spot, so I look for continued improvement.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Paul Johnson always forms a solid O-line and in 2003 and 2004 had to replace three starters each year. With the option offense the team still averaged 5.5 and 5.0 ypc rushing. On paper, Navy's O-line looked like one of the weakest in the country heading into last year. It was the smallest and one of the least experienced as they had to replace four starters and two key backups. Amazingly the Navy O-line paved the way for 5.7 ypc rushing but did allow 18 sacks (12.2%). Last year's line was Johnson's least experienced in his tenure and this year's OL is his most experienced as the only losses are RT Marshall Green (10 st, 434 plays) and G Dan Wendolowski (1 st, 318 plays).

DEFENSIVE LINE - Paul Johnson's defense has improved vs the run in each of his years allowing 4.3, 4.2, 3.9 and 3.8 ypc rush. Last year's 3.8 was surprising as the 2004 unit had been a veteran group with 5 of their top 6 back but still had to replace two starters and two backups. One constant on the Johnson D-lines has been DE Jeremy Chase, a four year starter. He was the team captain last year (11 st, 49 tkl, 7.5 tfl) and must be replaced but they have 5 of their top 6 back and last year's inexperienced D-line improved the sack total to 31 (the best in Johnson's tenure). Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Tyler Wagner (6-3 230 Jr), John Maddox (6-4 231 So) and Kyle Green (6-2 256 Jr).

LINEBACKERS - Last year, for the first time in three years, Navy had an inexperienced LB corps that had to replace 3 starters but did return the team's quickest, fastest and most athletic LB in David Mahoney (5-9 216 Sr). Mahoney was the #5 tackler in 2004. Jr LB Rob Caldwell finished 10th in the NCAA in tackles per game, one of just two non-seniors in the Top 10 (Ole Miss' Patrick Willis). OLB Tyler Tidwell was #14 in the NCAA in tfl per game. This year the only losses are ILB Jacob Biles (12 st, 109 tkl), OLB Jason Monts (1 st, 14 tkl, 252 plays) and James Polanco (7 tkl, 78 plays). Six of the top 8 are back including their top 2, making them a more experienced unit than 2005.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Option teams generally struggle against the pass because they don't face a quality pass attack in practice. Paul Johnson's pass D's have finished just #116, #81, #107 and #101 last year in my pass D rankings. His most experienced secondary (3 starters back) was 2003 with the #81 finish allowing a 13-16 ratio. Last year 2 starters graduated and then CB Hunter Reddick transferred, so it was a lightly experienced unit again. This year they have the most veteran secondary in Johnson's tenure with the entire 2 deep back and the only loss is FS Cory Colistra (2 tkl, 11 plays). The Mids will have their best pass D under Johnson and vault into the Top 50 this year.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Navy's last KR for a TD was in 1997, last PR TD was in 1996 (longest drought in NCAA) and last punt block was 1999. After finishing #76 in my ST rankings in 2003, they dropped to #113 in 2004 and even missed 4 xp's. The xp problem was solved by Joey Bullen who connected on 47 straight and set a school record for xp's last year. Bullen also hit 9 of 12 FG's with a long of 46. Thanks to the emergence of KR Karlos Whittaker (25.6), Navy improved to #69. PR Jason Tomlinson (7.4 '04) improved to 8.1 last season. P Eric Shuey who took over in the 3rd game of 2004, had a solid season including a 34.5 net. This year the only losses are Shuey and LS Matt Williams (95 plays) and the Mids should improve in the ST rankings again.

COACHES - Paul Johnson enters his 5th year here after compiling a 62-10 record at Georgia Southern which included being the IAA Coach of the Year for 4 straight years. He serves as his own OC and in '04 was named the Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year. His DC is Buddy Green who surprisingly left NC State where he held the same post to come here in '02. Green was also the HC at Chattanooga from 1994-'99 and is an NC State alumnus.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Paul Johnson is doing a tremendous job here as Navy was just 11-45 SU from 1998-2002 which includes Johnson's first season. They then got their first bowl bid since 1996 in 2003 and repeated the last two years in addition to winning the Commander In Chief's Trophy 2 consecutive years after not having won it since 1981. Johnson is 7-1 vs Army and AF combined with his avg win over Army being 44-14. In 2004 they had one of their most veteran groups yet with 14 returning starters and finished 10-2 including a 34-19 bowl win over New Mexico. They started out 7-1 for the first time since 1978. They had 9 regular season wins for the first time since 1963 and after winning the bowl, their 10 wins were the most in 99 years of football. They were #24 in the polls which was the first time they finished the season ranked since 1963 and the first time they even appeared in the polls since 1979. Last year the schedule got a lot tougher, they had just 5 returning starters (fewest in the NCAA) and had to replace 37 lettermen. Navy opened up with two 3 point losses to a pair of BCS schools (Maryland and Stanford) but became the first Navy team to open 0-2 and yet achieve a winning record since 1928. The Mids were +4 in net close wins in 2004 (pg 299) and as expected, the record did drop but only to 8-4 and they closed the season with another solid bowl win. They did trail AF by 7 with 3:00 left and rallied for the win to get past Kent St by 3. Navy did not defeat a team that finished with a winning record. They avg'd a school record 33,013 at home and sold 23,000 tickets to the Poinsettia Bowl who will invite them any year they have a winning record. Navy was #30 in the final poll in 2005 and became the first Navy team since 1906-08 to have 3 straight 8+ win seasons. Their offense avg 43.7 ppg the last 3 games (41.3 last 3 gms L3Y). The Mids have led the NCAA in rushing 2 of the last 3 years and set a school record in 2005 with 6.4 yards per play. The 2005 offense had just two starters back but still avg'd 34.2 ppg, their best since '97. This year's offense is loaded with an unusual 7 starters back and could be among their best ever. It is unusual for the Mids to return a lot of starters and the defense has 9 back, which is the most since at least 1990. Johnson's 2004 group had 8 starters back and allowed a paltry 19.8 ppg. With 16 returning starters, this is the best Navy team in recent history and a team not only capable of double digit wins, but if it somehow snaps its 42 game losing streak to Notre Dame, could actually flirt with an unbeaten season.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD) — DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BOLD)

QB 3 **Brian Hampton Sr.** 5-11 203 99 yd pass, 192 rush, 163 play LY. 10 Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada PS#349. 14 Troy Goss (6-2 227 Jr) PS#158. Joe Taylor (5-11 183 So) PS#174.

FB 22 **ADAM BALLARD JR.** 6-1 240 PS#376DL. 10.8 100m. Last 3 sts, 668 (**6.1**). 34 **Matt Hall** (5-10 216 Sr) 7 st LY, #1 with 493 (5.0) until ACL. 42 Eric Kettani (6-1 230 So) PS#272LB.

SB 33 **Karlos Whittaker So.** 5-11 194 PS#398. 290 rush (7.8). 21 KR (25.6) until ACL true. 31 Byron McCoy (5-10 192 Sr) PS#178. 12 tkl, 5 yds rush. 28 Shun White (5-9 175 So) 50 yd true.

SB 7 **REGGIE CAMPBELL JR.** 5-6 164 PS#160. Tied NCAA record 5 TD's in bowl. 514 rush (**9.0**)! 12 rec (26.2!) 15 KR (19.1). 21 Trey Hines (5-9 200 Sr) track tm. 217 rush (4.6) 2Y.

WR 87 **JASON TOMLINSON SR.** 6-1 193 35"VL. 10 (16.5) true. 11 st '04. 16 (17.1). 12 st LY. 25 (17.8). 81 Kyle Kimbro (6-2 193 Jr) 1 rec. 6 Garth Davidson (6-3 210 Sr). 26 yrs old.

WR 89 **Tyree Barnes So.** 6-2 175 6 rec (25.7) 216 play true. 80 OJ Washington (5-10 177 Jr) PS#414RB. 16 Curtis Sharp (6-4 210 So) PS#297. 5 Logan Coffey (5-10 180 So) PS#214QB.

C 62 **JAMES ROSSI SR.** 6-1 268 450 bench. Last 6 st C '04. 12 st C LY, 715 plays. 78 Cole Smith (6-0 257 Sr) 91 plays, 8 gm. 71 Reyn Kaupiko (5-11 258 Jr). JV Tm '04.

RG 63 **ANTRON HARPER JR.** 5-11 249 Smallest starting OL in NCAA LY. 12 st, 612 plays 8% body fat. 67 Ryan Roeling (6-3 281 Sr) 7 plays. 62 Jesse Scheff (6-2 290 Jr).

LG 60 **ZACH GALLION SR.** 6-2 300 PS#608. 13 plays '03. 4 st RG '04. 11 st LG LY, 590 plays. 65 Chris Mozer (6-0 253 Jr) 5 plays. 75 Anthony Gaskins (6-1 273 So) PS#476.

RT 76 **Joe Person Sr.** 6-4 260 2 st RT LY, 427 play. 74 Ben Gabbard (6-4 299 Jr) PS#162, 80 play LY. 53 Josh Meek (6-1 256 Jr) 39 play. 68 Paul Bridgers (6-3 246 Jr) 2 play.

LT 79 **MATTHEW PRITCHETT SR.** 6-2 267 20 snaps '04. 12 st LT LY, 702 plays. 57 Andrew McGinn (6-1 240 So) PS#340LB. 77 Sean Kearney (6-4 251 Sr). 57 Mike Von Bargen (6-5 250 So).

K 39 **JOEY BULLEN JR.** 5-10 178 6 of 10 FG '04, long 49. 9 of 12 FG LY, long 46. School record 52 xp. 40 Matthew Harmon (5-10 170 So) PS#90. 1-1 xp true, 20 KO's.

DE 98 **Andrew Tattersall Sr.** 6-4 249 1 st, 15 tkl, **4 sk** last year. 94 Rick Amos (6-0 253 Sr) 2 tkl. 52 Will Scarle (6-4 245 So). 88 Ryan Griffith (6-2 240 So) PS#264. 4.6 speed.

NG 88 **LARRY CYLC SR.** 6-2 290 **PS#142**. 9 st NG LY, 28 tkl, 416 plays. 43 Tye Adams (6-3 228 Sr) 20 tkl, 2 sk, 3Y. 97 David Wright (6-3 261 Sr). 94 Ricky Moore (6-4 269 So).

DE 95 **JOHN CHAN SR.** 6-1 246 12 st in 2005, 53 tkl, **6 sk**. 500 squat, 666 plays. 53 Casey Hebert (6-1 254 Jr) 13 plays, 500 squat. 92 Chris Kuhar-Pitters (6-2 250 Jr) 16 plays.

OLB 45 **TYLER TIDWELL SR.** 6-2 216 35" VL. 18 tkl first 2Y. 11 st LY, 67 tkl, **10 sk, 9 tfl.** 38 Keith Lisante (6-2 229 Jr) PS#173DL. 9 tkl 2Y. 13 Derrick Bruce (6-4 228 So). JV Tm QB.

ILB 55 **Irv Spencer Jr.** 6-0 230 PS#144. 1 st DE, 12 tkl, 215 plays. 50 Joe Cylc (5-11 229 Sr) PS#467. 7 tkl, 142 plays. 51 Anthony Piccioni (5-8 209 Sr) 12 tkl, 2Y, 177 plays LY.

ILB 57 **ROB CALDWELL SR.** 6-0 222 15 tkl '04. **#10 NCAA in tkl** LY, 140 tkl, 7.5 tfl, 560 squat. 44 Clint Sovie (5-11 196 So) 6 tkl as true. 58 Jon Alvarado (6-2 232 Jr) PS#198.

OLB 40 **DAVID MAHONEY SR.** 5-9 216 6 st, 53 tkl true. 12 st '04, 85 tkl, 5 sk, 7 tfl. 12 st LY, 76 tkl, 8 sk, 8 tfl. 54 Matt Wimsatt (6-1 222 Jr) 5 tkl. 11 gms. 55 Jake Tenuta (6-1 219 Sr).

CB 4 **KEENAN LITTLE SR.** 5-11 194 PS#169. 3 st first 2Y. 12 st LY, 73 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu. 11 Ketric Buffin (5-7 158 So) 2 st, 19 tkl, 1 int as true. 5 Dorian Smith (5-8 177 Sr). 4.68 speed.

CB 20 **GREG THRASHER JR.** 5-8 170 PS#429. 10 st, 43 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu LY. 18 Rashawn King (6-0 170 So) 2 st, 8 tkl true. 23 Kerwin Scott (5-7 177 Sr). 2 Joey Taylor (6-0 194 So).

ROV 8 **JEREMY McGOWN SR.** 5-11 184 PS#460QB. 12 st, 91 tkl '04. 9 st LY, 63 tkl, 4 pbu. 24 Greg Sudderth (6-2 200 Jr) PS#88LB. 2 st, 13 tkl, 2 int LY. 6 Dell Robinson (5-11 200 Jr).

FS 25 **DuJUAN PRICE SR.** 5-11 217 5 st, 50 tkl, 4 int first 2Y. 12 st, 62 tkl, 3 pbu LY. 35 Clay Carter (6-4 208 Sr) 11 tkl, 1 pbu. 17 Jeff Deliz (5-11 195 Jr) PS#320, 2 tkls, 132 plays.

P 31 **Greg Veteto Jr.** 6-1 173 All Bay area as HS senior. JV team. 37 Ethan Gouge (6-0 168 Sr) PS#150. In for spg. 43 Jon Tigani (5-7 190 So). 91 Alex Wallis (6-0 195 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Bayard Roberts 6-2 210 PS#138
DL	Andy Lark 6-0 275 PS# 208
DL	Zach Middleton 6-0 255 PS#253
RB	Greg Garden 6-0 190 PS#258DB '05
OL	Ryan Burke 6-3 280 PS#319
OL	David Brown 6-3 275 PS#339
RB	Kevin Campbell 5-11 200 PS#343
DB	Bobby Doyle 5-11 195 PS#437
DL	Ian Meredith 6-3 225 PS#422LB
RB	Luke Lagera 5-9 170 PS#442
DL	Mike McClarin 6-3 230 PS#449
QB	Michael Speciale 6-1 215 PS#395
QB	Greg Zingler 6-0 185 PS#395
WR	Nick Henderson 6-4 195 PS#485
LB	Ross Pospisil 6-0 205 PS#485
LB	Zach Weatherington 6-4 235 PS#485
DL	Andrew Burger 6-3 230 PS#495
RB	Jack Hatcher 5-11 195 PS#515
DB	John Sniezek 6-4 190 PS#560
DB	Scott Simpson 5-9 165 PS#560
OL	Alex Cole 6-2 275 PS#562
OL	Peter Guidera 6-2 247 PS#562

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

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PAUL JOHNSON (Career 28-21) (Div IAA 62-10)
5th Year at Navy
Johnson's SU Bowl Record: 2-1

Johnson's records AT NAVY

28-21	Straight Up	6-6	Home Favorite
27-14-1	Vs The Spread	4-2-1	Home Underdog
12-7-1	Off A SU Loss	7-2	Away Favorite
7-1	Vs Service Academies	10-4	Away Underdog
20-13-1	Vs Non-Service Academies	8-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (8-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (18,19,1)
Lost: 18 (9,8,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 33,013

INDEPENDENT

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#91

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NAVY	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 2	East Carolina	A					
Sep. 9	Massachusetts	A					
Sep. 16	at Stanford	G					
Sep. 23	Tulsa	A					
Sep. 30	at Connecticut	G					
Oct. 7	at Air Force	A					
Oct. 14	Rutgers (HC)	A					
Oct. 21							
Oct. 28	† Notre Dame *(Baltimore)*	A					
Nov. 4	at Duke	G					
Nov. 11	at Eastern Michigan	A					
Nov. 18	Temple	A					
Nov. 25							
Dec. 2	† Army *(Philadelphia)*	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Navy played in 3 NFL stadiums in 2005 (Baltimore, Philadelphia & San Diego).
2005 was the 1st time in HC Johnson's 23 yr career that his team started out 0-2.
Navy is 8-0 ATS in the state of Texas since 1970 in regular season gms.

The Mids are 14-2 SU in Annapolis the last 3 years.
Navy has won 18 in a row when rushing for 300+ yds.

Navy set a school record last yr with an avg of 33,013 fans per home game.
Div IAA (#21) UMass finished 7-4 LY as members of the Atlantic 10 Conf.

Last year Stanford ended an 8 game home win streak for Navy with their 41-38 win.
Including bowls, Navy is 6-9-2 SU & 3-0-1 ATS vs current Pac 10 tms.

Could apply: Navy is 9-2-1 ATS the last 12 games after a SU loss.
Pending EC outcome, Navy is 7-3 SU & ATS vs current CUSA members under Johnson.

Navy is 5-1 SU vs Connecticut, but lost the only lined meeting 38-0 in 2002.
Navy is 1-5 SU & ATS vs current Big East members since 2000.

HC Johnson is 7-1 SU & ATS vs Service Academies.
Last yr was Navy's first 3 game win streak in this series since 1977-'79.

The Mids are 2-5 SU & ATS the last 7 games vs Rutgers.
Navy is 2-5 SU & 1-4 ATS in Homecoming games the last 7 years.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: **Passing: Jim Kubiak 6,008 1991-'94**
Rushing: Napoleon McCallum 4,179 1981-'85 **Receiving: Rob Taylor 1,736 1965-'67**

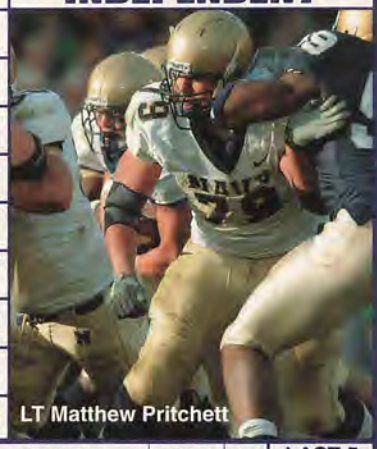
Navy has lost 42 straight games to ND, the longest series losing steak in NCAA history.
Midshipmen have covered 12 of the last 16 meetings with the Irish.

The SU winner is 10-0 ATS all-time in this series.
Navy had a school record 21 day layoff prior to LY's gm vs Duke due to Hurricane Rita.

Including LY's Poinsettia Bowl coming into 2006, Navy is 7-2 ATS as an AF under Johnson.
Navy is 3-1 SU & ATS vs current MAC teams since 2001.

Midshipmen are 14-5 SU & 10-6 ATS since 1994 in Annapolis in November.
Coming into 2006, Navy is 4-10 SU but 9-4-1 ATS prior to a bye the L5Y.

Coming into 2006, Navy is 21-10 ATS the week after a bye since 1994.
The favorite has covered 7 of the last 9 in this rivalry.


LT Matthew Pritchett

STADIUM: NAVY-MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL (34,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	1-10	0-10	2-10	8-4	9-2	7-4	32-47
Home	1-4	0-5	0-5	0-6	5-1	6-0	4-1	16-22
Away	4-3	1-5	0-5	2-4	3-3	3-2	3-3	16-25
ATS	9-3	4-7	4-6	6-6	9-1	5-4	7-3-1	44-30-1
Home Fav	1-1	0-3	0-0	0-2	3-0	2-2	1-2	7-10
Home Dog	2-1	1-1	2-3	2-2	1-0	0-0	1-0-1	9-7-1
Away Fav	3-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	1-1	3-0	10-3
Away Dog	3-0	3-3	2-3	3-2	3-0	2-1	2-1	18-10
Favorite	4-2	0-3	0-0	1-2	5-1	3-3	4-2	17-13
Dog	5-1	4-4	4-6	5-4	4-0	2-1	3-1-1	27-17-1
Grass	5-2	3-6	3-4	5-6	8-1	4-2	3-0	31-21
Artificial	4-1	1-1	1-2	1-0	1-0	1-2	4-3-1	13-9-1
vs Service Academies	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-0	12-2
vs Non-Service Academies	7-3	2-7	3-5	5-5	7-1	3-4	5-3-1	32-28-1
Off SU Win	3-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	5-1	3-3	4-2	15-8
Off SU Loss	6-1	4-6	4-5	5-5	4-0	1-1	2-1-1	26-19-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Lamar Owens	213	1047	167	880	11	4.1
Adam Ballard	109	671	3	668	6	6.1
Marco Nelson	60	536	3	533	6	8.9
Reggie Campbell	57	530	16	514	7	9.0
Matt Hall	99	495	2	493	6	5.0
Karlos Whittaker	37	294	4	290	6	7.8
Brian Hampton	40	192	32	160	2	4.0
Trey Hines	27	108	4	104	1	3.9
Jason Tomlinson	5	83	10	73	0	14.6
Eddie Martin	6	38	2	36	0	6.0
Jarrod Bryant	3	29	3	26	0	8.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Lamar Owens	122	63	51.6	1299	6	8
Brian Hampton	19	6	31.6	99	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jason Tomlinson	25	445	17.8	1	61
Reggie Campbell	12	314	26.2	2	55
Marco Nelson	11	261	23.7	2	62
Tyree Barnes	6	154	25.7	2	34
Adam Ballard	5	78	15.6	0	33
Karlos Whittaker	3	64	21.3	0	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Eric Shuey	37	1420	38.4	7	34.5	0	10

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joey Bullen	52-53	6-6	2-3	1-3	0-0	9-12	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rob Caldwell	140	2	5.5	2	0
Jacob Biles	109	0	3	3	1
David Mahoney	76	8	8	4	1
Keenan Little	73	0	0.5	8	2
Tyler Tidwell	67	10	9	2	0
Jeremy McGown	63	0	1	4	0
DuJuan Price	62	0	0.5	3	1
John Chan	53	6	0	1	0
Jeremy Chase	49	3	4.5	2	0
Greg Thrasher	43	0	1	3	2
Larry Cylc	28	0	0.5	1	0
Ketric Buffin	19	0	1	0	1
Andrew Tattersall	15	4	0	1	0
Jason Monts	14	1	1	0	0
Greg Sudderth	13	0	1	0	2
Tye Adams	13	1	0	0	0
Irv Spencer	12	0	0	0	0
Byron McCoy	12	0	0	0	0
Clay Carter	11	0	0	1	0
Zerbin Singleton	10	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jason Tomlinson	11	89	8.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Karlos Whittaker	21	537	25.6	0
Reggie Campbell	15	287	19.1	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
81	Liberty	+14'	Ohio St	28-31	W
96	Aloha	-1	California	42-38	W
03	Houston	+11'	Texas Tech	14-38	L
04	Emerald	+3	New Mexico	34-19	W
05	Poinsettia	-3	Colorado St	51-30	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Navy's All-Time SU Bowl Record 6-5-1

NAVY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
2	34.2	22	319	5.7	117	46.9	12.8	-6	2005	3	26.1	22	155	3.8	223	63.0	14.5
6	27.8	20	290	5.0	99	53.3	14.0	+3	2004	8	19.8	19	151	3.9	200	62.6	17.7
7*	30.5	22	323	5.5	100	46.8	13.9	+7	2003	6	21.8	20	173	4.2	180	61.9	16.2
5	24.2	19	271	5.0	99	46.0	15.3	-14	2002	8	36.3	22	203	4.3	220	65.9	11.6
4	18.3	18	182	3.9	138	43.8	17.4	-6	2001	7	34.4	22	245	4.8	218	67.1	13.5
4*	16.5	18	178	3.6	139	52.3	19.2	-5	2000	6	35.5	22	189	4.3	230	61.1	11.8

2005 STATS BY GAME

NAVY 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	† Maryland	17	49-246	5.0	5-12	97	1	29	40-210	5.3	19-30	217	1	+1
–	Stanford	23	54-210	3.9	15-29	248	4	22	35-181	5.2	21-33	235	2	-1
–	at Duke	13	35-326	9.3	4-9	87	1	20	58-179	3.1	16-27	152	3	-1
–	Air Force	16	52-217	4.2	8-12	171	1	16	49-195	4.0	6-9	111	2	-1
–	Kent St	28	70-336	4.8	8-13	196	2	19	27-97	3.6	25-41	292	3	-1
–	at Rice	16	44-301	6.8	3-11	66	1	17	61-190	3.1	11-24	94	6	+2
–	at Rutgers	22	49-207	4.2	9-20	124	5	20	50-114	2.3	18-21	221	4	-3
–	Tulane	23	71-418	5.9	1-3	29	1	16	26-109	4.2	15-33	136	1	+2
–	at Notre Dame	21	58-239	4.1	4-10	75	0	29	39-221	5.7	22-31	284	0	-1
–	Temple	27	63-375	6.0	4-11	120	1	26	34-136	4.0	24-39	245	3	0
–	† Army	24	58-490	8.4	3-6	41	1	20	34-82	2.4	23-35	255	3	-1
–	† Colorado St	33	69-467	6.8	5-11	144	0	26	34-141	4.1	28-39	431	3	-2
TOTALS		263	672-3832	5.7	69-147	1398	18	260	487-1855	3.8	228-362	2673	31	-6
AVERAGES		21.9	56-319	5.7	6-12	117	1.5	21.7	41-155	3.8	19-30	223	2.6	-0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Temple	+17'	26-45	L
Georgia Tech - #10	+25'	7-70	L
Boston College	+20	21-38	W
Air Force	+15	18-24	W
Rice	+7	13-21	L
at Rutgers	E	17-23	L
at Toledo	+29	20-21	W
Tulane	+2'	28-42	L
at Notre Dame	+27'	16-34	W
† Army	+1'	17-26	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at SMU	+10'	38-7	W
NC State - #21	+17'	19-65	L
Northwestern	-3	40-49	L
Duke	-2	17-43	L
at Air Force	+22'	7-48	L
Rice	+8	10-17	W
at Boston College	+28	21-46	W
at Tulane	+16'	30-51	L
† Notre Dame - #9	+27'	23-30	W
Connecticut	+4'	0-38	L
at Wake Forest	+27	27-30	W
† Army	-3	58-12	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
VMI	NL	37-10	–
at TCU - #25	+23	3-17	W
E Michigan	-12'	39-7	W
at Rutgers	-1'	27-48	L
Air Force	+14'	28-25	W
at Vanderbilt	+4'	37-27	W
at Rice	-3'	38-6	W
Delaware	NL	17-21	–
Tulane	-10	35-17	W
at Notre Dame	+8	24-27	W
C Michigan	-20	63-34	W
† Army	-21'	34-6	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Duke	-7	27-12	W
Northeastern	NL	28-24	–
at Tulsa	+1	29-0	W
Vanderbilt	-8'	29-26	L
at Air Force	+1	24-21	W
† Notre Dame	+6	9-27	L
Rice	-9'	14-13	L
Delaware	NL	34-20	–
at Tulane	-11	10-42	L
Rutgers	-3'	54-21	W
† Army	-13	42-13	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Maryland	+12'	20-23	W
Stanford	+3	38-41	T
at Duke	-6	28-21	W
Air Force	+2	27-24	W
Kent St	-12'	34-31	L
at Rice	-7	41-9	W
at Rutgers	+6'	21-31	L
Tulane	-11	49-21	W
at Notre Dame - #7	+23'	21-42	W
Temple	-27	38-17	L
† Army	-6	42-23	W

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - The team went through a drastic change going from the wishbone to a passing attack under Todd Berry. They used six different QB's in 2002 and Zac Dahman (PS#56) had 4 starts as a true frosh throwing for 1,039 (48%) with a 5-9 ratio. In 2003 Dahman threw for 2,234 (52.8%) with an 11-19 ratio. They switched to more of a run-based offense in 2004 under Ross. Dahman did not see action the first 3 but started the last 8 and had four straight 200+ yd games (tied school rec) and threw for 1,767 (54.7%) with a 9-7 ratio. Last year Ross said that soph David Pevoto (PS#256) would get a couple series in each game but due to tight games and some up-and-down performances by Pevoto, that did not happen. Dahman simply became the Army career passing leader and threw for 1,864 (56.2%) with an 11-13 ratio. He set an Army record throwing a TD pass in 10 straight games. In Pevoto's first and only game, he hit 6 of 12 for 68 and threw an IR for a TD vs Connecticut. Ross wants to go to more of an option attack (like Navy). Pevoto will battle Pat McDonald and Kevin Dunn. McDonald had a 21-2 ratio as a HS senior throwing for 5,233. Also in the mix are true frosh Chase Prasnicki (PS#176) and Carson Williams (PS#395). This unit is less experienced but Ross should find a capable QB.

RUNNING BACKS - Carlton Jones started 7 of the last 8 as a true frosh in 2002 and was the first frosh RB to start here since 1992 (Akili King). Jones led the team with 611 (3.8) and again with 632 (3.3) in 2003. In Ross's first year ('04), Jones simply had the 2nd best season ever (#1 Mike Mayweather, 1,338 '90) for an Army RB. He ran for 1,269 (super 6.1) with a single season school record 17 TD's while adding 26 rec's. Army fans remember the duo of Doc Blanchard "Mr. Inside", and Glenn Davis "Mr. Outside", both of whom took home a Heisman Trophy in the '40's. The Cadets had another version in '04 with Jones the outside man and Tielor Robinson who powered for 457 (5.4) inside (247 yd rec) despite missing two games. Robinson transferred to Duke last year but Army moved WR/KR Scott Wesley in. Jones played through injuries and rushed for 1,024 (3.8). He leaves as the school's #2 career all-time leading rusher and is just the 3rd player in Army history (Mayweather and Davis) to lead in rushing 4 straight years. Wesley avg'd 147.7 all-purp ypg and was the #2 rusher with 528 (5.1) including a 150 vs CM when Jones was injured. Seth Gulsby added 108 (3.3). Unfortunately all 3 depart. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Tony Dace (5-6 187 So), Carlo Sandiego (5-6 175 So), Jonathan Douglas (5-8 171 So), Matt McDaniel (5-9 190 So), Evan Leitch (6-2 218 So) and FB's Collin Mooney (5-11 235 So, PS#450LB), Mike Evans (6-1 234 So, PS#172TE), Christopher Nichols (5-11 224 Jr), Max Palmatier (5-11 219 Jr), Robert Balis (5-11 217 Sr) and Kelvin Espinal (5-11 213 So). Seven of the 8 RB's occupied the #1 spot on the depth chart at different times during the spring. With the move to a more option offense I expect the Cadets to top last year's 140.3 ypg rushing but overall the RB's are clearly less experienced.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cadets had to replace their top WR from 2004 and then Jacob Murphy, who was #2 with 26 rec's in '04 broke his collarbone and was lost for the year vs Iowa St. He was leading the team in rec's (12) at the time. TE Jared Ulekowski, who has soft hands, is a solid blocker and tireless worker, had 45 rec's his last 2 years. Jeremy Trimble, who had 20 (17.5) making CUSA's All Frosh Team in '04, led with 42 (12.7). Walter Hill is a possession receiver but had some big games including 114 yards vs Air Force and finished #2 with 34 (12.1). This year they must replace Murphy (2 st) and Ulekowski (11 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE's Kyle Ross (6-5 250 So), Clay Woody (6-5 227 So), Simon Youngblut (6-6 245 Jr), Tad Chamberlain (6-4 227 So), Quentin Willard (6-4 233 Sr) and WR's Todd Olson (6-0 192 So), Andy Mazeika (6-3 189 Jr), Jon Scappaticci (6-2 190 So), Tim Horan (6-4 200 So) and Nick Mavricos (6-0 180 So). While this unit will likely see its reception total drop, it is a more experienced group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 Army had to replace 4.5 starters from the front wall and suffered some injuries in the final year of Todd Berry's passing offense. As one would expect, they finished dead last in the NCAA avg a paltry 64 ypg rushing (2.0) while allowing 35 sacks. Eight players returned with starting experience in 2004 and the unit made remarkable strides opening holes for 176 ypg rushing (5.1) and trimming the sack total to 17. Last year only one starter returned. Ross was pleased with the rebuilt unit in the spring but it was the most inconsistent unit of the team in August. RT Jonathan Connon held BC's Matthias Kiwanuka to zero sacks and 2.5 tackles in his first start. LT Nathan Collier was injured in a car accident and missed 6 games. The less experienced unit opened holes for 140 ypg (3.3) while allowing just 22 sacks. Last year the O-line (beside Bier) had just 10 snaps combined. This year the entire 2 deep returns and 7 players have starting experience. Not listed below is C Zac Maodus (6-4 285 Sr, PS#405).

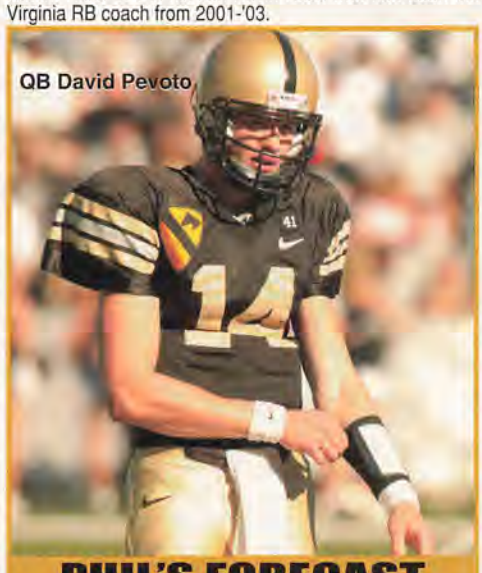
DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cadets had a veteran D-line in Ross' first year but surprisingly allowed 5.1 ypc rush, their highest total in over two decades. Last year they had to replace 5 players who combined for 31 starts. They had 5 players back with starting experience and managed to improve, allowing 4.4 ypc but the D did have just 13 sacks. This year they lose DT Seth Lotts (10 st, 35 tkl, 3 tfl) who won the top DL award, DT Tommy Ryan (1 st, 17 tkl, 3 tfl) and DT Doug Meyer (12 tkl). This is Ross' most experienced D-line. They have good size (274 lb avg) and should have their best rush D in over 5 years.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Army had to replace Greg Washington who led Div IA in tackles (149) and set a school record for tfl (23). They also had to replace two others who combined for 14 starts and moved a starting LB to SS. Their starting LB's combined for just 2 career starts. Charlie Rockwood, the teams' fastest LB, tore an ACL after 3 starts. True frosh John Plumstead was relentless on special teams and earned PT. This year the unit is in much better shape. They lose SLB Taylor Justice (2 st, 25 tkl), WLB Chuck Wilke (1 tkl) and SLB Cannon Woods (7 tkl). This year four players return with starting experience making it a much more veteran unit.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003, Army finished #108 in my pass D rankings. In 2004 with all 4 starters back they surprisingly slipped to #115. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 27 starts. They did move a starting LB to SS so basically had 3 starters back and as expected, improved to #82 allowing an excellent 10-12 ratio. This year they must replace CB Ray Stith (11 st, 42 tkl, 4 tfl), CB Dhyan Tarver (11 st, 68 tkl, 7 pbu), FS Rob Davis (5 st, 52 tkl, 2 int) and Chris Grevious (1 tkl). They do return hard hitting SS Caleb Campbell and CB Darren Newson who got a lot of action as a nickelback. Also in the mix is Frank Scappaticci (6-1 214 So). Campbell's 5 int's were the most here since 1998. With an outstanding defensive front 7, it's possible Army could improve in the pass D rankings, however, this unit is a little less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Todd Berry's final season the Cadets finished just #91 in my ST rankings. In Bobby Ross' first year they improved slightly to #80. FG kicking was a problem during the spring and in August. Joe Riley won the job but hit just 1 of 6 FG's with a long of 49 (1 miss 50+). Justin Koenig took over and at this point the team had hit 6 of 14 FG's in Ross' tenure. Koenig hit 9 of 12 FG's with a long of 49 and also had 9 TB's on 44 KO's. Tom Dyrenforth had a 36.9 avg and 32.3 net in '04 but was beat out by soph Owen Tolson. Tolson avg'd 40.2 (net 31.7). Scott Wesley departs as the school's all-time leader in both KR's and PR's but after avg 23.1 on KR's in '04, avg'd just 19.8 in '05. LS Nicolas Lopez was in his first year ('05). They should move up from their #103 finish.

COACHES - Bobby Ross has always gotten the most out of his college programs including a 1990 Georgia Tech team that went 11-0-1 and shared the National Title. He is 100-92-2 with prior college stops at The Citadel ('73-'77) Maryland ('82-'86) and GT ('87-'91). He was also 77-68 in the NFL with the Chargers ('92-'96) and Lions ('97-2000). After Berry was fired in 2003, John Mumford did a fine job down the stretch as interim head coach and was retained as the DC and DL coach. Ross' OC is his son Kevin Ross who had been the Virginia RB coach from 2001-'03.



PHIL'S FORECAST

Army used to be one of the NCAA's powerhouses winning three straight National Titles from 1944-1946 while notching 14 Top 25 finishes in their history. Those years have long passed. They have not beaten a Top 20 team since 1972. They set a school record for losses in 2002 (11) and broke the record again in 2003 with an 0-13 year, the first ever IA team to suffer that record. In 2004 Bobby Ross stepped into a great situation as expectations were low and Berry had the team pointed towards success in 2004 with a large senior class. However, the Cadets did have a lot of ground to make up as in 2003 they were outgained by an average of 193.4 ypg and were -20 in turnovers. As expected, Army did play much stronger in 2004 as they were "only" outgained by 108.5 ypg and after being outscored by 20.8 ppg, trimmed that to 11.6. They also broke their 19 game losing streak including 15 straight losses at home when they upset Cincinnati and finished 2-9. Last year Army was a less experienced team with just 10 starters back. Ross had 211 players to start August (25 Sr, 38 Jr, 67 So, 81 Fr). The preseason Sagarin ratings had them listed at just #150 but I called for them to improve on their 2-9 record. They nearly upset #22 Iowa St at home in just the 4th night home game in Michie Stadium history, losing despite a 365-229 yd edge. In the wind and the rain they blew a late 10-7 lead and lost to CM to fall to 0-5. The next week vs #25 TCU, they suffered their 11th straight loss despite trailing by just 7 points with less than 6:00 left. They got their first shutout win since 1999 when they beat Akron on the road and won their next 3 games. They snapped a 13 game losing streak at AF but then allowed Navy a series record 531 yards of total offense. On offense they lose their QB and top 3 rushers but with an unusually veteran offensive front and now in the 3rd year of Ross' system, they should easily top last year's 20.0 ppg. Their defense switched from the 4-2-5 to the 4-3 last year. After being the #117 D allowing 490 ypg in 2004, they trimmed that to just 347 allowing 9 ppg less. The defense has 8 starters back and I'll call for them to have the fewest ppg allowed since 1996. Army's schedule is easier than it used to be and with a veteran squad, they have a good shot at becoming bowl eligible for the first time since 1996.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 14 **David Pevoto Jr.** 6-5 229 PS#256. 6-12 pass, 68 yd LY. 15 Pat McDonald (6-1 175 Jr) PS#483. 21-2 ratio Sr HS. 4 Kevin Dunn (6-1 189 Jr). Chase Prasnicki PS#176.

RB 18 **Ricky Lay Sr.** 6-4 215 PS#84QB. 19 Wesley McMahand (5-6 171 So). 42 Jerry Jones (5-11 220 So) PS#474. Jamal Robinson (5-7 178 So). Michael Herndon (6-1 207 Sr) LB LY.

FB 33 **MIKE VITI JR.** 5-10 242 19 yd true. 6 st LY, 56 yd, 450 bench. 48 Tim Frye (5-11 225 So) PS#280. 22 ttl yd true. 39 Adam Renkiewicz (6-0 277 Jr) PS#356.

WR 2 **WALTER HILL SR.** 5-11 190 PS#237. 7 st, 34 (12.1). 83 Elliott Emerich (6-4 197 Jr). 27 Mike Castelli (6-2 190 Sr). 13 Mike Wright (6-3 201 So). 8 Joe LeForte (6-3 194 So).

WR 5 **JEREMY TRIMBLE JR.** 6-0 214 10 st 2Y, 62 (14.2). 6 Corey Anderson (5-8 165 Jr) PS#357. 1 st, 19 (10.2). 82 Jamison Maehler (6-4 204 So). 16 Kenny Rackers (5-11 193 So).

TE 84 **Tim Dunn Sr.** 6-4 238 PS#71. 3 st, 1 rec '04. 7 st LY, 4 (7.8). 80 Justin Larson (6-5 236 Jr). 86 Chase McCoy (6-5 258 Sr). 93 Dominick Cinotto (6-5 238 So).

C 67 **PETE BIER SR.** 6-4 282 PS#257. 11 st RG '03. 10 st RG '04. 11 st C LY. 64 Trey Miranne (6-1 272 Jr) 2nd string '05. 60 Greg Arrowsmith (6-2 276 Sr) PS#267QB.

RG 70 **MATT WEISNER SR.** 6-3 289 11 st LY (2 LG, 9 RG). 74 Connor Wicklund (6-4 279 Jr). 2nd string LY. 71 Grant Carriker (6-3 279 Sr). 58 Seth Fabin (6-2 284 Jr) PS#422.

LG 58 **DAN EVANS SR.** 6-2 297 7 tkl, 3 sk DT '04. 9 st LG LY. 62 Miles Murray (6-3 282 Sr) PS#366. 2 st RG LY. 67 Erik Anderson (6-3 241 So). 52 John Kellar (6-4 309 So).

RT 72 **JONATHAN CONNON SR.** 6-6 293 2nd string '04. 11 st RT LY. Steven Westbrook (6-5 261 Jr) 2nd string LY. Sean Whaley (6-3 252 Sr). Chris Taylor (6-4 360 So). John Jarvis (6-4 276 Jr).

LT 61 **NATHAN COLLIER SR.** 6-6 294 PS#567. 7 gm '04. 5 st LY until inj. 75 **Ray Zelenak** (6-3 262 Jr) 6 st at LT LY. 79 Brandon Cox (6-3 292 So) 4 gm '05. 78 Mike Lemming (6-3 270 So).

K 49 **JUSTIN KOENIG SR.** 5-11 180 1-3 FG '04. 9 of 12 FG LY, long 49. 20-20 xp's. 9 TB on 44 KO's. 21 Jared Nielsen (6-1 201 So). Nebraska transfer. 70 yd FG in practice.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 95 **BRANDON THOMPSON JR.** 6-4 265 PS#316. 10 st LY, 20 tkl, 4 tfl. 88 John Wright (6-2 255 Jr) PS#314. 17 tkl, 2 tfl. 40 Marcus Millen (6-1 230 Jr) PS#416LB. 91 Evan Williams (6-2 240 Jr).

DT 66 **TONY FUSCO JR.** 6-1 308 11 st LY, 28 tkl. **7.5 tfl.** Wes Stewart (6-2 273 Sr) PS#388WR. Alex Clamon (6-4 256 Sr). Wyatt Batchelor (6-4 276 So) PS#340OL. Bryan Rodriguez (5-11 278 So).

DT 99 **Travis Prikryl Sr.** 6-4 270 PS#389. 93 Peter Harrington (6-6 255 Sr). 1 sk LY. 76 Shane Zinszer (6-3 286 Jr) PS#266. 73 Bob Landeg (6-3 255 Jr). Chris Vesce (6-2 261 Jr).

DE 94 **CAMERON CRAIG SR.** 6-4 251 16 tkl, 1 sk '03. 8 st, 51 tkl, 4 sk, 6 tfl '04. 11 st, 56 tkl, 5 sk, 3 tfl. 47 Elliott Antoine (6-1 255 So). Mark Faldowski (6-3 236 So) PS#93TE. Kevin Quigley (6-2 254 So).

WLB 22 **LUKE PELL SR.** 6-1 225 11 tkl '04. 6 st LY, 44 tkl, 9 tfl. 45 **Charlie Rockwood** (6-4 221 Jr) **3 st, 15 tkl LY.** 34 Tim Jennings (6-4 249 So) 3 tkl. 30 Eric Creighton (6-1 208 Jr) PS#154TE.

MLB 54 **CASON SHRODE SR.** 6-3 251 PS#346DL. 1 st, 21 tkl '04. 11 st LY, 69 tkl, 3 tfl. 44 Brian Chmura (6-1 220 Jr). 50 Bo Olsen (6-0 239 Jr) **PS#89.** 33 Kevin Beavers (6-2 208 Jr).

SLB 55 **BARRETT SCRUGGS SR.** 6-1 213 1 st, 6 tfl '04. 11 st LY. 80 tkl, 5 pbu. 51 Julius Myers (6-2 232 Sr) 7 tkl. John Plumstead (5-11 217 So) 6 tkl. Relentless. 56 Kyle Maroney (6-3 229 So) PS#174.

CB 26 **Sean Grevious Sr.** 5-11 173 PS#416. 14 tkl 2Y. 37 Brandon White (5-11 189 Jr) PS#316. 25 Kevin Opoku (6-0 180 Jr) 4 tkl. Anton McDuffie (5-10 182 Jr). Will Wedley (5-11 197 So).

CB 8 **Darren Newson So.** 5-11 187 16 tkl, 1 int, 1 pbu true. 36 John Laird (5-11 182 Jr) 3 tkl. 11 Jonathan Siskey (5-10 184 So). 9 Josh Mitchell (5-10 164 So). 1 Devin Caywood (5-10 198 So).

SS 13 **CALEB CAMPBELL JR.** 6-3 223 6 st LB true, 54 tkl, 5 tfl. 11 st SS LY, **97 tkl, 5 int.** 2 Markenson Pierre (6-0 197 So). Ryan Brence (6-1 201 Jr). 31 Lowell Garthwaite (6-0 197 So).

FS 4 **RANDY CHASTEN SR.** 6-2 211 1 st, 18 tkl '04. 6 st LY, 19 tkl, 1 int. 19 Jordan Murray (6-1 203 Jr) 3 tkl LY. 10 Dennis Cooper (6-0 187 Jr) PS#331. 46 Austin Miller (6-2 207 Sr) 38 TB on 78 KO's.

P 1 **OWEN TOLSON JR.** 6-3 205 59 punts LY, 40.2 avg. 5 Andrew Rinehart (6-1 214 So). 20 Chris Landers (6-1 195 Jr) PS#126. 27 Mike Murphy (6-5 198 Jr). 2 Patrick Saxby (6-3 202 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Chase Prasnicki 6-3 202 PS#176
QB	Carson Williams 6-5 195 PS#395
LB	Andy DiEugenio 6-1 215 PS#485
LB	Matt Eason 6-0 209 PS#485

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

West Point, New York
Weather (845) 343-0551

BOBBY ROSS (Career 76-61-2) (Div IAA 24-31)
3rd Year at Army
Ross' SU Bowl Record: 4-2

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#89

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ARMY	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at Arkansas St	A					
Sep. 9	Kent St	A					
Sep. 16	† Texas A&M *(San Antonio)*	A					
Sep. 23	at Baylor	A					
Sep. 30	Rice	A					
Oct. 7	VMI (HC)	A					
Oct. 14	at Connecticut	G					
Oct. 21	TCU	A					
Oct. 28	at Tulane	A					
Nov. 3	Air Force (Fri)	A					
Nov. 11							
Nov. 18	at Notre Dame	G					
Nov. 25							
Dec. 2	† Navy *(Philadelphia)*	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Army last won the Commander-In-Chief Trophy in 1996.
Black Knights are 8-15 ATS the last 23 games on natural grass.
Army is 8-15-1 ATS (2 NL) in their last 26 home games.

Army is just 2-5 SU & 1-6 ATS since 1997 as an away favorite.
Black Knights are 1-12 SU & 4-8-1 ATS the last 13 years in road openers.

Could apply: Army is just 5-9 ATS after a SU win over the last 8 years.
Army is 11-5 SU & 9-4 ATS vs current MAC members all-time.

Third all-time meeting as this will be a "home game" for the Black Knights.
In their last 5 ATS meetings with the current Big 12, Army is 4-1 ATS.

Army is 0-3 SU & 0-2 ATS all-time vs Baylor being outscored 85-17.
Black Knights are 8-2 ATS in their 2nd consecutive AG since 1995.

Army was a CUSA member from '98-'04 going 9-41 SU & 27-22-1 ATS.
In their last game in '95, these schools ended in a 21-21 tie after Rice led 21-7.

The Keydets finished 3-8 LY as IAA Big South Conference members.
Ross was a '59 graduate of VMI & started his CFB coaching career there in '65.

Last 3 yrs UC has outFD'd (73-54), outgained (1331-755) & outscored (135-37) Army.
Army is 2-10 SU & 4-8 ATS the last 4 years vs current Big East teams.

Coming into 2006, the Black Knights are 11-21-1 ATS the L7Y as HD's.
Army has lost by a combined 170-81 (an avg of 18 ppg) to TCU all-time.

This will be the 2nd time this season Army will play in a dome.
Since 1998 (7 gms), these former CUSA foes have averaged 65 ppg.

The visitor is 7-15 ATS in this series the last 22 years but 5-1 ATS L/6.
Army is 2-10 SU & 3-8 ATS in November home games since 1998.

Black Knights are just 4-14 SU & 2-16 ATS since 1997 after a bye week.
Army is 8-36-4 SU all-time vs ND, but have covered L/2 recent meetings.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Zac Dahman 6,904 2002-'05
Rushing: Mike Mayweather 4,299 1987-'90 Receiving: Clennie Brundidge 2,279 1975-'78

This is the 107th meeting the most historic rivalry has Navy up 50-49-7.
Army has dropped the L/4 games SU & ATS being outscored 176-54.

Ross' records AT ARMY

6-16	Straight Up	1-0	Home Favorite
10-11	Vs The Spread	4-5	Home Underdog
7-7	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
1-3	Vs Service Academies	5-5	Away Underdog
9-8	Vs Non-Service Academies	1-3	Off A Bye

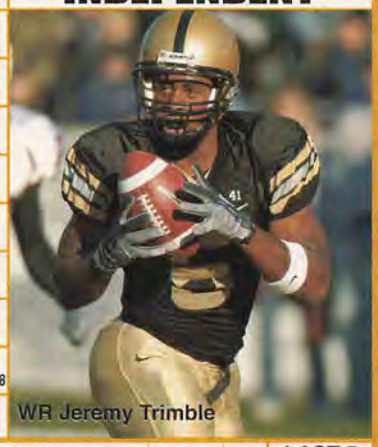
2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (19,26,3)
Lost: 22 (8,12,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,935

INDEPENDENT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STADIUM: MICHIE STADIUM (40,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	1-10	3-8	1-11	0-13	2-9	4-7	14-66
Home	3-3	1-4	2-3	0-6	0-6	1-4	2-4	9-30
Away	0-5	0-6	1-5	1-5	0-7	1-5	2-3	5-36
ATS	5-6	4-7	6-5	4-6-1	4-9	5-6	5-5	33-44-1
Home Fav	2-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	3-1
Home Dog	1-3	1-4	3-1	2-2-1	0-6	3-2	1-3	11-21-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-3
Away Dog	2-3	3-2	2-3	2-3	4-3	2-3	3-2	18-19
Favorite	2-0	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	4-4
Dog	3-6	4-6	5-4	4-5-1	4-9	5-5	4-5	29-40-1
Grass	2-1	2-3	1-3	1-4	2-2	2-3	2-1	12-17
Artificial	3-5	2-4	5-2	3-2-1	2-7	3-3	3-4	21-27-1
vs Conf/Svc Academies	3-3	4-3	3-4	4-3-1	4-4	5-3	1-1	24-21-1
vs Non-Conf/Svc Academies	2-3	0-4	3-1	0-3	0-5	0-3	4-4	9-23
Off SU Win	1-2	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	5-7
Off SU Loss	4-3	3-6	4-4	4-5-1	4-8	4-4	3-3	26-33-1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
84	Cherry	+4	Michigan St	10-6	W
85	Peach	+6'	Illinois	31-29	W
88	Sun	+14	Alabama	28-29	W
96	Independence	+7'	Auburn	29-32	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Army's All-Time SU Bowl Record 2-2

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Carlton Jones	269	1100	76	1024	6	3.8
Scott Wesley	104	544	16	528	10	5.1
Seth Gulsby	33	120	12	108	0	3.3
Corey Anderson	6	43	24	19	0	3.2
Mike Viti	4	4	3	1	0	0.2
Zac Dahman	43	75	202	-127	0	-3.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Zac Dahman	299	168	56.2	1864	11	13
David Pevoto	12	6	50.0	68	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jeremy Trimble	42	535	12.7	4	38	
Walter Hill	34	410	12.1	2	38	
Carlton Jones	25	241	9.6	2	44	
Jared Ulekowski	20	193	9.6	0	16	
Corey Anderson	19	193	10.2	2	15	
Jacob Murphy	12	163	13.6	0	27	
Mike Viti	6	55	9.2	0	18	
Scott Wesley	5	46	9.2	1	19	
Tim Dunn	4	31	7.8	0	13	
Josh Dobbie	4	30	7.5	0	9	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Owen Tolson	59	2370	40.2	6	31.7	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Justin Koenig	20-20	3-4	3-5	3-3	0-0	9-12	49
Joe Riley	4-5	0-0	0-2	1-3	0-1	1-6	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Caleb Campbell	97	0	2	3	5
Barrett Scruggs	80	0	2	5	1
Cason Shrode	69	1.5	1.5	0	0
Dhyan Tarver	68	0	2	7	1
Cameron Craig	56	5	3	0	0
Rob Davis	52	0	1	2	2
Luke Pell	44	1.5	7.5	0	0
Ray Stith	42	0	4	1	1
Seth Lotts	35	1.5	1.5	0	0
Tony Fusco	28	1.5	5.5	0	0
Taylor Justice	25	0	0	0	0
Brandon Thompson	20	2	2	1	0
Randy Chasten	19	0	0	0	1
Tommy Ryan	17	0	3	0	0
John Wright	17	1	1	0	0
Darren Newson	16	0	1	1	1
Charlie Rockwood	15	0	2	0	0
Doug Meyer	12	0	1	0	0
Kenny Rackers	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Scott Wesley	33	218	6.6	0
Michael Herndon	1	27	27.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Scott Wesley	42	833	19.8	0
Tim Frye	1	15	15.0	0

ARMY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	20.0	19	140	3.3	176	55.8	15.8	-2	2005	5	26.7	19	173	4.4	174	63.8	13.0
9*	23.6	18	176	5.1	206	51.9	16.1	+3	2004	8	35.3	27	249	5.1	241	66.1	13.9
5*	15.8	17	64	2.0	207	51.8	17.1	-20	2003	7	36.6	23	211	4.5	253	65.2	12.7
4	18.8	16	120	3.4	179	47.7	15.9	-14	2002	5	40.9	21	210	4.4	183	61.8	9.6
6*	20.8	19	165	4.2	202	54.3	17.6	-16	2001	5	33.2	22	169	4.0	241	63.1	12.3
6*	20.4	18	143	3.8	176	51.0	15.7	-6	2000	6	33.8	22	216	4.6	223	61.1	13.0

2005 STATS BY GAME

ARMY 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Boston College	18	35 - 96	2.7	17 - 32	154	1	27	41 - 175	4.3	22 - 28	289	0	-3
–	Baylor	19	40 - 56	1.4	19 - 37	228	5	19	37 - 146	3.9	20 - 30	205	1	+1
–	Iowa St	23	47 - 132	2.8	19 - 34	233	3	14	32 - 71	2.2	18 - 26	158	4	0
–	Connecticut	17	40 - 71	1.8	19 - 42	190	5	19	44 - 167	3.8	18 - 27	180	1	-4
–	C Michigan	14	46 - 173	3.8	7 - 13	66	2	14	39 - 165	4.2	15 - 25	92	1	0
–	at TCU	22	34 - 110	3.2	22 - 40	252	1	26	48 - 184	3.8	22 - 30	219	1	-2
–	at Akron	18	51 - 186	3.6	8 - 19	110	1	13	22 - 44	2.0	21 - 45	188	2	+1
–	at Air Force	22	50 - 217	4.3	13 - 23	143	0	22	47 - 230	4.9	17 - 23	203	1	+2
–	Massachusetts	15	40 - 120	3.0	22 - 27	224	1	11	23 - 62	2.7	21 - 34	213	0	0
–	Arkansas St	18	55 - 300	5.5	5 - 10	77	0	16	39 - 165	4.2	17 - 30	125	1	+2
–	† Navy	20	34 - 82	2.4	23 - 35	255	3	24	58 - 490	8.4	3 - 6	41	1	+1
TOTALS		206	472 - 1543	3.3	174 - 312	1932	22	205	430 - 1899	4.4	194 - 304	1913	13	-2
AVERAGES		18.7	43 - 140	3.3	16 - 28	176	2.0	18.6	39 - 173	4.4	18 - 28	174	1.2	-0.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Cincinnati	+5	21-24	W
at UAB	+16	3-55	L
at Boston College	+23'	10-31	W
Houston	+1	28-14	W
East Carolina	+13'	26-49	L
at TCU	+13'	20-38	L
Tulane	+1'	42-35	W
at Air Force	+13	24-34	W
Buffalo	-15	19-26	L
at Memphis	+16	10-42	L
† Navy	-1'	26-17	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Holy Cross	NL	21-30	–
at Rutgers	-4	0-44	L
Louisville	+26'	14-45	L
S Mississippi	+29	6-27	W
at East Carolina	+20	24-59	L
TCU	+19	27-46	T
at Houston	+14'	42-56	W
UAB	+8	26-29	W
Air Force	+17'	30-49	L
at Tulane	+19	14-10	W
at Memphis	+14'	10-38	L
† Navy	+3	12-58	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Connecticut	+16'	21-48	L
Rutgers	+6'	21-36	L
Tulane	+16'	33-50	L
USF	+19	0-28	L
at TCU - #20	+30'	0-27	W
at Louisville	+31	10-34	W
East Carolina	+5'	32-38	L
at Cincinnati	+27'	29-33	W
at UAB	+21'	9-24	W
at Air Force	+26'	3-31	L
Houston	+10'	14-34	L
at Hawaii	+26'	28-59	L
† Navy	+21'	6-34	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Louisville	+22'	21-52	L
at Houston	+15'	21-35	W
at Connecticut	+22'	3-40	L
TCU	+18'	17-21	W
Cincinnati	+14'	48-29	W
at USF	+15	42-35	W
at East Carolina	-3	28-38	L
Air Force	+3'	22-31	L
at Tulane	+6'	31-45	L
UAB	+11'	14-20	W
† Navy	+13	13-42	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Boston College - #19	+27'	7-44	L
Baylor	+5'	10-20	L
Iowa St - #22	+17	21-28	W
Connecticut	+10'	13-47	L
C Michigan	+2'	10-14	L
at TCU - #25	+22	17-38	W
at Akron	+9	20-0	W
at Air Force	+11'	27-24	W
Massachusetts	NL	34-27	–
Arkansas St	-8'	38-10	W
† Navy	+6	23-42	L

TEMPLE OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Mike McGann took over the starting job as a true frosh and started 26 games from 2001-2004. In 2003, he lost his starting spot to Walter Washington (PS#15JC) who held that spot in 2004 while McGann redshirted. Washington accounted for 71% of the offense in '04, much of it on the QB draw, a popular play. McGann started last year as they switched the offense to more of a pro-set adding a FB and a TE. McGann, who has good size (6-6 225) threw for 1,469 (48.8%) with a poor 3-13 ratio but had little help. He finished #2 on Temple's all-time passing list behind Henry Burris (7,495, '93-'96). Early in the year true frosh Colin Clancy played in 5, throwing for 121 (52.6%) with a 1-0 ratio. Surprisingly another true frosh, Joe DeSanzo (PS#281), took over as #2. He came in during the 1Q vs Miami, Fla and played the rest of the game. He started the next 3 (although McGann replaced him each time) and threw for 212 (44.4%) with a 0-0 ratio on the year. McGann played the entire finale vs Navy hitting a solid 24 of 38 for 245. Naturally this year they must replace McGann and competing at QB are Shane Kelly (PS#245), Andrew Case (5-9 185 rFr), Joe Procopio (6-2 200 Jr) and Jason Scott (5-11 200 Jr). Keep in mind that new coaches like their own recruits so look out for Jarrett Dunston (PS#187), who played at Hargrave last year and was in for the spring, and Vaughn Charlton (PS#142). Last year's team passing stats, 47.7%, 4-14 ratio and just 165 ypg, should be surpassed even with losing a senior QB.

RUNNING BACKS - Umar Ferguson (PS#129) rushed for 319 yards (4.6) in '03 and was the leading returnee in 2004. He led the RB's with 493 (4.7) while QB Washington led with 889. Tim Brown (PS#44JC) was banged up and played in just 10 games rushing for 432 (4.0) but was #2 in rec (33). Brown was given the starting job last year and Ferguson was moved to FB but then Brown was ruled ineligible. For as poor as the team played, Ferguson had a solid year topping 100 yards three times and rushing for 701 (3.7) also getting 18 rec (11.0). He missed the Toledo game and Michael Billops rushed for 121 on 18 carries but suffered an ankle injury and only had 44 more yards for the year. True frosh Georg Coleman (PS#325) took off his redshirt vs WM. In his first start vs Virginia, he had 18 carries for just 21 yards but did have a 72 yard TD run called back. Also in the mix this year are Terrell Channell (5-7 160 Jr), Karsaul Josiah (5-9 205 Sr), Jonathan Metz (5-8 190 So), Sammy Leach (5-10 215 Jr) and FB Josh Bundy (5-10 240 Jr) who had 6 starts and 87 total yards last year. This year they lose Ferguson (9 st) and Billops (1 st) but do get Brown back. Of course new coaches like their own recruits.

RECEIVERS - 2003's receivers were inexperienced but Zamir Cobb set the Temple school record with 74 rec (11.7) and was 1st Tm Big East. He departed in 2004 and many projected starters did not make it into the lineup so the group was inexperienced. Last year they were inexperienced again as they had to replace their top 3 receivers and then Mike Holley (7 st CB '03) was ruled ineligible. Bruce Gordon, who originally signed at Purdue (PS#36JC), led with 42 (14.3) and had 3 games where he topped 100 yards. He did so despite being suspended for the Maryland game. TE Brian Allbrooks (4 st, 20 rec '04) was #2 with 22 (10.8). Jamel Harris (PS#43) added 20 (12.1). This year they lose Gordon (8 st) and Allbrooks (3 st) along with backups Anthony Martinez and William Bradley (5 rec), whose claim to fame was being the smallest scholarship player in the NCAA last year (5-5 150). While Gordon is a big loss and TE Aznbuike (5, 9.8) moves to LB, this group actually has more experience than 2005.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Thanks to a mobile QB, the Owls O-line, with just two starters back, paved the way for 4.2 ypc rush while allowing just 29 sacks in 2004. Last year they only had to replace one starter but then lost returning starter Tariq Sanders (7 st, '04) for the season to injury and projected starting LG Sam McNaulty was ruled ineligible. They still had 3 starters back but only opened holes for just 2.4 ypc rushing while allowing 28 sacks (8.5%). This year they lose LG Stan Primus (11 st, converted DL), LT John Gross (11 st, 3 yr st'r), RG Stephen Bell (11 st, 2 yr st'r), RT Nehemiah Ingram (1 st, 2nd string) and C Joe Johnsonbaugh (2nd string). Two full time starters return and they could put up better numbers as not much went right in 2005.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Temple actually had two Top 20 finishes in the NCAA defensive rankings the last 5 years but after allowing 2.8 ypc rush in 2002 on a DT Dan Klecko led unit. The Owls yielded 4.6 and 5.0 ypc rush the next two years. Last year they had 3 starters returning and improved a little to 4.7 ypc allowing 201.6 ypg rush . This year they lose NT Antwon Burton (10 st, 66 tkl, 5 tfl, UFA DEN), DT Adam Fichter (11 st, 41 tkl, 4 tfl), DE Mike Mendenhall (11 st, 64 tkl, 7 sk, 7 tfl), DE Rodney Wormley (5 st, 23 tkl, 2 tfl), DE Christian Dunbar (10 st, 61 tkl, 6.5 sk, 7.5 tfl) and JC Braker (3 tkl). While their ROLB is more like a DE at 245 lbs, I will list them in the 3-4 alignment. This is an extremely young group with a combined 33 tackles of experience in the 3 deep below with 9 players being underclassmen. This group does have potential as Doug Morris (PS#84) is an Auburn transfer and Terrance Knighton (325 lbs), in his only start (vs Navy), had 11 tackles and 2.5 tfl.

LINEBACKERS - The Owls had to replace all 3 starters last year including 1st Tm Big East LB Rian Wallace (#5DC PIT). Keith Holt, who became the first true frosh to start a season opener since 1999, had 3 starts and OWL Justin Johnson missed the first five games serving a suspension. This year they lose WLB Manuel Tapia (11 st, #1 tkl'r, 4 tfl) and Willie Hardemon (4 st) who moves to DB. They add another position this year moving from the 4-3 to the 3-4. They move in starting TE Leyon Azubuike to the ROLB spot, which is a rush DE. They recruited 5 true frosh in this area and some should play immediately. Last year's LB corps were inexperienced and far from overwhelming so despite the losses, this year's figures to be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Temple had inexperienced secondaries in both 2003 and '04 and finished just #101 and #109 in my pass D rankings in those years. Last year they lost one starter to graduation and then lost four more players over the summer who combined for 22 starts so basically had just one starter returning. As you would expect, the Owls finished near the bottom again at #117. This year they lose CB Ray Lamb (11 st, 57 tkl, 7 pbu), S Garrett Schultz (11 st, #2 tkl'r w/91), CB Delonne Wilbourn (4 st, 29 tkl), SS Justin Johnson (6 st, 45 tkl), SS Bobby Fulmore (4 st, 25 tkl), CB Darren Sinclair (8 tkl) and SS Andrew Smith (1 st). They have just one returning starter and are not the most experienced unit on the defense but Temple can only improve upon 2005's finish in my rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The last 2 years the ST's finished just #112 and #119 (-6 in TD blk's did not help). Of course, having 23 players that were counted on after spring practice not make the fall roster had something to do with it, as lack of depth generally equals poor special teams play. K Ryan Lux hit 9 of 17 FG's with a long of 41 in 2004 and 5 of 9 last year with a long of 42 (2 misses 50+). He did have an impressive 11 TB's on 26 KO's (42.3%). P Mike McLaughlin had an avg of 36.5 (32.4 net) in 2004 and had just 12 punts last year (32.7) avg. Jake Hendy and Lux took over the punting duties. The team avg'd just 3.5 on PR's and 18.4 KR's. This year most of the kickers depart but the Owls' ST's only have one direction to head after finishing dead last.

COACHES - After 9 seasons, Bobby Wallace stepped aside at the end of last season and finished with just a 19-71 mark. Their new HC is Al Golden who was Virginia's the last 5 years and at 31, was the youngest DC in the NCAA in 2001. The OC is George DeLeone, who spent the 2005 season as the run game coordinator and OL coach at Mississippi. DeLeone has 35 seasons of coaching experience. The DC is Mark D'Onofrio, who was drafted by Green Bay and retired in '94. He also comes from Virginia where he coached ILB in '05 and TE in '04. He was the LB Coach at Rutgers the 3 years prior. The average age of the 10 coaches is just 35.8 years old.

RT Elliot Seifert

PHIL'S FORECAST

Temple is now in their 4th season of play at Lincoln Financial Field and has an unusual home field advantage with their small crowds usually lulling opponents to sleep in such a large venue. The Owls have not had a winning season in 15 straight years and in fact, have not even topped four wins in a season since 1990. There have been calls for Temple to move to IAA, but last year they made a great move when after being set free by the Big East, they opted to join the MAC in 2007 where they will be much more competitive and perhaps increase their avg home attendance which slipped to 12,735 in 2005. Temple took on one of the toughest schedules in the country last year with 9 of their 11 foes being bowl-eligible and then had 5 projected starters ruled academically ineligible just prior to the year. Opening at venues like Ariz St and Wisconsin did not help as Temple was destroyed by a combined 128-16 and their best chance at a win ended when WM knocked home a FG on the last play for a 19-16 win with about 1,500 fans still in the stands. BG waxed them 70-7 the next week and Temple finished winless. Temple was -8 in turnovers but faces a much easier slate this year. This year's squad has just 76 scholarship players entering August and figures to have a few less with the coaching change. While the offense has just 4 returning starters this year, it's not often a team averages in the single digits in point production (9.7) and the Owls offense can only be more productive. The Owls have just 2 starters back on defense and lose 8 of their top 9 tacklers, so you would expect the unit to be weaker. The Owls, however, allowed a mind boggling 45.3 ppg, their worst since 1993 and should improve upon that number. They were hit with NCAA sanctions and are limited to just 76 scholarships (normal 85). The Owls face another tough schedule this year and while they have a shot at a winning season, their impending move to the MAC will have the program moving upward.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 17 Shane Kelly So. 6-4 215 PS#245. **8** Colin Clancy (6-0 195 So) PS#385. 5 gm true, 121 pass yd (53%), 1-0 ratio. **11 Jarrett Dunston** PS#187. 1437 (51%) 17-5 ratio Hargrave LY.

RB 7 Tim Brown Sr. 5-8 185 **PS#44JC.** 10 st '04 (inj), 432 rush (4.0), 33 rec (6.0). Inel '05. MIP Award spg. **34** Jason Harper PS#161 in '05. Fork Union. Kee-Ayre Griffin PS#105.

WR 22 Travis Shelton So. 5-11 185 **10.49 in 100m. 4.27 spd.** 366 all-purp yds '04. **82** Bruce Francis (6-0 175 So). **FB 32 Mike Neal** (6-0 210 Jr) PS#162DB. 50 total yards LY.

WR 10 JAMEL HARRIS SR. 6-0 190 **PS#43.** 2 st, 24 rec 1st 2Y. 11 st, 20 rec LY. **3** Mike Holley (5-9 185 Sr) PS#151DB. **7 st CB**, 57 tkl '03. Inel 04/05. **14** Nick Santa Cruz (5-7 165 Sr). 1 st LY.

WR NA Jason Simmons Fr. 6-5 200 **PS#67. 2** Domerio Hamilton (6-0 195 Sr) JC. 2 st, 6 (15.0) LY. Joshua Louis (6-0 175 rFr). Walk-on spg. Deon Whiteside (6-1 185 Sr) PS#442JC.

TE 84 BEN HENDY SO. 6-3 235 PS#178. 6 st, 2 (13.0) true. **87** Bill McGrath (6-5 245 rFr) PS#158. Marcus Brown PS#69. Travis Manger (6-3 230 So). Steve Maneri PS#157.

C 59 ALEX DERENTHAL SO. 6-4 280 PS#372. 11 st C rFr, played almost every snap, **HM AA. 63** Evan Margulies (6-3 315 Jr). RS Kan St '04. **67** Marcos Hanna (6-1 285 So). Backup LY.

RG 98 Niel Dickson Sr. 6-4 280 PS#364JC. 1 st DT, 12 tkl LY. **97** Sean Satchell (6-3 315 So) PS#524DL. Move OL LY. **79** Dwavon Battle (6-2 315 So) PS#460DL. 2nd string OL rFr.

LG 55 Tariq Sanders Sr. 6-6 310 PS#219. 3 games. **7 st** LT '04 (miss 3 w/inj). Missed LY w/inj. **68** Leigh Denman (6-6 315 Sr) **PS#153**. 655 squat, 1 gm in '04. Inj'd LY.

RT 70 ELLIOT SEIFERT SR. 6-7 300 PS#407. 1 st rFr until inj. 11 st RT '04. 11 st RT LY. **65** Carl Spitale (6-8 330 rFr) PS#556. Charles Smith is PS#250. John Palumbo PS#517.

LT 71 Jabari Ferguson So. 6-4 295 PS#599. 2nd string rFr, 10 gm. **75** Brison Manor (6-3 280 So). Move from DT in spg. Darius Morris PS#215. Terry Hill (6-3 255 Jr). Walk-on.

K 18 Danny Murphy Jr. 5-8 175 0-1 on FG's in '04. #2 K in '05. **47** Jake Brownell (5-10 195 rFr) **PS#23. 30** Mike Pettinelli (5-9 160 Sr). Kai Blagburn (5-9 170 rFr).

DE 90 Doug Morris Sr. 6-3 280 **PS#84.** Auburn trans. JC. Inelig LY. **61** Alston Smith (6-0 290 So) PS#201OL. 4 tkl rFr. **94** Philip Simpson (6-2 275 So) PS#220QB. 7 tkl '04.

NT 92 Terrance Knighton So. 6-4 **325** PS#348. 11 tkl, 2.5 tfl in 1 st vs Navy! 17 tkl, 3.5 tfl yr. **98** Neil Dickson (6-4 280 Sr) Also OL. 1 st at DT, 12 tkl LY. **3** Terrance Banks is PS#397.

DT 73 Devin Tyler rFr. 6-7 255 PS#451. Added 30 lbs. **50** David Fatherly (6-2 255 Sr) PS#153LB. 4.6 spd. Acad ineligible here LY. Andre Neblett (6-2 275 Fr) is PS#459.

ROLB **93 Leyon Azubuike So.** 6-3 245 PS#457DL. 5 st TE, 1 tkl, 5 rec LY. **41** Kevin Armstrong (6-3 240 So) PS#480DL. 4 tkl as true. Added 15 lbs. Dave Nwasike is PS#495.

ILB 43 Keith Holt So. 6-1 215 PS#507DB. 3 st true, 33 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **56** Andrew Coleman (6-0 220 Jr). **48** Matt Powell (5-11 215 Jr). Junior Gallette (6-2 215 Fr) is PS#485.

ILB 44 Walter Mebane Sr. 6-0 225 PS#187JC. 21 tkl, 1 tfl LY. **42** Vince Yasenchak (6-1 230 Jr) PS#231. 9 tkl 2Y. Brent Fisher (6-3 215 Jr). Move from TE in spg. Millage Peaks PS#419.

OLB **5 RYAN GORE SR.** 6-0 225 PS#228RB. 16 tkl rFr. 1 st, 11 tkl '04. 10 st LY, 60 tkl, 2 tfl. **27** Ryan Herting (6-2 215 So) trans from Pitt LY. Jordan Wadley (6-3 195 rFr).

CB 29 Georg Coleman So. 6-0 180 1 st RB, 270 ttl yd true. MIP spg. **Anthony Ferla PS#111. 23** Nickolas McAllister (5-10 175 rFr) PS#555RB. **35** Thato Manyoga (5-10 170 Jr).

CB 6 David Reese Sr. 5-11 180 PS#339. 15 tkl true 4 st '04, 15 tkl, 4 pbu. Inelg LY & RS. **28** Evan Cooper (5-11 185 So) 4 tkl true, 7 gm. Eugene Liddie (5-11 180 Sr). From WR in spg.

SS 1 Wilbert Brinson Fr. 6-0 190 PS#424 in '05. Fork Union LY. **25** Richard Sheppard (6-0 195 So) 2 tkl true. **26** Michael Loveland (6-0 190 Sr) 7 rec, 2Y. Moved from WR spg.

FS 24 CHRIS PAGE SR. 5-10 175 PS#295JC. 7 st LY, 40 tkl, 1 int. **21** Dominique Harris (6-3 190 rFr). **33** Willie Hardemon (6-0 170 Jr) PS#501. 5 tkl true. 4 st OWL LY, 32 tkl, 1 int.

P 47 Jake Brownell rFr. 5-10 195 **PS#23.** Transfer from Navy, RS '05. #1 P and #2 K this spring. **18** Danny Murphy (5-8 175 Jr) lettered '04 and '05, awarded scholarship.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	Jason Simmons 6-5 200 PS#67
RB	Kee-Ayre Griffin 5-10 185 PS#105
DB	Anthony Ferla 5-10 190 PS#111
RB	Jason Harper 5-9 195 PS#161 '05
TE	Marcus Brown 6-4 250 PS#69
OL	Darius Morris 6-4 290 PS#215
QB	Vaughn Charlton 6-4 210 PS#142
OL	Charles Smith 6-6 340 PS#250
QB	Jarrett Dunston 6-2 215 PS#187 '05
OL	Bryce Carter 6-3 315 PS#293
QB	Dy'Onne Crudup 5-9 165 PS#241
DB	Wilbert Brinson 6-0 190 PS#424 '05
WR	Dale Parris 6-0 180 PS#345
DL	Terrance Banks 6-1 275 PS#397
TE	Steve Maneri 6-6 225 PS#157
DB	Jeremiah Pitt 6-0 200 PS#473
LB	Millage Peaks 6-2 215 PS#419
LB	Le'Ron Irwin 6-1 208 PS#431
LB	Alex Joseph 6-2 205 PS#518DB
OL	John Palumbo 6-5 265 PS#517
DL	Andre Neblett 6-2 275 PS#459
DL	Dave Nwasike 6-2 240 PS#495
LB	Junior Gallette 6-2 215 PS#485
LB	Brian Sanford 6-2 230 PS#485

TEMPLE OWLS

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#55

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	at Buffalo (Thur)	A					
Sep. 9	Louisville	G					
Sep. 16	at Minnesota	A					
Sep. 23	at Western Michigan	A					
Sep. 30	at Vanderbilt	G					
Oct. 7	Kent St	G					
Oct. 12	† Clemson (Thur) (Charlotte)	G					
Oct. 21	at Northern Illinois	A					
Oct. 28	Bowling Green (HC)	G					
Nov. 4	Central Michigan	G					
Nov. 11	at Penn St	G					
Nov. 18	at Navy	A					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Al Golden is TU's 24th head coach & at 36 yrs old, 3rd youngest IA HC.
Next season Temple will be a full member of the MAC.
The Owls are 12-1 ATS all-time when holding an opponent to single digits.

This game pairs two 1st yr HC's in Golden & the Bulls' Turner Gill.
Owls are 5-17 SU & 6-15 ATS vs current MAC schools since 1991.

Could apply: Temple is 3-8 ATS their last 11 games after a SU victory.
TU was a Big East member from '91-'04 (14-80) as LY UL played their 1st ssn in the BE.

Minnesota is 1 of 3 schools TU will face for the 1st time TY (Kent St & CMU).
Heading into '06, TU is 2-21 SU but 15-8 ATS the L/23 games as an AD.

Owls last winning season was a 7-4 campaign in 1990.
The home team is 3-0 ATS in this series 3 lined games ('89, '97 & '05).

Last & only time TU played VU was in '35 when Glenn S. "Pop" Warner was HC.
Temple is 5-11-1 SU all-time vs current SEC members splitting 8 ATS meetings.

This could be the 1st time TU is a HF since 10-25-03 when they lost to Rutgers.
Temple & Kent St were 2 of 4 Div IA tms that didn't have a IA win LY (Duke & NMSt).

Owls are 2-28 SU & 11-18-1 ATS the L/30 games vs current ACC members.
The game will be played at Bank of America Stadium home of the NFL's Panthers.

All 6 MAC teams Temple plays in 2006 didn't play in a bowl in 2005.
Temple will see its last 5 opponents this year on their 2007 schedule.

The Owls are 2-3 SU & 4-1 ATS (1 outright upset) L5Y on Homecoming.
The 70 pts given up the last 2 years by TU is the most in 1 game since 1977.

Owls are 4-14 SU but 11-7 ATS in their last 18 November games.
Temple is 2-13 SU (1-3 ATS L4Y) in home finales since 1991.

Owls are 3-31-1 SU & 7-11 ATS all-time vs PSU (last SU win was in 1941).
Five members of the Temple coaching staff, including Golden played under Paterno.

TU is 4-2 SU & ATS all-time vs Navy but LY's SU loss put the Owls at 0-11 (1st no win ssn S/'59).
Navy is 1 of 5 schools TU will face this year that went to a bowl last year.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Henry Burris 7,495 1993-'96
Rushing: Paul Palmer 4,895 1983-'86 Receiving: Willie Marshall 2,272 1983-'86

AL GOLDEN (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Temple

Golden's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Golden's records AT TEMPLE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-0	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (0-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 2

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (18,19,1)
Lost: 33 (14,15,4)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 12,735

INDEPENDENT

WR Travis Shelton

STADIUM: LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD (68,532)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	4-7	4-7	4-8	1-11	2-9	0-11	17-62
Home	2-2	2-4	3-3	2-5	0-5	2-4	0-5	11-28
Away	0-7	2-3	1-4	2-3	1-6	0-5	0-6	6-34
ATS	4-7	7-4	5-6	5-6	7-4	6-4	5-6	39-37
Home Fav	1-0	1-1	3-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	5-3
Home Dog	1-2	2-2	0-2	2-4	2-1	2-3	3-2	12-16
Away Fav	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3
Away Dog	2-4	3-1	2-2	2-1	5-2	4-1	2-4	20-15
Favorite	1-1	2-1	3-2	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	7-6
Dog	3-6	5-3	2-4	4-5	7-3	6-4	5-6	32-31
Grass	0-1	4-0	1-1	3-2	3-3	4-3	4-5	19-15
Artificial	4-6	3-4	4-5	2-4	4-1	2-1	1-1	20-22
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	3-4	4-3	3-4	5-1	0-0	23-18
vs Non-Conf	0-4	3-1	2-2	1-3	4-0	1-3	5-6	16-19
Off SU Win	2-0	2-2	1-2	2-2	0-1	0-2	0-0	7-9
Off SU Loss	2-6	4-2	3-4	3-4	6-3	6-1	5-5	29-25

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Umar Ferguson	191	754	53	701	5	3.7
Michael Billops	44	189	24	165	1	3.8
Josh Bundy	**16**	**39**	**0**	**39**	**3**	**2.4**
Mike Neal	**8**	**33**	**0**	**33**	**0**	**4.1**
Joe DeSanzo	26	59	57	2	0	0.1
Colin Clancy	**7**	**10**	**29**	**-19**	**0**	**-2.7**
Mike McGann	53	98	153	-55	0	-1.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Mike McGann	250	122	48.8	1469	3	13
Joe DeSanzo	54	24	44.4	212	0	0
Colin Clancy	**19**	**10**	**52.6**	**121**	**1**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Bruce Gordon	42	601	14.3	1	55
Jamel Harris	**20**	**241**	**12.1**	**0**	**37**
Brian Allbrooks	22	238	10.8	1	56
Umar Ferguson	18	198	11.0	1	45
Bruce Francis	**14**	**133**	**9.5**	**0**	**18**
DoMerio Hamilton	**6**	**90**	**15.0**	**1**	**36**
Nick Santa Cruz	**6**	**76**	**12.7**	**0**	**29**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jake Hendy	35	1356	38.7	4	27.3(T)	0	8
Ryan Lux	26	965	37.1	8	–	0	4
Mike McLaughlin	12	392	32.7	2	–	0	2

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Lux	12-13	2-3	1-1	2-3	0-2	5-9	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Manuel Tapia	100	1	2.5	1	1
Garrett Schultz	91	0	2	1	0
Antwon Burton	66	1.5	3.5	3	1
Mike Mendenhall	64	7	7	2	0
Christian Dunbar	61	6.5	7.5	1	1
Ryan Gore	**60**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Ray Lamb	57	0	2.5	7	2
Justin Johnson	45	0	3	0	0
Adam Fichter	41	1	3	4	1
Chris Page	**40**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Keith Holt	**33**	**0**	**2.5**	**0**	**1**
Willie Hardemon	**32**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**
Delonne Wilbourn	29	0	0	0	0
Bobby Fulmore	25	0	1.5	2	1
Rodney Wormley	23	0	2	0	0
Walter Mebane	**21**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Terrance Knighton	**17**	**0**	**3.5**	**0**	**0**
Neil Dickson	**12**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Darren Sinclair	8	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Nick Santa Cruz	**6**	**24**	**4.0**	**0**
Brian Allbrooks	5	15	3.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Billops	19	340	17.9	0
Georg Coleman	**14**	**217**	**15.5**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
34	Sugar	NL	Tulane	14-20	–
79	Garden St	+1	California	28-17	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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TEMPLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	9.7	15	82	2.4	165	47.7	25.4	-8	2005	5	45.3	24	202	4.7	259	66.2	10.2
7*	21.6	20	173	4.2	221	56.3	18.2	+2	2004	7	36.3	21	194	5.0	245	65.5	12.1
5*	19.6	20	120	3.5	225	52.7	17.6	+5	2003	3	32.8	22	202	4.6	227	63.2	13.1
10*	20.2	18	137	3.5	181	48.9	15.8	-14	2002	7	29.2	19	108	2.8	207	59.0	10.8
9*	18.0	16	118	3.1	167	48.2	15.8	-3	2001	10	28.3	16	130	3.4	183	54.4	11.1
5*	20.4	17	131	3.5	180	55.4	15.2	+3	2000	5	24.5	18	137	3.4	197	54.9	13.6

2005 STATS BY GAME

TU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Arizona St	18	35 - 62	1.8	18 - 37	203	0	27	44 - 300	6.8	19 - 31	259	1	0
–	at Wisconsin	5	26 - (-11)	-0.4	6 - 26	56	4	26	53 - 263	5.0	15 - 25	229	0	0
–	Toledo	21	34 - 136	4.0	18 - 38	245	3	22	33 - 196	5.9	23 - 32	197	0	-2
–	W Michigan	15	45 - 127	2.8	10 - 23	158	1	23	43 - 151	3.5	22 - 36	227	2	+2
–	at Bowling Green	15	38 - 161	4.2	12 - 24	102	0	30	41 - 135	3.3	26 - 31	326	1	-4
–	Maryland	11	37 - 110	3.0	8 - 16	116	1	26	46 - 220	4.8	22 - 35	252	2	-2
–	Miami, Fl	12	41 - 84	2.0	10 - 23	96	2	16	33 - 34	1.0	16 - 21	317	4	+2
–	at Clemson	20	33 - 12	0.4	26 - 44	319	6	23	34 - 155	4.6	22 - 33	359	3	-2
–	Miami, Oh	11	31 - 75	2.4	10 - 24	120	3	24	37 - 127	3.4	29 - 41	379	2	-1
–	at Virginia	11	27 - 10	0.4	16 - 37	160	5	23	45 - 262	5.8	17 - 29	187	1	-1
–	at Navy	26	34 - 136	4.0	24 - 39	245	3	27	63 - 375	6.0	4 - 11	120	1	0
TOTALS		165	381 - 902	2.4	158 - 331	1820	28	267	472 - 2218	4.7	215 - 325	2852	17	-8
AVERAGES		15.0	35 - 82	2.4	14 - 30	165	2.5	24.3	43 - 202	4.7	20 - 30	259	1.5	-0.7

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Navy	-17'	45-26	W
Toledo	+7'	7-33	L
at Bowling Green	-1	23-42	L
at Boston College	+13	10-33	L
Rutgers	-12	30-5	W
at Syracuse	+17	3-45	L
Pittsburgh	-2'	7-33	L
at Miami, Fl - #1	+42	0-38	W
Virginia Tech - #23	+24	0-35	L
at West Virginia	+16'	17-14	W
Connecticut	-19	56-7	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Richmond	NL	34-7	–
Oregon St	+11	3-35	L
Miami, Fl - #1	+37'	21-44	W
at South Carolina	+16'	21-42	L
Cincinnati	+4'	22-35	L
Syracuse	+4	17-16	W
at Connecticut	-1	38-24	W
at Virginia Tech - #3	+28'	10-20	W
West Virginia	+7	20-46	L
at Pittsburgh - #22	+16	22-29	W
at Rutgers	-7'	20-17	L
Boston College	+8'	14-36	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+25	10-23	W
Villanova	NL	20-23 2OT	–
at Cincinnati	+13'	24-30 3OT	W
at Louisville	+14'	12-21	W
at Middle Tenn	+3	44-36	W
Boston College	+9'	13-38	L
at Miami, Fl - #2	+31	14-52	L
Rutgers	-3'	14-30	L
at Syracuse	+18	17-41	L
Virginia Tech - #12	+26'	23-24 OT	W
Pittsburgh - #21	+15	16-30	W
at West Virginia - #24	+21'	28-45	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Virginia - #16	+16	14-44	L
at Maryland - #23	+26'	22-45	W
Florida A&M	NL	38-7	–
at Toledo	+7'	17-45	L
Bowling Green	+7	16-70	L
Pittsburgh	+12	22-27	W
at Rutgers	+13	6-16	W
at Connecticut	+18'	31-45	W
at West Virginia - #15	+28	21-42	W
Syracuse	+8	34-24	W
Boston College - #19	+14	17-34	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Arizona St - #20	+31'	16-63	L
at Wisconsin	+32'	0-65	L
Toledo	+28	17-42	W
W Michigan	+3'	16-19	W
at Bowling Green	+29	7-70	L
Maryland	+28	7-38	L
Miami, Fl - #7	+41'	3-34	W
at Clemson	+36'	7-37	W
Miami, Oh	+22'	14-41	L
at Virginia	+34	3-51	L
at Navy	+27	17-38	W

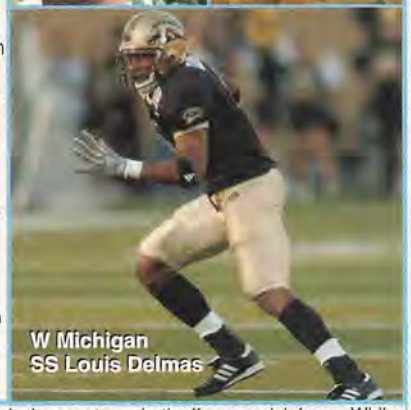
MAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 MAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team	Honorable Mention
QB	Luke Getsy, Akron	Phil Horvath, N Illinois	Ryan Cubit W Mich	Anthony Turner, BG	Joey Lynch, Ball St
RB	Garrett Wolfe, N Illinois	Ontario Sneed, C Mich	Mark Bonds, W Mich	Dennis Kennedy, Akron	Dan Macon, BG
RB	Kalvin McRae, Ohio	Brandon Murphy, Miami	Scooter McDougle, Toledo	Eugene Jarvis, Kent St	BJ Hill, Ball St
WR	Scott Mayle, Ohio	Najah Pruden, Kent St	Corey Partridge, BG	Obed Cetoute, C Mich	Orlando Moore, N Illinois
WR	Ryne Robinson, Miami	Britt Davis, N Illinios	Jabari Arthur, Akron	Nick Moore, Toledo	Bryan Williamson, Ball St
WR	Eric Deslauriers, E Mich	Steve Odom, Toledo	Damien Linson, C Mich	Dante Love, Ball St	Joe Chapple, W Mich
TE	Chad Upshaw, Buffalo	Jake Nordin, N Illinois	Chris Hopkins, Toledo	Kris Kasparek, Akron	Brandon Ledbetter, W Mich
C	Robbie Krutilla, W Mich	Drew Mormino, C Mich	Andy Wills, Akron	Jamey Richard, Buffalo	Kiff Kinkead, Kent St
G	Michael Galassi, Kent St	Derrick Markray, BG	Craig Rafal, Kent St	Eric Tunney, C Mich	Steven Meister, Miami
G	Kory Lichtensteiger, BG	Khalid Walton, E Mich	Robert Brewster, Ball St	James Blair, W Mich	Chris Thomas, E Mich
T	John Greco, Toledo	Joe Staley, C Mich	Jon Brost, N Illinois	Matt Coppage, Ohio	Courtney Ford, E Mich
T	Doug Free, N Illinois	Tim Crouch, Akron	Andrew Hartline, C Mich	Dominic Moran,W Mich	Charles Norden, Miami
DL	Daniel Bazuin, C Mich	Devon Parks, BG	Craig Rusch, N Illinois	Kevin Grant, Akron	Anthony Belmonte, W Mich
DL	Nate Robinson, Akron	Kiki Gonzalez, Akron	Josh Hunt, E Mich	Shane Yates, Ohio	Jameson Hartke, Ohio
DL	Daniel Muir, Kent St	Nick Varcadipane, W Mich	Colin Ferrell, Kent St	Jason Jones, E Mich	Adam Schroeder, N Illinois
DE	Kevin Howe, E Mich	Jermaine Reid, Akron	Brad Williams, BG	Craig Mester, Miami	Larry English, N Illinois
LB	Ameer Ismail, W Mich	Mike Alston, Toledo	Isaac Brown, C Mich	Tyler Russ, Ohio	John Mackey, Akron
LB	Matt Muncy, Ohio	Bryant Haines, Ball St	Kevin Grant, Akron	Keenan Blalark, N Illinois	Brad Seiss, Ball St
LB	Daniel Holtzclaw, E Mich	Thomas Keith, C Mich	Terrel White, BG	Michael Richardson, E Mich	Brion Stokes, Akron
CB	Nigel Morris, Toledo	Antonio Smith, BG	Adriel Hansbro, N Illinois	Alvah Hansbro, N Illinois	Ramon Guzman, Buffalo
CB	Jack Williams, Kent St	TJ Wright, Ohio	Davanzo Tate, Akron	Reggie Corner, Akron	Dionte Henry, Akron
SS	Louis Delmas, W Mich	Todd Koenig, Ohio	Fritz Jacques, Kent St	Erik Keys, Ball St	Chevin Pace, Akron
FS	Joey Card, Miami	Dustin Utschig, N Illinois	Deaudre Perry, BG	Michael Hinton, Ohio	Kareem Byrom, Buffalo
K	Andrew Wellock, E Mich	Chris Nendick, N Illinois	Brian Jackson, Ball St	Rick Albreski, C Mich	Gerry McGroarty, Buffalo
P	Chris Miller, Ball St	Jim Laney, W Mich	Jacob Richardson, Miami	Ben Woods, Buffalo	Tony Mikulec, C Mich
KR	Scott Mayle, Ohio	Dante Love, Ball St	Jemmy Jasmin, C Mich	Richard Davis, Toledo	Trumaine Riley, E Mich
PR	Ryne Robinson, Miami	Damien Linson, C Mich	BJ Hill, Ball St	Jon Drager, Kent St	Steve Odom, Toledo

C Michigan
LB Thomas Keith

Akron
NG Kiki Gonzalez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SS Louis Delmas

PHIL STEELE'S 2005 MAC FORECAST

MAC WEST - 1. N ILLINOIS - Last year the Huskies appeared out of the MAC race, but they stormed back and made it to the MAC Title game, coming within seconds of winning the MAC Championship. While the Huskies only have 13 returning starters, all 7 sets of my power ratings call them the most talented team in the MAC and I rate them with the #1 offense and #1 defense. The Huskies also get their big game vs Toledo at home. I'll call for them to snag their 2nd all-time MAC Championship.

2. TOLEDO - Tom Amstutz guided Toledo to three MAC Title games in his first four years and appeared on his way to another last season. Toledo outgained MAC foes by a league best 148 ypg but with the West Title firmly in their grasp, they were upset at home by N Illinois and had to share the West Title. They did demolish UTEP in the bowl game. Despite having a new returning QB starter, Amstutz has had great success with first year QB's. Toledo's offense will be potent. The defense is top-notch and while they do have to play both W Michigan and N Illinois on the road, Toledo is a prime contender for the MAC Title.

3. C MICHIGAN - One of the most important players in the MAC last season was CM QB Kent Smith whom the Chippewas offense relied upon. He departs this year and while what was expected to be a veteran secondary, turned into a young one in the spring, CM does have some things going in its favor this year. Last year, CM actually outgained MAC foes by 75 ypg (3rd best). CM is strong where it matters and that is along the line of scrimmage as they have my #2 rated O-line and #1 rated D-line in the MAC. Of the three MAC Michigan schools, they are the only one that draws Buffalo (weakest) from the East. They have a couple winnable MAC road games and will likely be favored in all 4 MAC home games. They should achieve another winning conference record and could be a surprise contender in the West.

3. W MICHIGAN - What a great story it was for the Broncos last year as they rebounded from a 1-10 season and were playing for the MAC West Title in their final game as they had their first winning record since 2000 at 7-4. This is indeed a dangerous team this year as they have 15 returning starters and 11 fifth year seniors. They do lose their star RB and TWO #2 DC receivers and last year despite their winning record, they were actually outgained in MAC play by 91.3 ypg. The Broncos also benefitted from 3 net close wins last year (see pg 299). Most of my sets of power ratings call WM either the 3rd or 4th best team in the entire MAC but they have a tougher schedule and probably will not get as many breaks as last season.

5. BALL ST - Ball St was actually 12-10 in MAC play in Bill Lynch's final 3 seasons. Brady Hoke is 9-15 in his 3 years but did a tremendous job last year taking a Ball St team that had several unexpected losses (top RB, top WR) as the team was ripped apart by suspensions and injuries and guided them to a 4-4 MAC record. They benefitted from a net 2 close wins and were outgained by 99.7 ypg in MAC play (2nd worst). This year they have 18 returning starters including a heady, veteran QB in Joey Lynch. They draw a favorable schedule with a good portion of winnable home games including E Mich and they draw Buffalo from the East. They are not the most talented team in the West but should have a decent season.

6. E MICHIGAN - It's tough for me to pick a team to finish last in the MAC West as all 6 teams are capable of attaining bowl eligibility. Last year EM could easily have finished 7-4 as they had 3 tight losses. A couple of factors have me calling for the Eagles to finish here. First of all, they must face Ball St on the road and unlike the Cards, do not draw Buffalo from the East. EM was also +10 in turnovers last year and are breaking in a new QB. Most of their winnable games are on the road and that has me calling for a 2nd straight finish in the MAC West cellar.

MAC EAST - 1. KENT ST - Last year Kent St was one of the most snakebitt teams in the country as they did not adapt well to their ill-advised switch to the Texas Tech pass offense, were ravaged by injuries and also had the toughest schedule of the MAC East teams. Those factors plus the fact they were -11 in turnovers and had 4 net close losses (see pg 299) saw them stumble to a winless MAC season after nearly making it to a bowl in 2004. This year they avoid WM, NI and CM out of the West, have a much more favorable schedule vs the East and are one of the most improved teams in the country on both offense and defense. While I call for Kent St and Ohio to tie for the title, The Eagles host the Bobcats giving them the tie-breaker and they are a stunning pick of mine to appear in the MAC Title game.

1. OHIO - The Bobcats were outgained by 137.8 ypg in league play last year but they have arguably the best schedule of any team in the East as they get to avoid Toledo and C Michigan. They will be favored in all four of their MAC home games and are capable of grabbing a win or two on the road. Their 18 returning starters ties them for most in the MAC.

3. AKRON - The Zips were -7 in turnovers last year but surprisingly overcame that obstacle. They needed some help at the end of the season and eventually won the MAC Title game in the final seconds. The extra bowl practices will help them this season. This year they are going for their 3rd straight winning season and should accomplish it. All 7 sets of my power ratings call Akron the best team in the MAC East but unfortunately they also have the toughest schedule of the MAC East members. They don't play the bottom 2 West teams (Ball St and EM) and have 4 tough road games in league play. I rate them the #4 offense and #1 defense in the MAC and they have 17 starters back. Despite 7 tough road games, this is a Zip team that is capable of achieving its third straight winning season.

3. BOWLING GREEN - BG nearly won the MAC Title last year but lost to Toledo in OT, 44-41 and settled for a co-Title in the East leaving them home for the holidays. They would have won the Div had they won that game in OT or had QB Jacobs not have gotten injured. BG outgained MAC foes by 68.2 ypg, the best mark in the MAC East but this year have 10 returning starters, 2nd fewest in the MAC. BG also benefitted from +8 in turnovers last year. I look for BG's new QB Turner to be very effective. Not much separates #1 through #5 in the East and BG could easily find themselves back in the MAC Title game but with 4 tough MAC road games, I'll call for them to come up a game short.

5. MIAMI - Miami is an outstanding 18-1 vs current MAC East foes since 2002 and 37-5 vs them since Div play began in 1997. They have had 11 straight winning seasons. The RedHawks may have had the most talented team in the MAC last year and if not for the poor decision to delay the start of the BG game which took away their home field advantage, they would have won the MAC East outright instead of just sharing the title. Miami has one of the best RB's in the MAC in Brandon Murphy, the top WR in Ryne Robinson and my #3 rated special teams. A couple things have me forecasting an unusually low finish. First, they benefitted from +13 in turnovers (pg 312) and were also wiped out by graduation as they have just 7 returning starters including 2 on defense and lose 23 lettermen overall. They will not have the usual top-notch defense. There is not much separating first through fifth in the MAC East but this appears to be a rebuilding season for the RedHawks.

6. BUFFALO - The Bulls will have a new attitude this year under HC Turner Gill and he steps into a good situation as the Bulls can only go up. They have a couple of factors in their favor in that they were -15 in turnovers last year and only had the 5th worst mark in the MAC at -41.6 ypg despite their 1-7 record. On the negative side is that their 12 returning starters are the 3rd fewest in the conference. While the offense will be much stronger, the defense looks like the weakest in the MAC and it usually takes a few years for a new coach to have success which has me calling the Bulls to head back to the basement in the East.

MAC Notes: EM actually leads all teams with 4 members on my All-1st Team MAC squad. BG is the least experienced team in the league (see page 311). Ohio is the most experienced team in the league with 20 upperclassmen starters. In 2003 the MAC had 2 teams in the final top 25 with Miami at #10, knocked off 6 BCS teams during the season and went 2-0 in the post season moving to 8-2 in bowls. They had 7 players picked in the NFL draft with a pair of 1st rounders and Ben Roethlisberger and has since led Pittsburgh to a Super Bowl win. The MAC got 5 teams in bowls in 2004. Last year the total dropped to 2 even though they had more teams than that who were bowl caliber. While 13-23 in non-conf action, the MAC was just 2-19 vs BCS schools but had 6 players drafted this year.

2005 MAC vs MAC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
41	N Illinois	32.9	4	429.6	3	181.5	3	4.6	3	248.1	4	70.9	1	13.1	9	14	7	22	9
47	Miami	34.0	2	417.4	5	140.6	7	3.7	9	276.8	2	55.1	10	12.3	10	17	10	11	3
52	Toledo	33.3	3	474.9	1	236.4	1	5.7	1	238.5	6	63.3	3	14.3	7	12	4	8	1
62	Bowling Green	30.0	5	426.1	4	161.3	5	3.9	5	264.9	3	59.9	8	14.2	8	16	9	16	7
69	W Michigan	35.3	1	392.8	6	149.5	6	3.8	7	243.3	5	63.4	2	11.1	12	10	3	19	8
73	C Michigan	28.8	6	474.5	2	175.1	4	4.3	4	299.4	1	61.5	6	16.5	3	9	2	11	3
88	Akron	25.5	8	367.3	7	134.3	8	3.8	8	233.0	8	50.7	11	14.4	6	14	7	10	2
89	E Michigan	22.9	9	366.3	8	128.5	9	3.9	6	237.8	7	61.9	5	16.0	4	8	1	13	5
108	Ball St	28.8	6	345.8	9	127.5	10	3.2	10	218.3	10	61.9	4	12.0	11	13	6	31	11
113	Ohio	20.3	10	322.8	10	209.0	2	5.0	2	113.8	12	44.4	12	15.9	5	12	4	13	5
116	Kent St	12.8	12	277.3	12	46.3	12	1.7	12	231.0	9	56.9	9	21.7	2	24	11	24	10
117	Buffalo	13.4	11	308.3	11	118.9	11	3.1	11	189.4	11	60.7	7	23.0	1	24	11	32	12

2005 MAC vs MAC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
61	Toledo	21.6	2	326.9	2	133.1	4	3.6	4	193.8	4	58.2	5	15.1	8	12	8	21	3
65	Akron	21.8	3	319.6	1	127.5	2	3.5	3	192.1	3	61.1	10	14.7	5	12	8	24	1
69	Miami	24.3	6	366.3	7	154.3	7	4.4	9	212.0	7	58.2	6	15.1	7	25	1	16	7
77	C Michigan	23.8	4	399.5	9	103.9	1	3.2	1	295.6	10	58.1	4	16.8	12	10	10	21	3
81	N Illinois	21.1	1	345.8	3	137.3	5	3.7	5	208.5	6	55.6	1	16.4	11	16	3	13	11
93	Bowling Green	24.1	5	357.9	6	129.5	3	3.4	2	228.4	8	58.1	3	14.8	6	18	2	21	3
94	Buffalo	30.1	9	349.9	4	163.8	9	4.5	11	186.1	2	55.7	2	11.6	1	10	10	15	8
98	Kent St	29.5	8	351.6	5	189.8	12	4.1	7	161.9	1	59.9	8	11.9	2	9	12	15	8
101	E Michigan	25.3	7	395.1	8	186.8	11	4.7	12	208.4	5	60.4	9	15.6	10	15	6	17	6
108	Ball St	32.4	11	445.5	10	171.4	10	4.2	8	274.1	9	58.9	7	13.8	3	14	7	14	10
109	W Michigan	33.4	12	484.1	12	148.8	6	3.8	6	335.4	12	63.9	12	14.5	4	16	3	24	1
111	Ohio	30.4	10	460.6	11	162.9	8	4.4	10	297.8	11	62.1	11	15.2	9	16	3	9	12

W Michigan
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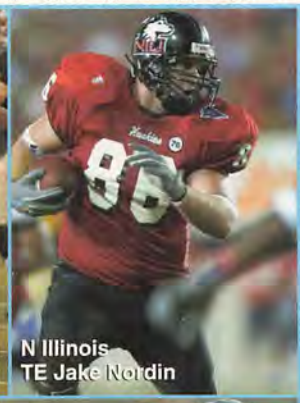
N Illinois
TE Jake Nordin

Bowling Green
OL Kory Lichtensteiger

E Michigan
WR Eric Deslauriers

2005 MAC STANDINGS

EAST	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2005	2004	2003
Akron	5	3	204	174	7	6	307	318	+47.7	-48.9	+46.6
Miami	5	3	272	194	7	4	371	258	+51.1	+112.0	+196.5
Bowling Green	5	3	240	193	6	5	372	304	+69.6	+121.1	+144.0
Ohio	3	5	162	243	4	7	192	336	-137.8	-49.4	-20.6
Buffalo	1	7	107	240	1	10	110	327	-41.6	-109.8	-150.7
Kent St	0	8	102	236	1	10	180	331	-74.3	+123.7	-45.2
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2005	2004	2003
N Illinois	6	2	262	169	7	5	388	274	+82.6	+79.4	+19.6
Toledo	6	2	266	174	9	3	429	260	+146.8	+128.0	+108.0
W Michigan	5	3	282	267	7	4	354	342	-91.3	-152.1	-63.8
C Michigan	5	3	230	190	6	5	260	260	+74.9	-60.0	-140.1
Ball St	4	4	230	259	4	7	233	416	-99.7	-77.7	-13.9
E Michigan	3	5	183	202	4	7	240	295	-28.8	-44.5	-125.3

Coach of the Year: Bill Cubit, W Michigan
MAC TITLE GAME: Akron 31 N Illinois 30

2004 MAC STANDINGS

EAST	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Miami	7	1	282	158	8	5	407	298
Akron	6	2	237	217	6	5	271	347
Marshall	6	2	238	180	6	6	291	266
Kent St	4	4	269	186	5	6	335	264
Ohio	2	6	148	217	4	7	221	271
Buffalo	2	6	167	247	2	9	197	351
UCF	0	8	136	246	0	11	175	362
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Toledo	7	1	307	195	9	4	432	404
N Illinois	7	1	303	190	9	3	421	304
B Green	6	2	337	181	9	3	532	282
E Michigan	4	4	249	333	4	7	328	458
C Michigan	3	5	199	286	4	7	260	378
Ball State	2	6	207	279	2	9	225	405
W Michigan	0	8	179	343	1	10	248	436

Coach of the Year: Tom Amstutz, Toledo
MAC TITLE GAME: Toledo 35 Miami 27

2003 MAC STANDINGS

EAST	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Miami	8	0	374	124	13	1	602	272
Marshall	6	2	230	170	8	4	350	278
Akron	5	3	257	246	7	5	435	353
Kent State	4	4	261	274	5	7	321	396
UCF	2	6	131	221	3	9	224	373
Ohio	1	7	191	244	2	10	263	372
Buffalo	1	7	138	289	1	11	177	455
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
B Green	7	1	246	165	11	3	470	304
Toledo	6	2	280	189	8	4	389	285
N Illinois	6	2	281	196	10	2	386	258
W Michigan	4	4	211	220	5	7	331	370
Ball State	3	5	173	249	4	8	261	386
E Michigan	2	6	145	240	3	9	205	371
C Michigan	1	7	154	246	3	9	277	428

Coach of the Year: Terry Hoeppner, Miami
MAC TITLE GAME: Miami 49 BG 27

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Scott Mayle, Ohio	**21**	**572**	**1**	**27.2**
AJ Harris, N Illinois	15	408	0	27.2
Dante Love, Ball St	**22**	**546**	**1**	**24.8**
Domenik Hixon, Akron	30	705	0	23.5
Richard Davis, Toledo	**17**	**387**	**1**	**22.8**
Trumaine Riley, E Mich	**22**	**492**	**0**	**22.4**
Shawn Bayes, Kent St	**18**	**366**	**0**	**20.3**
Terry Moss, Ball St	**15**	**284**	**0**	**18.9**
Damien Linson, C Mich	**14**	**251**	**0**	**17.9**
BJ Lane, Bowling Green	17	289	0	17.0
Shawn Lewis, Kent St	**15**	**232**	**0**	**15.5**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Ryne Robinson, Miami	**26**	**301**	**1**	**11.6**
BJ Hill, Ball St	**18**	**200**	**1**	**11.1**
Charles Sharon, BG	25	271	0	10.8
Damien Linson, C Mich	**19**	**175**	**1**	**9.2**
Greg Jennings, W Mich	20	172	0	8.6
Shatone Powers, N Ill	30	249	0	8.3
Dion Byrum, Ohio	21	165	0	7.9
Domenik Hixon, Akron	26	200	0	7.7
Steve Odom, Toledo	**20**	**126**	**0**	**6.3**
Derrick Bush, Kent St	18	112	0	6.2
Trumaine Riley, E Mich	**12**	**73**	**0**	**6.1**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Chris Miller, Ball St	**11**	**68**	**2977**	**43.8**
Joshua Brazen, Kent St	11	67	2844	42.4
Jim Laney, W Mich	**11**	**60**	**2449**	**40.8**
Brett Kern, Toledo	**12**	**33**	**1305**	**39.5**
Billy Sullivan, Akron	13	77	3034	39.4
Matthew Miller, Ohio	11	84	3245	38.6
Andy Dittbenner, N Ill	**12**	**54**	**2083**	**38.6**
Nate Fry, Bowling Green	11	51	1966	38.5
Jacob Richardson, Miami	**11**	**46**	**1766**	**38.4**
Andrew Wellock, E Mich	**11**	**57**	**2183**	**38.3**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Matt Muncy, Ohio	**11**	**81**	**34**	**115**	**10.5**
Rontrell Woodruff, E Mich	11	71	40	111	10.1
Dustin Utschig, N Ill	**11**	**58**	**48**	**106**	**9.6**
Thomas Keith, C Mich	**11**	**60**	**44**	**104**	**9.5**
Jay Rohr, Akron	13	78	43	121	9.3
Michael Richardson, E Mich	**11**	**59**	**43**	**102**	**9.3**
Anthony Jordan, Toledo	12	62	45	107	8.9
John Busing, Miami	11	53	44	97	8.8
Tyler Russ, Ohio	**10**	**45**	**43**	**88**	**8.8**
Justin Parrish, Kent St	11	58	38	96	8.7

2005 MAC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Tim Hiller, W Mich	**151**	**98**	**64.9**	**3**	**1334**	**8.8**	**20**	**178.9**
Phil Horvath, N Ill	**238**	**168**	**70.6**	**8**	**2001**	**8.4**	**18**	159.4
Omar Jacobs, BG	321	195	60.7	7	2590	8.1	26	150.9
Bruce Gradkowski, Toledo	332	207	62.3	12	2469	7.4	29	146.4
Josh Betts, Miami	434	248	57.1	13	3178	7.3	27	133.2
Joey Lynch, Ball St	**314**	**198**	**63.1**	**7**	**1982**	**6.3**	**18**	**130.5**
Kent Smith, C Mich	420	255	60.7	6	2799	6.7	16	126.4
Matt Bohnet, E Mich	351	220	62.7	5	2181	6.2	14	125.2
Luke Getsy, Akron	**525**	**278**	**53.0**	**12**	**3455**	**6.6**	**23**	**118.1**
Drew Willy, Buffalo	**246**	**149**	**60.6**	**12**	**1481**	**6.0**	**6**	**109.4**
Michael Machen, Kent St	**365**	**200**	**54.8**	**18**	**2078**	**5.7**	**11**	**102.7**
Austen Everson, Ohio	**220**	**105**	**47.7**	**11**	**1151**	**5.2**	**4**	**87.7**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CT PG	CT AVG
Greg Jennings, W Mich	11	98	1259	14	114.5	12.8	8.9
Ryne Robinson, Miami	**11**	**75**	**1119**	**8**	**101.7**	**14.9**	**6.8**
Martin Nance, Miami	11	81	1107	14	100.6	13.7	7.4
Charles Sharon, BG	11	74	1028	6	93.5	13.9	6.7
Domenik Hixon, Akron	13	75	1210	8	93.1	16.1	5.8
Sam Hurd, N Illinois	12	65	1074	13	89.5	16.5	5.4
Eric Deslauriers, E Mich	**11**	**75**	**874**	**8**	**79.5**	**11.7**	**6.8**
Steve Sanders, BG	11	56	855	14	77.7	15.3	5.1
Damien Linson, C Mich	**11**	**56**	**832**	**4**	**75.6**	**14.9**	**5.1**
Najah Pruden, Kent St	**10**	**33**	**688**	**5**	**68.8**	**20.8**	**3.3**

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Garrett Wolfe, N Illinois	**9**	**242**	**1580**	**6.5**	**16**	**175.6**
Trovon Riley, W Michigan	9	220	1004	4.6	6	111.6
Trinity Dawson, Toledo	12	232	1294	5.6	5	107.8
Brandon Murphy, Miami	**10**	**226**	**1070**	**4.7**	**9**	**107.0**
Kalvin McRae, Ohio	**11**	**209**	**1153**	**5.5**	**7**	**104.8**
Ontario Sneed, C Mich	**11**	**220**	**1065**	**4.8**	**8**	**96.8**
Brett Biggs, Akron	13	284	1230	4.3	10	94.6
BJ Lane, Bowling Green	11	139	677	4.9	10	61.5
Mark Bonds, W Michigan	**9**	**101**	**456**	**4.5**	**3**	**50.7**
PJ Pope, Bowling Green	9	125	436	3.5	4	48.4

SACKS*

	NO	YDS		NO	YDS
Daniel Bazuin, C Mich	**16**	**147**	Aaron Sanders, UB	7.5	64
Kevin Howe, E Mich	**10.5**	**69**	**Jermaine Reid, UA**	**7**	**30**
Mike Alston, Toledo	**9.5**	**67**	**Jason Jones, E Mich**	**6.5**	**45**
Justin Parrish, Kent St	8.5	62	Brian White, Akron	6	30
Ameer Ismail, W Mich	**8**	**66**	**Craig Mester, Miami**	**5.5**	**43**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDSPG
Kent Smith, C Michigan	11	157	443	420	2799	3242	294.7
Omar Jacobs, BG	9	40	62	321	2590	2652	294.7
Josh Betts, Miami	11	44	-61	434	3178	3117	283.4
Luke Getsy, Akron	**13**	**56**	**-29**	**525**	**3455**	**3426**	**263.5**
Bruce Gradkowski, Toledo	11	61	291	332	2469	2760	250.9
Matt Bohnet, E Michigan	10	78	250	351	2187	2429	242.9
Phil Horvath, N Illinois	**9**	**34**	**21**	**238**	**2001**	**2022**	**224.7**
Michael Machen, Kent St	**10**	**60**	**-42**	**365**	**2078**	**2036**	203.6
Garrett Wolfe, N Illinois	**9**	**242**	**1580**	**0**	**0**	**1580**	**175.6**
Joey Lynch, Ball St	**11**	**86**	**-128**	**315**	**1993**	**1865**	**169.5**
Drew Willy, Buffalo	**10**	**81**	**-32**	**246**	**1481**	**1449**	**144.9**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Daniel Bazuin, C Mich	**26.5**	**186**
Ameer Ismail, W Mich	**20.0**	**98**
Justin Parrish, Kent St	20.0	96
Kevin Howe, E Mich	**16.5**	**85**
Brian White, Akron	16.5	65
Jermaine Reid, Akron	**13.5**	**55**
Aaron Sanders, Buffalo	13.0	70
Colin Ferrell, Kent St	**13.0**	**41**
Rob Schroeder, Buffalo	13.0	39
Jay Rohr, Akron	13.0	35

Numbers come from MAC final statistics.

FIELD GOALS

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Jason Robbins, Toledo	12	13	13	100.0	44
Travis Mayle, Kent St	11	8	11	72.7	45
Andrew Wellock, E Mich	**11**	**18**	**25**	**72.0**	**52**
Todd Soderquist, Miami	11	19	27	70.4	40
Jason Swiger, Akron	13	14	20	70.0	49
Chris Nendick, N Ill	**12**	**9**	**13**	**69.2**	**52**
Brian Jackson, Ball St	**11**	**9**	**13**	**69.2**	**54**
Nate Meyer, W Mich	**11**	**12**	**19**	**63.2**	**44**
Rick Albreski, C Mich	**11**	**10**	**19**	**52.6**	**39**

Central Michigan
LT Joe Staley

Kent St
DL Daniel Muir

Miami
FS Joey Card

N Illinois
LT Doug Free

PHIL'S MAC UNIT RANKING

Eastern Division	OA	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	DN
Buffalo	9	8	11	12	12	10	4	7	12
Miami	11	2	3	11	10	12	8	3	9
Bowling Green	4	11	8	4	8	9	9	12	3
Kent State	5	7	4	7	3	11	1	11	9
Ohio	6	2	6	7	9	2	5	9	3
Akron	1	8	8	3	2	7	3	10	3
Western Division	OA	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	DN
Ball State	6	10	7	10	11	4	10	2	7
Toledo	6	2	2	1	3	7	6	8	1
C Michigan	10	2	8	2	1	3	12	4	7
E Michigan	12	11	1	7	7	4	11	1	9
W Michigan	3	6	11	4	5	1	7	5	6
Northern Illinois	2	1	4	4	5	6	2	6	2

NORTHERN ILLINOIS HUSKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2002 NI had to replace Chris Finlen who was the first player in school history to top 1,000 yards passing in four different years leaving as the school's career leader in total offense. Josh Haldi, who was the backup in '01 (7 pass att), went 25-8 as a 3 year starter. In '03 he threw for 2,544 (59.2%) with a 25-9 ratio. In '04 he suffered a stress fracture in August and Phil Horvath stepped in. After a shaky first couple of games, Horvath had 4 TD passes vs Iowa St and QB'd the big win over BG. Haldi then returned and threw for 1,384 (52.5%) with a 15-4 ratio. Horvath threw for 954 (58.5%) with just a 6-7 ratio. Horvath battled Dan Nicholson who has the stronger arm but Nicholson was bothered by a sore shoulder, so Horvath was the clear cut starter in '05. He broke the school's single game passing record (held by George Bork, 445 in 1963) throwing for 486 and 6 TD's vs Akron. After Miami, he was 4th in the NCAA in pass efficiency (72.4%). Unfortunately he broke his arm vs CM. Against Tenn Tech, the mobile Britt Davis (4.6 spd), was the backup but moved to receiver so Nicholson was thrown into the lineup and hit 19 of 27 for 320 vs CM guiding the win. He did not have the same type of success in his last three starts throwing for just 149 ypg and for the year completed 62.1% with a 6-2 ratio. Ryan Morris (6-2 177 rFr) was impressive on the scout team and Horvath and Nicholson both return giving the unit great depth.

RUNNING BACKS - NI has had 2 players lead the NCAA in rushing in Mark Kellar ('73) and LeShon Johnson ('93). Last year Garrett Wolfe finished #2. Michael "The Burner" Turner had 1,915 (5.7) in '02 and 1,648 (5.3) in '03 and left as the school's all-time leading rusher. AJ Harris, who was 221 lbs with 4.38 speed, led the team in rushing in the first 3 games of '04 but sprained an ankle and the Wolfe era began. Wolfe had -2 yards rushing in the 1H vs BG but finished with 202 then after rushing for 226 vs CM and 280 vs Ball St, he set a school record with 325 vs EM (LeShon Johnson, 322 vs S Ill '93). He finished with 1,656, an outstanding 6.5 ypc and a school record 21 total TD's. Harris had 822 (4.7) and Adrain "Train" Davis had 159 (4.3). Last year Wolfe, who is quick and hides behind their big O-line, was the MAC West Off POW with 148 vs Michigan including a 76 yarder that was one of the longest runs ever allowed by the Wolverines. He had 245 vs NW (197 ypg vs two Big 10 teams) but was injured in the 2Q vs Tenn St after rushing for just 61 hurting his ypg. Wolfe missed 3 and with Harris also injured, Davis rushed for 252 vs Kent, the 10th best total in school history. The next two weeks, a banged up Harris and Davis combined for 68 rush yards. Wolfe got 177 vs Toledo, 277 vs WM and set an NCAA record for a Title game with 270, breaking Darren Sproles' 2003 record (235). That final game performance gave him an average of 175.6 ypg (#2 NCAA). This year they lose Harris (351, 6.1) and Davis (463, 5.6). Not listed in the two deep below are Montell Clanton (5-9 177 So, PS#258) who had 102 (4.9), Cas Prime (6-1 229 Jr, PS#143, 8 yds), Earnest Streeter (5-10 188 rFr), Victor Scott (5-9 169 So) and true frosh Ricky Crider.

TB Garrett Wolfe

RECEIVERS - NI is making a habit of producing NFL WR's with Sam Hurd (UFA DAL) recently being the 5th. In 2002 Dan Sheldon had 1,542 all-purp yards and 19.6 ypc. He was injured midway through 2003 and PJ Fleck had more than double the amount of yards of the next man (1,028). Fleck departed in '04 but Sheldon led the NCAA with an outstanding 23.4 ypc on 40 catches. Last year Sheldon and their top TE both departed and the leading returnee was Hurd (27, 11.0). Hurd, at 6'4" with outstanding speed and a 35" VL, finally lived up to his potential as a senior. He had 223 yards vs Miami (#2 school history) and then topped Fleck's record (234 in '03) with 266 vs CM. Hurd had added 15 lbs of muscle and became just the 5th receiver in school history to top 1,000 yards. Shatone Powers had 43 (11.5) and converted QB Britt Davis had 42 (10.5). This year they lose Hurd and Powers along with backup TE Pat Raleigh (5 rec). WR Marcus Perez who started three as a true (10 rec in '04) missed '05 and returns. Davis appears to be the next in the Huskies' line of NFL caliber WR's and also watch for HT Orlando Moore (PS#48) who was able to redshirt. I like the potential of this unit but with the loss of a talent such as Hurd, it will probably be down a few notches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Joe Novak does a great job with this unit as they had a Big 10 caliber O-line in 2000 which opened holes for 4.7 ypc rushing. In 2002 they had 4 returning starters and averaged 4.5. They had to replace four starters in both 2001 and 2003 and avg just 3.4 and 3.8. With 4 starters back in 2004 the line paved the way for 5.2 ypc and allowed just 16 sacks and four OL's made the All MAC team. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup. They only allowed 1 sack vs the two Big 10 teams they faced and once again avg'd 5.2 ypc but allowed 10 more sacks than 2004. This year they have to replace C Brian Van Acker (12 st, 2 yr st'r, 1st Tm MAC L2Y), RG Jake Ebenhoch (12 st, 3 yr st'r), LG Ben Lueck (2 yr st'r, 1st Tm MAC, 12 st), George Daglas (2nd string) and LS Jason Labus. While this unit is not as experienced as 2005's OL, it will still be one of the MAC's top O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - NI allowed 3.9 ypc rush in 2004 while recording 30 sacks. Last year they had 3 starters back including Ken West who had 8 sacks in 2004 and Quince Holman who set a NI qbh record with 38. Surprisingly the ypc remained the same and the sack total dropped to 19. This year while they lose two starters, DE Holman (9 st, 67 tkl, 5 sk, 1st Tm MAC) and DT Martin Wilson (6 st, 21 tkl), they return 6 of the top 8 including 7 with starting experience and should improve upon 2005's numbers.

LINEBACKERS - The Huskies' LB corps was wiped out last year as they lost two starters due to graduation including their #1 tackler and then their lone returnee, Javan Lee (#2 tackler) missed the season. A pair of true frosh combined for 7 starts and two rFr combined for 10. This year the only loss is Jason Hutton (9 st, 58 tkl, 4 tfl). Eight of the top 9 are underclassmen. Although young, this group is vastly more experienced than the 2005 version. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are William Tsutsumi (5-11 180 Jr), Harold Alexander (5-9 205 rFr) and Bob McLearen (6-1 226 Jr, PS#313).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Huskies had to replace two starters from their secondary in 2004 and finished #63 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace two starters again in 2005 but managed to move up to #34. The team's first int of the year was not until game 5 vs Miami and that was by a LB but they finished the year with 11. This year they lose SS Ray Smith (12 st, 82 tkl, 4 pbu, 1st Tm MAC) and backup Deon Smith (32 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back including the Hansbro twins at CB and even with the loss of their top guy, this group is more experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - NI has had four players earn MAC ST POY since 2000 and finished #8 in my rankings that year. Steve Azar was a FG K extraordinaire earning that honor twice. True frosh Chris Nendick (PS#50) set NI's frosh scoring record hitting 16 of 21 FG's with a long of 47 in '04. As I mentioned last year he has a chance of breaking Azar's records for FG's and points. NI finished a surprisingly low #68 in '04 as they had a net punt avg of just 31.3 and after being +13 in the TD/Blk category the previous 4 years they were -4. Last year they had to replace their P as well as their top KR and PR but stayed at #68. Nendick broke Azar's school record for consecutive xp's (52) and the current streak is now 94 and also tied Azar's record for longest FG with a 52 yarder in the MAC Title game. He hit 9 of 13 with two blocks and had 20 TB's on 70 KO's. Andy Dittbenner (PS#68) won a tight battle as a true frosh for the punting job over Jason Baez. He averaged 38.6 (net 32.1). Shatone Powers avg'd 8.3 on PR's and 25.8 on KR's with AJ Harris avg 27.2 on KR's. While they lose the top returnmen, they have arguably the best kicking combo in the MAC.

COACHES - Joe Novak got off to a slow start in his NI career but luckily the AD showed patience and after just three wins in his first 3 years, he has totalled 5, 6, 6, 8, 10, 9 and 7 wins the last seven. They have been MAC West Co-Champs in three of the last five, winning the MAC West in '05. In '04 he had to replace both of his coordinators. The OC is John Bond (Army OC '00-'03) and the DC is Denny Doornbos (Army DC '90-'99).

PHIL'S FORECAST

The 2002 NI squad came up just :41 short of beating Toledo which would have given them the MAC West Title outright. In 2003 NI was picked to win the MAC for the first time ever and they upset #15 Maryland at home and won at #21 Alabama. For the first time they entered the AP Top 25. Bill Mallory's 1983 MAC Champs finished #30 in the final poll. They were 4-0 for the first time since 1965 and became the first MAC team to beat two BCS ranked teams in one year. They actually opened 7-0 and were the first non-BCS team to crack the Top 10 in the BCS poll when they opened at #10. ESPN's College Gameday was on hand when #12 NI battled #23 BG in the first battle of MAC ranked teams since 1973 but BG prevailed and later NI came up short against Toledo. They still finished 10-2 but somehow were not picked for a bowl. They had 12 starters back in 2004 and had the best schedule of the MAC teams getting key games vs BG and Toledo at home. They moved up to #22 but Toledo ended NI's 11 game home win streak with an upset. NI did get to a bowl and knocked off Troy 34-21. BG Coach Gregg Brandon said prior to 2004, "The loudest place that we've played in, in three years was N Illinois." He added, "It wasn't Ohio St, it wasn't Purdue." NI put up 411 yards vs Michigan last year and came up a 2 pt (missed) conversion short of upsetting Northwestern on the road. They also lost to Akron in OT opening just 1-3. They were stunned by Ball St at home (-29) but still got to their first MAC Title game and in the process ended Toledo's 17 game home win streak. NI had not won in the Glass Bowl since 1972 and had lost 11 in a row to Toledo. In the MAC Title game they gave up a 36 yd TD pass with :10 left for the stunning loss and once again a team that deserved a bowl, stayed home for the holidays. Novak, who was 1-26 to open his career, is now 53-34 since. NI did outgain MAC foes by 82.6 ypg, the second best mark in the league. NI has avg'd over 31.0 ppg the last four years and last year with six offensive starters back, avg'd 32.4. With six starters back this year, they should be potent once again. The Huskies' D allowed 22.8 ppg last year with just 5 returning starters and this year have 7 starters back (most in 4Y) and should be tougher on that side of the ball. My talent ratings call the Huskies the best team in the MAC, and they get their key game vs Toledo at home. I will call for the Huskies to bag their second MAC Championship this year.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 3 PHIL HORVATH SR. 6-3 197 PS#115. 12 st 2Y, 2955 pass (66%), 24-15 ratio, 157 rush. **19 Dan Nicholson** (6-2 183 So) **PS#68**. 3 st, 831 (62%) 6-2 ratio LY, 16 rush.

TB 1 GARRETT WOLFE SR. 5-7 173 **1st Tm MAC 2Y**. 4.46 spd. 15 st 2Y, **3236 rush** (6.5), 34 rush TD, 30 rec (11.3) 4 TD's. **21** Justin Anderson (5-11 203 rFr) PS#54QB.

WR 2 Matt Simon So. 6-2 195 PS#243. Inj LY. **5** Marcus Perez (5-11 172 So) 3 st true, 10 (16.6). **91** David Koronkiewicz (6-3 253 So) PS#91TE. 3 rec LY. **88** Brandon Beal (6-3 227 So).

WR 7 BRITT DAVIS SO. 6-2 195 PS#85QB. 9 st rFr, 42 (10.5). **13** Evans Adonis (6-0 165 So) PS#182. 5 gms LY. Yakuba Ajose (5-10 170 rFr). Marcus Lewis is PS#167.

WR 36 Orlando Moore rFr. 5-11 171 **PS#48. 14** Jarret Carter (6-3 200 Sr) 2 st, 7 rec 3Y. 4.55 spd. **17** Greg Turner (6-0 180 So) PS#139DB. 1 rec rFr. **82** Preston Williams (5-11 171 rFr).

TE 86 JAKE NORDIN SR. 6-3 258 6 st, 14 (8.7) '04. **2nd Tm MAC** LY, 9 st, 26 (10.2). **87** Brandon Davis (6-4 261 Jr) PS#43. 1 st, 97 ttl yd. **88** Reed Cunningham (6-4 256 rFr).

C 50 Eddie Adamski rFr. 6-2 265 PS#424. **73** Ethan Gill (6-4 272 rFr). **64** Jon Ellison (6-5 285 So). **Jason Onyebuagu is PS#56. LS 53** Dan Holzapfel (5-11 198 Jr).

RG 61 Matt Rogers Sr. 6-4 277 9 st LG rFr. 7 gm '04, 2nd string. Ineligible '05. **75** Ryan Tuggle (6-4 265 So) PS#250DL. 2nd string. **78** Dan Keller (6-4 308 So). In for spg.

LG 70 Chris Acevedo Jr. 6-5 304 PS#431. 40 snaps as rFr. 2nd string LT in '05. **77** Tim Mayerbock (6-4 313 rFr) PS#333. **74** Matt Biondi (6-5 335 Jr) PS#297. 2nd string 2Y.

RT 60 JON BROST SO. 6-6 296 PS#284. 12 st RT rFr, 804 snaps, 38 KD, 85% grade. **66** Tony Holmes (6-6 293 rFr) PS#514. In for spg. **64** Jake Wertz (6-4 289 rFr) PS#331.

LT 62 DOUG FREE SR. 6-7 302 NFL caliber. 12 st rFr (11LT, 1TE). 12 st LT '04, 2nd Tm MAC. 12 st LT LY, **1st Tm MAC**. **59** Kevin Skatrud (6-6 314 rFr) PS#533. #2 spg.

K 25 CHRIS NENDICK JR. 5-11 168 PS#50. 16 of 21 FG's true, long 47, 51-52 xp's. 9 of 13 LY, long 52, 50-50 xp's, 20 TB's on 70 KO's. **10** Luke Biondi (5-11 188 Sr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 34 KEN WEST SR. 6-1 238 PS#341RB. 8 st '04, **8 sk**. 11 st LY, 55 tkl, 3 sk. **99** Craig Rusch (6-4 252 So) PS#225. 4 st, 39 tkl, 5 sk LY. **97** Anthony Antonacci (6-1 250 rFr) PS#256.

NT 92 Adam Schroeder Jr. 6-5 273 PS#141TE. 7 st NT, 28 tkl, 4 tfl 2Y. **49** Brad Benson (6-1 260 Sr) 225 bench 25x. 28 tkl, 2 tfl 2Y. **93** Zach Osburn (6-5 250 So) PS#164LB.

DT 63 Zack Holycross Jr. 6-7 284 PS#362OL. 4 st, 2Y, 37 tkl, 4 tfl 2Y. **98** Eric Pittman (6-2 265 Sr) PS#164. 9 st, 3Y, 38 tkl. 350 bench. **69** Alex Krutsch (6-2 246 So). 6 tkl LY.

DE 51 LARRY ENGLISH SO. 6-3 236 PS#477. 9 st rFr, 78 tkl, 7 tfl LY. **56** Brandon Bice (6-3 236 rFr) PS#345LB. **95** Robert Oruche (6-4 245 Jr). **71** Adam Grimm (6-2 234 rFr). PS#238OL.

SLB 52 PHIL BROWN SO. 5-11 225 PS#156. 3 st true, 51 tkl. **33 Keenan Blalark** (5-10 228 Sr) 10 tkl, 1 sk '04. 10 st LY, 95 tkl, 4 tfl. **46** Luke Athans (6-2 215 So) 4 tkl as true.

MLB 53 TIM McCARTHY SO. 6-0 226 PS#205. 6 st rFr, 101 tkl, 3 tfl. **57** Zach Larsen (6-0 212 rFr) PS#175. **43** TJ Griffin (6-0 243 So) PS#287RB. 4 st rFr, 6 games, 18 tkl. 4.55 spd.

WLB 9 Josh Allen So. 5-11 217 PS#143QB. 4 st true, 37 tkl, 3 tfl. **38** David Bryant (5-10 193 rFr) PS#534. RB on scout tm LY. **8** Cory Hanson (6-1 196 rFr) PS#479DB.

CB 12 ADRIEL HANSBRO SR. 5-10 176 3 st rFr, 42 tkl, 2 int. 11 st '04, 81 tkl, 7 pbu. 12 st LY, 55 tkl, 3 pbu. **30** Bradley Pruitt (6-1 180 So) PS#338. **28** Andre Morris (5-8 172 Sr) 11 tkl 3Y.

CB 11 ALVAH HANSBRO SR. 5-10 170 12 tkl rFr, 1 st, 38 tkl '04. 12 st LY, 68 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. **31** Melvin Rice (5-10 185 So) PS#73. 15 tkl, 3 pbu true. **6** Vincent Matthew (5-10 194 So) PS#275WR.

SS 8 Mark Reiter Jr. 6-1 191 1 st LY, 35 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu. **27** Spencer Williamson (6-2 195 rFr). **37** Bill Ikegwuonu (5-10 198 So) PS#384LB. No spg, inj'd. Alex Kube is PS#177.

FS 35 DUSTIN UTSCHIG SR. 5-10 189 30 tkl first 2Y. 11 st FS LY, #1 tkl'r with 121, 3 int, 4 pbu. **32** Jeff Fontana (5-11 184 rFr) PS#355. **23** Saul Ibarra (5-11 192 Jr) 2 tkl last year.

P 18 ANDY DITTBENNER SO. 6-1 192 PS#68. 41.0 average, 36 rec in HS. 54 punts as true, 38.6 avg, net 32.1. **45** Jason Baez (5-9 181 Jr) 38.7 average at Bemidji St in 2004.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Jason Onyebuagu 6-2 305 PS#56
OL	Panan Tense 6-4 315 PS#171
DB	Alex Kube 6-1 200 PS#177
DB	James Jefferies 5-9 165 PS#155WR
WR	Marcus Lewis 6-2 195 PS#167
DL	Kris Cooke 6-3 305 PS#206
RB	Ricky Crider 5-9 185 PS#209
QB	Billy Lowe 6-3 214 PS#145
LB	John Tranchitella 6-2 200 PS#241DB
LB	Mike Lepper 6-2 215 PS#240
DB	Justin Stewart 6-1 185 PS#295
TE	Bryan Beckner 6-4 235 PS#103
DB	Mike Sobol 6-0 190 PS#240QB
DL	Ed Jackson 6-4 230 PS#412
TE	Vernon Sims 6-5 252 PS#157
OL	Mike Krause 6-3 270 PS#447DL
WR	Tyler Clasey 6-1 187 PS#485

N ILLINOIS HUSKIES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#115

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NI	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at Ohio St	G					
Sep. 9	Ohio	A					
Sep. 16	Buffalo	A					
Sep. 23	Indiana St	A					
Sep. 30	at Ball St	G					
Oct. 7	at Miami, Oh	A					
Oct. 14	at Western Michigan	A					
Oct. 21	Temple (HC)	A					
Oct. 28	at Iowa	G					
Nov. 7	Toledo (Tues)	A					
Nov. 11							
Nov. 17	C Michigan (Fri)	A					
Nov. 24	at E Michigan (Fri)	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

NIU is 8-15 SU but 15-8 ATS their last 23 games on grass.
N Illinois is 1-7 SU but 6-2 ATS the last 8 years in their away openers.
Huskies are 16-7 ATS vs non-conference teams since 1997.

The Huskies are 0-12 SU but 8-4 ATS since 1992 vs current B10 schools.
NIU is 8-1 ATS with 2 outright upsets the last 6 years as DD dogs

Huskies are 20-8 ATS their last 28 games after a SU loss.
N Illinois is 19-4 SU & 13-6 ATS in Huskie Stadium the last 4 years.

Last gm hosting Buffalo, NIU scored 73 pts which was 3rd most in school history & most S/'21.
N Illinois is 4-1 SU (only loss in '68) & 3-0 ATS all-time vs Buffalo.

The Sycamore's finished 0-11 LY as IAA Gateway Conference members.
Last time these schools met was in 1976 as ISU has a 5-3 advantage.

Huskies are 12-8-1 ATS since 1996 as an away favorite.
Northern Illinois is 6-3 SU & ATS vs Ball St since 1997.

Last game in Oxford, NIU was down 27-7 in the 3Q before outscoring MU 41-14.
Joe Novak was the DC & LB coach at MU (alma mater) from 1974-'76.

Garrett Wolfe rushed for 277 yds & scored 5 TD's last year vs W Michigan.
L3Y NIU has score 37, 59 & 42 pts vs WMU the 3 highest totals in their 31 gm history.

This will be the schools 2nd meeting as NIU won 20-17 in 1989 at Philadelphia.
The Huskies are 8-1 SU & ATS their last 9 Homecoming games.

The last time NIU was shutout was on 9-18-99, their last game vs Iowa.
N Illinois is 0-5 SU & 0-3 ATS being outscored 241-50 all-time vs Iowa.

LY marked the 1st time ever a Novak Huskie squad beat the Toledo Rockets (1-8 SU).
Huskies are 2-6 ATS prior to a bye week since 1995.

The Huskies are 3-8 ATS in home finales since 1995.
NIU is 8-0 SU & 7-1 ATS the last 8 years vs Central Michigan.

N Illinois has outrushed EMU the L8Y on avg 234.5 (5.3) to 89.5 (2.7) ypg.
Huskies are 6-11 SU but 11-6 ATS since 1994 in November road games.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: George Bork 6,782 1960-'63
Rushing: Michael Turner 4,941 2000-'03 Receiving: Justin McCareins 2,991 1997-'00

JOE NOVAK (Career 54-60)

11th Year at N Illinois
Novak's SU Bowl Record: 1-0

Novak's records AT N ILLINOIS

54-60	Straight Up	15-11	Home Favorite
59-43-2	Vs The Spread	11-8-1	Home Underdog
28-18-1	Off A SU Loss	12-8-1	Away Favorite
42-30-2	Vs Conference	21-16	Away Underdog
17-13	Vs Non-Conf	6-4	Off A Bye

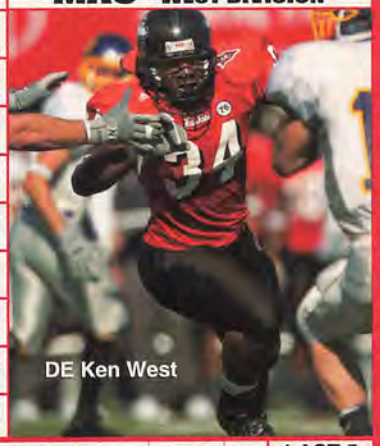
2005 RECORD: (7-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (17,23,2)
Lost: 18 (10,7,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,176

MAC - WEST DIVISION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STADIUM: HUSKIE STADIUM (28,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	6-5	6-5	8-4	10-2	8-3	7-5	50-30
Home	3-2	4-1	5-1	4-2	7-0	4-1	4-1	31-8
Away	2-4	2-4	1-4	4-2	3-2	4-2	3-4	19-22
ATS	7-3	6-4	4-6	9-2	6-5	6-4	7-4	45-28
Home Fav	3-0	3-0	0-3	2-1	3-2	2-1	2-2	15-9
Home Dog	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	6-2
Away Fav	1-0	2-1	1-1	3-0	1-2	2-2	2-2	12-8
Away Dog	2-3	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-1	3-0	12-9
Favorite	4-0	5-1	1-4	5-1	4-4	4-3	4-4	27-17
Dog	3-3	1-3	3-2	4-1	2-1	2-1	3-0	18-11
Grass	2-1	2-2	1-0	2-1	2-1	1-3	1-0	11-8
Artificial	5-2	4-2	3-6	7-1	4-4	5-1	6-4	34-20
vs Conf	6-2	4-3	2-5	7-1	3-5	5-3	5-4	32-23
vs Non-Conf	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	3-0	1-1	2-0	13-5
Off SU Win	3-1	3-2	3-3	6-2	4-4	3-4	3-4	25-20
Off SU Loss	4-2	3-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	2-0	3-0	16-6

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
83	California	NL	Cal St-Fullerton	20-13	–
04	Silicon Valley	+3	Troy	34-21	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

N Illinios' All-Time SU Bowl Record 2-0

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Garrett Wolfe	242	1630	50	1580	16	6.5
Adrian Davis	83	501	38	463	3	5.6
AJ Harris	58	370	19	351	5	6.1
Montell Clanton	21	111	9	102	0	4.9
Britt Davis	8	51	2	49	1	6.1
Phil Horvath	34	106	85	21	1	0.6
Dan Nicholson	19	16	105	-89	2	-4.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Phil Horvath	238	168	70.6	2001	18	8
Dan Nicholson	95	59	62.1	831	6	2
Britt Davis	3	2	66.7	17	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Sam Hurd	65	1074	16.5	13	79
Shatone Powers	43	494	11.5	3	55
Britt Davis	42	441	10.5	3	38
Jake Nordin	26	266	10.2	1	21
Garrett Wolfe	20	222	11.1	1	59
AJ Harris	11	97	8.8	0	16
Jarret Carter	5	65	13.0	0	44
Pat Raleigh	5	50	10.0	1	21
Brandon Davis	3	48	16.0	2	40

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Andy Dittbenner	54	2083	38.6	11	32.1	0	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Nendick	50-50	4-4	2-4	2-4	1-1	9-13	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dustin Utschig	121	0	0	4	3
Tim McCarthy	101	1	2	2	0
Keenan Blalark	95	0	4	4	1
Ray Smith	82	0	2	4	1
Larry English	78	1	6	0	0
Alvah Hansbro	68	0	3	7	2
Quince Holman	67	5	8	1	0
Jason Hutton	58	0	4	2	1
Ken West	55	3	1	1	0
Adriel Hansbro	55	0	1	3	1
Phil Brown	51	0	2	1	1
Craig Rusch	39	5	1	3	0
Josh Allen	37	0	3	1	0
Mark Reiter	35	0	1	2	1
Deon Smith	32	0	0	1	0
Martin Wilson	21	0	2	0	0
Zack Holycross	20	2	1	0	0
Eric Pittman	20	0	0	0	0
Brad Benson	19	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Shatone Powers	30	249	8.3	0
Mark Reiter	1	2	2.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
AJ Harris	15	408	27.2	0
Shatone Powers	13	335	25.8	0

N ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
6	32.4	21	207	5.2	237	68.0	13.7	-1	2005	5	22.8	22	148	3.9	222	57.2	16.2
7*	35.1	22	238	5.2	201	55.1	12.5	+8	2004	5	25.3	21	153	3.9	223	59.3	14.8
7*	32.2	20	160	3.8	219	59.1	11.8	+14	2003	6	21.5	19	141	3.6	231	55.9	17.3
6	31.3	19	201	4.5	175	50.9	12.0	+8	2002	8	24.8	19	132	3.5	255	56.8	15.6
6*	27.5	19	144	3.4	196	50.0	12.4	+9	2001	4	26.5	21	158	3.7	228	56.4	14.5
7*	37.2	23	228	4.7	200	54.4	11.5	+8	2000	8	25.5	19	151	4.1	210	59.6	14.2

2005 STATS BY GAME

NI 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Michigan	20	32-211	6.6	17-25	200	1	29	48-208	4.3	21-33	239	0	-4
–	at Northwestern	28	41-256	6.2	24-37	283	0	33	47-282	6.0	21-32	220	0	-1
–	Tennessee Tech	27	40-318	8.0	15-24	265	0	14	32-74	2.3	18-32	131	4	0
–	at Akron	26	27-50	1.9	39-52	486	5	20	32-119	3.7	20-39	406	0	-2
–	Miami, Oh	21	42-220	5.2	19-22	296	1	19	31-168	5.4	17-32	133	0	-1
–	E Michigan	17	53-315	5.9	15-23	119	2	10	32-73	2.3	15-31	101	2	-1
–	at Kent St	19	48-252	5.3	12-20	156	2	10	33-93	2.8	15-31	102	2	+2
–	Ball St	16	28-66	2.4	21-31	163	4	28	52-196	3.8	23-34	186	3	-1
–	at C Michigan	18	22-6	0.3	31-43	435	4	32	46-206	4.5	33-51	382	3	0
–	at Toledo	19	43-162	3.8	21-30	176	4	18	37-147	4.0	15-35	166	1	+4
–	W Michigan	24	50-366	7.3	8-13	160	0	19	32-104	3.3	26-42	185	2	+1
–	† Akron	19	52-250	4.8	7-17	110	3	27	32-105	3.3	30-52	413	2	+2
TOTALS		254	478-2480	5.2	229-337	2849	26	259	454-1775	3.9	254-444	2664	19	-1
AVERAGES		21.2	40-207	5.2	19-28	237	2.2	21.6	38-148	3.9	21-37	222	1.6	-0.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
South Florida	-18	20-17	L
at Illinois	+20	12-17	W
Sam Houston St	NL	41-16	–
at Toledo - #25	+17	20-41	L
Marshall	+1	15-37	L
at Kent St	-10'	34-44	L
W Michigan	+5	20-12	W
at C Michigan	-8'	33-24	W
E Michigan	-24	40-17	L
Ball St	-10'	33-29	L
at Wake Forest	+10'	35-38	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Wake Forest	+1	42-41 OT	W
at South Florida	+7	6-37	L
at Wisconsin - #22	+22	21-24	W
W Illinois	NL	26-29	–
Kent St	-6	13-6	W
at Ball St	-2	41-29	W
at Miami, Oh	+8	48-41	W
C Michigan	-9'	49-0	W
at W Michigan	-2'	24-20	W
Bowling Green - #20	+3'	26-17	W
at E Michigan	-23	49-21	W
Toledo	-1	30-33	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Maryland - #15	+8	20-13 OT	W
Tenn Tech	NL	42-17	–
at Alabama - #21	+13'	19-16	W
Iowa St	-6'	24-16	W
Ohio	-21'	30-23 OT	L
at C Michigan	-17'	40-24	L
W Michigan	-11	37-10	W
at Bowling Green - #23	+3'	18-34	L
Ball St	-15'	48-23	W
at Buffalo	-23	40-9	W
at Toledo	-1'	30-49	L
E Michigan	-26	38-24	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Maryland - #22	+14'	20-23	W
S Illinois	NL	23-22	–
at Iowa St	+3'	41-48	L
Bowling Green	+1	34-17	W
Akron	-17'	49-19	W
at UCF	-18	30-28	L
C Michigan	-19'	42-10	W
at W Michigan	-19'	59-38	W
at Ball St	-20	38-31 OT	L
Toledo	-7	17-31	L
at E Michigan	-17'	34-16	W

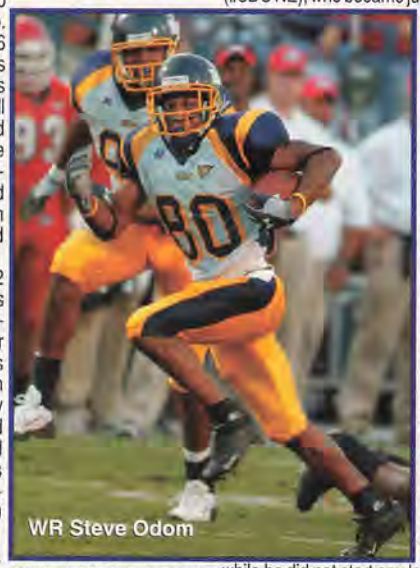
2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan - #4	+18'	17-33	W
at Northwestern	+2'	37-38	W
Tenn Tech	NL	42-3	–
at Akron	-7	42-48 OT	L
Miami, Oh	-3	38-27	W
E Michigan	-21	24-8	L
at Kent St	-10'	34-3	W
Ball St	-29	17-31	L
at C Michigan	-2	31-28	W
at Toledo	+10	35-17	W
W Michigan	-10	42-7	W
† Akron	-13	30-31	L

TOLEDO ROCKETS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - It appears that no matter who Tom Amstutz plugs into the QB position in this offense, he will be successful. Tavares Bolden threw for 2,466 yards completing a MAC record 67.1% of his passes in 2001 and JUCO transfer Brian Jones threw for 3,446 and reset the MAC record for completion % (70.2) in 2002. Bruce Gradkowski (3 att in '02) once again reestablished the MAC record for completion % (71.2) while throwing for 3,210 yards in 2003. He had a streak of 199 pass attempts without an int in 2004 and even played the MAC Title game with a broken hand. He threw for 3,518 yards (70.2%) with a 27-8 ratio in 2004. His backup QB was Marques Council (PS#126) but he was ruled academically ineligible in 2005. Gradkowski surpassed Gene Swick (7,266 '72-'75) for most career passing yards here and Ryan Huzjak (600 '93-'96) for most completions. Gradkowski suffered an early injury in 2005 (out vs Fresno) and was plagued by dropped passes. One of the few records he did not match was that of Chuck Ealey who led the team to 35 straight wins from 1969-'71 (an NCAA record). Gradkowski's numbers dropped to 2,469 (62.3%) with a 29-12 ratio. Clint Cochran (PS#104) got in 6 games (1 st) and had 262 yards (74.4%). Gradkowski (#6DC TB) was named co-MVP of the MAC and will be missed. However, Cochran should put up fine numbers. Battling for the backup spot are John Goolsby, Brandon Summers (PS#130), Jarod Davies (6-2 189 rFr) and true frosh Aaron Opelt who ran a similar spread offense in high school.


WR Steve Odom

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Toledo had to replace the school's all-time leading rusher, Chester Taylor. That 2002 unit featured senior William Bratton and three frosh RB's known as the "Baby Backs". Astin Martin led with 785 yds (5.8), Trinity Dawson rushed for 754 (4.7) and Quinton Broussard (PS#161) had 228 (4.4). In 2003 Martin saw his total drop to 436 and opted to transfer. Dawson (4.48 spd) led with 999 (5.0) starting all 12. He had 1,001 but lost two on his final carry. Dawson suffered through an injury plagued 2004 (missed 4) and had just 427 (5.1). Broussard had 507 (4.5) including 136 vs Ball St. Glenville HS product Scooter McDougle (PS#90) added size and power to the position and had three 100+ yard games down the stretch. In the MAC Title game McDougle broke numerous tackles for a 28 yard run for a FD on the team's most important carry of the season, but was injured and lost for the bowl (RS '05). Dawson started all 12 in 2005 and rushed for 1,294 (5.6) and departs along with the #2 rusher, Broussard (462, 7.2!). The leading returning rusher from '05 is Jalen Parmele (PS#104) who had 294 (4.6), but McDougle should become the feature back. Also in the mix are Richard Davis (6-0 200 So, PS#232) who rushed for 256 (7.1), rFr DaJuane Collins (PS#86) and this year's true frosh. Possibly playing this fall is VHT **Raymond Williams** (5-11 185 So, **PS#35**) who orig signed at W Virginia as he could challenge for a starting spot.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 the Rockets had to replace three starters including the school's all-time leading receiver, Dontá Greene and the first Rocket in their 83 year history to top 1,000 yards receiving in a single season, Carl Ford. Lance Moore simply led the NCAA in rec with 103 (11.6) and was 1st Tm MAC. In 2004 everyone was back except for 1st Tm MAC TE Andrew Clarke, who was lost for the year (hip). Moore led with 1,189 yds (13.2) and he left as the school's new all-time leading receiver. The only returning starter in '05 was Steve Odom and he led with 55 (12.5). Odom has the NCAA's longest current consecutive rec streak at 37. The unit was plagued by dropped passes. TE Clarke was never 100% and did not catch a pass. I list 3 TE's below who split time and combined for 67 rec (11.3) last year. Not listed in the 3 deep are WR Mike Norris (5-11 182 rFr) and TE's Tom Burzine (6-4 232 rFr) and Chad Spence (6-1 225 Sr). Almost the entire unit returns including Lance Moore's brother, Nick, who had 24 (14.0). The only losses are Clarke and WR Pete Lepley (7 rec). This unit should do a better job of holding onto the ball in 2006.

OFFENSIVE LINE - UT always has a strong O-line but in 2004 the unit paved the way for just 4.0 ypc rushing which was their weakest since 1998 (3.3) although they allowed just 19 sacks. Last year they had to replace 4 year starting LT Nick Kaczur (#3DC NE), who became just the third player to ever be a four-time All MAC honoree, as well as another starter and 2 backups. Despite the loss of Kaczur, the rush ypc improved to 5.3 ypc and the OL allowed just 13 sacks (3.4%). This year they lose RG Chris Wakeman (12 st, 2 yr st'r) and OL Coach Mike Devlin who left for the NY Jets. Four starters return including 1st Tm MAC LT John Greco and 9 of the top 10, so this should be one of the MAC's top O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Rockets allowed just 2.9 ypc rushing in Amstutz's first year. In 2002 they had to replace all four starters from the front wall and they yielded 4.2 ypc. They improved to 3.9, 3.9 and 3.5 the last 3 years. Last year they switched to a 3-4 D and this year 5 of the top 6 are back with the only loss being Tyree Pollard (2 st, 11 tkl, 3 tfl) who moves to RG. Not listed in the 3 deep below are John Duhé (6-4 231 rFr) and Alfred Martin (6-5 255 Jr, PS#145) who had 8 starts in 2004 but DNP in '05. Seth Thitoff had 10 starts in '04 (33 tkl) and while he did not start any last year, he led the DL with 31 tackles. This is the most experienced D-line that Amstutz has fielded.

LINEBACKERS - The Rockets switched from the 4-3 to a 3-4 last year and while they had just two starters returning to the four positions, they did welcome back their #2 and #3 tacklers, Anthony Jordan and David Thomas. This year they lose Jordan (2nd Tm MAC, 12 st, #1 tkl'r, with 107, 10 tfl, 2 int) and Thomas (12 st, 86 tkl, 3 tfl). Six of the top eight are back but with the loss of their top two guys, I'll call this unit down a notch.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rockets were #81 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and last year had seven of the top eight back although they did have to replace the team's #1 tackler, 1st Tm MAC FS Patrick Body. Tyrrell Herbert stepped into that FS spot and was #2 (94) in tackles last year. The Rockets shot all the way up to #28. This year they lose SS Keon Jackson (75 tkl, 4 int, 9 pbu, 12 st, 1st Tm MAC, UFA NE), CB Antonio Malone (PS#127, 12 st, 9 pbu, UFA DET) and CB Jason Flowers (1 st, 47 tkl). Five of the top eight are back and while this looks like a quality unit, they will likely drop some in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2002 Toledo finished #37 in my ST rankings and moved up to #8 in 2003 thanks to punter Brandon Hannum (40.7 net). In 2004 the group dropped to #77 with Hannum's departure. Last year they had to replace their star returnman, Lance Moore as well as their LS. K Jason Robbins missed 8 xp's in 2002 and Amstutz opted not to kick a FG many times. Amazingly Robbins finished his last two years hitting 22 of 23 FG's and was the first Rocket kicker to go through a season perfect (13 of 13 LY). He broke Tony Lee's (1980-'83) record for career FG % (78.4) by connecting on 82.6%. Punter Brett Kern avg 39.5 but had 4 blocked including 2 ret'd for TD's so the net was just 30.9. Michael Krispinsky had 11 TB's on 63 KO's as a true frosh but zero on 20 last year and Robbins had 8 TB's on 59 KO's. The top KR, Richard Davis (22.8 including a 94 yd KR TD vs W Illinois) and top PR Steve Odom (6.3) are both back. Overall, this unit was only #61 and even with the loss of Robbins they should improve, keeping in mind that he made just 2 kicks of 40+ in 3 years.

COACHES - Tom Amstutz was becoming the MAC's version of Bill Belichick as he had guided Toledo to three MAC Title games in four years (Belichick 3 SB Titles in 4 years) and like Belichick had to replace both of his coordinators last year. The new OC last year was John Shannon (WR coach previous 2 yrs), who was the OC at Troy in 2001-'02. Amstutz brought in DC Tim Rose who was the DC at LA Tech in 2004, the DC at Miami, OH from 1978-'82 and HC there for 5 years, including the 1986 MAC Championship season. He has recently been the DC at EC, EM, BC, Minny, Cincy and Memphis.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Tom Amstutz's first year he inherited a team that was 10-1 in 2000 and had outscored foes by an average of 25 ppg with 15 starters returning. He made a bold move by completely changing the offense from the run-oriented scheme that produced 36.4 ppg to the spread offense. In his first year the team went 10-2 and won the MAC Title (#23 AP poll). Amstutz had to replace 42% of his lettermen in 2002 and had a tough schedule. They still won the MAC West but lost to Marshall in the Title game. In 2003, once again Amstutz had to replace his star QB but Bruce Gradkowski hit 71% with a 29-7 ratio. Unfortunately, they lost in the season finale at BG and missed out on the MAC West Title. In 2004 Toledo had to replace all four starters from the defensive front and in their first two games gave up 1,205 yards (Minn & Kansas) playing 10 frosh on D. It appeared it would be a long season but Toledo went 9-1 beating #26 N Illinois on the road and #26 BG at home to win the West. They outgained MAC foes by a league best 128 ypg. Last year Toledo had 13 returning starters, the fewest lettermen lost (14) in the MAC and were on a 34-1 run in the Glass Bowl but lost to N Illinois, which caused them to finish as MAC West co-Champs which sent NI to the Title game. They also suffered a tough loss vs CM when a pass bounced off the finger tips of Nick Moore in the EZ, on the final play in a 4 point loss. In their other loss QB Gradkowski DNP vs Fresno St. They got a 45-13 blowout over a talented UTEP team in the GMAC Bowl and finished #26 in the AP poll. Amstutz had his contract extended through 2009 and has a 71% graduation rate. Toledo once again had the best mark in the MAC by far, this time outgaining league foes by 148 ypg (65.4 ypg better than #2 NI). This year they have 15 returning starters, their most since 2001, as they try to bag their 6th MAC West crown in 12 years and 13th straight winning year. UT played the 6th easiest schedule in the country last year (pg 317) and the lowest ppg by Amstutz's offense in 5 years is 32.4 (even with three 1st year starting QB's). Clint Cochran has 8 returning starters to work with and this offense will be potent. Toledo ranked #1 in the MAC in defense last year and despite replacing 3 of their top 4 tacklers, they have 7 quality starters back and will contend for that honor again. The Rockets have 6 tough road games including Iowa St, Pitt and West rivals WM and NI, but will have another fine season and are a prime contender for the MAC Title.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 11 Clint Cochran So. 6-3 205 PS#104. 1 st rFr, 262 (74%) 1-1 ratio, 31 rush. **6** Brandon Summers (6-0 187 rFr) PS#130. **12** John Goolsby (6-5 215 So). **8** Jarod Davies (6-2 189 rFr).

RB 10 Scooter McDougle Jr. 6-0 245 PS#90. 4 st, 620 (4.2) '04. ACL, out LY. **33** Jalen Parmele (6-0 222 Jr) PS#104. 1 st, 2Y, 477 (4.5). **22** DaJuane Collins (5-10 200 rFr) PS#86.

WR 2 ANDREW HAWKINS JR. 5-8 163 10 st LY, 28 (10.1). **4** David Washington (6-6 219 Jr) 3 st, 11 rec 2Y. **88** Stephen Williams (6-5 185 rFr). **34** Chris Peters (5-10 170 Sr).

WR 82 NICK MOORE SO. 6-4 192 10 st rFr, 24 (14.0). **9** DJ Nichols (6-2 219 Sr) PS#295JC. 2 rec LY. **5** Trumaine Smith (6-4 211 So) PS#95. **85** Robin Bailey (6-5 187 rFr).

WR 80 STEVE ODOM SR. 5-10 170 12 st, 62 (13.5) rFr. 13 st '04, 53 (12.7). 12 st LY, 55 (12.5). **84** Andre Redd (5-11 196 So) PS#306. 1 st, 8 rec LY. **87** Ryan Tabb (6-2 191 rFr) PS#232.

TE 91 CHRIS HOPKINS SR. 6-5 255 4 st LY, **2nd Tm MAC**, 31 (11.5). **86 Josh Powell** (6-5 263 Sr) PS#38. 7 st, 16 rec LY. **83 John Allen** (6-5 215 So). 1 st as true, 20 (10.4).

C 70 HASSAN ADEBESIN SR. 6-0 300 PS#369. 15 gm 1st 2Y. 12 st C LY. **72** Patrick Dawson (6-3 280 So) PS#193. 2nd string rFr. **50** Buster Garrett (6-3 272 rFr) **LS 17** Jeremy Mack.

RG 78 Kevin Kilgo rFr. 6-5 273 PS#78TE. **69** Jesse Anderson (6-4 300 Sr) 2nd string LY, lettered. **61** Tyree Pollard (6-3 312 Jr). 4 st, 30 tkl DT 2Y. **65** Chris Dyko (6-2 304 rFr).

LG 64 DAVID PERKINS JR. 6-2 308 11 st RG rFr. 12 st at LG LY. **74** Chad Diggs (6-4 313 Sr) 2nd string LY. **59** Matt Tramba (6-2 291 So). **55** Jim Wesolowski (6-3 310 rFr).

RT 63 JERRY AGUWA SR. 6-4 295 9 gm 1st 2Y. 12 st at RT LY. **73** Greg Luna (6-8 330 Sr) PS#493JC. 2nd string LY. **68** Kevin Hobbins (6-7 323 rFr). **71** Sam Azner (6-5 281 rFr).

LT 79 JOHN GRECO JR. 6-5 318 13 st RT '04. **1st TM MAC** LY, 12 st LT, only 1 sk all'd. **60** Sean Zabinski (6-6 302 So) PS#368. **67** Shawn Glaser (6-8 298 rFr) PS#329.

K 14 Michael Krispinsky Jr. 5-10 185 2-2 xp's. 11 TB's on 63 KO's as true. 20 KO in '05. Alex Steigerwald is PS#52. 47 yd FG in high school. **31** Drew Oehler (5-11 170 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 87 PATRICK CLARK JR. 6-4 266 PS#384. 13 st, 20 tkl 2Y. **35 Seth Thitoff** (6-2 220 Sr) PS#685LB. 10 st '04. 64 tkl, 9 tfl 2Y. **95** Nick Lawrence (6-3 229 Jr) PS#401. 6 tkl, 1.5 sk.

DT 96 JP BEKASIAK SR. 6-6 296 2 st '04. 12 st LY, 22 tkl, 4 tfl. **51** Aaron Albritton (6-2 261 Sr) PS#595OL. **98** Lyndon Gayle (6-4 253 rFr) PS#214. **99** Justin Collins (6-2 255 Jr).

DT 92 SEAN WILLIAMSON JR. 6-2 265 3 st '04. 12 st LY, 28 tkl, 3.5 sk. **57** Bernard Faithful (6-3 240 Jr) PS#146LB. 2 st, 39 tkl 2Y. **75 Alfred Martin** (6-5 255 Jr) PS#145. 8 st, 30 tkl '04 as true.

OLB 44 MIKE ALSTON SR. 6-2 212 PS#249RB. 50 tkl, 5 sk '04. 10 st LY, **1st Tm MAC**, 59 tkl, 9.5 sk. **13** Brandon Alexander (6-1 215 Jr) PS#153DB. 27 tkl 2Y. **52** Marcus Brooks (5-9 197 Jr).

ILB 54 Keith Forestal So. 6-3 215 PS#93TE. 8 tkl true. **45** Marques McFarlin (6-2 232 Sr) 9 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **48** Beau Brudzinski (6-1 204 rFr) PS#371. Joe Underwood is PS#194.

ILB 47 Steven Morrison Jr. 6-2 220 PS#320. 27 tkls as true. 2 sts LY, 31 tkl, 4 tfl. **46** Eric Heller (6-0 219 rFr). **17** Ted Rath (6-0 232 Sr) 1 gm, 0 tkl LY. Alex Johnson PS#241DL.

OLB 15 MICHAEL CHAMBERLAIN SR. 6-2 208 PS#327JC. 9 st, 59 tkl, 6 tfl LY. **32** Greg Hay (6-2 200 Jr) 3 st, 43 tkl LY. **39** Shaun Fitzgibbons (6-1 224 Jr). **59** David Fatula (5-9 189 So).

CB 21 NIGEL MORRIS JR. 6-0 181 PS#316. 12 st rFr, 76 tkl, 10 pbu, 3 int. 11 st LY, 33 tkl, 6 pbu, 1.5 tfl. **37** Walter Atkins (6-1 182 rFr). #2 in spg. **23** Chris Murphy (6-2 164 rFr).

CB 36 Keiron Brown So. 5-11 176 PS#476. 18 tkl rFr at SS. **5** Bo Martin (6-2 198 Sr) 2 st, 32 tkl, 3 pbu, 2 int, 3Y at CB. Joe Shuler is PS#336WR. Desmond Marrow is PS#431.

SS 34 Lester Richmond rFr. 6-1 184 PS#339. RS in 05. **20** Chris Faison (6-1 169 rFr) PS#503. 2nd string early LY but RS. Barry Church PS#196. 4.47 spd. Greg Harris PS#452RB '05.

FS 28 TYRRELL HERBERT JR. 6-2 190 PS#502. 9 gm true, 2 tkl. 12 st FS LY, 94 tkl, 6 pbu. **27** Jeff Green (6-2 185 So) PS#212WR. 2nd string as true. **22** Mike Fisher (6-1 174 rFr).

P 41 BRETT KERN JR. 6-3 195 PS#80. 44 punts true, 40.6 avg, 34.1 net. 33 punts LY, 39.5 avg, 30.9 net. 2 of 3 pass, 80 yd 2Y. Alex Steigerwald (5-11 170) 42.9 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Raymond Williams 5-11 185 PS#35 '04
TE	Jerome Jones 6-7 220 PS#88LB
OL	Jan Gewont 6-6 305 PS#136
OL	Chris Meenan 6-7 310 PS#154
DL	Nate Cole 6-2 285 PS#180
RB	Bruce Frieson 5-8 185 PS#179
RB	Dontae Jones 6-0 210 PS#161
DB	Barry Church 6-3 215 PS#196
DL	Maurice Hill 6-2 275 PS#221
LB	Joe Underwood 6-3 240 PS#194
OL	Jared Dewalt 6-4 295 PS#230
LB	Alex Johnson 6-2 235 PS#241DL
LB	Derrick Summers 6-2 235 PS#243
K	Alex Steigerwald 5-11 170 PS#52
LB	Archie Donald 6-2 230 PS#294
QB	Aaron Opelt 6-2 205 PS#260
DB	Joe Shuler 6-2 172 PS#336WR
DB	Desmond Marrow 6-3 196 PS#431
DB	Mark Jackson 6-0 195 PS#344WR
DB	Greg Harris 6-0 187 PS#452RB '05
TE	Matt Fought 6-4 210 PS#421LB
DL	Skylaar Constant 6-4 265 PS#438
RB	DeAndre Ware 5-8 178 PS#460
OL	Levi George 6-1 302 PS#562
DL	Douglas Westbrook 6-3 215 PS#495

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TOM AMSTUTZ (Career 45-18)
6th Year at Toledo
Amstutz's SU Bowl Record: 2-2

Amstutz's records AT TOLEDO

45-18	Straight Up	14-7	Home Favorite
29-24-3	Vs The Spread	4-0	Home Underdog
9-3-1	Off A SU Loss	5-9-1	Away Favorite
24-15-3	Vs Conference	6-8-2	Away Underdog
5-9	Vs Non-Conf	5-4	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (9-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (20,22,2)
Lost: 12 (6,5,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,817

MAC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#120

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	at Iowa St (Thur)	G					
Sep. 9	at Western Michigan	A					
Sep. 15	Kansas (Fri)	A					
Sep. 23	McNeese St	A					
Sep. 30	at Pittsburgh	G					
Oct. 7	C Michigan (HC)	A					
Oct. 14	at Kent St	A					
Oct. 21	at Eastern Michigan	A					
Oct. 28	Akron	A					
Nov. 7	at N Illinois (Tues)	A					
Nov. 14	Ball St (Tues)	A					
Nov. 21	Bowling Green (Tues)	A					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Toledo has a string of 12 consecutive winning seasons dating back to '94.
Amstutz has been playing & coaching at UT S/'73 (except for 3 yrs at Navy).
Rockets are 34-2 SU & 23-8 ATS the last 36 games at the Glass Bowl.

First meeting and Toledo is 8-12-2 ATS since 1997 as an away dog.
Rockets are 5-14-1 ATS their last 20 games on natural grass.

Toledo is 10-3-1 ATS the last 6 years off a SU loss.
Amstutz is 14-1 SU all-time vs Michigan MAC schools & is 9-2-1 ATS L4Y.

Third all-time meeting as UT is 0-2 SU & ATS being outscored 93-21 vs Kansas.
Could apply: Rockets are 24-12 ATS the last 36 games as a home favorite.

UT last played McNeese St in '88 (46-19 loss) as this will be the schools 3rd meeting.
The Cowboys finished 5-4 last year as Div IAA Southland Conf members.

UT beat #9 Pitt in '03 (outright upset), it was the highest ranked opp they have ever defeated.
Toledo is 6-14 SU & 3-5 ATS all-time vs current Big East opponents.

Rockets are 14-0-2 SU & 13-3 ATS S/'90 in their 1st MAC HG of the season.
Toledo is 6-0 SU & 4-2 ATS w/their avg win by 22 ppg L6Y on Homecoming.

First time Amstutz will face KSU as UT is 3-0 SU & ATS the L/3 gms ('99, '94 & '93).
Toledo is 8-3 SU & 6-4-1 ATS the last 4 years vs current MAC East teams.

Rockets are 13-3 SU & 9-6-1 ATS since 1990 vs the Eagles.
UT's last loss vs EMU was in '99 since that they have won by an avg margin of 29 pts.

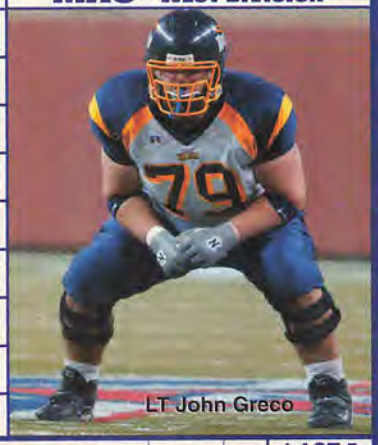
The Rockets are 5-0 SU & ATS since 1994 vs the Zips.
Toledo hasn't lost to Akron at home since 1937.

Rockets are 11-3 SU & 10-3-1 ATS the last 4 years in November.
Toledo is 11-1 SU & 9-2-1 ATS the last 12 games vs Northern Illinois.

UT is 8-0 SU & 6-2 ATS since 1997 the week after playing rival N Illinois.
The visitor is 2-7 ATS the last 9 years in this series.

Toledo is 8-3 SU & 7-3-1 ATS the last 11 meetings w/Bowling Green.
Excluding MAC Title gms, UT is 15-1 SU & 12-4 ATS in their final HG's S/'90.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Bruce Gradkowski 9,225 2002-'05
Rushing: Chester Taylor 4,849 1998-'01 Receiving: Lance Moore 2,776 2001-'04


LT John Greco

STADIUM: GLASS BOWL (26,248)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (NeXturf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	10-1	9-2	9-4	8-4	9-3	8-3	59-22
Home	4-3	6-0	6-0	5-1	6-0	5-0	4-1	36-5
Away	2-2	4-1	3-2	4-3	2-4	4-3	4-2	23-17
ATS	5-5	7-2	4-7	8-3-1	7-3-1	7-4-1	3-7	41-31-3
Home Fav	3-1	3-1	2-3	4-1	3-0	3-1	2-2	20-9
Home Dog	0-2	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	4-2
Away Fav	2-1	3-1	1-4	2-0	1-2	1-0-1	0-4	10-12-1
Away Dog	0-1	1-0	0-0	2-2-1	1-1-1	2-3	1-1	7-8-2
Favorite	5-2	6-2	3-7	6-1	4-2	4-1-1	2-6	30-21-1
Dog	0-3	1-0	1-0	2-2-1	3-1-1	3-3	1-1	11-10-2
Grass	1-1	2-1	0-3	1-1	0-1-1	0-0	1-3	5-10-1
Artificial	4-4	5-1	4-4	7-2-1	7-2	7-4-1	2-4	36-21-2
vs Conf	5-3	5-2	2-6	7-1-1	6-1-1	6-2-1	3-5	34-20-3
vs Non-Conf	0-2	2-0	2-1	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-2	7-11
Off SU Win	2-2	5-2	2-6	5-3-1	5-2-1	6-2	1-6	26-23-2
Off SU Loss	3-2	1-0	1-1	3-0	2-0	1-1-1	2-1	13-5-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Trinity Dawson	232	1318	24	1294	5	5.6
Quinton Broussard	64	478	16	462	5	7.2
Jalen Parmele	**64**	**300**	**6**	**294**	**3**	**4.6**
Bruce Gradkowski	61	366	75	291	4	4.8
Richard Davis	**36**	**259**	**3**	**256**	**2**	**7.1**
Andrew Hawkins	**11**	**53**	**24**	**29**	**0**	**2.6**
Clint Cochran	**15**	**31**	**47**	**-16**	**1**	**-1.1**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bruce Gradkowski	332	207	62.3	2469	29	12
Clint Cochran	**43**	**32**	**74.4**	**262**	**1**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Steve Odom	**55**	**690**	**12.5**	**6**	**46**
Chris Hopkins	**31**	**355**	**11.5**	**4**	**35**
Nick Moore	**24**	**335**	**14.0**	**4**	**37**
Andrew Hawkins	**28**	**283**	**10.1**	**3**	**70**
Trinity Dawson	22	241	11.0	4	38
John Allen	**20**	**209**	**10.4**	**5**	**33**
Josh Powell	**16**	**191**	**11.9**	**2**	**25**
David Washington	**9**	**126**	**14.0**	**1**	**33**
Pete Lepley	7	91	13.0	1	28
Andre Redd	**8**	**83**	**10.4**	**0**	**26**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brett Kern	**33**	**1305**	**39.5**	**8**	**30.9**	**4**	**9**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Robbins	54-55	8-8	4-4	1-1	0-0	13-13	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Anthony Jordan	107	4	6	2	2
Tyrrell Herbert	**94**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**1**
David Thomas	86	0.5	2.5	7	1
Keon Jackson	75	1	3.5	9	4
Mike Chamberlain	**59**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**0**
Mike Alston	**59**	**9.5**	**3**	**1**	**0**
Jason Flowers	47	0	0	3	2
Greg Hay	**43**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**1**
Antonio Malone	38	0	1.5	9	1
Nigel Morris	**33**	**0**	**1.5**	**6**	**1**
Steven Morrison	**31**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Seth Thitoff	**31**	**1.5**	**4.5**	**2**	**0**
Sean Williamson	**28**	**3.5**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Bernard Faithful	**25**	**0.5**	**1**	**2**	**0**
JP Bekasiak	**22**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Keiron Brown	**18**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Patrick Clark	**17**	**0**	**2.5**	**0**	**0**
Bo Martin	**15**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**2**
Brandon Alexander	**15**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Tyree Pollard	**11**	**1.5**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Steve Odom	**20**	**126**	**6.3**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Richard Davis	**17**	**387**	**22.8**	**1**
Steve Odom	**11**	**273**	**24.8**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
95	Las Vegas	E	Nevada	40-37	W
01	Motor City	-4	Cincinnati	23-16	W
02	Motor City	+4	Boston College	25-51	L
04	Motor City	-3'	Connecticut	10-39	L
05	GMAC	-3	UTEP	45-13	W

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	35.8	24	217	5.3	230	63.8	12.5	+5	2005	8	21.8	19	126	3.5	191	55.4	14.6
7*	33.2	23	161	4.0	298	68.6	13.8	-2	2004	5	31.1	22	142	3.9	275	56.6	13.4
4	32.4	24	185	4.9	278	70.4	14.3	+11	2003	8	23.8	21	150	3.9	238	63.2	16.3
7	35.4	24	214	5.1	258	69.8	13.4	+7	2002	4	27.0	20	151	4.2	213	58.2	13.5
7*	33.9	23	223	4.9	223	65.6	13.1	+1	2001	8	24.8	19	99	2.9	222	57.5	12.9
9*	36.4	22	254	5.4	151	56.3	11.1	+22	2000	8	11.4	15	82	2.5	188	53.3	23.7

2005 STATS BY GAME

UT 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	W Illinois	23	37-210	5.7	16-26	191	1	19	41-64	1.6	18-29	239	4	+5
–	W Michigan	31	43-254	5.9	29-39	358	1	17	30-84	2.8	20-35	215	3	-1
–	at Temple	22	33-196	5.9	23-32	197	0	21	34-136	4.0	18-38	245	3	+2
–	at Fresno St	20	49-141	2.9	16-24	163	4	13	33-179	5.4	9-17	69	0	-2
–	E Michigan	25	41-295	7.2	16-27	161	1	19	25-101	4.0	25-43	190	3	+2
–	at Ball St	25	45-231	5.1	18-30	241	0	14	40-124	3.1	11-19	76	4	+1
–	Buffalo	22	40-292	7.3	16-21	186	1	21	43-118	2.7	18-33	241	4	+2
–	at C Michigan	19	30-95	3.2	28-45	262	2	22	44-160	3.6	20-37	189	1	+1
–	at Ohio	26	44-293	6.7	22-31	236	0	18	38-146	3.8	13-23	148	1	+1
–	N Illinois	18	37-147	4.0	15-35	166	1	19	43-162	3.8	21-30	176	4	-4
–	at Bowling Green	29	52-284	5.5	23-36	298	2	30	34-180	5.3	25-43	315	1	-1
–	† UTEP	25	39-164	4.2	19-32	304	0	16	28-63	2.3	17-41	192	3	-1
TOTALS		285	490-2602	5.3	241-378	2763	13	229	433-1517	3.5	215-388	2295	31	+5
AVERAGES		23.8	41-217	5.3	20-32	230	1.1	19.1	36-126	3.5	18-32	191	2.6	0.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Minnesota	-5	38-7	W
at Temple	-7'	33-7	W
at C Michigan	-24'	52-28	L
N Illinois	-17	41-20	W
at Ohio	-13	48-41	L
at Ball St	-23'	20-24	L
Navy	-29	21-20	L
W Michigan	-11	41-35	L
E Michigan	-33	28-7	L
at Bowling Green	-3	21-56	L
† Marshall - #20	+3	41-36	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Cal Poly	NL	44-16	–
at E Michigan	-22	65-13	W
at Minnesota	+7	21-31	L
UNLV	-7'	38-21	W
at Pittsburgh	+5	19-37	L
Ball St	-18	37-17	W
at UCF	+4	27-24	W
Miami, Oh	-3'	13-27	L
C Michigan	-14	44-17	W
at W Michigan	-7	42-21	W
at N Illinois	+1	33-30	W
Bowling Green	-3	42-24	W
† Marshall	+4	45-49	T

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at UNLV	E	18-28	L
Liberty	NL	49-3	–
at Marshall	+5'	24-17	W
Pittsburgh - #9	+10	35-31	W
at Syracuse	+3'	7-34	L
E Michigan	-27	49-14	W
at C Michigan	-14'	31-13	W
at Ball St	-12	14-38	L
Buffalo	-26	56-29	W
N Illinois - #22	+1'	49-30	W
W Michigan	-11'	34-17	W
at Bowling Green - #22	+8	23-31	T

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Minnesota - #25	+11'	21-63	L
at Kansas	+3	14-63	L
at E Michigan	-10	42-32	T
Temple	-7'	45-17	W
Ball St	-16	52-14	W
at W Michigan	-14	59-33	W
Ohio	-13'	31-13	W
C Michigan	-24	27-22	L
at Miami, Oh	+5'	16-23	L
at N Illinois	+7	31-17	W
Bowling Green	+4	49-41	W
† Miami, Oh	+1'	35-27	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
W Illinois	NL	62-14	–
W Michigan	-22	56-23	W
at Temple	-28	42-17	L
at Fresno St	+14	14-44	L
E Michigan	-20	30-3	W
at Ball St	-22	34-14	L
Buffalo	-30'	38-15	L
at C Michigan	-7'	17-21	L
at Ohio	-10'	30-21	L
N Illinois	-10	17-35	L
at Bowling Green	+4	44-41 2OT	W

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C MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Kent Smith had great size (6-5 215), a strong arm, was very athletic and mobile. Amazingly, he got in former Coach DeBord's doghouse and in his first 3 years, played in just four games. Coach Kelly came in and Smith won the starting job in '04 and threw for 2,284 (56.5%) with a 16-8 ratio (528 rush). He set a school record for total offense with 446 yards vs Toledo and tied a school record that was set back in 1929 by Bill Kelly (Kelly/Shorts Stadium namesake) with 5 TD passes vs EM. Smith was basically a poor man's Vince Young last year as he set CM's single-season record for attempts (420) and completions (255) and reset his total offense record two times with 478 vs Miami and 480 vs WM. He led the MAC in total offense throwing for 2,799 (60.7%) with a 16-6 ratio (684 rush). He set single game records with 70 pass attempts, 46 completions and 480 pass yards. Smith was held to 92 yards passing vs Army in a downpour but did lead a 14 play, 76 yard drive in which he accounted for 38 yards rushing and 35 passing to pull out the win. Unfortunately Smith (UFA OAK) leaves this year. Redshirt frosh Brian Brunner (PS#89) got in just 3 games (3-3, 21 yds) and will battle HT Sean Price (6-1 197 rFr, PS#35), Dan LeFevour (PS#93), Duane Brooks (PS#220) as well as Charley Molnar (6-1 197 So, PS#359). CM has 3 pass att's among their returning QB's, the 4th fewest in the NCAA. Kelly has some solid talent to work with but it will be tough to match Smith's talent, experience and production.

RUNNING BACKS - Diminutive Jerry Seymour (5-6 190), rushed for 1,117 (5.4) in just 9 games as a true frosh. In 2004, Seymour, who hid behind big OL's, rushed for 1,284 (4.9). Unfortunately he was dismissed prior to the 2005 season. His top backup, Spencer Lewis, was dismissed after starting the opener (6 yd). True frosh Ontario Sneed stepped in and had a huge 80 yard TD run vs Indiana and the next week a 60 yard TD run on 4th & 2 with 1:44 left which put them ahead of Miami. Sneed topped the magical 1,000 yard barrier with 1,065 (4.8). He was almost the exclusive ball carrier as top backup Anthony Boykins (PS#153) had just 65 (3.8). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Kemp Luchie (5-10 211 Jr), Clifford Gilliam (5-7 165 rFr), Victor Doman (6-1 227 Jr) and this year's true frosh. The good news is Sneed and Boykins return and this unit is much more experienced than last year.

DE Daniel Bazuin

RECEIVERS - CM returned their top two WR's last year in Damien Linson (37, 15.5) and Justin Harper (39, 13.5). After missing '04 with injury, Jacob Brown (LB Isaac's brother) was moved from WR to TE where he had a major impact. Brown, who has 4.43 speed and benches 400 lbs, had 33 (13.0). Linson became the first CM player since Reggie Allen (1996) to have a 200 yard receiving day when he snagged 5 for 204 vs Miami. Harper set a school record with 14 rec vs WM and finished #1 with 64 (9.5) while Linson led in receiving yards (832, 14.9). One of the fastest WR's is Obed Cétoute (4.34) who did not play as a rFr but had 3 starts as a soph and has 40 rec in two years. Jemmy Jasmin had 13 rec in the first 4 games but then broke his leg. This year they lose WR Harper (10 st), TE Brown (11 st, UFA OAK), WR Michael Jean (94 ttl yd) and backup TE Troy Peyerk (7 rec). While this unit probably won't put the numbers up that it did in 2005 with an inexperienced QB, the talent and experience level is very close to last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Brian Kelly's first year, the OL returned four starters but only paved the way for 4.2 ypc rushing which was their lowest in four years and also allowed the most sacks in four years (26). Last year three starters returned but they had to replace a pair of NFL DC's. Having a mobile QB does help the OL stats but CM surprisingly dropped to 4.0 ypc although the sack total dropped to 22 (5.2%). This year they lose RG Jeff Jenerou (11 st, 3 yr st'r), Brandon Zukoff (2nd string) and RG Eric Karbowski (2nd string). Their star is LT Joe Staley who will catch the attention of NFL scouts and four starters are back. Despite having a less mobile QB, I look for the stats to improve as this is the best O-line that Kelly has fielded here.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 an inexperienced D-line allowed a MAC worst 5.2 ypc rushing. The star of the unit was true frosh Dan Bazuin who led all of the frosh in the NCAA with 14 tfl. In 2004 another true frosh, Steven Friend, started all 11 as they had 7 of the top 8 back and CM allowed 76 ypg less rushing (3.9). Last year they had to replace just one starter again. Bazuin simply tied the MAC single season record for sacks (16). RFr NG Ronnie Ekdahl got one start and played in 6 games but then was lost for the year. This time CM allowed the MAC's lowest rush ypg (114) and just 3.2 ypc while the sack total increased to 29. This is a veteran unit once again as their only losses are NG Tony Thompson (10 st, 31 tkl, 3.5 sk), DE Jason Smith (2 st, 30 tkl) and DT Temirez Williams (3 tkl). Bazuin was the MAC Def POY and returns for his senior season making this one of, if not the best, D-lines in the MAC.

LINEBACKERS - CM had to replace five LB's last year who combined for 20 starts but did move FS Isaac Brown into one of the starting spots so basically had two starters returning including Thomas Keith who led the team in tackles (95 in '04). Thomas led the team in tackles again last year (104) while Doug Kress and Brown tied for 3rd (73). This year the unit is in great shape as the entire two deep returns.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2004 they had to replace one starter but did start two true frosh CB's at times and finished #108 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace three starters as FS Brown moved to LB. I mentioned the unit was young but couldn't sink more in my pass D rankings and the group did rise to #95. This year the unit suffers a couple of surprise losses as both of those once true frosh starting CB's (now JR's) have left the team and just one starter returns to the unit. Gone are CB Ronnie Jackson (7 st, 44 tkl, 8 pbu), CB Raeshon Ball (9 st, 46 tkl, 4 tfl), CB Jesse Dailey (6 st, 34 tkl, 8 pbu), SS Marlin Maxwell (10 st, 47 tkl, 6 tfl) and CB Brandon Jackson (10 tkl, 2 st). Most of this year's signing class consisted of DB's and you can expect plenty to play immediately. Besides the QB's, this unit is clearly Kelly's biggest concern in 2006.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2004, thanks mostly to the presence of kick blocking extraordinaire James King, CM led the NCAA in blocked kicks with 12. They had to replace King last year as well as top KR Asante White (28.0). TE Brown blocked Miami's 28 yard FG attempt with :11 left giving CM the win. Mike Gruzwalski handled the FG's for three years hitting 24 of 38 with a long of 40 but lost his job to VHT Rick Albreski (PS#9). Albreski missed his first FG but then hit 6 of 8. Unfortunately he hit just 4 of his final 10 and his long was 39 missing all 4 from 40+. Gruzwalski had zero TB's on 4 KO's while Albreski had 7 on 48. Now as a soph I look for Albreski to turn into one of the MAC's top kickers. Soph Jemmy Jasmin was the top returnman until he broke his leg and Damien Linson led in both PR's (9.2) and KR's (17.9). P Tony Mikulec had an avg of 37.5 (net 31.5) as a rFr but as expected, improved to 38.1 (net 32.6) in '05. CM was only #102 in my ST rankings in 2004 and moved up slightly to #92, and this should be one of the stronger ST units in the MAC in 2006.

COACHES - Brian Kelly had been the HC at Div II Grand Valley St for 13 years compiling a record of 118-35-2. Kelly never had a losing season with the Lakers and won Div II National Titles in 2002 and 2003 after finishing 2nd in 2001. He is well thought of in the state of Michigan and handled the OC duties himself the last 2 years. This year he hands over the OC job to Jeff Quinn who is in his 3rd season here and 23rd yr of coaching overall. Kelly also hired Charley Molnar who guided a school record breaking offense at Indiana St last year as the passing game coor. Last year they had co-DC's but this year the new DC is Joe Tresey, who was Georgia Southern's DC the last 2 years (#4 D in IAA in 2004).

PHIL'S FORECAST

CM won the Div II National Championship in 1974 and then moved to the MAC in 1975. Four of their first five years in MAC play they finished #1 or #2 and went on to win MAC Championships in 1990 and 1994 earning 2 bowl bids. In a 17 year streak from '74-'90 they had ZERO losing seasons. Since that last bowl in 1994, they have suffered 8 of 10 losing seasons. In 2003 CM slumped to 1-7 in MAC play and were outgained by an average of 140.1 ypg so they opted to bring in a new HC in Brian Kelly. Kelly's Div II offense in 2001 averaged 600.8 ypg. In 2004 they returned a 1,000 yard rusher, their top receiver plus four starters on the O-line and had 17 returning starters. They installed new FieldTurf at their stadium, hoping for fewer injuries. They also opted to move to the West sidelines in Kelly/Shorts Stadium after occupying the East since 1972. On the year they were outgained by an avg of 60 ypg in MAC play and finished just 3-5. Last year QB Kent Smith was back and had a fine senior season. He managed to guide CM to their first winning record since 1998. They gave Indiana a tough game but then were fortunate to block Miami's 28 yd FG attempt on the final play ending Miami's 10 game home win streak. They lost to EM in OT but upset Akron on the road as an 11 point dog and beat Army on the road in a driving rain storm. Versus Toledo, a pass into the EZ bounced off the UT receiver's hands on the last play and CM prevailed by 4. They missed a 39 yd FG with 1:00 left which would have tied NI. CM blocked a punt and returned it with 1:51 left for a TD to tie it at Ball St, and then stopped BSU on 4th & inches in OT. Their four road wins were the most since 1994. CM improved to 5-3 in MAC play and was +75.0 ypg, actually the 3rd best mark in the league. The offense has seven starters back. I was surprised that the Kent Smith-led offense last year only averaged 23.6 ppg which was the same mark they had in 2004 and their best since 1997 (25.6). In the 3rd year of Kelly's offense (even with a new QB) they should top that mark. In 2003 CM was last in the MAC in rush defense but last year actually improved to the best in the MAC (114 ypg) and allowed 23.6 ppg, the best total by the Chippewas' D since 1998 (23.0). This year's D has 7 starters back including their star, Daniel Bazuin but will need the young secondary to mature quickly to top last year's total. While CM has a young QB and secondary, they are strong where it matters the most (in the trenches). They have my #2 rated O-line and #1 rated D-line in the MAC and will be a contender for the MAC West Title. If they achieve another winning season, they will get to a bowl this year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 18 **Brian Brunner So.** 6-2 236 PS#89. 26 ttl yds rFr. 11 **Sean Price** (6-1 197 rFr) **PS#35.** 13 Dan LeFevour (6-3 215 rFr) PS#93. 6 Duane Brooks (5-10 174 rFr) PS#220.

RB 34 **ONTARIO SNEED SO.** 5-11 203 10 sts as true, 1065 rush (4.8), 51 rec (8.5). 32 Anthony Boykins (5-7 188 So) PS#153. 69 yds ttl as true. 37 LJ Hopkins (5-11 191 So).

WR 3 **DAMIEN LINSON SR.** 5-11 184 PS#209. 8 st, 37 (15.5) '04. 11 st LY, 56 (14.9), 426 ret yds. 37 Bryan Anderson (6-4 200 rFr). **FB** Troy Doane (6-0 214 So) 9 yds rush LY.

WR 2 **Jemmy Jasmin Jr.** 5-8 162 PS#175. 4 st, 219 all-purp rFr. **4 st until inj** LY, 13 (7.3). 16 Jean Pitts (5-10 171 rFr). 85 Joe Bockheim (6-3 191 So). Chris Morris (5-10 170 Fr) PS#332.

WR 88 **OBED CÉTOUTE SR.** 6-4 212 4.34 spd, 38.5"VL. 3 st, 13 (12.8) '04. 7 st, 27 (13.5) LY. 80 Justin Gardner (6-2 190 Jr) 7 rec 2Y. 91 Darren Martin (6-4 205 So) PS#387.

TE 84 **Dave Condeni Sr.** 6-3 233 PS#122. 1 rec '04. 85 Frank Zombo (6-4 244 rFr). 88 Allen Ollenburger (6-3 236 rFr). 83 Andre Moore (6-2 221 So). 45 Sam Williams (6-4 216 rFr).

C 76 **DREW MORMINO SR.** 6-4 301 PS#288. 12 st LG rFr. First 7 st LG '04 (inj). 11 st C LY. 55 Mike Decker (6-1 278 Jr). **LS** 47 Craig Knudson (6-0 243 Sr). 3L. Nick Hobbins (5-10 225 Jr).

RG 69 **ERIC TUNNEY JR.** 6-3 290 PS#305DL. 1 st DT rFr, 2 tkl. 11 st at LG LY. 60 Adam Benke (6-5 314 So) PS#581. 2nd string LY. 57 Adam Antonides (6-4 271 rFr) PS#609.

LG 55 **Andrew Cribbs So.** 6-5 309 PS#589. Wrestler in HS. 77 Greg Wojt (6-4 282 So) PS#114TE. 2nd string. Colin Miller (6-3 270 Fr) is PS#144DL. Jeff Maddux PS#131.

RT 74 **ANDREW HARTLINE SO.** 6-5 285 PS#452. #2 RT true but RS. 11 sts at RT LY. 71 Michael Raffaeli (6-5 298 Jr) PS#274. 1 gm '04. Levi Brezee PS#562. Dave Albert (6-2 225 Jr).

LT 73 **JOE STALEY SR.** 6-5 299 **4.7 spd. 225 28x's.** 4 st, 11 rec TE true. 11 st RT '04. 11 st LT LY, 0 sk all'd. 98 Mark Barbaglia (6-5 278 So). 70 Jeff Gilbert (6-7 302 rFr).

K 28 **RICK ALBRESKI SO.** 6-0 151 **PS#9.** 43 of 67 FG's in HS, long 58. 10 of 19 FG's as true, long 39. 38 Daniel Husek (5-9 204 rFr) PS#84. Brett Hartmann is PS#49.

DE 58 **De'ONTE BURNAM JR.** 6-0 253 PS#88LB. 2 st rFr, 15 tkl, 2 tfl. 9 st LY, 29 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 52 Mike Ogle (6-2 244 Sr) PS#341DB. 31 tkl, 4 tfl, 3Y. 50 Antrione Archer (6-2 229 So).

DT 92 **Ronnie Ekdahl So.** 6-2 291 1 st, 2 tkl rFr (inj). 51 Casey Droscha (6-1 257 So). 90 Philip Telfer (6-3 251 So) PS#534. Sean Murnane is PS#286. 95 Larry Knight (6-3 224 rFr).

DT 94 **STEVEN FRIEND JR.** 6-2 284 PS#400OL. 11 st true, 17 tkl, 2 sk. 11 st LY, 22 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 91 Chris Boss (6-3 281 So) PS#463. 1 tkl rFr. 49 Daimyeon Hoskin (6-3 215 rFr). PS#434.

DE 93 **DANIEL BAZUIN SR.** 6-3 269 70 tkl rFr. 1st Tm MAC '04, 50 tkl, 8 tfl. **MAC Def POY,** 11 st LY. **4.68 spd,** 74 tkl, **MAC rec 16 sk,** 10.5 tfl. 97 Evan Brownie (6-2 260 So) PS#358RB. 4 tkl LY.

ILB 41 **THOMAS KEITH JR.** 5-11 239 11 st rFr, **#1 tkl'r w/95,** 8 tfl. 11 st LY, **#1 tkl'r w/104,** 5.5 tfl, 4 int, 5 pbu. 39 Leython Williams (5-11 227 Sr) PS#268. 2 st, 3Y, 69 tkl, 3 tfl.

ILB 48 **DOUG KRESS SR.** 6-1 240 PS#452DB. 25 tkl first 2Y. 9 st LY, 73 tkl, 1.5 tfl. 55 Chris Wohlgamuth (6-0 246 So) 14 tkl rFr. 11 gm, mostly ST. 42 Harland Bower (6-2 227 rFr).

DLB 6 **ISAAC BROWN SR.** 5-11 204 PS#258RB. **4.45 spd.** 11 st FS '04, 73 tkl. 11 st LB LY, 73 tkl, **11.5 tfl.** 28 Jonathan Lapsley (6-1 222 So) PS#106WR. 7 tkl LY. 53 Barron Miles (6-2 193 rFr).

CB 7 **PACINO HORNE SR.** 5-11 191 **PS#268JC.** 6 tkl '04 but RS. 10 st, 66 tkl, 3 tfl, 1 int LY. 38 Terrance Robinson (5-6 181 Sr) 1 tkl LY. 20 Calvin Hissong (6-4 198 rFr). Chaz West PS#476.

CB 18 **Josh Gordy rFr.** 5-11 193 PS#550. 21 Marcel Kern (5-11 184 rFr). Xavier Torres is PS#373WR. Tommy Mama is PS#473. Tim Brazzel is PS#560. Josh Wilkins is PS#560.

SS 22 **Aaron Carr rFr.** 6-1 184 **PS#120.** 12 Eric Fraser (6-0 199 rFr). 45 Sam Williams (6-4 216 rFr). EJ McLaughlin PS#509. 32 David Lawrence (6-0 200 So) 7 tkl at LB.

FS 10 **Curtis Cutts Jr.** 6-0 210 PS#408. 11 tkls as rFr. 28 tkls, 1 int, 6 pbu LY. 25 Jason Ruger (5-11 188 So) PS#464. 9 tkl, 1 pbu, 4 gm rFr. 29 Ryan Strehl (6-1 194 Jr) 11 tkl 2Y.

P 35 **TONY MIKULEC JR.** 5-8 214 63 punts rFr, 37.5 avg, 31.5 net. 72 punts LY, 38.1 avg, 32.6 net. 94 Mark Angelocci (6-2 177 So). #2 in spring. 23 Troy Doane (6-0 214 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Mike Canfield 6-1 217 PS#65
OL	Jeff Maddux 6-3 302 PS#131
OL	Colin Miller 6-3 270 PS#144DL
TE	Anthony Quinn 6-4 240 PS#65
DL	Sean Murnane 6-3 240 PS#286
K	Brett Hartmann 6-3 218 PS#49
LB	Donald Connelly 6-0 220 PS#341
WR	Chris Morris 5-10 170 PS#332
DB	Xavier Torres 5-11 180 PS#373WR
RB	Cam Bramer 6-0 187 PS#424
DB	Tommy Mama 5-10 171 PS#473
DB	Chaz West 5-10 170 PS#476
DB	Vince Agnew 5-10 175 PS#491
DB	EJ McLaughlin 6-0 185 PS#509
RB	Marcel Archer 5-11 195 PS#515
RB	Carl Volny 5-10 180 PS#515
WR	Robby Leith 6-4 192 PS#485
WR	Matt Torres 6-1 185 PS#485
OL	Levi Brezee 6-7 270 PS#562
DB	Dannie Bolden 6-0 170 PS#560
DB	Tim Brazzel 5-11 170 PS#560
DB	Keith Dixson 6-2 180 PS#560
DB	Kirkston Edwards 6-2 175 PS#560
DB	Kito Poblah 6-1 174 PS#560
DB	Bobby Seay 5-10 175 PS#560
DB	Josh Wilkins 5-11 175 PS#560

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3rd Year at C Michigan — Kelly's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Kelly's records AT C MICHIGAN

10-12	Straight Up	1-3	Home Favorite
9-11-1	Vs The Spread	2-2-1	Home Underdog
5-6	Off A SU Loss	2-2	Away Favorite
7-9	Vs Conference	4-4	Away Underdog
2-2-1	Vs Non-Conf	2-0	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 33 (12,18,3)
Lost: 19 (9,9,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,971

MAC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#94

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score CMU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	Boston College (Thur)	A					
Sep. 9	at Michigan	A					
Sep. 16	Akron	A					
Sep. 23	at Eastern Michigan	A					
Sep. 30	at Kentucky	G					
Oct. 7	at Toledo	A					
Oct. 14	Ball St (HC)	A					
Oct. 19	Bowling Green (Thur)	A					
Oct. 28							
Nov. 4	at Temple	G					
Nov. 10	W Michigan (Fri)	A					
Nov. 17	at N Illinois (Fri)	A					
Nov. 24	at Buffalo (Fri)	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

CMU installed permanent lights at Kelly/Shorts stadium this year.
Chippewas are 4-8 ATS the last 12 games as home favorites.
Central Michigan is 3-8-1 ATS in season openers since 1991.

First ever visit here of an ACC team & will be televised on espn2.
Will be just the 7th night game at Kelly/Shorts Stadium (CMU is 4-2 SU).

Chippewas are 1-18 SU & 4-15 ATS in their last 19 non-conference AG's.
CMU is 0-12 SU & 2-9-1 ATS vs the B10 S/'94 being outscored on avg 40-11.

CMU is 9-3 SU & 11-1 ATS S/'94 in their 1st MAC game of the season.
The visitor has covered 4 of the L/5 recent meetings ('98, '00, '02, '03 & '05).

Chippewas are 17-42-2 SU & 23-38 ATS since 1991 in MAC road games.
The dog is 12-4 ATS in this series since 1990.

Could apply: CMU is 11-23 ATS since 1996 after a SU win.
Central Michigan is 7-13 ATS on grass the last 8 years.

Chippewas are 0-2 SU & ATS being outscored 59-6 S/'98 in their 3rd consecutive RG.
CMU is 1-10 SU & 4-7 ATS S/'95 vs UT as LY they snapped a 10 gm losing streak.

Chippewas are 4-9 SU S/'93 in Homecoming games, but 3-1 ATS the L4Y.
These 2 teams have averaged 63 ppg during the last 6 years.

The home team is 7-4 SU & ATS since 1990 in this series.
C Michigan is 5-4-1 SU & 2-6 ATS before a bye week the last 15 years.

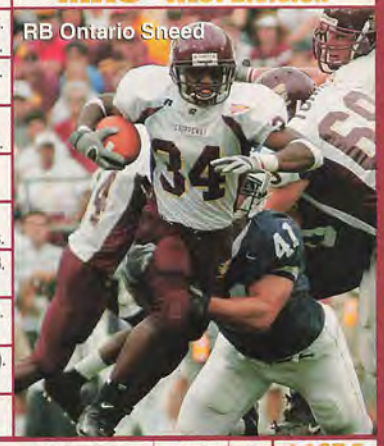
Chippewas are 5-5 SU & 7-3 ATS since 1991 after a bye week.
CMU is 0-6 ATS S/'92 in their 1st AG after being in Mt Pleasant for 3 or more wks.

These schools are about 161 miles apart & they have played every yr uninterrupted S/'73.
Chippewas are 5-6 SU & 3-8 ATS in home finales the last 11 years.

CMU held NIU to just 6 yds rushing LY (no Wolfe) the fewest amount S/'83 (0 yds to NMU).
The last time CMU won a game in DeKalb was in 1977.

This series started in '99 as the SU winner is 3-0 ATS (avg margin of victory 19 ppg).
Could apply: CMU is 7-2 ATS the last 7 years as an away favorite.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Jeff Bender 6,526 1988-'91
Rushing: Curtis Adams 4,162 1981-'84 Receiving: Reggie Allen 3,242 1995-'98



STADIUM: KELLY/SHORTS STADIUM (30,199)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	2-9	3-8	4-8	3-9	4-7	6-5	26-53
Home	2-3	2-3	2-3	2-4	3-3	4-1	2-3	17-20
Away	2-4	0-6	1-5	2-4	0-6	0-6	4-2	9-33
ATS	4-6	3-8	7-3	5-6	3-7	3-7	6-4-1	31-41-1
Home Fav	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	3-7
Home Dog	2-1	3-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-1-1	11-9-1
Away Fav	2-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-2	2-0	7-2
Away Dog	0-4	0-6	5-0	0-4	1-5	2-2	2-2	10-23
Favorite	2-1	0-1	1-1	3-1	1-0	0-4	3-1	10-9
Dog	2-5	3-7	6-2	2-5	2-7	3-3	3-3-1	21-32-1
Grass	2-3	0-3	2-0	0-1	1-3	1-1	1-1	7-12
Artificial	2-3	3-5	5-3	5-5	2-4	2-6	5-3-1	24-29-1
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-5	2-6	5-3	26-30
vs Non-Conf	0-2	0-3	2-0	1-2	0-2	1-1	1-1-1	5-11-1
Off SU Win	1-2	0-2	2-1	2-2	0-2	1-2	3-2	9-13
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-5	5-2	3-4	3-4	2-4	3-2	22-25

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
90	California	+14	San Jose St	24-48	L
94	Las Vegas	+5	UNLV	24-52	L

C Michigan's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-2

C MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	23.6	21	159	4.0	260	60.8	17.7	+5	2005	6	23.6	21	114	3.2	281	57.5	16.7
8	23.6	20	170	4.2	226	55.7	16.7	-4	2004	9	34.4	22	170	3.9	261	60.4	12.6
7*	23.1	21	196	4.3	175	55.1	16.1	-4	2003	4	35.7	26	246	5.2	256	64.5	14.1
8*	22.3	20	206	4.4	166	51.9	16.7	+3	2002	8	32.0	21	140	3.6	264	63.4	12.6
6*	22.8	21	199	4.3	181	52.2	16.6	-5	2001	8	31.5	21	208	4.7	232	52.0	14.0
6*	12.5	14	92	2.6	179	51.2	21.8	-6	2000	6	34.2	23	268	5.1	150	51.1	12.2

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ontario Sneed	220	1133	68	1065	8	4.8
Kent Smith	157	684	241	443	7	2.8
Michael Jean	6	88	0	88	0	14.7
Anthony Boykins	17	67	2	65	0	3.8
Justin Harper	7	55	0	55	0	7.9
Jemmy Jasmin	3	32	0	32	0	10.7
Troy Doane	2	9	0	9	0	4.5
Spencer Lewis	7	14	8	6	0	0.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kent Smith	420	255	60.7	2799	16	6
Justin Harper	2	1	50.0	41	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Damien Linson	56	832	14.9	4	74
Justin Harper	64	607	9.5	4	35
Ontario Sneed	51	433	8.5	3	45
Jacob Brown	33	429	13.0	3	50
Obed Cetoute	27	364	13.5	2	41
Jemmy Jasmin	13	95	7.3	0	23
Troy Peyerk	7	51	7.3	0	15
Justin Gardner	3	32	10.7	0	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tony Mikulec	72	2742	38.1	17	32.6	0	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Rick Albreski	31-32	3-4	7-11	0-4	0-0	10-19	39
Mike Gruzwalski	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Keith Thomas	104	0	5.5	5	4
Daniel Bazuin	74	16	10.5	3	0
Isaac Brown	73	3	8.5	2	0
Doug Kress	73	0	1.5	1	0
Pacino Horne	66	1	2	1	1
Marlin Maxwell	47	1	5	2	0
Raeshon Ball	46	0	4	3	0
Ronnie Jackson	44	0	2	8	0
Jesse Dailey	34	0	2	8	1
Tony Thompson	31	3.5	4	0	0
Leython Williams	31	1	0	0	0
Jason Smith	30	0	3	0	0
De'Onte Burnam	29	2.5	4	0	0
Curtis Cutts	28	0	0.5	6	1
Steven Friend	22	1	3.5	0	0
Chris Wohlgamuth	14	0	0	0	1
Brandon Jackson	10	0	0.5	1	0
Jason Ruger	9	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damien Linson	19	175	9.2	1
Jemmy Jasmin	6	61	10.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damien Linson	14	251	17.9	0
Michael Jean	8	206	25.8	0
Jemmy Jasmin	8	195	24.4	0

2005 STATS BY GAME

CM 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Indiana	15	32 - 167	5.2	18 - 36	216	2	20	45 - 109	2.4	17 - 35	276	3	+1
–	at Miami, Oh	24	38 - 213	5.6	26 - 36	356	1	27	33 - 127	3.8	28 - 47	397	1	-2
–	at Penn St	13	39 - 14	0.4	25 - 38	158	8	26	31 - 138	4.5	22 - 36	381	3	+3
–	E Michigan	20	49 - 202	4.1	18 - 31	182	2	24	28 - 117	4.2	36 - 56	380	0	0
–	at Akron	16	39 - 237	8.2	18 - 33	224	0	22	24 - 90	3.8	30 - 57	270	1	+3
–	at Army	14	39 - 165	4.2	15 - 25	92	1	14	46 - 173	3.8	7 - 13	66	2	0
–	Ohio	16	36 - 157	4.4	17 - 26	275	0	22	48 - 196	4.1	12 - 36	101	3	+3
–	Toledo	22	44 - 160	3.6	20 - 37	189	1	19	30 - 95	3.2	28 - 45	262	2	-1
–	N Illinois	32	46 - 206	4.5	33 - 51	382	3	18	22 - 6	0.3	31 - 43	435	4	0
–	at W Michigan	35	39 - 115	2.9	46 - 71	460	3	15	35 - 126	3.6	16 - 29	239	3	-3
–	at Ball St	20	33 - 110	3.3	23 - 42	327	1	20	43 - 74	1.7	23 - 38	281	7	+1
TOTALS		227	434 - 1746	4.0	259 - 426	2861	22	227	385 - 1251	3.2	250 - 435	3088	29	+5
AVERAGES		20.6	39 - 159	4.0	24 - 39	260	2.0	20.6	35 - 114	3.2	23 - 40	281	2.6	0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Kentucky	NL	42-28	–
at Michigan St	+27	21-35	W
Toledo	+24'	28-52	W
at Buffalo	-7	16-8	W
Ohio	+8	3-34	L
at Marshall	+23'	21-42	W
N Illinois	+8'	24-33	L
at Ball St	+11'	34-38	W
E Michigan	-13	35-30	L
at W Michigan	+17'	17-20	W
at Boise St	+24	10-26	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sam Houston St	NL	34-10	–
Wyoming	-3'	32-20	W
at Akron	-1	24-17	W
at Indiana	+5'	29-39	L
at Boston College	+20	0-43	L
Bowling Green	+15	35-45	W
at N Illinois	+9'	0-49	L
Marshall	+20'	18-23	W
at E Michigan	-10	47-21	W
at Toledo	+14	17-44	L
Ball St	-2'	21-38	L
W Michigan	+2'	10-35	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan - #4	+33	7-45	L
New Hampshire	NL	40-33	–
E Kentucky	NL	42-41	–
at Ball St	+5'	14-27	L
at Bowling Green	+28'	3-23	W
N Illinois - #16	+17'	24-40	W
Toledo	+14'	13-31	L
at UCF	+7	13-31	L
E Michigan	-7'	38-10	W
Akron	+7	28-40	L
at W Michigan	+9	21-44	L
at Navy	+20	34-63	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Indiana	+10'	10-41	L
at Michigan St	+25	7-24	W
SE Missouri St	NL	44-27	–
Kent St	+1	24-21	W
Bowling Green	+15	14-38	L
at N Illinois	+19'	10-42	L
at Toledo	+24	22-27	W
W Michigan	-7'	24-21 OT	L
† E Michigan	-1	58-61 4OT	L
at Buffalo	-5	6-36	L
Ball St	-3'	41-40	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana	+7	13-20	T
at Miami, Oh	+22	38-37	W
at Penn St	+22	3-40	L
E Michigan	-5'	20-23 OT	L
at Akron	+11	31-17	W
at Army	-2'	14-10	W
Ohio	-6'	37-10	W
Toledo	+7'	21-17	W
N Illinois	+2	28-31	L
at W Michigan	+3	24-31	L
at Ball St	-4	31-24 OT	W

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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 Rutgers transfer Ryan Cubit (PS#60) battled Blayne Baggett (14 pass 2 yrs) for the job. Cubit threw for 657 yards (45.4%) with a 5-6 ratio at Rutgers in 2002 after starting all 11 there as a true frosh in 2001 (1,433, 44.8%, 9-19 ratio, 258 rush). Robbie Haas, who threw for 2,487 (57.2%) with a 30-5 ratio at JC in 2001 also competed. Cubit (7 st) and Baggett (4 st) were both banged up. Cubit threw for 338 vs EM, 290 vs NI and 256 vs CM. He finished throwing for 1,887 (58.6%) with a 14-12 ratio. Baggett (993 yds, 63%) opted to transfer last year and Cubit had shin splints most of August so Haas started vs Virginia. Haas does not have a strong arm and threw most of his passes within 5 yards of the line, hitting 33 of 49 for 271. Cubit started the next three but vs Temple, suffered a broken leg. Haas started the next two but true frosh Tim Hiller (PS#89) came in vs Ball St and hit 20 of 27 for 308 and started the final five. Hiller, in just six games, had an outstanding 20-3 ratio (20 TD's #3 school history). Hiller had a pass efficiency of 178.5 which would have been good enough for #1 in the country if he had played enough games. Unfortunately, Hiller suffered a major knee injury vs N Illinois, putting his 2006 season in doubt. Cubit was granted a sixth year of eligibility but will have to battle Thomas Peregrin (6-3 185, PS#47JC) who threw for 2,715 and 28 TD's at JC last year and was in for the spring. Also in the mix are All-Canada QB Caleb Clark (6-3 190 rFr) and Dennis Reedy (6-3 190 So, PS#316). WM had some fine passing stats last year and could improve upon them in 2006.

QB Ryan Cubit

RUNNING BACKS - WM had a streak of five, 1,000 yard rushers from 1997-2002 but that streak ended, when as a team, they avg'd just 81 ypg rushing in 2003 (2.8) and 99.5 (3.0) in 2004. Trovon Riley led in 2004 with 691 (4.0) and Mark Bonds was #2 with 225 (3.4). Bonds was the first true frosh RB to play here since 1997. Last year Riley was suspended for the first two, but when he returned was one of the MAC's best and in just 9 games, topped 1,000 (1,004, 4.6) and added 149 receiving. Bonds rushed for 119 vs Virginia but had just 337 the rest of the year. True frosh Kirk Elsworth (PS#279) started vs Ball St but in 10 games rushed for just 61 (3.4). Riley departs and added to the mix this year are WR Jamarko Simmons (PS#102WR), Seth Quivey (6-4 213 Sr), Anthony Gebhart (5-8 195 Jr), Mac Stilec (5-11 183 rFr) and this year's true frosh. Bonds (PS#68) is about the same size as Riley and avg'd about the same ypc, so this unit could be just as effective.

RECEIVERS - Greg Jennings was on the track team in HS, has an excellent VL and was the focal point of the WM offense in his final 3 years. He departs as the school record holder in almost every single receiving category and was the 3rd Tm AA. He shattered most of Steve Neal's 1998 records. He led the NCAA in rec's with 98 last year and caught a pass in his final 34 games. TE Tony Scheffler was #2 with 57 rec (11.8) breaking his own WM record for rec by a TE in a season (53 in '04). He just missed out on being a John Mackey Award finalist. Coaches were very high on the potential of rFr Jamarko Simmons (PS#102) who is big, physical and explosive and finally sharpened his work habits last year. Simmons had an injury-plagued year with just 11 rec and now moves to RB. Also departing this year is WR Brian Jackson (4 st, 4 rec) and TE Ross Farren (1 rec). I list the 3 deep below. Naturally, with the loss of stars like Jennings (#2 DC GB) and Scheffler (#2 DC DEN) this unit is clearly weaker in 2006.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 WM had just one starter returning and only avg'd 2.8 ypc rushing, while the OL allowed 39 sacks. They had just two starters back in '04 and averaged just 3.0 ypc but trimmed the sack total to 19. Last year I called it one of the most underrated O-lines in the country as they appeared to have four starters returning, but RT Brandon James (9 st '04) quit. Still the more experienced unit had their best ypc rushing in five years (3.8) while allowing just 24 sacks (6.2%). They had three frosh, five soph and two juniors rotate at the start of the year as RG Mark Ottney missed the first four yet WM only allowed 9 sacks in the first five. This year they lose Ottney (7 st, 2 yr st'r) and RT Chris Bartula (6 st) but 8 of the top 10 return including 6 with starting experience. The O-line also added size as they have two true frosh that top 310 lbs.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004, without DE Jason Babin (#1DC HOU) and another starter, WM had just 20 sacks and allowed 5.3 ypc rushing. Last year they had to replace six players who combined for 27 starts and only one of their four backups had seen action in a college game. DT Joe Alverez, one of their two returning starters, broke his foot (6 tkl). The other returnee, NG Paul Moersch sprained his ankle and only started 7 and three frosh started on the D-line vs S Illinois. Despite the inexperience, WM improved allowing 3.7 ypc (31 sk). This year they lose Alvarez, Moersch (23 tkl, 2 sk) and DE Josh Behrens (5 tkl, 2 sk). Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Pete Mooney (6-3 220 rFr), David Smith (6-2 220 Jr) and Alverez. This is a much more experienced defensive front and DT Nick Varcadipane started 11 as a rFr recording 5.5 sacks.

LINEBACKERS - WM's LB corps was hit hard by injuries in 2004. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had two returning but Paul Tithof (leading returning tackler) was limited to 7 starts and the other returning starter, Darrell Copeland, missed the season (ACL). Ameer Ismail, who had just 2 starts in 2004, emerged with 93 tackles, 8 sacks, 12 tfl and was 1st Tm MAC. WM's D allowed 8.5 ppg less than 2004. The great news this year is that everyone returns and not even listed in the 2 deep below are Nic Saad (6-2 225 Jr, PS#301RB, 7 tkl), Garrett Sosnovich (6-0 220 So, 5 tkl), Dan Krasinski (6-0 196 So), Rusty McIntosh (6-0 203 So) and Kellen Woodard (6-3 210 rFr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - WM finished #116 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and last year had to replace four players who combined for 24 starts. Cubit played three frosh in CB's Louis Delmas (7 st), Kennard Banks (7 st) and FS CJ Wilson (11 st) and they helped the Broncos improve to a solid #50 . This year the only losses are SS Chad Feldpausch (1 tkl) and Banks (56 tkl). They have 6 players returning with starting experience which makes this unit much more experienced than the 2005 version and they should continue to improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Gary Darnell had some solid special teams units here as they finished #26 in my ST rankings in 1999, #20 in 2000, #36 in 2002 and #19 in 2003. Cubit inherited a group that finished #63 in 2004 and while they had to replace their top P, K and KR, they did have super PR Greg Jennings back. Jennings (14.8 in '04), surprisingly only avg 8.6 in 2005. Good sized Nate Meyer (6-4 226) hit just 1 of 4 FG's in 2004 but opened 2005 hitting 9 of his first 12. Against Ball St he missed a FG that would have won it in OT and only hit 3 of his last 7 but his only miss inside the 40 was in that OT. P Jim Laney was the MAC West Spec Tm POW twice and avg 40.8. Meyer had zero TB's on 19 KO's and Mike Jones (PS#48) had 12 TB's on 44 KO's. Added to the mix this year is rFr Brett Meldrum (PS#26) who had 31 TB's on 50 KO's and an 83 yd punt in HS. The top two KR's were both true frosh in Chauncey Thompkins (22.7) and EJ Biggers (21.9). The Broncos also blocked 5 FG/xp's last year, returning 2 of those xp's for 2 pts and also blocked 3 punts. WM finished #56 and with basically everyone but Jennings and Thompkins (trans) returning, will have one of the MAC's top ST units this year.

COACHES - Bill Cubit is now in his 31st year of coaching. He was a HC at Widener where he compiled a 34-18-1 record in five seasons. He's previously been the OC at Stanford, Rutgers, Missouri and here at W Michigan ('97-'99 when his team avg'd 30.4 ppg and was 22-12). Last year the new OC was George McDonald who was the TE coach at Stanford with Cubit. They used a 2-back offense 30% of the time after being strictly a 1-back set prior. The DC is Scott Shafer who was Illinois' DB coach in 2004 and the DC at N Illinois for four seasons ('00-'03) prior.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since 1990 WM has had just 5 losing seasons, unfortunately four of them came from 2001-2004. Gary Darnell established WM as a MAC power from 1997-2000 and they finished #27 in the final polls in 2000 winning the MAC West and recording 3 shutouts. They led the MAC West for 24 straight weeks until they fell out of first in 2001 and basically struggled until Cubit came along last year. In 2004 I pointed out that Darnell needed a winning season to keep his job and that it would be a tough task with just 11 starters back, a new QB and a tough schedule. The season was even worse than expected as they finished 1-10 and were outgained in conf play by 152.1 ypg, the worst in the MAC with the team basically giving up down the stretch. That 2004 squad was -13 in turnovers (pg 312). Last year they returned 13 starters and I said they would have the most improved record of any team in the MAC and could actually flirt with a winning season. Only 30 players stayed to workout over the summer of 2004 but 70 were on hand last year. WM embarked on their 100th season of football with a good effort vs Virginia only trailing by 5 mid-4Q, but was blown out by Toledo in its opening MAC game to open the season 0-2. They trailed Div IAA S Illinois by 11 but ended their 12 game losing streak with a win and then got a 33 yd FG on the last play to beat Temple, regaining confidence. They lost QB Cubit for the season but still managed to win 7 of 8 with their only loss to Ball St in 5 OT's. They beat a BG team after QB Jacobs was injured in the 1Q but won the Michigan MAC Championship knocking off both EM and CM. On the 5th play vs NI, QB Hiller was injured and out went the Broncos chances of winning. They still accomplished an outstanding 7-4 record and became the first MAC team to lose 8 MAC games one year and win 5 the next. Cubit was named MAC Coach of the Year. Cubit brought in a lot of discipline and they only had 21 upperclassmen scholarship players. They had 35 frosh play last year (most in NCAA) and set a Div IA record with 17 of them starting. Despite their winning record in the MAC, WM was actually outgained by 91.3 ypg in league play and benefitted from two close wins. The defense allowed 8.5 ppg less despite having only 4 seniors on the 2 deep and the offense avg'd 9.7 ppg more despite losing their top 2 QB's to injury. This year they have eleven 5th year seniors. The offense has 6 starters back but must replace a 1,000 yard rusher and NFL DC's at WR and TE. It will be tough to match 2005's 32.2 ppg. The D showed a lot of improvement in '05 and now has 8 starters back on that side and should have one of the MAC's better D's. My power ratings have WM either the 3rd or 4th best team in the MAC and while I think they will lose more games than last year (4), the Broncos have the talent to flirt with bowl eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BROWN — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BROWN — DEFENSE

QB 12 RYAN CUBIT SR. 6-2 216 PS#60. 15 st, 2090 (45%) Rutgers. 10 sts, 2Y here, 2561 (59%) 20-15 ratio. **14** Thomas Peregrin **PS#47JC. 3 Tim Hiller** (6-5 215 So) **MAC Fr Yr!**

RB 34 Mark Bonds Jr. 5-10 215 **PS#68.** 225 yd true, 330 KR yd. 2 st, 456 (4.5) LY. **27 Jamarko Simmons** (6-2 231 So) 1 st, 11 rec WR. **40** Kirk Elsworth (6-0 208 So) 1 st, 185 ttl yds.

WR 10 JOE CHAPPLE SR. 6-0 190 PS#277. 7 rec in '04. 11 st LY, 33 rec (10.7). **89** Ben Bleck-Owens (6-2 201 So) 1 st, 0 rec rFr. **80** Fernand Kashama (6-3 210 So) Canadian.

WR 88 SCOOTER McINTOSH JR. 6-1 205 PS#230DB. 5 sts at S as true, 35 tkl, 6 tfl, 2 int, 4 pbu. 15 tkl LY. **7** Herb Martin is PS#182JC. In for fall. **28** Chris Maragos (6-0 185 So).

WR 86 Kelly Martin Jr. 6-3 180 PS#168. 3 st LY, 3 rec. **11** Stephen Penn PS#477JC. In for spg. **81** Justin LeMay (5-11 178 Sr) PS#208. 2 st, 10 rec '04. **81** Juan Nunez is PS#485.

TE 82 Brandon Ledbetter So. 6-5 221 PS#124WR. 1 st rFr, 11 rec. **84** Matt Stevens (6-5 240 rFr) PS#226WR. **17** Joe Gardner (6-4 245 So) 2 rec true. **87** Keith Schultz (6-3 230 Jr).

C 78 ROBBIE KRUTILLA JR. 6-3 308 PS#279. Gym rat. 11 st at C as rFr, 861 plays. 11 st at C LY, 834 snaps. Anchor of the OL. **63** Paul Wasikowski (6-4 290 rFr) PS#548.

RG 62 MATT WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 282 PS#436. 9 gm, 18 plays #2 C as true. 8 st LY (6 at LG, 2 at RG). **76** Steve Ellingsen (6-4 280 So) PS#198. 3 st true. **61** Nick Clemens is PS#209.

LG 72 DOMINIC MORAN SR. 6-5 303 PS#295DL. 2 st rFr, 165 plays. 10 st LG, 768 plays '04. 11 sts LT LY. **77** Matt Lochmann (6-4 285 rFr). **66** Jesse Parsley (6-4 285 rFr) PS#499.

RT 75 James Blair Jr. 6-3 338 **PS#118.** 114 plays, 9 games rFr. 5 starts at LG LY. **58** Joe Gaylor (6-5 334 rFr). **71** Brian Bailey (6-4 300 Jr). Phillip Swanson PS#234.

LT 67 Rob Johnson So. 6-4 329 4 st at RT as rFr. **55** Dezmond Gray (6-4 280 Jr). PS#149DL. Move to OL LY & 2nd string. **60** Nick Mitchell (6-3 280 Fr) is PS#452.

K 25 NATE MEYER SR. 6-4 226 1 of 4 FG's, long 50, '04. 12 of 19 FG's LY, long 44. **91** Mike Jones (5-11 176 Jr) PS#48. 12 TB's on 44 KO's. **41** Brett Meldrum (5-10 170 rFr) PS#26.

DE 37 ANTHONY BELMONTE SR. 6-2 255 2 st true, 35 tkl. 3 st '04, 31 tkl. 11 st LY, 50 tkl, 2 sk. **42** Kevin Smith (6-2 220 rFr). **79** James Randall (6-5 240 rFr) PS#425. **94** Mike Palace (6-2 251 So).

DT 99 NICK VARCADIPANE SO. 6-2 272 PS#220. Scout Tm MVP. 11 st rFr, 50 tkl, 5.5 sk. **56** Andy Laue (6-4 255 rFr) **PS#111OL. 93** John Russell (6-5 255 So) PS#378. 6 tkl, 2 tfl as true.

NG 98 Cory Flom So. 6-3 285 PS#480. 4 st NG rFr, 13 tkl, 2 tfl. **64** Grant Nemeth (6-3 260 So) PS#179LB. **68** Cody Cielenski (6-2 295 rFr) **PS#118. 92** Jon Roddy (6-4 240 rFr).

DE 90 ZACH DAVIDSON SO. 6-2 243 PS#147. 5 sts DE LY, 20 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **97** Matt Ludeman (6-3 250 Sr) 5 tkl '03. 28 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **48** Justin Braska (6-4 215 rFr) PS#466LB.

WLB 43 AMEER ISMAIL SR. 6-2 225 PS#164RB. 2 st '04, 23 tkl. 11 st LY, 93 tkl, 20 tfl, **1st Tm MAC. 8 Darrell Copeland** (6-1 215 Jr) 10 st, 55 tkl '04. **19** Cornelius Robinson (6-2 210 So) 7 tkl LY.

MLB 59 DUSTIN DUCLO SO. 5-10 225 11 st rFr, 58 tkl, 3 tfl, 2 int. **54** Greg Marshall (6-0 230 So) PS#384. 34 tkl, 1 sk true. **29** James McCahill (6-1 215 So) PS#257. **52** Derrick Harris (5-10 213 So).

SLB 51 PAUL TITHOF SR. 6-1 217 10 st, 88 tkl, 10 tfl as rFr. 8 st '04 (inj) 56 tkl, 10 tfl. 7 st LY (inj) 38 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **35** Austin Pritchard (6-5 215 So) 4 sts as true, 54 tkl, 5.5 tfl.

CB 1 EJ Biggers So. 6-0 165 PS#223. 3 st as true, 27 tkl, 4 pbu, 153 KR yds (7 (21.9). **46** Desman Stephen (6-0 190 So). **36** Jonathan Wright (5-9 185 rFr).

CB 29 Londen Fryar So. 5-11 185 PS#167WR. 1 st at WR as rFr, 7 gms, 3 spec tms tkl. CB in spring. **5** Jimmie Vincent (5-9 181 Sr) 4.3 spd. 8 st, 52 tkl, 5 pbu, 1 int 3Y.

SS 9 LOUIS DELMAS SO. 6-0 181 7 st at CB as true, 82 tkl, 3 int, 8 pbu. **21 Antwain Allen** (6-2 215 Jr) PS#206WR. **11 st, #1 tkl'r** LY, 6 pbu. ACL ? '06. **36** David Coleman is PS#287.

FS 26 CJ WILSON SO. 6-2 206 11 st FS rFr, 47 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **31** Robert Livingston (6-3 208 rFr) PS#175. 4.56 spd, 35" VL. **33** Scott Gajos (6-0 210 So). #2 spring.

P 39 JIM LANEY JR. 6-4 207 PS#103. 60 punts, 40.8 avg, 35.1 net. **91** Mike Jones 40.0 avg HS. **41** Brett Meldrum (5-10 170 rFr) 40.1 avg HS, 10-17 FG's, 31 TB's on 50 KO's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Thomas Peregrin 6-3 185 PS#47JC
WR	Herb Martin 6-1 187 PS#182JC
OL	Nick Clemens 6-5 320 PS#209
OL	Phillip Swanson 6-4 313 PS#234
TE	Ben Hunderman 6-5 245 PS#86
DB	David Coleman 5-10 180 PS#287
TE	James O'Neill 6-4 235 PS#105
RB	Brandon West 5-10 176 PS#348
RB	Glenis Thompson 5-9 215 PS#361
DL	Anthony Williams 6-2 210 PS#351LB
WR	Jamelle Murray 5-9 165 PS#330
DL	Mark Berghuis 6-3 211 PS#356LB
QB	Drew Burdi 6-2 180 PS#259
DB	Andy Dorcely 6-0 185 PS#444
LB	Matt Pickens 6-1 205 PS#390
OL	Nick Mitchell 6-3 280 PS#452
DL	Chris Pyant 6-3 265 PS#412
DL	Jaymeson Moody 6-2 226 PS#436
WR	Stephen Penn 6-2 210 PS#477JC
WR	Jordan White 6-2 195 PS#432
RB	Bobby Crawford 5-8 180 PS#515
WR	Juan Nunez 6-1 175 PS#485

W MICHIGAN BRONCOS

Kalamazoo, Michigan
Weather (269) 963-1122

BILL CUBIT (Career 7-4) (Div III 34-18-1)
2nd Year at W Michigan
Cubit's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Cubit's records AT W MICHIGAN

7-4	Straight Up	2-2	Home Favorite
5-5	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
1-1	Off A SU Loss	1-1	Away Favorite
4-4	Vs Conference	2-2	Away Underdog
1-1	Vs Non-Conf	1-0	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (7-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (16,19,4)
Lost: 8 (6,2,0)

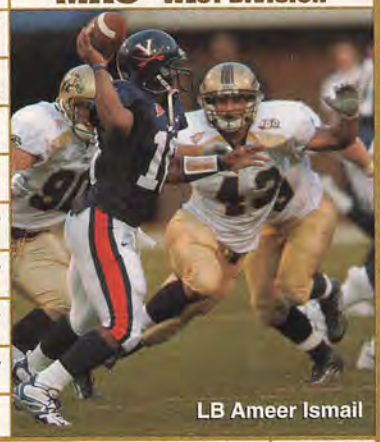
2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,906

MAC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#95

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score WMU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Cubit was named the 2005 MAC COY after a 6 game turn around. Broncos are 4-14 ATS the last 18 games when hosting MAC members. WMU is 14-2 SU & 2-4 ATS since 1990 in their home opener.
Sep. 2	at Indiana	A						W Michigan is 4-24 SU but 7-4 ATS all-time vs current Big 10 opponents. Broncos are 6-11 SU & 4-8 ATS the last 5 years vs non-conf teams.
Sep. 9	Toledo	A						Western Michigan is 2-14 SU & 4-12 ATS vs Toledo since 1990. Could apply: W Michigan is 0-10 SU & ATS as a home dog the last 4 yrs.
Sep. 16	at Virginia	G						WMU is 0-7 SU & 1-6 ATS being outscored 295-35 w/5 shutouts vs current ACC members. Broncos are 6-10 ATS the last 5 years on grass.
Sep. 23	Temple	A						WMU is 15-3 SU & 11-7 ATS since 1999 as a home favorite. The Broncos are 7-3 ATS before a bye since 1995.
Sep. 30								
Oct. 7	at Ohio	A						Western Michigan is 5-2 SU & ATS the L4Y as a conference away favorite. Could apply: WMU is 5-13 ATS the last 18 games after a SU win.
Oct. 14	N Illinois (HC)	A						Broncos are 6-3 SU & ATS their last 9 years on Homecoming. WMU is 1-8 ATS vs NIU the last 9 games, including 0-5 SU & ATS the L5Y.
Oct. 21	at Ball St	G						The SU winner is 13-1 ATS the last 14 meetings in this series. Last season these 2 teams played the longest game in MAC history.
Oct. 28	Eastern Michigan	A						These in-state universities are separated by 110 miles on I-94. The visitor is 9-3 ATS the last 12 years in this series.
Nov. 4	Miami, Oh	A						WMU & Miami, Oh played every yr from 1957-1994 but have only met twice since. WMU is 12-4 SU & 10-6 ATS the last 16 home finales.
Nov. 10	at C Michigan (Fri)	A						Broncos are 5-2 ATS the L/7 gms vs CMU & the HT is 10-5-1 ATS S/'90. WMU is 4-9 SU & 5-8 ATS the last 8 years in November road games.
Nov. 18	at Florida St	G						Cubit was UF's QB coach in '89 as the Gators lost to the Seminoles 24-17 (+13'). The last & only time WMU played FSU they lost 58-0 (+43') in 1991.
Nov. 24	at Akron (Fri)	A						This series started in Akron in 1938 (WMU lost 6-0) as WMU leads all-time 10-3. Bill Cubit spent 2 seasons ('90-'91) as the RB's coach at Akron.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Tim Lester 11,299 1996-'99
Rushing: Robert Sanford 4,219 1997-'00 Receiving: Steve Neal 3,599 1997-'00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STADIUM: WALDO STADIUM (30,200)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	9-3	5-6	4-8	5-7	1-10	7-4	38-43
Home	4-1	5-0	4-1	2-4	3-3	1-4	4-1	23-14
Away	3-4	4-3	1-5	2-4	2-4	0-6	3-3	15-29
ATS	5-6	9-2	3-7	4-7	5-6	3-7	5-5	34-40
Home Fav	2-1	3-0	2-2	0-1	2-0	0-1	2-2	11-7
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-0	1-11
Away Fav	1-2	2-2	0-2	2-1	2-0	0-1	1-1	8-9
Away Dog	2-2	3-0	1-3	2-1	1-3	3-2	2-2	14-13
Favorite	3-3	5-2	2-4	2-2	4-0	0-2	3-3	19-16
Dog	2-3	4-0	1-3	2-5	1-6	3-5	2-2	15-24
Grass	3-3	6-0	0-3	3-2	1-1	0-3	2-1	15-13
Artificial	2-3	3-2	3-4	1-5	4-5	3-4	3-4	19-27
vs Conf	4-5	7-2	3-5	3-5	4-4	2-6	4-4	27-31
vs Non-Conf	1-1	2-0	0-2	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-1	7-9
Off SU Win	3-4	6-2	2-3	0-3	2-3	0-1	3-4	16-20
Off SU Loss	1-2	2-0	1-4	4-4	2-3	3-6	1-1	14-20

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Trovon Riley	220	1063	59	1004	6	4.6
Mark Bonds	101	473	17	456	3	4.5
Kirk Elsworth	18	70	9	61	0	3.4
Tim Hiller	38	127	68	59	1	1.6
Greg Jennings	10	57	7	50	0	5.0
Jamarko Simmons	6	18	15	3	0	0.5
Ryan Cubit	9	16	29	-13	0	-1.4
Robbie Haas	18	27	44	-17	0	-0.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tim Hiller	151	98	64.9	1334	20	3
Robbie Haas	123	79	64.2	682	3	4
Ryan Cubit	108	65	60.2	674	6	3
Greg Jennings	3	1	33.3	22	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Greg Jennings	98	1259	12.8	14	89
Tony Scheffler	57	670	11.8	9	43
Joe Chapple	33	354	10.7	2	43
Trovon Riley	17	149	8.8	0	26
Jamarko Simmons	11	95	8.6	2	37
Brandon Ledbetter	11	76	6.9	2	13
Brian Jackson	4	38	9.5	0	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jim Laney	60	2449	40.8	6	35.1	0	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nate Meyer	42-44	5-5	4-5	3-8	0-1	12-19	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Antwain Allen	95	0	1	6	0
Ameer Ismail	93	8	12	1	0
Louis Delmas	82	1.5	2.5	8	3
Dustin Duclo	58	1	2	1	2
Kennard Banks	56	0	2	6	1
Austin Pritchard	54	3.5	2	0	1
Nick Varcadipane	50	5.5	2.5	3	1
Anthony Belmonte	50	2	2.5	1	1
CJ Wilson	47	0	2	4	2
Paul Tithof	38	0.5	2	0	0
Greg Marshall	34	1	1	0	0
Matt Ludeman	28	1	2.5	0	0
EJ Biggers	27	0	0	4	0
Paul Moersch	23	2	2.5	0	0
Zach Davidson	20	1.5	4	0	2
Scooter McIntosh	15	0	0	1	0
Cory Flom	13	0.5	1.5	0	0
Jim Vincent	12	0	0	0	1
Ross Farren	8	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Greg Jennings	20	172	8.6	0
Kirk Elsworth	1	14	14.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chauncey Thompkins	11	250	22.7	0
EJ Biggers	7	153	21.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
61	Aviation	NL	New Mexico	12-28	–
88	California	NL	Fresno St	30-35	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

W Michigan's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-2

W MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	32.2	21	146	3.8	247	63.1	12.2	+6	2005	5	31.1	24	147	3.7	303	62.1	14.5
4	22.5	20	100	3.0	265	60.1	16.2	-13	2004	7	39.6	24	215	5.3	265	60.9	12.1
5*	27.6	18	81	2.8	308	60.4	14.1	-4	2003	3	30.8	23	180	4.0	245	62.5	13.8
4	25.3	18	107	3.3	256	52.2	14.4	-14	2002	6	27.5	18	151	3.8	180	53.9	12.0
5*	25.2	19	100	3.1	258	56.5	14.2	-1	2001	7	24.2	20	186	4.0	180	57.7	15.1
8	29.9	22	169	4.1	232	58.1	13.4	-4	2000	5	11.6	16	105	2.7	178	51.9	24.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

WM 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Virginia	22	37 - 86	2.3	33 - 50	271	3	20	41 - 188	4.6	17 - 25	252	4	+1
–	at Toledo	17	30 - 84	2.8	20 - 35	215	3	31	43 - 254	5.9	29 - 39	358	1	+1
–	S Illinois	22	36 - 172	4.8	27 - 46	268	0	18	35 - 117	3.3	15 - 30	241	2	+1
–	at Temple	23	43 - 151	3.5	22 - 36	227	2	15	45 - 127	2.8	10 - 23	158	1	-2
–	Buffalo	16	31 - 151	4.9	14 - 24	184	1	20	41 - 72	1.8	30 - 38	288	5	+1
–	Ball St	27	55 - 171	3.1	26 - 36	373	3	30	57 - 240	4.2	23 - 41	306	3	-2
–	at Bowling Green	26	48 - 213	4.4	16 - 26	258	2	28	41 - 106	2.6	26 - 47	340	5	+2
–	Kent St	17	39 - 158	4.1	20 - 31	249	2	18	28 - 1	0.0	27 - 50	373	5	+1
–	† E Michigan	28	41 - 189	4.6	23 - 31	243	3	24	17 - 36	2.1	39 - 58	398	2	+1
–	C Michigan	15	35 - 126	3.6	16 - 29	239	3	35	39 - 115	2.9	46 - 71	460	3	+3
–	at N Illinois	19	32 - 104	3.3	26 - 42	185	2	24	50 - 366	7.3	8 - 13	160	0	-1
TOTALS		232	427 - 1605	3.8	243 - 385	2712	24	263	437 - 1622	3.7	270 - 435	3334	31	+6
AVERAGES		21.1	39 - 146	3.8	22 - 35	247	2.2	23.9	40 - 147	3.7	25 - 40	303	2.8	0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Illinois St	NL	48-7	–
at Virginia Tech - #9	+15	0-31	L
at Michigan - #20	+14	21-38	L
at E Michigan	-26	31-10	L
Akron	-10	31-14	W
Bowling Green	-8	37-28	W
at N Illinois	-5	12-20	L
at Miami, Oh	+3	11-25	L
at Toledo	+11	35-41	W
C Michigan	-17'	20-17	L
Ball St	-10	31-35	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	48-17	–
at Michigan - #7	+22'	12-35	L
at Purdue	+17	24-28	W
Virginia Tech - #5	+22'	0-30	L
at Buffalo	-11	31-17	W
UCF	+1'	27-31	L
at Bowling Green - #25	+17	45-48 OT	W
N Illinois	+2'	20-24	L
at Ball St	-5'	7-17	L
E Michigan	-25'	33-31	L
Toledo	+7	21-42	L
at C Michigan	-2'	35-10	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+13'	21-26	W
William & Mary	NL	56-24	–
Virginia	+7	16-59	L
at Ohio	-2	39-32	W
at E Michigan	-14	31-3	W
Bowling Green	+9	21-32	L
at N Illinois - #12	+11	10-37	L
Marshall	+8'	21-41	L
at Connecticut	+13	27-41	L
Ball St	-2'	28-20	W
C Michigan	-9	44-21	W
at Toledo	+11'	17-34	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tenn-Martin	NL	42-0	–
at Virginia Tech	+25	0-63	L
at Illinois	+8'	27-30	W
at Ball St	-3'	14-41	L
Toledo	+14	33-59	L
E Michigan	-3'	31-35	L
N Illinois	+19'	38-59	L
at C Michigan	+7'	21-24 OT	W
at Bowling Green	+30'	0-52	L
Miami, Oh	+20	21-42	L
at Marshall	+27	21-31	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia - #25	+34	19-31	W
at Toledo	+22	23-56	L
S Illinois	NL	34-28	–
at Temple	-3'	19-16	L
Buffalo	-10'	31-21	L
Ball St	-11'	57-60 5OT	L
at Bowling Green	+25	45-14	W
Kent St	-7'	44-14	W
† E Michigan	-3	44-36	W
C Michigan	-3	31-24	W
at N Illinois	+10	7-42	L

BALL ST CARDINALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 Ball St had to replace Talmadge Hill (PS#121) who left as the school's career leader in TD passes and 2nd in passing yards. The only experienced QB returning was Joey Lynch, who is former HC Bill Lynch's son. Showing his determination, he opted to stay even after his father was fired. He is not the most talented QB, but he may be the hardest working QB in the NCAA, spending almost every day in the film room. In 2004 he battled Casey Gillin (PS#96) who injured his shoulder vs Purdue (2nd gm). True frosh Cole Stinson who has a rocket for an arm and soon took control and threw for 1,101 (50.8%) with a 5-2 ratio. Stinson also injured his shoulder and Lynch tied Robert Adams' 1984 school record with 31 completions vs N Illinois and in the season finale, had the 3rd best yardage total in school history (397, 4 TD's). Lynch threw for 1,126 (63.9%) with a 9-2 ratio. Lynch won the starting job last year and threw for the third most yards in school history (1,982) and his 18 TD's set a school record. Both backups, Warren Suess (PS#102) and Stinson played in the opener but Stinson was ineffective in the 4Q and Suess surprisingly took the #2 spot. Lynch, after eight games, was completing 65.5% which was #2 in the MAC and finished with 63.1%. Suess played in 4 games hitting 6 of 13 for 67 while Stinson played in just 2 (2 att). Lynch's biggest play was his audible against EM in an all out blitz tossing the winning TD with :12 left. NFL scouts won't be checking Lynch out, but I really appreciate players who work as hard as he does and he should have a fine senior season. While Stinson departs, added to the mix are rFr Zach Jones (PS#111), Tanner Justice (6-3 205) and true frosh Nate Davis (PS#35).

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 Marcus Merriweather became just the 9th player in MAC history to top 4,000 yards in a career. In 2003 FB Scott Blair led with 604 (4.4) and Charles Wynn was #2 with 359 (3.7). Late in 2003, to get more speed in the backfield, Hoke moved WR Larry Bostic in from WR and he had 23 carries. In 2004 Bostic was moved permanently to RB and FB Brad Seiss (143 rush '03) was moved to LB. Bostic led the team in rushing in the first two games but suffered a knee injury vs Purdue. Interestingly, Blair commented that true frosh Adell Givens could eventually top Merriweather's rushing record. Givens was the first true frosh to start at TB here since Bernie Parmalee in '87. He rattled off 5 straight 100 yard games and finished with 963 yards (4.8). Givens was named MAC Frosh of the Year. Unfortunately Givens was dismissed, so the position was inexperienced again last year. Making matters worse, Wynn, who had 247 in '04 (best footwork of the RB's), was suspended for the first 3 games. Wynn still was the #3 receiver (26). Speedy true frosh returnman BJ Hill started at TB vs BC and vs WM (170) but Wynn led in five of the last 6 (533, 4.2) while Hill added 420 (5.1). Bostic had 196 (3.1) playing some at WR. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Nick Wedlow (5-9 194 So), Brenton Martin (6-1 221 Sr), Jacolby Bond (6-0 221 rFr, PS#188), FB's Garrett Bova (6-0 224 Sr), Seth Rainey (5-11 227 Jr) and this year's true frosh. Despite the loss of their leading rusher, this unit is more experienced.

RECEIVERS - In just three years Dante Ridgeway became Ball St's all-time career leading receiver (3,030 yds). He not only broke Deon Chester's career record ('84-'87), but was one of three Biletnikoff finalists and had five times the rec's of the #2 receiver in 2004 (105-21). He broke the school's single season records for rec's and rec yards in back-to-back years. Unfortunately last year he left early for the NFL (#6DC). This was an inexperienced unit that got better as the season went on last year. JUCO Brandon Hawkins started 5 but lost his spot and played in just 8 (11 rec). Terry Moss (3 st, 12 rec in '04) had 11 starts and 36 rec (11.7) to lead the team. RFr Louis Johnson took Hawkins' spot (6 st) and had 28 rec's (team high 14.8 ypc). HS QB Dante Love was not only a dangerous returnman, but the WR also lined up at QB and RB at times and had 19 (9.7) and 118 gross yards rushing. Not listed in the 3 deep below are DeAndrie Rogers (6-3 192 rFr), Jordan Trask (5-4 191 So) and Justin Walker (6-2 190 rFr). This year the unit is far more experienced with everyone except Hawkins back.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Hoke's first year, Ball St had a small O-line averaging just 268 lbs and with 3 starters back, they only paved the way for 3.3 ypc rushing but allowed just 21 sacks. In 2004 the group moved up to 290 lbs per man and had to replace two starters. They got banged up and only averaged 3.0 ypc while allowing 39 sacks. Last year they lost their top two OL's and two others (10 starts) due to graduation. Returning starter RG Mike Brown missed the year and Bryan Smith (7 st '04) was suspended early and started just 4. The unit basically had one starter back and that was LT Justin Schneider who ended up starting 3 at RG, 5 at RT and 2 at LT. Due to suspensions and injuries, seven different players started and they had a MAC high (tied w/Buff) 43 sacks allowed (2.9 ypc). This group continues to add size and this year averages over 300 lbs with the only losses being RT Smith, Mike Brown and backup C Patrick Neils. Two true frosh started vs Iowa last year and four frosh drew starts altogether. This is the deepest, biggest and best O-line that Hoke has fielded.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 Ball St's D allowed 4.8 ypc rushing while recording just 17 sacks despite having 6 of their top 8 returning. Last year they returned 3 of 4 starters but injuries and suspensions plagued the unit. NT Tom Kellar managed just 3 starts. Against BC, 3 of 4 starters were suspended and only one DL, Blair Kramer, managed to start more than 8. The Cardinals allowed their highest ypg rushing (202) since 1999 and their highest ypc (5.0) in over a decade. This year they lose DE Blair Kramer (10 st, 37 tkl, 5 sk, 8 tfl, 2nd Tm MAC) and DT Scott Bradtmiller (3 gm). Seven of the top 8 are back and all 7 have starting experience.

LINEBACKERS - This appeared to be a veteran unit last year as five players returned with starting experience including all 3 starters. Unfortunately, WLB Jason Sieman (7 st '04) lost his starting spot and MLB Donta Smith (9 st '04) was suspended (only played 2 gms). RFr DB Bryant Haines and FB Brad Seiss both converted to LB and each started 11, and those two were tough in the middle and were the top 2 tacklers. This year the only loss is Smith (119 tkl 3Y) and they move DE Martin Dunbar (5 st) to MLB. This is the best LB corps of the Hoke era.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Ball St has had some pretty poor finishes in my pass D rankings as in 2002 they finished #106 and in 2003 were #102. Having to replace three starters in 2004, they dropped to dead last in my rankings. Last year they had to replace their starting SS, Justin Beriault, who led the MAC in tackles in '03 and then lost returning starting CB Randell Means. Suspensions also hurt the unit with SS Erik Keys missing 2 and the other returning starter CB Ryan Patrick only having 7 starts. Ball St finished just #109. This is a veteran group with 5 players returning with starting experience but some true frosh may play immediately. This year they must replace CB Joshua Taylor (10 st, 52 tkl, 2 pbu), SS David Gater (4 st, 54 tkl, 1 int) and CB Patrick (7 st, 40 tkl, 3 pbu). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Eddie Burk (5-11 206 Jr, 1 tkl) and Bryant England (5-10 160 rFr). If I were Hoke, I would have recruited a JUCO shutdown CB, as that position is my main concern on their defense even though I look for Ball St to achieve its highest finish in my pass D rankings in the past five years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ball St was a horrible #116 in my ST rankings in 2004. Brian Jackson hit 12 of 16 FG's with one miss from 50+ and solid P Reggie Hodges avg'd 42.6 with a net of 35.0. Jackson also broke Jim Neddeff's record of 36 straight xp's (1977) with 40. They had to replace Hodges last year it and seemed apparent that they would struggle again. Amazingly Ball St improved all the way up to #65. rFr punter Chris Miller (PS#14) led the MAC in punting average (42.9). Joey Lynch had one punt vs Iowa that was returned 90 yards for a TD. Jackson hit 9 of 13 FG's with a long of 54. A pair of true frosh ignited the return game. BJ Hill avg'd 11.1 per PR with one TD and the exciting Dante Love avg'd 24.8 with one TD on KR's. The great news for Ball St is that all of the key players return including Larry Bostic who had two blocked punts. Jackson had just 5 TB's on 46 KO's. After being a weakness in 2004, the ST's will contend for Top 20 honors in 2006.

COACHES - HC Brady Hoke lettered here from 1977 to 1980. He was the Michigan DL coach for the six years prior to coming back here in 2003 and enters his 4th year. In his first year, his OC was Don Treadwell and the offense set school records for passing yards but he left for Cincinnati. Hoke, who wanted more of a running game, brought in Ed Stults in '04 who is now the asst HC. Last year's QB coach Stan Parrish became the new OC. He was the OC at Michigan from 00-'01. DC Mark Smith was Indiana St's DC in '01 and '02 and enters his 4th year here. Last year's D held N Illinois, which at the time was ranked #11 in the NCAA in total offense, to one FD and 39 yards total in the 1H.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

Former coach Bill Lynch led the Cardinals to a MAC Title in 1996. They then took a downturn but rebounded to be MAC West co-champs in 2001. They compiled a 12-10 record in MAC play in his final 3 seasons and ironically after the team's first non-losing season since 1996, Lynch was let go. All six of Ball St's losses in 2002 were to quality opponents (2 BCS). Lynch called the facilities probably the worst in the MAC. In 2003 New HC Brady Hoke inherited a veteran unit with 44 returning lettermen and they won their opener for the first time since 1995. It was a victory over a IAA team in front of a stadium record crowd of 23,549 under portable lights. They also won their MAC opener for the first time since 1995 beating CM and went on to stun Toledo 38-14. They stood 4-4 including 3-1 in the MAC but then went just 2-13 through 2004. The 2004 Ball St squad which finished just 2-9 did suffer 3 close losses and their final home game drew a crowd of just 5,309, their lowest since 1993. Last year they suffered some big losses including their star WR, Ridgeway (left early NFL) and star RB Givens (MAC Frosh Year) was dismissed from the squad. They had to replace a MAC-leading 3 NFL DC's and had just 4 home games but surprisingly finished 4-7, this time benefitting from 3 close wins. I like Brady Hoke as he is a disciplinarian who wants a physical, tough team (like a Boston College). Only 38 players stayed on campus in 2003 to workout over the summer, 50 in 2004 and 78 last year. Ball St also went through a ton of suspensions early and lost to Iowa, Auburn and BC with a shorthanded team by a combined score of 157-3. Despite their 4-4 finish, they were outgained by 99.7 ypg in MAC play. They did beat WM in 5 OT's and stunned N Illinois on the road, 31-17. Akron had a 1st & goal on the 1 but Ball St got an int on 4th down to pull out a 6 point win and then got a TD pass with :12 left to beat EMich 26-25 in a game EM led 19-0 with a 350-68 yd edge at the half. They lost to CM in OT blowing a 21-10 lead w/ 4:00 left in the 3Q. Last year's squad only had 9 seniors but returns a MAC high 18 starters this year. Hoke finally has the type of O-line he desires as they are big and experienced. They will not only have their best running game of the Hoke era, but also should have their most potent offense since 1996 (24.7 ppg) which was their last winning season. Brady Hoke likes a strong running game and solid defense so it's very surprising that his first three D's have allowed 32.2 ppg, 36.8 and last year 37.8. They appeared to be a veteran group last year with 8 defensive starters back but many returning starters either missed a good portion of the year with suspensions, injuries or lost their jobs. My biggest concern on this year's D is at CB but with 8 starters back and 18 players with starting experience, this is the best defense that Hoke has fielded in his four years here. This is Hoke's best team yet and with their schedule, they are capable of achieving a bowl eligible season.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 9 JOEY LYNCH SR. 6-2 193 PS#254. 18 st, 3Y. 3155 pass (63.6%) **28-9 ratio**, 282 rush. **16** Warren Suess (6-4 206 So) PS#102. 67 yds LY. **5** Zach Jones (6-7 220 rFr) PS#111.

RB 3 BJ Hill So. 5-7 181 3 st true, 420 rush (5.1), 18 rec (6.8), 259 ret yds. **19 Larry Bostic** (5-7 189 Sr) PS#186. 7 st RB/WR 3Y, 396 rush (3.3), 76 rec (11.3).

TE 88 DARIUS HILL SO. 6-6 230 3 st at TE rFr, 11 rec (12.4). **FB 38 Brad Salyer** (5-11 242 Sr) **11 st**, 3Y, 206 ttl yds. **27** Chris Clancy (6-2 231 So) **PS#121.** 1 st true, 46 yds.

WR 2 TERRY MOSS SR. 5-10 187 14 st 3Y, 49 rec (11.1). **86 Dante Love** (5-10 170 So) PS#382QB. 2 st, 852 all-purp yds as true. **15** Jon Myles (6-0 195 rFr) PS#335.

WR 81 LOUIS JOHNSON SO. 6-1 178 PS#269. 6 st rFr, 28 (14.8). **83** Dan Dunford (5-10 184 Jr) 2 st, 27 (11.0) 2Y. **18 Bryan Williamson** (6-3 207 Sr) 18 st 3Y, **60 rec** (11.2).

TE 84 MICHAEL STEINHAUS SR. 6-3 256 PS#51. 16 st 3Y, 23 rec (7.4). **13** Kyle Cornwell (6-4 240 So) 2 st, 1 rec. **89** Brad Wilson (6-3 240 Sr) 1st. **82** Madaris Grant (6-5 219 rFr).

C 52 DAN GERBERRY SO. 6-3 285 Off Scout POY '04. 11 st C rFr. **53** Justin Hartig (6-4 281 Jr) **PS#165. 63** Dan Boocher (6-4 312 rFr). **LS 54** Michael Hay (6-1 243 Sr).

RG 50 DUSTIN BROWN JR. 6-3 301 PS#504. 2nd string rFr. 7 st in '05 (6LG, 1RT). **78** John Purdy (6-6 **341** Fr) In for spg. **77** Jason Sippel (6-4 276 So) proj'd st'r LY but was inj'd.

LG 76 JUSTIN SCHNEIDER SR. 6-5 295 5 st RT rFr. 11 st LT '04. 10 st LY (2 LT, 3 RG, 5 RT). **75** Eric Larrimer (6-5 307 So) PS#287. 3 st LG rFr. **62** Justin Anderson (6-4 284 rFr).

RT 71 ROBERT BREWSTER SO. 6-5 320 PS#201. 11 st true (7 RG, 4 RT). **69** Brian Trowman (6-5 302 So) PS#335. 3 gm rFr. **91** Roger Morris (6-4 311 So) PS#136. 2 tkl as DL.

LT 79 ANDRE RAMSEY SO. 6-5 308 PS#236. 9 st LT true (miss 2 inj). **66** Kevin Neville (6-7 299 Jr). **58** Adam Cole (6-6 291 So) PS#202. 2 gm as rFr. **60** Justin Penland (6-6 301 Jr).

K 20 BRIAN JACKSON SR. 5-7 183 PS#101. 11 of 16 FG as true, long 43. 12 of 16 FG '04, long 39. 40 straight xp's. 9 of 13 FG LY, **long 54. 33** Adam Weber (6-2 189 rFr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 44 CORTLAN BOOKER JR. 6-2 244 PS#294LB. 6 st 2Y, 59 tkl, 7 tfl. **99** Kenny Meeks (6-2 223 So) 6 tkl rFr. **56** Gonzalo Barinaga (6-2 240 So). **59** Antonio Beasley (6-0 227 So).

DT 93 AMARA KOROMA JR. 6-2 272 4 tfl true. Last 4 st LY (inj & susp), 12 tkl, 4 tfl. **98 Temidayo Macarthy** (6-4 258 Jr) 11 st 2Y, 30 tkl. **94 Jacob Jordan** 3 st, 16 tkl, 2 tfl, 2Y.

DT 92 TOM KELLAR SR. 6-3 303 PS#134. 4 st, 35 tkl, 2 tfl 3 years. **74 William Wise** (6-0 290 Sr) 1 st, 6 tkl '04. **8 st LY**, 31 tkl, 7 tfl. **70** Jordan Applegate (6-5 306 rFr) PS#307.

DE 97 Riley Larimore Sr. 6-2 262 **10 st** '03. 9 st '04. 1 st LY. 78 tkls, 13.5 tfl, 3Y. **65** Drew Duffin (6-3 248 rFr). **95** Tony Adams (6-3 274 rFr) PS#321. Darrius Benham PS#113LB.

WLB 49 BRYANT HAINES SO. 6-5 226 Def Scout Tm POY '04. 11 st rFr, 83 tkl, 7 tfl LY. **28** Mike Dorulla (6-0 217 Jr) 30 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **36 Jason Sieman** (6-3 223 Sr) 86 tkl, 7 tfl, 7 st 2Y.

MLB 42 BRAD SEISS SR. 6-0 224 PS#155RB. 2 sts (inj) '04. 11 st LY, 81 tkl, 7 tfl. **48** Martin Dunbar (6-1 220 Sr) JUCO. 5 st DE, 25 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **46** Alex Moore (6-1 241 Jr) 7 tkl LY.

SLB 11 WENDELL BROWN JR. 6-0 225 PS#219. 6 st, 62 tkl, 7 tfl as true. 10 st, 52 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **51** Anthony Corpuz (6-2 226 Sr) **7 st**, 58 tkl 3Y. **55** Sam Woodworth (6-2 200 rFr) Def Scout MVP.

CB 29 Ricky Rakestraw Sr. 5-9 169 PS#505. 5 st 3Y, 25 tkl, 2 pbu. **24** Corey McGee (5-11 191 rFr) Off Scout MVP. PS#475RB. Moved from FB in spg. Jakeem Gregory is PS#156.

CB 8 Trey Buice So. 5-10 168 PS#334. 4 st true, 29 tkl, 2 pbu. **34** Lavell Mosley (6-2 194 So) PS#233. 1 tkl as rFr. **4** Jovens Degage (5-11 197 So) PS#331RB. 40 yds as rFr.

SS 7 ERIK KEYS SR. 5-10 210 PS#152. 1 st SS, 43 tkl rFr. 11 st FS '04, 84 tkl. 8 st SS LY, 69 tkl. **21** Chris Allen (5-10 185 Jr) 2 st, 38 tkl, 2Y. **23** Kyle Kuntz (5-10 186 rFr).

FS 12 TREY LEWIS SO. 6-0 193 Fork Union. 11 sts as rFr, 74 tkls, 3 int, 2 pbu. **10** Marcus McClure (6-0 173 So) 15 tkl, 2 int true. David Wise (5-9 175 rFr). Eddie Burk (5-11 206 Jr).

P 35 CHRIS MILLER SO. 6-2 212 **PS#14. 1st Tm MAC** rFr. 68 punts, 42.9 avg (#1 MAC), net 34.8. **Frosh AA. 20** Brian Jackson 9 punts in 2Y, 36.1 average.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Nate Davis 6-2 225 PS#35
DL	Darrius Benham 6-1 250 PS#113LB
DB	Jakeem Gregory 5-9 175 PS#156
OL	Lance Helton 6-5 310 PS#203
RB	MiQuale Lewis 5-6 185 PS#194
DB	Terrell Johnson 5-11 188 PS#221
RB	Alex Knipp 6-0 194 PS#219
TE	Kevin Steinhaus 6-2 235 PS#91
DL	Kaylon Woods 6-2 250 PS#275
LB	Brandon Houston 6-2 200 PS#305DB
WR	Myles Trempe 6-4 205 PS#257
DL	Jason Jankowski 6-2 247 PS#283
LB	Robert Eddins 6-3 210 PS#282
WR	Kristopher Heard 5-10 165 PS#289
LB	Justin Woodard 6-3 220 PS#320
LB	Spain Cosby 5-11 215 PS#350
OL	John Purdy 6-6 341 PS#451
DB	Joe Everett 6-0 170 PS#448
WR	Eulas Taylor 5-11 164 PS#410
DB	Dane Cook 6-0 185 PS#496
OL	Travis Arnold 6-8 282 PS#500
DL	John Buckingham 6-1 242 PS#447

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Aug. 31	E Michigan (Thur)	G					
Sep. 9	Indiana	G					
Sep. 16	at Purdue	G					
Sep. 23	North Dakota St	G					
Sep. 30	Northern Illinois	G					
Oct. 7	at Buffalo	A					
Oct. 14	at Central Michigan	A					
Oct. 21	W Michigan (HC)	G					
Oct. 28	at Miami, Oh	A					
Nov. 4	at Michigan	A					
Nov. 14	at Toledo (Tues)	A					
Nov. 18							
Nov. 24	Kent St (Fri)	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Hoke was a 4 yr letterman & team captain at Ball St from 1977-'80.
Ball St is 7-2 SU & 6-3 ATS as a home favorite since 2000.
Cardinals are 3-6 ATS since 1990 in home openers (3-7 SU L/10).

Ball St is 5-2 ATS the last 7 years vs Eastern Michigan.
Cardinals are 8-7 SU & 11-4 ATS the L/15 games when hosting MAC tms.

BSU is 3-17 SU & 7-12-1 ATS their last 20 gms vs IA non-conf opponents.
Ball St is 0-14 SU & 3-8 ATS vs current Big 10 Conference members.

From 1992-2000 BSU was 7-2 ATS but are 1-4 ATS since in road openers.
The Cardinals are 4-15 SU & 6-12-1 ATS the last 19 games as a road dog.

The Bison finished 7-4 LY as IAA Great West Conference members.
NDSU last played a current IA team in '70 (EMU) & TY have 2 on their schedule.

Ball St is 10-15 ATS since 1998 after a SU victory.
These teams have averaged 64 ppg the last 5 years in this series.

Cardinals are 13-22 ATS since 1997 in MAC road play.
Ball St is 1-6 ATS since 1997 as an away favorite.

BSU is 11-5 SU & 9-6-1 ATS the last 16 years vs Central Michigan.
Coming into 2006, Ball St is 11-22-1 ATS on artificial turf since 1997.

BSU is 0-3 SU the L3Y but have covered 4 of their L/6 Homecoming gms.
The visitor is 4-9 ATS the last 13 meetings between these 2 teams.

The home team is 1-6 SU & 2-5 ATS since 1995 in this series.
In their last gm in Oxford ('00) BSU snapped the nation's longest (21) losing streak w/a 15-10 (+28) win.

First ever meeting & the previous high crowd BSU played in front of was 85,095 vs UF in '00.
Ball St is 6-11 SU but 10-6-1 ATS their last 17 November road games.

Brady Hoke was an asst coach for 2 seasons at Toledo from 1987-'88.
These 2 teams are only avg 40 ppg in their 31 game history since 1975.

The Cardinals are 6-4-2 ATS after a bye since '90 (3-1-1 ATS the L5Y).
The SU winner's avg margin of victory in this series L/6 games is 25 pts.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Mike Neu 6,221 1990-'93
Rushing: Marcus Merriweather 4,002 1999-'02 Receiving: Dante Ridgeway 3,030 2002-'04

BRADY HOKE (Career 10-24)

4th Year at Ball St
Hoke's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Hoke's records AT BALL ST

10-24	Straight Up	2-1	Home Favorite
15-17-1	Vs The Spread	7-3	Home Underdog
10-10-1	Off A SU Loss	0-2	Away Favorite
13-11	Vs Conference	6-11-1	Away Underdog
2-6-1	Vs Non-Conf	1-1-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (24,27,3)
Lost: 14 (6,7,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 12,953

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	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	0-11	5-6	5-6	6-6	4-8	2-9	4-7	26-53
Home	0-4	2-3	2-3	4-1	3-3	2-3	1-3	14-20
Away	0-7	3-3	3-3	2-5	1-5	0-6	3-4	12-33
ATS	2-9	5-5	5-5	7-4	4-7	5-6	6-4-1	34-40-1
Home Fav	0-0	2-0	0-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	6-3
Home Dog	0-4	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-2	3-0	3-1	9-11
Away Fav	0-0	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	1-5
Away Dog	2-5	3-1	3-1	4-3	2-3	1-5	3-3-1	18-21-1
Favorite	0-0	2-2	1-3	2-0	1-2	1-1	0-0	7-8
Dog	2-9	3-3	4-2	5-4	3-5	4-5	6-4-1	27-32-1
Grass	1-6	4-3	2-5	6-2	3-3	4-3	3-3	23-25
Artificial	1-3	1-2	3-0	1-2	1-4	1-3	3-1-1	11-15-1
vs Conf	1-7	3-4	4-3	5-3	3-5	4-4	6-2	26-28
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	0-2-1	8-12-1
Off SU Win	0-0	1-3	1-3	4-2	0-4	1-1	3-1	10-14
Off SU Loss	1-9	3-2	4-1	3-1	4-3	3-5	3-2-1	21-23-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Charles Wynn	127	582	49	533	3	4.2
BJ Hill	82	445	25	420	2	5.1
Larry Bostic	64	211	15	196	3	3.1
Dante Love	19	118	29	89	0	4.7
Jovens Degage	12	44	4	40	0	3.3
Joey Lynch	86	199	327	-128	0	-1.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Joey Lynch	314	198	63.1	1982	18	7
Warren Suess	13	6	46.2	67	0	0
Dante Love	7	3	42.9	30	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Terry Moss	36	420	11.7	4	54
Louis Johnson	28	413	14.8	1	39
Charles Wynn	26	227	8.7	1	29
Dan Dunford	15	185	12.3	1	64
Dante Love	19	185	9.7	3	32
Darius Hill	11	136	12.4	3	32
BJ Hill	18	123	6.8	0	23
Larry Bostic	12	105	8.8	0	20
Michael Steinhaus	11	81	7.4	1	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Miller	68	2917	42.9	13	34.8(T)	2	20
Brian Jackson	8	289	36.1	0	–	0	5

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brian Jackson	26-27	3-3	5-8	0-1	1-1	9-13	54

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bryant Haines	83	1	6	1	0
Brad Seiss	81	1	6	1	0
Trey Lewis	74	0	1	2	3
Erik Keys	69	1	2	2	0
David Gater	54	1	2	2	1
Wendell Brown	52	1	2	2	0
Joshua Taylor	52	2	0	2	1
Ryan Patrick	40	0	0	3	0
Blair Kramer	37	5	8	3	0
William Wise	31	2	5	0	0
Mike Dorulla	30	0	3	0	0
Trey Buice	29	0	1	2	0
Cortlan Booker	29	1	3	1	0
Chris Allen	27	0	2	2	1
Riley Larimore	25	1	8	0	0
Martin Dunbar	25	0	4	0	0
Jason Sieman	18	0	1	0	0
Temidayo Macarthy	17	0	1	0	0
Tom Kellar	16	0	1	0	0
Marcus McClure	15	0	1	0	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
BJ Hill	18	200	11.1	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dante Love	22	546	24.8	1
Terry Moss	15	284	18.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
89	California	NL	Fresno St	6-27	–
93	Las Vegas	+2	Utah St	33-42	L
96	Las Vegas	+6'	Nevada	15-18	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Ball St's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-3

BALL ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	21.2	17	110	2.9	189	61.2	14.1	+3	2005	8	37.8	23	202	5.0	257	63.3	12.1
8	20.5	19	114	3.0	209	57.3	15.8	+5	2004	4	36.8	23	197	4.8	261	66.0	12.4
5*	21.8	18	115	3.3	228	58.3	15.7	-5	2003	7	32.2	21	198	4.6	190	62.6	12.0
8*	23.2	20	159	3.8	179	57.2	14.6	-5	2002	5	27.8	21	170	4.6	236	63.1	14.6
7*	24.4	20	165	3.6	178	52.1	14.0	-8	2001	10	26.9	19	153	4.3	210	53.0	13.5
7*	19.3	19	165	3.4	155	57.1	16.6	-14	2000	7	31.7	18	170	4.4	200	47.3	11.6

2005 STATS BY GAME

BSU RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at Iowa	7	34-51	1.5	11-23	93	3	22	47-241	5.1	19-20	200	2	+1
–	Bowling Green	14	32-159	5.0	25-34	306	2	24	36-127	3.5	27-43	427	1	+2
–	at Auburn	15	29-93	3.2	14-26	127	3	25	35-390	11.1	17-22	182	0	-1
–	at Boston College	11	32-46	1.4	18-24	113	6	29	38-223	5.9	24-33	248	0	+2
–	at W Michigan	30	57-240	4.2	23-41	306	3	27	55-171	3.1	26-36	373	3	+2
–	Toledo	14	40-114	2.9	11-19	76	4	25	45-231	5.1	18-30	241	0	-1
–	at Ohio	17	28-98	3.5	24-37	242	3	20	52-414	8.0	6-23	51	1	-2
–	at N Illinois	28	52-196	3.8	23-34	186	3	16	28-66	2.4	21-31	163	4	+1
–	Akron	17	43-106	2.5	18-29	145	5	20	28-84	3.0	22-44	285	2	+1
–	at E Michigan	15	22-33	1.5	17-33	204	4	26	49-167	3.4	25-36	326	2	-1
–	C Michigan	20	43-74	1.7	23-38	281	7	20	33-111	3.4	23-42	327	1	-1
TOTALS		188	412-1210	2.9	207-338	2079	43	254	446-2225	5.0	228-360	2823	16	+3
AVERAGES		17.1	37-110	2.9	19-31	189	3.9	23.1	41-202	5.0	21-33	257	1.5	0.3

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Auburn	+21	0-30	L
at Kentucky	+11	20-28	W
N Iowa	NL	39-42	–
Miami, Oh	+6'	20-28	L
at E Michigan	-9	35-14	W
Toledo - #25	+23'	24-20	W
at Connecticut	-10'	10-5	L
C Michigan	-11'	38-34	L
Kent St	-6'	18-31	L
at N Illinois	+10'	29-33	W
at W Michigan	+10	35-31	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+14	6-41	L
Indiana St	NL	23-21	–
at Clemson	+27'	7-30	W
at Connecticut	+6	24-21 OT	W
N Illinois	+2	29-41	L
at Toledo	+18	17-37	L
E Michigan	-15	42-17	W
at Bowling Green - #24	+21	20-38	W
W Michigan	+5'	17-7	W
at C Michigan	+2'	38-21	W
Buffalo	-16	41-21	W
at Marshall	+15	14-38	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	31-7	–
Missouri	+14	7-35	L
at Pittsburgh - #11	+30'	21-42	W
C Michigan	-5'	27-14	W
at Boston College	+22	29-53	L
at Kent St	+2'	34-17	W
Miami, Oh	+16	3-49	L
Toledo	+12	38-14	W
at N Illinois - #22	+15'	23-48	L
at W Michigan	+2'	20-28	L
at E Michigan	-10	14-38	L
Bowling Green - #22	+14'	14-41	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Boston College	+17	11-19	W
at Purdue - #25	+30'	7-59	L
at Missouri	+25'	0-48	L
W Michigan	+3'	41-14	W
at Toledo	+16	14-52	L
E Michigan	-7	24-31	L
at Bowling Green	+29	13-51	L
at Akron	+10	23-35	L
N Illinois	+20	31-38 OT	W
UCF	-3'	21-17	W
at C Michigan	+3'	40-41	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa - #11	+42	0-56	L
Bowling Green	+28'	31-40	W
at Auburn	+36'	3-63	L
at Boston College - #21	+38	0-38	T
at W Michigan	+11'	60-57 5OT	W
Toledo	+22	14-34	W
at Ohio	+7	21-38	L
at N Illinois	+29	31-17	W
Akron	+3	23-17	W
at E Michigan	+6	26-25	W
C Michigan	+4	24-31 OT	L

EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - The Eagles have produced some outstanding QB's including Charlie Batch (#2DC DET) and then Walt Church who simply broke most of Batch's school records. Iowa transfer Matt Bohnet (PS#100) beat out the only experienced QB returning in 2004 which just happened to be his own brother, Ken. Ken had thrown for 400 yards (57.4%) with an 1-5 ratio in '03 but was moved to TE. Matt benched 425 with 4.6 speed and threw for 2,807 (52.5%) with a 21-12 ratio in '04. Bohnet improved his completion % (62.7%) in '05 but saw his numbers drop to 2,181 and his TD's drop to 14 but he also cut his int to 5. Bohnet missed a full game and parts of two others with an ankle injury and had 347 yards rushing (562 in '04). Tyler Jones rushed for 107 in his start vs Miami and was the team's 2nd leading rusher with 267 net yards in '05. He threw for 245 (63.1%) with a 2-1 ratio. Bohnet will be tough to replace (UFA WAS) but Jones now has plenty of experience. Backing up Jones is Andy Schmitt, Dontayo Gage and Korey Cranor (6-0 190 Jr). I expect a fine season out of Jones but it will be tough for him to match Bohnet's passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Anthony Sherrell had a tremendous year in 2003 rushing for 1,531 (4.5) including 8 consecutive 100 yard efforts and was voted 1st Tm MAC. He did not adapt as well to the spread offense as Genyk had hoped. When Genyk was at Northwestern, Damien Anderson rushed for 2,000 but Sherrell only had 854 (4.4) in '04. Sherrell briefly opted to transfer to a IAA school in the spring of '05 and when he returned he was in the coach's doghouse and did not even travel to Cincinnati for the first game. Genyk went with a pair of true frosh in Cleveland Glenville HS product Tim Conner along with Dwayne Harrison (5-8 206 So). QB Bohnet led in rushing the first two and senior Nelson Drew led the team with just 19 vs Michigan. Sherrell had 55 vs CM but was back in the doghouse having just 7 carries the next three weeks. He led the team in the final four games topping 100 three times but finished with just 442 (5.0). QB's Jones and Bohnet were the #2 and #3 rushers. Harrison had 236 (4.1) and Conner 137 (3.0). This year they must replace Sherrell as well as Drew (31, 6.2). Battling the soph's are Pierre Walker (5-7 206 Jr, PS#217) who had one start at safety in '03 and three at TB in '04 (173 yd) but missed last year with a foot injury. Also in the hunt are Olufemi Ogundare (5-7 194 rFr), Brandon Downs (6-0 247 rFr) and Corey Everson (5-11 195 rFr). Keep an eye on this year's true frosh (see Newcomers) including LJ Robertson (PS#160). The talent may be down a notch this year but the production should increase.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 EM had to replace their career receiving leader, Kevin Walter, who was the first WR drafted (#7DC NYJ) from EM since 1976. He set the school record for rec in a season with 93 in '02. Eric Deslauriers, one of the top 5 QB prospects out of Canada, moved to WR in '03 and had 15 rec. Their leading returning receiver in 2004, Chris Roberson, was moved to DB and Deslauriers who has excellent size (6-5 205) and 4.45 speed, blossomed and had 84 (15.0). AJ Bennett was #2 with 36. The top 4 returned last year. Deslauriers saw his numbers drop to 75 (11.7) but he broke Walter's record for career TD rec (20) with 22. The unit did lose TE Ken Bohnet to a broken arm vs ULL but QB Matt Bohnet spread the ball around more and Bennett increased his rec total to 60 (8.5). This year they must replace Bennett (9 st), TE John Wester (1 st, 0 rec) and WR LaGarian Houston (0 rec). Deslauriers is back and Bohnet is now healthy so this unit should be even stronger.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003, EM's O-line only paved the way for 3.1 ypc rushing while allowing 38 sacks. In 2004 they only had two starters back and were learning a new offense

WR Trumaine Riley

but improved to 4.3 ypc with just 14 sacks. Of course having a mobile QB helped those numbers. Last year they had to replace two starters and a backup. EM surprisingly slipped to 3.8 ypc but allowed just 17 sacks (4.0%). This year they lose Offensive MVP C Mike Romeli (3 yr st'r) who finished his career with 37 straight starts and LT/TE Gemayel Cowser (13 career st). Eight of the top 10 are back and this should be the strongest O-line that Genyk has fielded.

DEFENSIVE LINE - With two starters back in 2002 EM allowed a horrifying 6.1 ypc rushing. In 2003, a much more veteran unit improved to 4.5 ypc allowed. In 2004 they moved from a 3-4 to a 4-3 and had 5 players who combined for 37 starts returning. Surprisingly they only improved to 4.4 ypc. Last year they had to replace two starters and moved 4 DL's to the OL but had 3 of the top 8 back who had combined for 28 starts. DE Kevin Howe was #2 in the MAC in sacks (10.5), Tm MVP and 2nd Tm MAC. Colorado transfer Josh Hunt started the last 10 at DT. EM allowed 4.7 ypc rush but increased the sack total to 21 thanks to Howe. This year they must replace DE Oliver Gagnon-Gordillo (10 st, 38 tkl, 6.5 tfl), DT Matt Lisek (2 tkl, 1 sk) and Steven Bednarik (1 st, 5 tkl). With 3 starters returning, EM should have their best D-line since 2001.

LINEBACKERS - EM had to replace 2 of their 3 starters last year and then moved starting MLB Bednarik to DE. The LB corps consisted of Darran Matthews who moved in from RB in the spring, JUCO Michael Richardson who joined the team in the fall and true frosh Daniel Holtzclaw. They had no LB's that had played a down at LB in IA ball with the 3 backups all being frosh. The three starters turned out to be the #2, #3 and #5 tacklers and improved as the season went on. This year the unit returns intact and they add in their top recruit Andre Hatchett who drew the attention of some Big 10 schools. This group should be one of the most improved LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Eagles finished dead last in my pass D rankings in 2002 and with 3 starters back moved up to #107 in 2003. They had 3 starters back again in 2004 and finished #117. Last year they had to replace two starters including a #7DC and then lost two backups over the summer who combined for five starts. SS Rontrell Woodruff simply led the team in tackles with 110 and FS Corey Parker was #4 with 83. EM moved up to #88 allowing a respectable 18-11 ratio. This year they lose Woodruff (11 st, 2nd Tm MAC), Parker (11 st), CB Steven Lewis (7 st, 39 tkl) and CB Jereme Perry (1 st, 36 tkl). Two players return with starting experience and CB Duan Bracey is also athletic enough to play at WR (16 rec). This unit is my biggest question mark for the 2006 Eagles team.

SPECIAL TEAMS - EM finished just #115 , #108 and #98 from 2001-'03 in my ST rankings. In 2004, K Andrew Wellock, who has a powerful leg hit an outstanding 21 of 23 FG's with a long of 52 and also handled the punting duties, avg 37.2 (34.5 net). His presence helped EM move up to #55 in Genyk's first year. Last year Wellock actually missed more FG's and xp's than in his first two seasons combined, but still had a fine year hitting 18 of 25 FG's with a long of 52 and increased his punting avg to 38.3. The net did drop to 32.7 thanks in part to Michigan's Steve Breaston's 72 yd return. Trumaine Riley did increase his KR avg from 17.9 to 22.4. Riley's PR avg's have gone from 10.4 in '03, to 8.0 in '04 and 6.1 in '05. Blake Smith recovered two fumbled kicks vs ULL winning MAC ST POW honors. ST breakdowns cost them in a couple of games but with the return of their all-time career FG leader, Wellock, (broke Justin Ventura's 42 '95-'98) and Riley, I look for them to record their best ever finish in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Jeff Genyk enters his third season as HC here after spending the previous five under Randy Walker as Northwestern's RB coach and recruiting coordinator. At his press conference he said, "We're going to host and win a MAC Championship". His OC is Howard Feggins who was the WR coach at NW the previous five seasons. His DC is Jay Peterson who was the DL/LB coach at NW. Peterson said he ran a very vanilla defense in 2004 and added a lot to it last year and the team responded by allowing 14.8 ppg less.

PHIL'S FORECAST

EM has had only six winning seasons since 1974. The 2002 team did set MAC and NCAA records for most points allowed in a season (566) and total yards allowed (6,239). In 2003 EM was outgained by 154.5 ypg in league play (3rd worst in MAC) but did rally to win 2 of their final 3 under interim HC Al Lavan to finish out of the basement at 2-6. The 2003 defense allowed "only" 30.9 ppg and 393 ypg. EM had not won more than two MAC games since 1999 but some close victories saw them finish 4-4 in MAC play in Genyk's first season in 2004. They won the Michigan MAC Championship (beat WM and CM) for the first time since 1986 but needed 4 OT's to get past CM. That put EM at 4-2 and in the hunt for the MAC Title but they dropped their final 2. They installed FieldTurf last July to help cut down on injuries. EM had a tough opening loss to Cincy, missing a 2 pt conversion that would have tied it in the 4Q. They did beat rival CM in OT and after knocking off Kent St were 2-1 in the MAC and 3-2 overall. A mishandled snap resulted in Wellock's kick hitting the right upright w/:13 left in a 1 pt loss to Miami and a failed 2 point conv had them trailing WM 37-36 late. They led Ball St 22-7 in the 4Q but allowed a TD pass with :12 left to lose by 1 and suffered their tenth straight losing season in what could have easily been a 7-4 season. They finished last in the MAC West at 3-5 but were only outgained by 28.8 ypg (7th best). EM had 8 starters back on offense from a unit that averaged 29.8 ppg in 2004 but surprisingly only avg'd 21.8 in '05. Despite losing their top QB and RB, they should top last year's total. Last year, despite having just 3 returning starters back on defense that kept their jobs, EM allowed 26.8 ppg, which was their best since 1996. This looks like the best front 7 that EM has had in quite some time and they will cut down on the 409 ypg allowed last year. However, EM was +10 in turnovers last year, are breaking in a new QB and most of their winnable games are on the road. That has me calling for a 2nd straight finish in the MAC West cellar.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 8 Tyler Jones So. 6-1 218 PS#174. 1 st rFr, 245 (63.1%), 2-1 ratio, 314 rush. **7** Andy Schmitt (6-4 221 rFr) PS#300. **2** Dontayo Gage (5-9 183 rFr) PS#320.

RB 24 Dwayne Harrison So. 5-8 206 4 st true, 236 (4.1). **32** Pierre Walker (5-7 206 Jr) PS#217. 3 st, 173 (3.8) '04. Med RS LY. **5** Tim Conner (5-9 191 So) PS#217DB. 5 st, 137 (3.0) true.

WR 19 ERIC DESLAURIERS SR. 6-5 205 #1DC Montreal CFL draft. 10 st '04, **2nd Tm MAC**, 84 (15.0). 10 st, 75 (11.7) LY. **10** Brian Ceckiewicz (6-3 209 Jr). **87** Reggie Brown (5-11 171 So).

WR 3 TRAVIS LEWIS JR. 6-2 197 9 st, 33 rec (10.0) LY. **80** Jacory Stone (6-1 189 rFr). **6** Victor Alejo (5-9 176 So). **47** John Neely (6-0 200 Jr). 7 tkl at SS as true in '03.

WR 85 Trumaine Riley Sr. 5-8 164 PS#372RB. 5 st 3Y, 50 rec (11.8). **17** John Bonner (6-2 204 So) PS#302. 1 st, 3 rec (25.7) true. **4 Duan Bracey** (5-9 189 Jr) PS#194DB. 3 st, 41 rec 2Y.

TE 16 KEN BOHNET JR. 6-5 245 PS#125QB. 3 st true, 400 yd pass. 1 st TE LY (inj), 11 (5.8). **86** RJ Montemayor (6-5 230 Sr) PS#209JC. 2 rec LY. **89** Chris Larkins (6-2 249 So) 1 st rFr.

C 58 KEVIN MINOR SR. 6-2 289 Scout MVP DT '02. TE '03 & '04. 11 st LT '05. **73** Desi Mayner (6-1 284 So) PS#74TE. 2nd string rFr. **LS 53** Jerry Topolinski (6-2 245 Jr).

RG 71 CHRIS THOMAS JR. 6-4 315 PS#591. Milford. 11 st RG rFr. 10 st RG LY. Trim 15 lbs. **64** Ross Petersen (6-5 300 rFr) PS#621. GS in '04. RS LY. Added 29 lbs.

LG 63 KHALID WALTON JR. 6-4 320 PS#615. 5x Scout Tm POW '03. 11 st LG rFr. 11 st LY (10 LG, 1 RG). **74** Joe Charles (6-0 309 Jr) PS#468DL. 1.5 sk as true DT. OL LY.

RT 77 Tom Schmeding Jr. 6-6 306 PS#187JUCO. In for spg. **68** Jake Bleeker (6-5 317 So). 2nd string RT rFr. **70** Greg Egbuogu (6-3 320 Jr) PS#312. 6 tkl true. 1 st LG LY.

LT 75 COURTNEY FORD SR. 6-5 302 PS#504DL. 11 tkl DL true. 3 tkl at DT '04. 11 st RT LY, EM OL of Year. **60** Andy Fretz (6-2 269 rFr) DT as true. Moved to OL in spring.

K 40 ANDREW WELLOCK SR. 5-11 182 **1st Tm MAC '04 & '05**. Groza finalist '04. 53 of 65 FG's in 3Y, 3-6 from 50+. Two 52 yd FG's. **33** Zach Johnson (6-0 177 rFr) PS#86.

DE 13 Corey Riley Jr. 6-2 226 PS#390LB. 3 tkl LB rFr. 4 tkl DE LY. **94** Eric Young PS#240JC. 15 sk Fr. 13 sk JC LY. **79** Christopher Downer (5-10 219 Jr). **92** Andy Krevis. In for spg.

DT 91 JOSH HUNT JR. 6-5 264 PS#115. Colorado trans. Last 10 st LY, 37 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **93** TJ Lang (6-4 265 So) PS#414. 1 st at DT as true, 11 tkl. Sam Emedobi is PS#447.

DT 83 JASON JONES JR. 6-5 252 3 st TE true, 4 rec. 11 st DT LY, Def MVP, 47 tkl, 6.5 sk, 5.5 tfl. **70** Greg Egbuogu (6-3 320 Jr) PS#312OL. 6 tkl '04. **98** Allan Cozart (5-9 254 So).

DE 88 KEVIN HOWE SR. 6-3 240 PS#150TE. 2 st, 4 rec rFr. Last 4 st DE '04, 21 tkl, 6 tfl. 11 st LY, **2nd Tm MAC**, 55 tkl, **10.5 sk**, 6 tfl. **55** Mackenzie Lyons (6-1 233 So) PS#260.

WLB 11 MICHAEL RICHARDSON SR. 6-0 214 PS#295JC. 9 st here LY, #2 tackler with 102, 3 tfl, 1 int, **HM MAC**. **46** Korey Jackson (6-0 219 So) 2 st rFr, 10 tkl. Brandon Pratt is PS#485.

MLB 44 DANIEL HOLTZCLAW SO. 6-1 222 11 starts at MLB as **true**, #3 tkl'r (91), 5.5 tfl. **9** Cortland Selman (6-0 220 So) PS#535DB. 3 tkl rFr. **45** Brandon Downs (6-0 247 rFr) PS#468.

SLB 42 DARRAN MATTHEWS JR. 6-0 211 PS#359RB. 180 yds, RB as true. 11 st SLB last year, 64 tkl. **41** Spenser Smith (6-1 230 So) PS#199. 9 tkl true. **Andre Hatchett** is **PS#83**.

CB 4 DUAN BRACEY JR. 5-9 189 PS#194. 2 st WR, 25 rec '04. 10 st CB LY, 51 tkl, 16 rec (5.5). **48** Tyrone Burke PS#523 '05. Milford. In for spring. **34** Todd Brown (5-10 173 rFr).

CB 23 Corey Reid So. 5-10 189 PS#143. Colorado transfer. **30** Lyle Garrison (5-6 160 So) PS#210RB. 8 tkl as true, 10 gms. Added 11 lbs. **39** Aaron Glenn (5-9 180 Jr).

SS 14 Blake Smith Jr. 6-1 178 PS#173QB. 7 tkl true. 4 st CB LY, 33 tkl, 6 pbu, 1 int. **21** Jacob Wyatt (5-11 190 So) PS#166. 12 tkl, 2 tfl as true. Ryan Downard is PS#482.

FS 43 Chris Campa rFr. 6-1 188 #1 FS in spg. **22** Chris May (5-10 191 rFr) PS#462. **26** Zedrick Bryant (6-1 195 Jr) 6 tkl, 2Y. **31** Lorenzo Seaberry (5-6 195 rFr) move from WR in spg.

P 40 ANDREW WELLOCK SR. 5-11 182 50 punt '04, 37.2 avg, net 34.5. 57 punts LY, 38.3 avg and net of 32.7, 13 TB's on 44 KO's last year. Zach Johnson (6-0 177 rFr) PS#86.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

LB	Andre Hatchett 5-11 190 PS#83
OL	Tom Schmeding 6-7 308 PS#187JC
DL	Eric Young 6-2 226 PS#240JC
RB	LJ Robertson 6-1 200 PS#160
RB	Clint Allen 6-1 195 PS#418DB
WR	Derrick Hunter 6-0 180 PS#336
TE	Anthony Daniels 6-3 240 PS#157
DB	Ryan Downard 6-1 195 PS#482
DL	Stephen Johnson 6-5 260 PS#494OL
RB	Richard Franklin 5-11 195 PS#456
WR	Antwain Weeden 6-1 185 PS#433
DL	Sam Emedobi 6-4 240 PS#447
DB	Tyrone Burke 5-10 187 PS#523 '05
RB	DeAnthony White 5-8 165 PS#515
TE	Dudley LaPorte 6-4 235 PS#205
TE	Josh LeDuc 6-3 209 PS#205
OL	Paul Johnson 6-6 280 PS#562
DL	Andy Krevis 6-6 231 PS#495
DL	Chris Radney 6-3 245 PS#495
LB	Brandon Pratt 6-2 190 PS#485
DB	Michael Almond 6-0 175 PS#560
DB	Mark Mitchell 5-11 180 PS#560

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#86

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score EM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Aug. 31	at Ball St (Thur)	G					
Sep. 9	at Michigan St	G					
Sep. 16	at Northwestern	G					
Sep. 23	Central Michigan	A					
Sep. 30	at Louisiana-Lft	G					
Oct. 7							
Oct. 14	at Bowling Green	G					
Oct. 21	Toledo (HC)	A					
Oct. 28	at Western Michigan	A					
Nov. 4	Ohio	A					
Nov. 11	Navy	A					
Nov. 18	at Kent St	A					
Nov. 24	N Illinois (Fri)	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Genyk is 7-4-1 ATS off a SU loss as EMU's head coach.
Eagles have lost 15 out of 18 ATS on grass since 1999.
E Michigan is 2-7 SU & 2-6 ATS their last 9 Homecoming games.

The home team is 4-9 ATS since 1993 in this series.
EMU is 11-2 ATS the last 13 years in their 1st MAC road game of the season.

Could apply: EMU is 10-18 ATS since 1996 after a SU win.
E Michigan is 5-21 ATS vs non-conference opponents since 1994.

Coming into '06, EMU is 0-19 SU & 2-8-1 ATS being outscored 664-71 vs current B10 tms.
Genyk spent 12 yrs prior to EMU coaching at Northwestern (Master's in '94).

E Michigan is 7-4 SU but 2-5 ATS the last 11 years in home openers.
Eagles are 6-9-1 SU but 12-4 ATS vs the Chippewas since 1990.

Could apply: EMU is 8-2 SU & 7-2-1 ATS since 1991 as an away favorite.
EMU is 2-6 SU & 3-5 ATS prior to a bye since 1995 (3-0 ATS L3Y).

Eastern Michigan is 0-4 SU & 1-3 ATS the last 4 years after a bye week.
Genyk played QB at Bowling Green from 1978-'81 graduating in 1982.

EMU is 3-7 SU & 6-3-1 ATS the last 3 years as home dogs.
The home team is 3-7-1 the last 11 years in this series.

EMU has allowed on avg 36 ppg the L9Y vs WMU (low was 28 pts in 2000).
Eagles are 4-12 SU but 10-6 ATS since 1990 vs the Broncos.

Eastern Michigan is 5-9 ATS in Ypsilanti in November since 1995.
Could apply: EMU is 4-8-1 ATS (8-5 SU) the last 13 gms as home favorites.

EMU is 6-9 SU & 2-4 ATS since 1996 hosting non-conference teams.
In their last & only game vs Navy in '03, EMU was outrushed 372 (5.7) to 32 (1.5).

Last year EMU led 27-7 after 3Q's before KSU made a comeback attempt.
The 69 pts KSU scored last gm in Kent tied for the most allowed in school history by EMU.

EMU is 5-11 ATS in their last 16 home finales.
The home team is 2-7 ATS their last 9 meetings in this series.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Walter Church 9,142 1996-'00
Rushing: Gary Patton 3,497 1984-'87 Receiving: Kevin Walter 2,838 1999-'02

JEFF GENYK (Career 8-14)

3rd Year at E Michigan — Genyk's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Genyk's records AT E MICHIGAN

8-14	Straight Up	2-3	Home Favorite
11-9-1	Vs The Spread	2-2-1	Home Underdog
7-4-1	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
9-6-1	Vs Conference	6-4	Away Underdog
2-3	Vs Non-Conf	1-1	Off A Bye

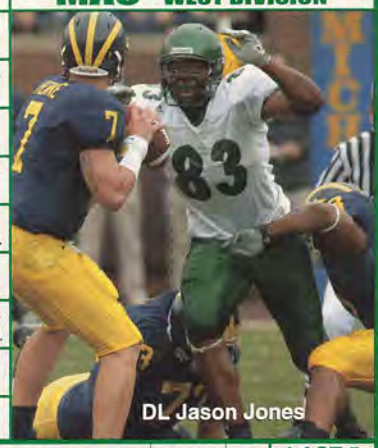
2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 31 (14,15,2)
Lost: 16 (7,8,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 6,413

MAC - WEST DIVISION


DL Jason Jones

STADIUM: RYNEARSON STADIUM (30,200)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-8	2-9	3-9	3-9	4-7	4-7	23-56
Home	3-1	3-3	2-3	3-3	3-4	1-4	2-2	17-20
Away	1-6	0-5	0-6	0-6	0-5	3-3	2-5	6-36
ATS	4-6-1	3-8	6-3	2-8	6-4	4-5-1	7-4	32-38-2
Home Fav	0-1-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	4-5-1
Home Dog	2-0	1-3	1-1	1-3	4-1	1-1-1	1-1	11-10-1
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2
Away Dog	2-4	1-4	4-1	1-5	2-3	3-2	3-2	16-21
Favorite	0-2-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	3-1	5-7-1
Dog	4-4	2-7	5-2	2-8	6-4	4-3-1	4-3	27-31-1
Grass	1-2	0-4	0-2	0-5	0-1	2-1	0-0	3-15
Artificial	3-4-1	3-4	6-1	2-3	6-3	2-4-1	7-4	29-23-2
vs Conf	4-3-1	2-5	6-1	2-6	5-3	4-3-1	5-3	28-24-2
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-3	0-2	0-2	1-1	0-2	2-1	4-14
Off SU Win	1-3	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-0	2-2	1-2	9-12
Off SU Loss	3-2-1	2-5	5-2	1-5	4-4	2-2-1	5-2	22-22-2

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
87	California	NL	San Jose St	30-27	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

E Michigan's All-Time SU Bowl Record 1-0

E MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	21.8	19	123	3.8	223	62.1	15.9	+10	2005	5	26.8	23	199	4.7	210	62.6	15.2
7	29.8	23	166	4.3	262	51.5	14.4	-9	2004	9	41.6	26	192	4.4	278	64.5	11.3
7	17.1	15	117	3.1	154	54.2	15.8	-6	2003	10	30.9	20	191	4.5	202	61.1	12.7
5*	23.8	19	113	3.5	247	56.2	15.1	-22	2002	6	47.2	25	294	6.1	226	63.7	11.0
5	17.9	17	109	3.2	192	50.0	16.8	-7	2001	7	32.4	20	178	4.0	198	54.6	11.6
7*	19.0	17	95	3.0	219	59.3	16.5	+1	2000	7	31.8	21	194	4.5	211	56.1	12.7

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Sherrell	89	481	39	442	3	5.0
Tyler Jones	67	314	47	267	1	4.0
Matt Bohnet	78	347	97	250	3	3.2
Dwayne Harrison	58	253	17	236	1	4.1
Tim Conner	45	151	14	137	2	3.0
Nelson Drew	5	31	0	31	0	6.2
Eric Deslauriers	2	30	0	30	0	15.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Bohnet	351	220	62.7	2181	14	5
Tyler Jones	65	41	63.1	245	2	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Eric Deslauriers	75	874	11.7	8	49	
AJ Bennett	60	511	8.5	4	38	
Travis Lewis	33	331	10.0	1	44	
Trumaine Riley	21	200	9.5	0	26	
Tim Conner	14	91	6.5	0	13	
Anthony Sherrell	12	89	7.4	0	20	
Duan Bracey	16	88	5.5	0	17	
Chris Graham	8	79	9.9	2	25	
John Bonner	3	77	25.7	0	77	
Ken Bohnet	11	64	5.8	0	18	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Andrew Wellock	57	2183	38.3	2	32.7	1	21
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Andrew Wellock	22-24	8-9	5-6	4-8	1-2	18-25	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rontrell Woodruff	110	0	0	4	1
Michael Richardson	102	1	2	1	1
Daniel Holtzclaw	91	0	5.5	1	5
Corey Parker	83	0	0	5	0
Darran Matthews	64	0	0.5	0	1
Kevin Howe	55	10.5	6	3	0
Duan Bracey	51	0	0.5	2	1
Jason Jones	47	6.5	5.5	0	0
Steven Lewis	39	0	0	4	0
Oliver Gagnon-Gordillo	38	2	4.5	2	0
Josh Hunt	37	0	5.5	0	0
Jereme Perry	36	0	0	0	0
Blake Smith	33	0	0	6	1
Jacob Wyatt	12	0	2	0	1
TJ Lang	11	0	0.5	0	0
Korey Jackson	10	0	0	0	0
Spenser Smith	9	0	1	0	0
Lyle Garrison	8	0	0	0	0
Steven Bednarik	5	0	1	0	0
Andrew Wellock	5	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Trumaine Riley	12	73	6.1	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Trumaine Riley	22	492	22.4	0	
Tim Conner	7	135	19.3	0	

2005 STATS BY GAME

EM 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at Cincinnati	18	31 - 149	4.8	22 - 33	167	2	29	55 - 293	5.3	17 - 26	176	1	+1
–	Louisiana-Lft	24	41 - 156	3.8	27 - 39	268	0	19	37 - 182	4.9	21 - 29	228	1	+3
–	at Michigan	10	24 - 15	0.6	15 - 30	119	2	30	56 - 232	4.1	20 - 28	233	2	-1
–	at C Michigan	24	28 - 117	4.2	36 - 56	380	0	20	49 - 202	4.1	18 - 31	182	2	0
–	Kent St	21	41 - 122	3.0	23 - 40	218	2	22	30 - 76	2.5	29 - 46	243	3	+1
–	at Toledo	19	25 - 101	4.0	25 - 43	190	3	25	41 - 295	7.2	16 - 27	161	1	-2
–	at N Illinois	10	32 - 73	2.3	15 - 31	101	2	17	53 - 315	5.9	15 - 23	119	2	+1
–	Miami, Oh	20	41 - 251	6.1	19 - 27	135	1	26	40 - 197	4.9	23 - 43	252	1	+2
–	† W Michigan	24	16 - 35	2.2	40 - 59	399	2	28	41 - 189	4.6	23 - 31	243	3	-1
–	Ball St	26	49 - 167	3.4	25 - 36	326	2	15	22 - 33	1.5	17 - 33	204	4	+1
–	at Buffalo	17	31 - 169	5.5	15 - 28	147	1	24	39 - 172	4.4	25 - 41	269	1	+5
TOTALS		213	359 - 1355	3.8	262 - 422	2450	17	255	463 - 2186	4.7	224 - 358	2310	21	+10
AVERAGES		19.4	33 - 123	3.8	24 - 38	223	1.5	23.2	42 - 199	4.7	20 - 33	210	1.9	0.9

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SE Missouri St	NL	16-12	–
at Maryland	+25	3-50	L
Indiana St	NL	14-21	–
W Michigan	+26	10-31	W
at Connecticut	-1'	0-19	L
Ball St	+9	14-35	L
Buffalo	-3	24-20	W
at N Illinois	+24	17-40	W
at C Michigan	+13	30-35	W
at Toledo	+33	7-28	W
at Akron	+17	62-65	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St - #18	+37	7-56	L
Toledo	+22	13-65	L
SE Missouri St	NL	35-32	–
at Maryland	+34'	3-45	L
S Illinois	NL	48-45 2OT	–
Akron	+11	42-34	W
at Ohio	+8	27-55	L
at Ball St	+15	17-42	L
C Michigan	+10	21-47	L
at W Michigan	+25'	31-33	W
N Illinois	+23	21-49	L
at Bowling Green	+32	21-63	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Tenn St	NL	28-21	–
W Illinois	NL	12-34	–
at Akron	+19'	17-24	W
at Navy	+12'	7-39	L
Maryland	+34	13-37	W
W Michigan	+14	3-31	L
at Toledo	+27	14-49	L
Bowling Green	+28	20-33	W
at C Michigan	+7'	10-38	L
UCF	+7	19-13	W
Ball St	+10	38-14	W
at N Illinois	+26	24-38	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Buffalo	-7	37-34	L
at Florida - #11	+37	10-49	L
Toledo	+10	32-42	T
E Illinois	NL	28-31	–
Idaho	-7	41-45	L
at Ball St	+7	31-24	W
at W Michigan	+3'	35-31	W
at Bowling Green	+30	20-41	W
† C Michigan	+1	61-58 4OT	W
at Kent St	+12'	17-69	L
N Illinois	+17'	16-34	L

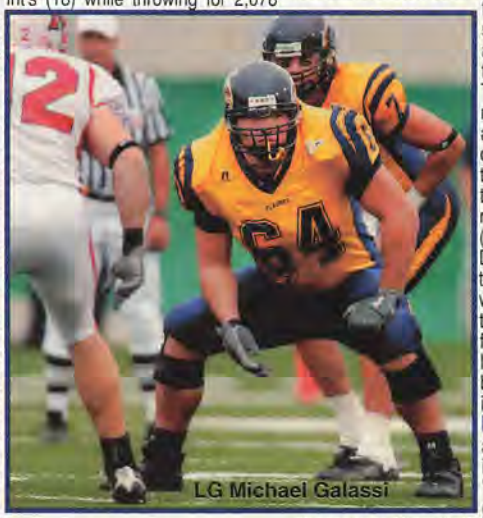
2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Cincinnati	+10	26-28	W
Louisiana-Lft	-7	31-10	W
at Michigan - #14	+29	0-55	L
at C Michigan	+5'	23-20 OT	W
Kent St	-3'	27-20	W
at Toledo	+20	3-30	L
at N Illinois	+21	8-24	W
Miami, Oh	+10'	23-24	W
† W Michigan	+3	36-44	L
Ball St	-6	25-26	L
at Buffalo	-6	38-14	W

KENT ST GOLDEN FLASHES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Opposing coaches sometimes talk about having to prepare for two different types of QB's when facing an opponent. While Kent St did not have a QB controversy, they had big differences between their #1 and #2 QB's. Last season Kent St had to replace Joshua Cribbs, who was their all-time total offense leader and broke many other records. He was the 2nd QB in NCAA history to top 1,000 yards rushing and passing twice in his career. In 2004 he threw for 2,215 (64%) with a 17-6 ratio, while rushing for 893 net yards. 2005's starter Michael Machen (PS#59JC) was drafted by the Braves (MLB) straight out of HS in 2000. He is 6'6" 235 lbs and a prototypical dropback passer. He was redshirted at Alabama in 2003 and transferred to a JUCO in '04 and threw for 2,000 yards with a 22-9. True frosh Jon Brown, who is just 5-10 189, was actually the MVP of the Elite 11 camp and while 8" shorter and 46 lbs lighter than Machen, Brown ran the TTech type of offense in HS and has a knack for not having passes batted down at the line, despite his height. Machen threw for 293 with a 2-1 ratio vs Mich St and HC Martin felt he would have an excellent season. Unfortunately, injuries with the RB's and on the O-line put the QB's under heavy duress all year. The new passing offense resulted in Kent St avg just 45.9 ypg rushing so the QB's had little help (33 sacks). Machen led the MAC in int's (18) while throwing for 2,078 (54.8%) with 11 TD's. He suffered a knee injury vs Ohio and Brown hit 15 of 19 for 106 in the 2H and started vs EM. Brown finished the year with 474 (61.9%) and a 2-4 ratio. Neither showed Cribbs mobility as Machen had just 150 gross yards rushing and Brown had 19. Since KSU is switching the offense, Brown has dropped to 4th string. Anthony Magazu (6-3 185 rFr, PS#382) and Anthony Pastore (PS#99) add depth. Last year Julian Edelman threw for 1,312 and rushed for 1,253 at JC, so he may contend for the starting spot if Machen struggles. True frosh Darren Rogers (PS#175) could also contend. This should be one of the most improved QB units in the country.


LG Michael Galassi

RUNNING BACKS - Kent St had almost zero returning experience at the RB position in '05. Luke Tillman (TE in '04) sprained his MCL missing the opener. Doug Martin said the RB would be true frosh Eugene Jarvis and that it wasn't even close between him and the #2 man. Unfortunately, two classes from HS were not accepted and he was ruled ineligible. Tillman was lost for the season after rushing for just 90 (3.6). Jon Drager played in 3 but tore his ACL. True frosh Greg Keys (PS#183) had 2 starts rushing for just 63 but separated his shoulder vs BG. True frosh Jerry Flowers (5-8 180) had a sprained ankle and had just 5 starts and was forced to play vs BG at less than 100% (10-33) and led with 304 (3.2). In the final two games, WR Linwood Jenkins (PS#179) became the feature back finishing with 95 (3.0) including 23 carries for 66 yards vs Akron. KSU moved to a Texas Tech style offense last year, lost their top six RB's prior to the season finale and had injuries to the O-line which were just some of the reasons why they avg'd just 45.9 ypg rushing. With the addition of Jarvis as well as Mich St transfer Tony Howard this unit goes from a weakness to a strength, and The Flashes will probably have the most improved rushing game in the country.

RECEIVERS - The Golden Flashes recruited a rare HT in WR Darrell Dowery (PS#59), who lived up to that billing. Dowery, with his 4.35 speed, led the team in rec in 2003 and in 2004 had nearly 3x's the rec of the #2 man. Unfortunately, Dowery had to be replaced last year. The leading returnee last year was HB Derrick Bush who had 66 rec (12.2) in his first 3 years and 21 starts. He had 9 rec vs Miami and led with 39 (9.9) on the year. The team's best deep threat, Najah Pruden, had 8 starts and 20 (13.6) in '04 and improved to 33 with an impressive 20.8 ypc, including a 200 yard effort vs Ohio last year. Pruden and Marcus Hill (6-2 211 Sr) both topped 100 yards in the same game (WMich), which was the first time that happened at KSU since 1997. This year they must replace Bush along with backup TE Nick Bigrigg (1 rec, 10 gm) but everyone else returns. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Dennis Pittman (5-9 187 Jr) who is a JUCO that had 2 starts and 9 tackles at FS last year and Mark Woodson (5-11 162 So, PS#155). This is a much more experienced receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Flashes' O-line paved the way for 4.1 ypc rushing in 2004 while allowing 27 sacks (7.0%). Last year four starters returned and Mike Galassi (435 bench) moved from the DL to the OL and filled the open starting spot. Unfortunately, injuries ravaged the unit and at one point vs Navy they had 5 backup OL's in the game. True frosh Augustus Parrish took off his redshirt midyear. Only one OL started all 11 at the same position. They also did not adjust well to the new offense or to the injuries at the skill positions and the unit opened holes for just 1.8 ypc rush (46 ypg) while allowing 33 sacks (7.1%). This year the only loss is LT Daniel Carter (10 st, 3 yr st'r), so 9 of the top 10 return plus the unit has good size with 7 OL's topping 300 lbs. This year they move away from last year's confusing zone blocking and it may sound like a reoccurring theme on the offense, but this should be one of the most improved O-lines in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Kent St had a veteran defensive front in 2004 and improved from allowing 4.7 ypc rush in '03 to just 2.9 with 90 ypg less on the ground allowed. Last year the entire 2 deep returned from the DL. They moved Bruce Rice to MLB in the spring but back to DE in the fall. Surprisingly, the veteran unit allowed 4.2 ypc rush with just 21 sacks (34 in '04). This year they must replace 1st Tm MAC BUCK Justin Parrish (11 st, 96 tkl, 8.5 sk) who leaves as KSU career sack leader and set a school single season record for tfl (20.5) in '05. Also gone are DE Nate Wesley (2 st, 27 tkl, 7 tfl), NT Roger Attieh (1 st, 18 tkl, 1 sk) and BUCK Marcus Robinson (4 tkl). They move 2nd Tm MAC DT Daniel Muir to DE who was #2 in Maryland in HS wrestling, benching 415 lbs, this should be one of the top DL's in the MAC.

LINEBACKERS - Kent St had a top-notch D in 2004 and last year had to replace 2 LB starters, including their #1 tackler and two backups. Then projected starting LB Jonathan Eggleston was ruled ineligible. They had moved DE Rice to MLB but he moved back to DE early and two frosh LB's started vs Mich St. Their top LB by far was Jon Sessler, who was #5 in the NCAA in tackles and #1 in the MAC with an amazing 81 after just six starts but, unfortunately, was lost (knee) for the year vs Navy. This lightly experienced group was part of the reason KSU's D allowed 82 ypg more in 2005. This year they must replace Sessler and starting SLB Andre Kirkland, who moves back to FS. This is still a more experienced unit and stronger than the version they fielded last year, especially after Sessler went down.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - KSU finished #112 in my pass D rankings in 2003 but, with an experienced secondary in 2004, moved up to #52. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups who combined for 77 tackles. The less experienced secondary still finished #62. This year the entire 2 deep returns and they move Andre Kirkland (#4 tkl'r) and RB Greg Keys (2 st, 111 yds) to FS . Eight players return with starting experience and it should be one of the MAC's best secondaries.

SPECIAL TEAMS - KSU's spec tms were probably responsible for 4 of their 6 losses in 2004. VHT K Travis Mayle (PS#7), hit 28 of 38 FG's in his first two years, struggled hitting just 6 of 13 with a long of 40 in '04. Martin said he would have to recruit another K and opted to go for it on 4th down many times. P Joshua Brazen avg'd 40.3 but with poor coverage units, the net was just 31.6. Last year Mayle rebounded to hit 8 of 11 with a long of 45 and all 3 misses from 40+. He leaves as The Flashes all-time leader in FG's with 42, topping the mark of 35 held by both Dave Pavich ('98-'01) and Paul Marchese ('75-'77). Their top KR/PR Jon Drager tore his ACL vs Miami. The team recruited a VHT K, Reid Macko (PS#11), and he had 8 TB's on 37 KO's. True frosh Shawn Lewis is one of the fastest players on the team and while he did avg just 15.5 on KR's, should improve. Brazen set a school record last year with a 42.4 avg (Tony DeLeone 42.3, 1982). KSU only improved to #107 but of course it was an injury-plagued team last year. I look for The Flashes return game to improve, but a solid replacement P must be found to move up in the rankings.

COACHES - In 2004 Kent St had to deal with the unexpected departure of HC Dean Pees, who left for the New England Patriots. Doug Martin took over as HC just before the spring. He joined the staff in 2003 as the OC after being the OC at E Carolina for 7 years. With Martin handling the offense in 2003 & 2004, KSU had their 2nd and 3rd highest ppg production in the last 30 years. Defensively he brought in Pete Rekstis, who was the DC at Youngstown St the previous three years. His first unit ranked #17 in the NCAA rankings in total defense. He enters his third season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kent St has had just two winning seasons since 1977 and one of them came in QB Joshua Cribbs' first year as a starter in 2001. It was very surprising that in the four years of his career here, that was the only winning season. In 2004 Kent St finished 5-6 but lost to Rutgers, despite a 24-17 FD edge due to 7 fumbles and 2 blocked punts. Versus CM they had an 18-15 FD edge but lost by 3 due to a pair of blocked FG's. They led both Miami (20-17) and Marshall (17-7) at the half. They became the hottest team in the league and in Cribbs' final 4 games, blew out their 4 foes and actually outgained league foes by an avg of 123.7 ypg, the 2nd best mark in the conference. Last year KSU had to replace Cribbs and had very few winnable home games. Last year they switched to the Texas Tech offense and avg'd just 46 ypg (1.8) rushing with the offense almost seeing their point production cut in half from 30.5 ppg to 16.4. They also suffered through a lot of injuries on offense, especially to the line. They only lost to Navy by 3 but with cluster injuries on the OL, RB and LB corps, they even lost to Buffalo at home (Buffalo's first ever MAC road win). They played 14 true frosh which was the 2nd most in the NCAA and after ending 2004 on a high note, they finished 2005 with 9 straight losses. On the plus side for this year is the fact that Kent St was -11 in turnovers (see pg 312) and had 4 net close losses (pg 299). This year they have 18 returning starters and are even more experienced due to last season's injuries. With 9 starters back on offense, an upgraded O-line, experience at QB, a vastly upgraded RB corps, plus a shift in the offensive schemes eliminating the shotgun, I look for KSU to have one of the most improved offenses in the country this year. With 10 defensive starters back in 2004, KSU allowed just 24.0 ppg. After taking a step backwards last year (30.1 ppg) they have 9 starters back this season and KSU's D should resemble the top-notch 2004 group. Kent St will be one of the surprise teams in the country this year and get my call to appear in the MAC Title game.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 7 MICHAEL MACHEN JR. 6-6 235 PS#59JC. 10 st LY, 2078 (55%), 11-18 ratio. **Julian Edelman** (5-10 185 So) 1312 pass, 1253 rush JC LY. **2** Anthony Pastore (6-2 199 rFr).

RB 6 EUGENE JARVIS rFR. 5-5 158 PS#83. **1** Tony Howard (5-10 200 So) PS#108. **Mich St trans. 22** Jon Drager (6-0 196 Jr) 656 all-purp 2Y. **28** Jerry Flowers **5 sts** as true.

WR 4 MARCUS HILL SR. 6-2 211 15 rec (15.2) '04. 4 st LY, 33 (11.3). **80** Brian Bell (6-2 214 Sr) PS#136. 9 st, 3Y, 48 rec (9.6). **13** Luke Tillman (6-1 213 Sr) 132 yds LY.

WR 87 NAJAH PRUDEN SR. 6-3 185 8 sts, 41 (15.5) first 2Y. 10 sts, 33 (**20.8**) LY. **31** Tony Smith (6-1 190 So) 2 st RB, 110 ttl yds rFr. **83** Coleman Lynn (5-7 147 rFr) PS#170.

WR 81 CAMERON BOBB JR. 6-5 198 11 sts, 39 (9.6) 2Y. **85 Shawn Bayes** (5-10 181 So) 11 gm, 1 st, 15 (12.1) as true. **88 Shawn Lewis** (5-8 162 So) 2 sts as true, 21 (9.7).

TE 8 Tom Sitko Jr. 6-3 248 PS#176QB. 4 st LY, 12 (9.2). **45** Jake Parsons (6-6 239 Jr) PS#127. 3 st, 3 rec LY. **82** Dan Durante (6-4 274 Jr) PS#327DL. **47** Guy Hurt (6-0 219 So).

C 62 KIFF KINKEAD JR. 6-2 300 11 st rFr. 11 st C LY. **70** Joshua Perry (6-2 285 So) PS#562DL. 2nd string (MCL). **50** Bill Starry (5-11 280 Jr) PS#299. **LS 60** Matt Muller (6-2 244 Jr).

RG 71 CRAIG RAFDAL SR. 6-4 305 7 st LG rFr. 11 st RG '04. 11 st LY. **66** Travis McGraw (6-5 320 Jr) Inj'd LY. Justin Aderhold (6-3 275 Jr) PS#475. **69** Randy Robinson (6-3 285 Jr) PS#225DL.

LG 64 MICHAEL GALASSI JR. 6-4 305 PS#256OL. DL in '04. 10 st at LG last year, solid run blocker. 435 bench, 4.95 forty. **59** Dalton Memel (6-2 295 So) is PS#305DL.

RT 65 JOE MARAFINE JR. 6-4 305 PS#357. 7 st rFr. 11 st LY (10 RT, 1 RG). Added 30 lbs. **72** Dante Campbell (6-0 280 rFr) PS#567. **77** Mitch Hutchinson (6-5 265 Jr).

LT 56 Augustus Parrish So. 6-7 315 PS#86DL. Took off RS in Wk 6. 1 st LT as true. Added 25 lbs. **61** Shawn Donaldson (6-4 300 Jr) PS#440. **76** Jon English (6-3 290 Sr).

K 14 Reid Macko So. 5-9 166 PS#11K. 8 TB's on 37 KO's true. 48, 50 and 51 yd FG's HS. **41** Jim Cantu (6-0 184 Sr). Nate Reed 25 TB on KO's in HS, 7-10 FG. 430 yd rush.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

BUCK 7 BRUCE RICE SR. 6-1 230 2 st, 14 tkl rFr. 11 st '04, 41 tkl, 2.5 sk. 8 st LY, 28 tkl. **52** David Filippi (6-3 236 So) PS#377LB. 12 tkl rFr. **36** Bryant Williams (5-11 236 Jr).

DT 55 COLIN FERRELL JR. 6-0 283 1 st rFr, 19 tkl, 7 tfl. 9 st NT LY, 51 tkl, 13 tfl. **74** Sam Frist (6-4 258 rFr) PS#390. Improved strength, tough to blk. **95** Prishod Koonce (6-3 266 So).

NT 93 Anthony Dugarte Jr. 6-2 256 PS#417. 2 st, 12 tkl, 2 sk, 2 tfl, 2Y. **91** Larry Brown (6-1 308 Sr) 1 st, 3 tkl, 1 tfl 2Y. **53** Damian Matuschek (6-3 261 Jr) PS#688OL. Pitt transfer.

DE 5 DANIEL MUIR SR. 6-2 285 PS#175. 11 st, 46 tkl rFr. 11 st, 48 tkl, 4.5 sk '04. **2nd Tm MAC**, 10 st, 52 tkl, 8.5 tfl LY. **63** Austin Novak (6-2 238 Sr). **97** Justin Latimer (6-1 262 Jr).

SLB 26 Jameson Konz So. 6-3 207 1 st true, 13 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **84** Lester Troutman (6-2 207 rFr). **42** Jarvis Williams (6-1 208 rFr) PS#268DB. Anthony Mirando is PS#295.

MLB 44 STEVON MOSS SO. 5-11 230 7 st true, 42 tkl, 1.5 tfl, 3 pbu. **35** Joe Crivella (6-0 220 Sr) 500 squat. 28 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **90** Allen Whittaker (6-3 215 rFr). PS#199DL. Quinton Rainey.

WLB 54 CEDRICK MAXWELL SO. 5-10 223 PS#388. 4 st rFr, 17 tkl, 1 tfl. **30 Derek Burrell** (6-2 240 So) PS#368. 5 st rFr, 35 tkl, 6 tfl. **46** Andy Jayjack (6-1 218 rFr) is PS#454DL.

CB 2 JACK WILLIAMS JR. 5-9 176 7 st rFr, 27 tkl, 4 pbu. 11 st LY, 63 tkl, **4 int, 9 pbu. 24 Barry Drakeford** (5-9 186 Sr) 12 st '03, 78 tkl. 9 st L2Y, 75 tkl. Derek McBryde (5-11 181 rFr) PS#462.

CB 18 USAMA YOUNG SR. 6-0 189 PS#297. 8 st, 49 tkls, 8 pbu true. 10 st, 39 tkl, 3 int, '04. 6 st, 50 tkl LY. **3** Terrell Cheatham (5-10 176 Sr). **38** Danny Sadler (5-10 174 So) is PS#427.

SS 11 FRITZ JACQUES JR. 5-11 176 PS#366. 1 st CB true, 24 tkl, 3 tfl. 5 st LY, 75 tkl, 5 pbu. **29** Rico Murray (6-0 181 So) 7 st true, 62 tkl, 2 int. Kirk Belgrave is PS#211.

FS 27 ANDRE KIRKLAND SR. 6-1 200 83 tkl, 9 int at Bowie St. 11 st LY (10 LB, 1 FS), 74 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **23** Gary Ham (5-9 192 Sr) 8 st, 68 tkl 3Y. **34** Greg Keys (6-1 201 So) PS#183RB. 2 st RB, 111 yd.

P NA Jake Kilroy Fr. 5-10 215 PS#102K. 41.8 avg in HS LY. **14 Reid Macko** (5-9 166 So) PS#11K. Nate Reed is PS#34. **8** Tom Sitko PS#176QB '04. #2 punter in the spring.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Julian Edelman 5-10 185 PS#202JC
RB	Christen Haywood 5-8 195 PS#166
DB	Kirk Belgrave 6-1 190 PS#211
K	Nate Reed 5-9 170 PS#34
QB	Darren Rogers 6-0 190 PS#175
LB	Anthony Mirando 6-2 230 PS#295
LB	Quinton Rainey 5-10 230 PS#329RB
DB	Brian Lainhart 6-1 185 PS#444
DB	Curtis Eaton 6-1 180 PS#482
OL	Pat Reedy 6-4 265 PS#497
DB	Dan Hartman 6-2 200 PS#504
WR	Phil Garner 5-11 175 PS#485
WR	Leneric Muldrow 5-8 170 PS#485
DL	Kevin Hogan 6-3 210 PS#495
DB	Ja'Darrin Bell 6-1 185 PS#560
K	Jake Kilroy 5-10 215 PS#102

KENT ST GOLDEN FLASHES

Kent, Ohio
Weather (330) 945-4000

Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#111

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	Minnesota (Thur)	A						The 1.8 ypc rushing mark LY was KSU's worst since 1982's 61.5 ypg (1.8). Golden Flashes are 3-6 ATS since 2000 as a home favorite. Kent St is 9-19-1 ATS the last 29 games on natural grass.
Sep. 9	at Army	A						This will be the 1st B10 tm ever to visit Dix Stadium as Mason was KSU's HC in '86 & '87. Kent St is 0-5 SU & 1-4 ATS being outscored 222-48 the L5Y vs the Big 10.
Sep. 16	at Miami, Oh	A						This will be KSU's 1st gm vs Army as KSU is 1-6 SU combined vs AF & Navy. Golden Flashes are 1-9 SU & 2-8 ATS the last 10 years in road openers.
Sep. 23	at Bowling Green	G						Could apply: Kent St is 11-6 ATS since 2001 after a SU victory. Flashes are 3-10 ATS in their 2nd consecutive away game since 1996.
Sep. 30	Akron	A						Kent St is 7-3-1 ATS (2-9 SU) the last 11 games vs Bowling Green. The last time Kent St won in Bowling Green was in 1972 (14-10).
Oct. 7	at Temple	G						49th meeting for the "Wagon Wheel" as the schools are 14 miles apart, 1st gm 1923. KSU is 7-17 SU & 9-15 ATS the last 6 years when hosting MAC opponents.
Oct. 14	Toledo (HC)	A						The Owls are a current Independent but will join the MAC in 2007. Temple plays their HG's at Lincoln Financial Field which is home to NFL's Eagles.
Oct. 21								Kent St is 1-7 SU & 3-5 ATS the last 8 years on Homecoming. The Flashes are 1-8 SU & 3-6 ATS their last 9 games before a bye.
Oct. 28	Ohio	A						Golden Flashes are 8-5 ATS since 1993 the week after a bye. The SU winner has won by double digits 7 of the last 9 gms in this series.
Nov. 4	at Buffalo	A						Golden Flashes are 7-2 SU S'69 vs the Bulls but have only covered 1 of the L/4. Kent St is 4-17 SU & 7-14 ATS in November road games since 1990.
Nov. 11	at Virginia Tech	G						VT is 1 of 4 tms KSU plays TY that went to a bowl last season (Minn, UA & UT). This will be the 3rd all-time meeting & 1st since 1976 as each has won at home.
Nov. 18	E Michigan	A						Golden Flashes are 3-7 SU & ATS since 1991 vs the Eagles. Kent St is 6-4 ATS in their last 10 home finales but 1-3 ATS the last 4 years.
Nov. 24	at Ball St (Fri)	G						Flashes are 3-8 SU (2-3 ATS) in their 11 visits to Muncie, avg score BSU-26 KSU-14. Kent St is just 1-5 SU & 1-4-1 ATS since 1993 vs Ball St.
								ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Joshua Cribbs 7,169 2001-'04 Rushing: Astron Whatley 3,969 1994-'97 Receiving: Eugene Baker 3,513 1995-'98

DOUG MARTIN (Career 6-16)

3rd Year at Kent State — Martin's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Martin's records AT KENT STATE

6-16	Straight Up	2-2	Home Favorite
9-11	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Underdog
5-8	Off A SU Loss	2-1	Away Favorite
7-9	Vs Conference	3-6	Away Underdog
2-2	Vs Non-Conf	2-1	Off A Bye

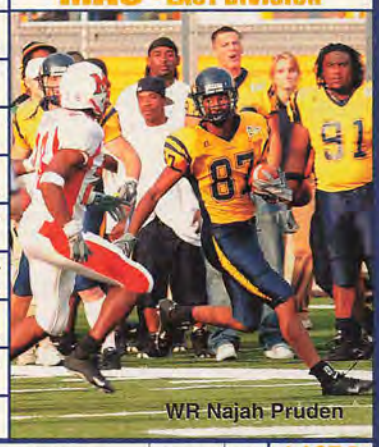
2005 RECORD: **(1-10)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (21,20,2)
Lost: 13 (5,6,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 6,658

MAC - EAST DIVISION


WR Najah Pruden

STADIUM: DIX STADIUM (29,287)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	1-10	6-5	3-9	5-7	5-6	1-10	23-56
Home	2-3	0-5	4-1	2-4	3-3	3-2	1-4	15-22
Away	0-6	1-5	2-4	1-5	2-4	2-4	0-6	8-34
ATS	6-5	3-7	7-2-1	1-9	8-3	6-4	3-7	34-37-1
Home Fav	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-2	2-1	0-1	4-6
Home Dog	3-1	0-3	2-1	0-3	3-0	1-0	1-2	10-10
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	0-0	2-3
Away Dog	2-4	3-2	4-1-1	1-4	5-1	1-2	2-4	18-18-1
Favorite	1-0	0-2	1-0	0-2	0-2	4-2	0-1	6-9
Dog	5-5	3-5	6-2-1	1-7	8-1	2-2	3-6	28-28-1
Grass	0-1	1-2	2-1-1	1-4	2-1	2-1	0-1	8-11-1
Artificial	6-4	2-5	5-1	0-5	6-2	4-3	3-6	26-26
vs Conf	5-3	1-7	6-1-1	1-7	6-2	5-3	2-6	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-0	1-1	0-2	2-1	1-1	1-1	8-8
Off SU Win	1-1	0-1	4-1	1-2	2-2	4-0	0-1	12-8
Off SU Loss	5-3	2-6	3-0-1	0-7	5-1	2-3	3-5	20-25-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jerry Flowers	96	338	34	304	3	3.2
Linwood Jenkins	32	122	27	95	0	3.0
Luke Tillman	25	102	12	90	1	3.6
Greg Keys	21	71	8	63	1	3.0
Tony Smith	13	45	9	36	0	2.8
Michael Machen	60	150	192	-42	0	-0.7
Jon Brown	19	19	100	-81	0	-4.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Michael Machen	365	200	54.8	2078	11	18
Jon Brown	97	60	61.9	474	2	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Najah Pruden	33	688	20.8	5	84
Derrick Bush	39	388	9.9	4	61
Marcus Hill	33	372	11.3	1	25
Cameron Bobb	23	211	9.2	0	38
Shawn Lewis	21	203	9.7	2	38
Shawn Bayes	15	182	12.1	0	45
Brian Bell	16	113	7.1	1	25
Tom Sitko	12	111	9.2	0	31
Jerry Flowers	20	85	4.2	0	15

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Josh Brazen	67	2844	42.4	1	34.1(T)	2	13
Michael Machen	4	167	41.8	0	–	0	2

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Travis Mayle	20-21	2-2	5-5	1-4	0-0	8-11	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Justin Parrish	96	8.5	12	0	0
Jon Sessler	81	0	6	0	1
Fritz Jacques	75	0	2	5	0
Andre Kirkland	74	1.5	5	3	0
Jack Williams	63	0	2	9	4
Rico Murray	62	0	0.5	1	2
Daniel Muir	52	3.5	5	0	0
Colin Ferrell	51	1.5	11.5	0	0
Usama Young	50	0	4	3	2
Gary Ham	43	0	2.5	0	1
Stevon Moss	42	0	1.5	3	1
Barry Drakeford	40	0	0	0	1
Derrek Burrell	35	0.5	5.5	0	0
Joe Crivella	28	0	4	1	0
Bruce Rice	28	0	1	0	0
Nate Wesley	27	2.5	4.5	0	0
Roger Attieh	18	1	1.5	0	0
Cedrick Maxwell	17	0	1	0	0
Jameson Konz	13	0	1.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derrick Bush	18	112	6.2	0
Jon Drager	6	68	11.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Shawn Bayes	18	366	20.3	0
Shawn Lewis	15	232	15.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
72	Tangerine	NL	Tampa	18-21	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Kent St's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-1

KENT ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	16.4	16	46	1.8	237	56.1	17.3	-11	2005	7	30.1	21	203	4.2	191	60.7	13.1
7*	30.5	21	154	4.1	225	62.8	12.4	-1	2004	10	24.0	17	111	2.9	200	54.8	13.0
5*	26.8	21	156	3.7	220	48.2	14.0	+7	2003	4	33.0	25	201	4.7	261	63.4	14.0
7*	16.8	17	215	5.3	120	49.3	19.9	-16	2002	7	35.3	22	204	4.7	202	60.8	11.5
6	22.5	19	216	5.3	146	51.9	16.1	+3	2001	8	25.5	23	191	4.2	204	57.9	15.5
7	11.6	16	112	3.0	156	51.2	23.0	-2	2000	8	32.6	23	164	3.7	244	64.0	12.5

2005 STATS BY GAME

KSU RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at Michigan St	15	15-14	0.9	32-55	301	1	35	55-354	6.4	27-35	331	1	+2
–	SE Missouri St	14	23-24	1.0	19-44	171	5	23	32-20	0.6	34-63	275	3	+1
–	Miami, Oh	19	16-31	1.9	31-58	338	2	27	51-176	3.5	22-37	251	2	+1
–	at Ohio	19	24-72	3.0	30-51	388	0	24	57-373	6.5	13-20	145	0	-4
–	at E Michigan	22	30-76	2.5	29-46	243	3	21	41-122	3.0	23-40	218	2	-1
–	at Navy	19	27-97	3.6	25-41	292	3	28	70-336	4.8	8-13	196	2	+1
–	N Illinois	10	33-93	2.8	15-31	102	2	19	48-252	5.3	12-20	156	2	-2
–	at W Michigan	18	28-1	0.0	27-50	373	5	17	39-158	4.1	20-31	249	2	-1
–	Bowling Green	17	23-25	1.1	27-39	222	5	16	50-169	3.4	11-18	113	4	-2
–	Buffalo	15	20-(-37)	-1.9	23-40	175	6	11	39-107	2.7	16-23	97	3	-4
–	at Akron	8	45-109	2.4	4-12	7	1	11	46-161	3.5	7-18	66	0	-2
TOTALS		176	284-505	1.8	262-467	2612	33	232	528-2228	4.2	193-318	2097	21	-11
AVERAGES		16.0	26-46	1.8	24-42	237	3.0	21.1	48-203	4.2	18-29	191	1.9	-1.0

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	+27	0-51	L
Bucknell	NL	38-17	–
at West Virginia	+27	14-34	W
at Akron	+16'	10-14	W
at Bowling Green	+17	7-24	T
N Illinois	+10'	44-34	W
Buffalo	-11'	35-13	W
at Ohio	+12'	24-14	W
Marshall	+13	21-42	L
at Ball St	+6'	31-18	W
Miami, Oh	+4'	24-20	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
New Hampshire	NL	34-7	–
at Ohio St - #8	+28'	17-51	L
Cal Poly	NL	37-34	–
at Miami, Oh	+11	20-27	W
at N Illinois	+6	6-13	L
Marshall	+14	21-42	L
Ohio	-11'	0-50	L
at Buffalo	-4'	16-12	L
Bowling Green - #21	+18	14-45	L
at Connecticut	+6'	21-63	L
at UCF	+25	6-32	L
Akron	+8	10-48	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Akron	+12'	41-38	W
at Pittsburgh - #10	+28'	3-43	L
Youngstown St	NL	16-13	–
at Penn St	+24'	10-32	W
UCF	+8'	36-16	W
Ball St	-2'	17-34	L
at Marshall	+20	33-49	W
Connecticut	+11'	31-34 ot	W
Miami, Oh	+22	30-38	W
at Ohio	+3	37-33	W
at Bowling Green - #25	+20'	33-42	W
Buffalo	-12'	34-24	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa - #19	+30'	7-39	L
Liberty	NL	38-10	–
at Rutgers	+12'	21-29	W
Akron	-7	19-24	L
at C Michigan	-1	21-24	L
at Miami, Oh	+19'	27-47	L
Marshall	+13'	17-27	W
Ohio	-2	42-16	W
at Buffalo	-8'	33-7	W
E Michigan	-12'	69-17	W
at UCF	-8'	41-24	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan St	+21	14-49	L
SE Missouri St	NL	33-12	–
Miami, Oh	+6'	10-27	L
at Ohio	+4	32-35	W
at E Michigan	+3'	20-27	L
at Navy	+12'	31-34	W
N Illinois	+10'	3-34	L
at W Michigan	+7'	14-44	L
Bowling Green	+10'	14-24	W
Buffalo	-7	6-10	L
at Akron	+12'	3-35	L

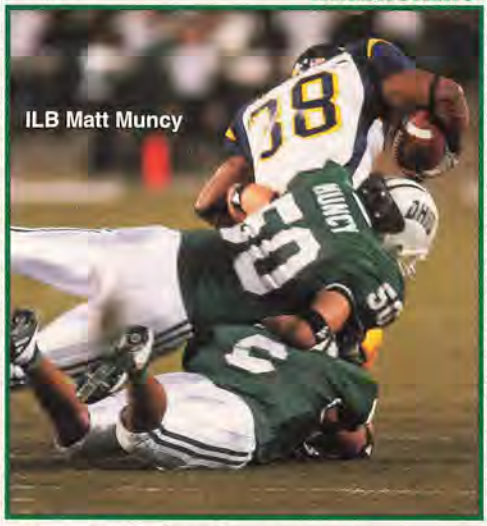
OHIO BOBCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - OU ran the option attack for years but they moved away from it in 2004. Miami (OH) transfer Ryan Hawk (brother of AJ), who was more of a passing QB, only started 4 in 2003 with 765 (49%) with a 4-3 ratio. In 2004 he beat out Austen Everson for the starting job early and threw for 1,585 (52.3%) with a 10-6 ratio. Everson, who threw for 588 (44.6%) with a 4-5 ratio, had the job to himself last year and was a good fit for the offense which ran more option. New coaches like their own recruits and true frosh Brandon Jones (PS#77) played in six games alternating snaps with Everson down the stretch. Everson threw for 1,151 (47.7%) with a poor 4-11 ratio (401 rush). Jones hit just 11 of 35 (31.4%) for 124 yards with a 1-1 ratio (10 rush). Last year was OU's 3rd different offense in three years so there should be more stability TY. Added to the mix are VHT Brad Bower (PS#30) who started 4 games at Illinois in 2004 winning 2 of his starts and Josh Febus (6-2 203 rFr, PS#382) who split time with Bower running the scout team last year. I expect Bower to win the starting job and look for improvement in the QB numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 true frosh Kalvin McRae led in rushing with just 559 (3.9). Of course OU used to run an option offense and 2004 was the first time since 1994 the team did not top 2,000 yards rushing (108 ypg). It appeared it would be more of the same last year as the top RB rusher in the first 3 had just 34, 50 and then 34 yards. McRae, who had just 100 yards, then took charge. He had 200 yards vs Kent St, 264 vs Ball St and 224 vs Buffalo becoming the first player at OU since Steve Hoofkin in 1998 to top 200+ yards in consecutive games. He also tied Arnold Welcher (1975) for the school's record for most 200 yard games in a season (3). In the KSU game JUCO Voncarie Owens also topped 100 (139) thanks in part to a 75 yard TD run. McRae finished with 1,153 (5.5) while Owens had just 228 (5.2) in 8. The good news is both return and adding depth are Joshua Abrams (6-0 193 Jr), James Magee (5-9 197 So), Joel Scipio (5-11 215 So) and true frosh Robert Hightower. The only loss from this unit is FB Brad Young (1 st, 21 yd) and it is now the 2nd year of the system.

RECEIVERS - OU had a solid receiving duo in Scott Mayle and Anthony Hackett. Hackett, a big receiver with speed, led the team with 26 rec (17.4) in 2003. Mayle, who was fifth in the 60m in the MAC, showed his blazing speed with 25 and a nifty 20.6 ypc. They both returned in 2004 and Mayle increased his rec to 33 (17.7) but Hackett, in six starts, had just 9 (16.2). Chris Jackson tied a school record with 12 rec in a game and finished #2 with 39 (10.0) but had to be replaced in '05. Under Solich, they used their TE's and after the first five games Dave Cody, Corey Logan and Rudy Sylvan combined for 17 rec but the trio only had 7 over the last six. Mayle injured his shin vs CM and was not 100% and then had his streak of 28 straight games with a rec end as he did not have a rec in the last two, 21 (16.1). Justin Fitzgerald emerged as #2 with 19 (12.4). This year the only losses are TE Cody (11 st, 15 rec) and Hackett (7 rec) but everyone else is back. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Robert Preston (6-1 192 Jr), Thad Turner (6-0 160 rFr), Tyler Huffman (5-11 174 So), Felix Adeyeye (6-3 205 So), Matt Lawson (6-0 188 So) and this year's fine class of true frosh, some of whom could play immediately. This group is even more experienced and I look for a huge senior season from Mayle who should be much healthier.



OFFENSIVE LINE- Running the wishbone offense, OU had some great ypc's and low sack totals but when they switched to a pass offense in 2004, the unit struggled opening holes for just 2.9 ypc rush while allowing 52 sacks (15%!!!). Last year they had to replace three starters and one backup but then the unit was hit hard by injuries as center JJ Knabb, LG Paul Johnson and RG Matt Miller all started the first 5 before getting injured at BG and just one player managed to start all 11 at the same position. Surprisingly, despite the inexperience and injuries, OU made dramatic strides in the first year under Solich improving the ypc to 4.5 and trimming the sack total to 19 (7.2%). This year they lose RT Cole Wesley (11 st) and G Mike Nelson (6 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Dan Busch (6-3 310 rFr) and Jeff Browning (6-5 299 So, PS#142). They do have 8 of the top 10 returning including six who have started. This is a more experienced group that should stay healthier.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bobcats ran a 3-4 in 2004 and despite having just one starter back, only allowed 3.3 ypc rush with the D recording 26 sacks. Last year they had to replace one starter (2nd Tm MAC) but had 5 of their top 6 DL's return to the new 4-man front. Surprisingly OU slipped and allowed 4.3 ypc (17 sk). True frosh Jameson Hartke was second on the D-line in tackles with 34. This year they must replace DE Seth Ream (10 st, 50 tkl, 7 tfl) but do have 7 of the top 8 back and get some outstanding newcomers in JUCO Alan Goff and a pair of productive DL's from Hargrave who were in for the spring. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Darren Scarbrough (6-0 279 rFr) and John Rzeznik (5-10 266 rFr). This should be a much improved defensive front.

LINEBACKERS - A veteran unit returned in 2005 as they only had to replace four players who combined for 11 starts and 111 tackles including projected starter SLB Matron Church who was lost over the summer. Tyler Russ managed to avoid the injuries that held him back in 2004 and was the team's #2 tackler. Matt Muncy simply was the #1 tackler in the MAC. This year the only losses are Phillip Fountain (19 tkl, 1 sk) and 3rd string Ike Simmons (6 tkl). Not only do all 3 starters return but they add in SS Michael Brown (5 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Chad Clemens (5-11 196 Fr), Jared Cole (5-11 223 Jr), Wade Laughrey (6-0 244 So), Jared Wren (6-0 235 rFr) and Mark Druffel (6-4 225 rFr). I expect a much bigger contribution from Justin Kasmarcak, an Air Force transfer who battled injuries last year. This looks like one of the MAC's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Ohio used to struggle in my pass D rankings as they ran an option-offense and rarely faced the pass in practice. In 2003 they moved up to #61 in my pass D rankings and with everyone back in 2004 were #58. Last year they had to replace a pair of 3 year starters and 3 backups (5 st). They moved starting SLB Michael Graham to SS in the spring but he moved back to LB in the fall. They returned CB TJ Wright and their star CB Dion Byrum. Byrum had 6 int including 2 ret'd for TD's, was one of 12 semifinalists for the Jim Thorpe Award and was 2nd Tm AA, the first here since P Dave Zastudil in 2001. The Bobcats dropped to #85 but they snagged 15 int. This year the only loss is Byrum (11 st, 45 tkl, 6 int, UFA CHI) and they not only have 7 of the top 8 back but they get some outstanding newcomers including Virg Tech transfer Michael Hinton. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Kellen Showes (5-10 167 rFr), Jonathan Hartsook (5-11 191 Jr), Brad Tanis (5-10 185 rFr) and Dan Meier (5-11 170 rFr).

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bobcats have had some impressive players on their ST units like P Dave Zastudil (#1 career punt avg) who now plays for the Browns and K/P Kevin Kerr. They finished #4 in my ST rankings in 2000 and #21 in 2002. In 2003 I called for them to fall to their lowest ranking in six years and they did just that dropping to #90. Almost everyone returned in '04 and they moved up to #60. Last year everyone returned again but surprisingly the Bobcats dropped to #116. Brooks Rossman, who hit 7 of 14 FG's with a long of 47 in '04, lost his job after hitting just one of his first 5 FG's. P Matthew Miller hit 3 of 4 but saw his punting avg drop from 42.4 to 38.6 yet still leaves as the #2 in school history in P avg. The speedy Scott Mayle avg'd 27.2 on KR's while Dion Byrum avg'd 7.5 on PR's. Byrum must be replaced. They also add Chris Garrett who had 5 returns for TD's at Fork Union in 2005 and Ryan Senser (6-3 241 Jr) at LS. Even with the loss of Byrum and Miller, I look for improvement in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Frank Solich is from Cleveland so a return to his home state was a solid move and he immediately became one of the MAC's big name head coaches. He had six years as HC at Nebraska compiling a record of 58-19. He was Big 12 Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2001 and produced at least 9 wins in four of his first five seasons. His OC is Tim Albin who was the OC at N Dakota St in 2004 and the passing game coordinator at Nebraska in 2003. The DC is Jimmy Burrow who was the DC at N Dakota St the two years prior to arriving here and a Nebraska assistant in 2001 and 2002.

PHIL'S FORECAST

OU has had just two winning seasons since 1982 and has not won a MAC Championship since 1968. In 2003, despite a 1-7 record in the MAC, OU was only outgained by an average of 20.6 ypg showing things could have been much better. In 2004 they had 17 starters returning for Brian Knorr's 4th year as head man but were switching from the option to a pass attack which is a slow adjustment and offenses generally struggle. That season OU had a 290-217 yard edge at Pitt but lost on the scoreboard, however they would beat SEC foe Kentucky on the road 28-16 to move to 3-2 and had Bobcat fans thinking bowl. They trailed Toledo just 10-5 at the half, led Akron 13-0 but gave up five TO's including a 60 yd int return for a TD losing both games and finished just 4-7. Bobcat fans were energized last year when they hired Frank Solich who returned them to a more run-oriented offense. They were actually picked 3rd in the MAC East in the preseason poll. In their first National TV game since 1969, OU beat Pitt in OT in front of a record crowd, 16-10. They opened the season 4-4 and had a Friday night National TV game vs Toledo, a game they trailed just 27-21 in the 4Q but they lost that one and dropped their final two finishing with an identical record to 2004's. They were just 1-5 on the road last year. This is now the 2nd year of Solich's systems and they have 18 returning starters, the most in the MAC. The Bobcats incorporated their 3rd offensive system in 3 years last season and had just six starters back, struggling to avg just 17.5 ppg, their lowest since 1995. This year they have 9 starters back including their top 6 rushers and top 2 receivers. They have a more veteran O-line and a solid QB addition in Brad Bower and should have their best ppg on offense since 2000. The Bobcats allowed 30.5 ppg in Solich's first year and figure to be vastly improved on that side of the ball. The D's led by an excellent LB corps and they also return 14 of their top 17 tacklers. OU has the talent and schedule to become bowl eligible and I peg them to finish in a tie for 1st in the MAC East.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 14 BRAD BOWER JR. 6-2 206 **PS#30.** 4 st **Illinois,** 658 (57%), 4-3 ratio, 118 rush. **9 Austen Everson** (6-2 220 Sr) PS#113. 15 st 3Y, 2230 (46.8%), 11-17 ratio, 775 rush.

RB 5 KALVIN McRAE JR. 5-11 208 7 st, 559 (3.9) true. 11 st LY, **1st Tm MAC,** 1153 (5.5), 13 rec (7.5). **20** Voncarie Owens (5-10 189 Sr) JUCO. 228 (5.2) last year.

TE 88 Rudy Sylvan Sr. 6-4 274 2 starts, 2Y, 9 rec (9.4). **FB 40** Jayson White (6-1 238 So) PS#160. **45** Nate Clemens (6-0 219 Jr). **39** Mitch Morsillo (6-1 246 rFr).

WR 86 JUSTIN FITZGERALD JR. 6-3 197 7 st, 19 (12.4) LY. **36** Justin Riley (5-11 197 Sr) 6 st, 18 (13.2) 2Y. Chido Nwokocha (6-0 190 Jr) PS#430JC. **21** Ahmona Maxwell (6-1 176 Sr) 4 st, 21 rec, 3Y.

WR 82 SCOTT MAYLE SR. 6-1 175 **4.23 spd.** 31 sts, 79 (18.2), 1135 ret yds 3Y. **2** William Norwood (6-1 215 Sr) 8 rec true. **18** Brandon Peterson (5-10 178 So) PS#199. 4 rec true.

TE 83 COREY LOGAN SR. 6-3 232 PS#456LB. 8 st TE LY, 4 (7.2). **81** Thomas Christy (6-3 258 Sr) 1 rec LY. **84** Chris Rodgers (6-5 256 rFr). Adam Olsheski (6-2 230 rFr).

C 53 JJ KNABB SR. 6-3 289 6 starts C LY (inj). **66 Tommy Stuck** (6-1 286 So) PS#474. 5 st true, 384 plays. Brady Pisano (6-3 290 So) PS#537. Ashland transfer.

RG 79 MATT MILLER JR. 6-3 311 PS#208DL. 8 st RG rFr. 7 st LY (inj) 0 sk, 412 plays. **474 bench. 76** Mike Eynon (6-3 300 So) 264 play. **58** David White (6-1 303 rFr) PS#252.

LG 77 PAUL JOHNSON JR. 6-2 313 3 gm rFr. First 5 st LG LY (inj). **57** Pete D'Aguanno (6-2 283 Fr) PS#356 LY. **65** Dathan Ferrainolo (6-3 308 rFr) PS#594. Jacob Black PS#233.

RT 52 David Shelby Jr. 6-4 299 Last 2 sts at RG rFr. 0 sacks, 264 snaps LY. **71 Bryson Bush** (6-4 327 Jr) PS#207. **5 st rFr. 73** Gary Schussler (6-3 276 rFr) PS#368.

LT 78 MATT COPPAGE SR. 6-4 288 Last 7 st LG rFr. 11 st LG '04. 10 st LT LY, 549 snaps. 86% grade. **61** Michael Philibin (6-4 299 rFr). **68** Shawn Fosnaugh (6-5 294 rFr) PS#223.

K 96 Matt Lasher Sr. 6-0 190 PS#81. 8 of 10 FG in HS. 9 TB's on 21 KO's here LY. **7** Zac Wertz (5-11 175 Jr). Kyle Wasserman (5-11 185 rFr). Paul Seiberling (6-1 200 rFr).

DE 90 Jameson Hartke So. 6-4 259 1 st true, 34 tkl, 4 sk. **Alan Goff PS#178JC** in for spg. **47** Andrew Tyson (6-2 234 Jr) PS#234LB. Ernie Hodge 5 sk at Hargrave last year.

NG 74 SHANE YATES SR. 6-2 280 3 st OL '03. 8 st, 14 tkl at NG '04. 10 st, 27 tkl, 5 tfl LY. **92** Josh Leuck (6-3 281 So) PS#170. 8 tkl true. Horace Hubbard 7.5 sk at Hargrave LY.

DT 55 LANDON COHEN JR. 6-3 278 3 st NG true, 4 tfl. 11 st LY, 28 tkl, 9 tfl. **93** David Escobar (6-2 301 Sr) 3 st, 19 tkl 2Y. **59** Wesley Dunlap (6-3 270 Jr). **96** Jacob Williamson (6-4 290 So).

DE 94 BRETT SYKES JR. 6-2 263 PS#264LB. 9 st rFr, 21 tkl, 3 tfl. 11 st LY, 27 tkl, 4 tfl. **97** Eric Kenkel (6-3 247 So) PS#318. 1 sk true. **98** Conor Reilly (6-3 248 rFr). PS#507.

SLB 41 MICHAEL GRAHAM SR. 5-10 212 7 sts '04, 26 tkls, 4 tfl. 11 sts LY, 54 tkls, 6 tfl. **35** Michael Brown (6-3 216 So) 5 st SS rFr, 18 tkl, 1 int. **19** Chris Hall (6-1 220 So) PS#420DB.

MLB 50 MATT MUNCY SR. 6-2 231 3 st, 53 tkl rFr, 11 st, 78 tkl, 5 sk '04. **1st Tm MAC** LY, #1 MAC 115 tkl. **54** Justin Kasmarcak (6-2 240 Sr) 3 st, 20 tkl '04. **56** Taj Henley (6-1 226 Jr) 25 tkl LY.

WLB 26 TYLER RUSS SR. 6-1 221 13 st, 82 tkl, first 2 years (inj). 10 st LY, 88 tkl, 6 tfl. **48** Jordan Meyers (6-0 221 So) 21 tkl **true. 32** Lee Renfro (5-10 200 rFr) PS#178DB.

CB 24 Mark Parson So. 5-10 193 2 st CB true, 3 pbu, 2 sk. **30** Dustin Tatum (5-11 175 So) PS#190. **27** Marcquis Parham (5-11 176 Sr) 23 tkl 3Y. Anthony Gardner (5-10 186).

CB 3 TJ WRIGHT SR. 5-11 175 5 st, 11 pbu rFr. 10 st, 9 pbu '04. 10 st, 6 pbu LY. 9 int, 106 tkl 3Y. Steven Jackson (6-2 180 Fr) GS. **4** Idris Lawrence (5-8 167 rFr) PS#523.

SS 8 TODD KOENIG JR. 6-2 212 9 st LY, 77 tkl, 2 int. **34** Michael Mitchell (6-1 207 So) 21 tkl **true. 46** Neil Jereb (5-10 190 So). **17** Theo Jefferson (6-2 205 Jr) PS#263QB.

FS 18 MICHAEL HINTON JR. 6-3 197 PS#128. 4.37 spd. Virg Tech transfer. **6 Tony Ward** (5-11 198 Jr) **8 st FS** LY, 69 tkl, 3 pbu. **7** Ervin Jackson PS#295JC. RS last year.

P 96 Matt Lasher Sr. 6-0 190 PS#81. E Michigan transfer. Cody Chappell (6-2 190 So). Sean Morris (6-2 214 So). Must replace #2 career punt leader here.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL	Alan Goff 6-4 263 PS#178JC
WR	Terrence McCrae 6-4 205 PS#113
OL	Cole Bunner 6-5 302 PS#227
OL	Jacob Black 6-5 295 PS#233
DB	Julian Posey 5-11 175 PS#274
WR	Chido Nwokocha 6-0 190 PS#430JC
WR	Chris Garrett 5-8 177 PS#253RB in '05
OL	Pete D'Aguanno 6-2 283 PS#356 in '05
DL	Horace Hubbard 6-4 240 PS#340LB
DL	Ernie Hodge 6-2 245 PS#385
WR	Taylor Price 6-0 193 PS#444DB
DL	Kris Luchsinger 6-3 234 PS#438
DL	Marcellis Williamson 6-1 320 PS#438
DB	Donovan Fletcher 6-1 190 PS#504
RB	Robert Hightower 5-11 190 PS#465
DL	Pete Reese 6-4 260 PS#453
WR	Robert Mercer 6-5 185 PS#485
TE	Kody Carr 6-5 200 PS#205
LB	Stafford Gatling 6-3 200 PS#485

OHIO BOBCATS

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FRANK SOLICH (Career 62-26)
2nd Year at Ohio
Solich's SU Bowl Record: 2-3

Solich's records AT OHIO

4-7	Straight Up	1-1	Home Favorite
4-7	Vs The Spread	2-1	Home Underdog
2-4	Off A SU Loss	1-0	Away Favorite
3-5	Vs Conference	0-5	Away Underdog
1-2	Vs Non-Conf	0-1	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (25,23,2)
Lost: 14 (7,4,3)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,033

MAC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#110

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Sep. 2	Tenn-Martin	A					
Sep. 9	at Northern Illinois	A					
Sep. 16	at Rutgers	A					
Sep. 23	at Missouri	A					
Sep. 30	Bowling Green	A					
Oct. 7	Western Michigan	A					
Oct. 14	at Illinois	A					
Oct. 21	Buffalo (HC)	A					
Oct. 28	at Kent St	A					
Nov. 4	at Eastern Michigan	A					
Nov. 11							
Nov. 16	Akron (Thur)	A					
Nov. 24	at Miami, Oh (Fri)	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Frank Solich coached Nebraska ('98-'03) & led the program to 6 consecutive bowl games, including the National Championship gm in the '02 Rose Bowl. The Bobcats are 7-18 ATS their last 8 years in September.

The Skyhawks finished 6-5 LY as IAA Ohio Valley Conf members. First yr UTM HC Jason Simpson has installed a pro-set offense from their spread LY.

Bobcats are 2-18 SU & 5-15 ATS the last 20 games as an away dog. Ohio is 0-7 SU & 2-5 ATS in their last 7 road openers.

The Bobcats are 3-10 ATS the last 13 games after a SU loss. Ohio is 2-7 SU & ATS their last 9 lined games vs non-conference teams.

OU is 0-4 SU but 3-1 ATS S/'91 in their 3rd consecutive road gm w/the avg score opp-31 OU-16. First meeting w/MO as OU is 1-8 SU all-time vs current B12 tms (win was in '67).

LY OU missed a 21 yd FG, SOD at BG 20, int at BG 1 & punted from the BG 36 in the loss. Bobcats are only 4-10 SU & 3-11 ATS the last 14 games vs the Falcons.

Last gm vs WMU in '03 OU down 17 pts led 32-31 mid-4Q before WMU spoiled the comeback. Ohio is 6-19 SU since 1976 & 0-3 ATS since 1998 vs Western Michigan.

Bobcats haven't played the Illini S/'50 w/their last win in '38 (2-2 series tied). Ohio is 5-35-1 SU all-time vs the Big 10 with the avg score B10-28 OU-8.

OU is 5-0 SU in Athens vs Buffalo, outscoring the Bulls 205-58 S/'97 (UB last win '63). The Bobcats are 7-3 ATS the last 10 Homecoming games.

Could apply: OU is just 4-11 ATS their last 15 gms as an away favorite. The visitor is 4-2 SU & 5-1 ATS the last 6 years in this in-state series.

Bobcats are 4-11 SU & ATS since 1997 in November road games. Ohio is 8-4 SU & ATS since 1996 before a bye week.

Bonus: Ohio University is 1-9 SU & 3-7 ATS since 1998 after a bye week.

Ohio is 3-6 SU & ATS the last 9 years in this in-state series. OU is 3-9 SU & 4-8 ATS their last 12 home finales.

This series started in 1908 & they have played every yr since 1945 (Miami leads 51-29-2). OU hasn't won in Oxford since 1993 (0-5 ATS since) & have won there just 6 times S/'45.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Sammy Shon 5,412 1978-'81
Rushing: Steveland Hookfin 3,972 1995-'98 Receiving: Todd Snyder 2,241 1967-'69

STADIUM: PEDEN STADIUM (24,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	7-4	1-10	4-8	2-10	4-7	4-7	27-52
Home	4-1	4-1	0-5	3-2	2-4	2-3	3-2	18-18
Away	1-5	3-3	1-5	1-6	0-6	2-4	1-5	9-34
ATS	5-4-1	5-5	4-7	7-4	4-7	3-7	4-7	32-41-1
Home Fav	2-1	2-2	0-3	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	9-10
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	7-5
Away Fav	1-0	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	4-6
Away Dog	1-3-1	2-1	2-1	4-3	2-3	1-4	0-5	12-20-1
Favorite	3-1	3-4	1-5	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	13-16
Dog	2-3-1	2-1	3-2	5-3	3-5	2-5	2-6	19-25-1
Grass	5-1	3-5	2-5	6-4	0-3	1-2	0-3	17-23
Artificial	0-3-1	2-0	2-2	1-0	4-4	2-5	4-4	15-18-1
vs Conf	4-3-1	3-5	3-5	5-3	4-4	2-6	3-5	24-31-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1	0-3	1-1	1-2	8-10
Off SU Win	3-2	3-2	0-1	2-2	0-2	2-2	2-2	12-13
Off SU Loss	2-1-1	1-3	4-5	4-2	4-5	1-5	2-4	18-25-1

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
62	Sun	NL	W Texas A&M	14-15	–
68	Tangerine	NL	Richmond	42-49	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Ohio's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-2

OHIO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	17.5	15	174	4.5	118	45.5	16.8	+4	2005	8	30.5	22	169	4.3	283	62.7	14.8
9*	20.1	16	108	2.9	200	50.6	15.3	+1	2004	8	24.6	19	124	3.3	195	58.8	13.0
4*	21.9	17	183	3.6	154	50.4	15.4	-1	2003	7	31.0	20	151	3.7	220	50.9	11.9
6*	24.9	17	240	4.4	87	52.5	13.1	0	2002	3	31.2	21	154	4.1	224	58.1	12.1
9*	18.0	18	240	4.7	74	46.5	17.5	-5	2001	8	29.4	24	201	4.5	244	68.2	15.1
7*	31.2	22	323	5.5	95	47.0	13.4	+4	2000	7	18.9	18	129	3.7	220	53.8	18.5

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kalvin McRae	209	1202	49	1153	7	5.5
Austen Everson	105	401	157	244	6	2.3
Voncarie Owens	44	236	8	228	2	5.2
Scott Mayle	21	159	18	141	0	6.7
Justin Fitzgerald	3	91	0	91	1	30.3
James Magee	8	27	1	26	0	3.2
Brandon Jones	9	10	29	-19	0	-2.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Austen Everson	220	105	47.7	1151	4	11
Brandon Jones	35	11	31.4	124	1	1
Mark Petruziello	7	3	42.9	26	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Scott Mayle	21	338	16.1	3	58
Justin Fitzgerald	19	236	12.4	1	51
Dave Cody	15	144	9.6	0	24
Kalvin McRae	13	97	7.5	0	28
William Norwood	8	87	10.9	0	18
Anthony Hackett	7	69	9.9	0	15
Ahmona Maxwell	7	40	5.7	0	11

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Matthew Miller	84	3245	38.6	15	32.4(T)	1	23
Austen Everson	1	31	31.0	0	–	0	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matthew Miller	14-15	1-2	2-2	0-0	0-0	3-4	39
Brooks Rossman	10-10	1-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-5	21

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Muncy	115	2.5	6.5	6	1
Tyler Russ	88	2	4	0	1
Todd Koenig	77	0	3	1	2
Tony Ward	69	0	2.5	3	1
Michael Graham	54	1	5	2	0
Seth Ream	50	0.5	6.5	3	0
TJ Wright	49	1	3	6	3
Dion Byrum	45	0	1	6	6
Jameson Hartke	34	4	0	1	0
Landon Cohen	28	1.5	7.5	0	0
Brett Sykes	27	0	4	1	0
Shane Yates	27	1	4	1	0
Taj Henley	25	0	1	0	0
Jordan Meyers	21	0	0	0	0
Michael Mitchell	21	0	1.5	2	0
Phillip Fountain	19	1	1	0	0
Michael Brown	18	0	0	2	1
Mark Parson	17	2	0	3	0
David Escobar	15	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dion Byrum	22	166	7.5	0
Mark Parson	2	3	1.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Scott Mayle	21	572	27.2	1
Dion Byrum	7	105	15.0	0

2005 STATS BY GAME

OU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Northwestern	13	23 - 62	2.7	12 - 28	177	2	28	47 - 194	4.1	28 - 40	356	2	0
–	Pittsburgh	11	35 - 94	2.7	14 - 24	114	1	13	41 - 148	3.6	13 - 26	120	3	+3
–	at Virginia Tech	10	32 - 87	2.7	10 - 23	102	3	24	53 - 218	4.1	14 - 19	257	3	-3
–	Kent St	24	57 - 373	6.5	13 - 20	145	0	19	24 - 72	3.0	30 - 51	388	0	+4
–	at Bowling Green	10	33 - 68	2.1	13 - 27	171	1	31	45 - 192	4.3	24 - 41	381	1	0
–	at C Michigan	22	48 - 196	4.1	12 - 36	101	3	16	36 - 157	4.4	17 - 26	275	0	-3
–	Ball St	20	52 - 414	8.0	6 - 23	51	1	17	28 - 98	3.5	24 - 37	242	3	+2
–	at Buffalo	18	45 - 307	6.8	12 - 19	167	1	22	32 - 139	4.3	24 - 36	293	5	+2
–	Toledo	18	38 - 146	3.8	13 - 23	148	1	26	44 - 293	6.7	22 - 31	236	0	-1
–	at Akron	7	27 - 11	0.4	10 - 19	99	4	23	44 - 228	5.2	22 - 32	270	0	+1
–	Miami, Oh	9	37 - 157	4.2	5 - 22	28	2	25	41 - 124	3.0	22 - 44	297	0	-1
TOTALS		162	427 - 1915	4.5	120 - 264	1303	19	244	435 - 1863	4.3	240 - 383	3115	17	+4
AVERAGES		14.7	39 - 174	4.5	11 - 24	118	1.7	22.2	40 - 169	4.3	22 - 35	283	1.5	0.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Akron	-6	29-31	L
at West Virginia	+5'	3-20	L
Iowa St	E	28-31	L
Toledo - #23	+13	41-48	W
at C Michigan	-8	34-3	W
Miami, Oh	-7	24-36	L
Kent St	-12'	14-24	L
at Buffalo	-15'	0-44	L
Bowling Green	+6'	0-17	L
at Marshall - #24	+24'	18-42	W
at NC State	+24'	7-27	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Pittsburgh	+21	14-27	W
Northeastern	NL	0-31	–
at Florida - #12	+41'	6-34	W
at Connecticut	+4	19-37	L
Buffalo	-8	34-32	L
at Bowling Green	+24	21-72	L
E Michigan	-8	55-27	W
at Kent St	+11'	50-0	W
at Miami, Oh	+16'	20-38	L
Akron	-4	27-10	W
Marshall	+15	21-24	W
at UCF	+16'	32-42	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
SE Missouri St	NL	17-3	–
at Iowa St	+18'	20-48	L
Minnesota	+19'	20-42	L
W Michigan	+2	32-39	L
at N Illinois - #17	+21'	23-30 OT	W
UCF	-1'	28-0	W
at Kentucky	+15	14-35	L
at Buffalo	-13'	17-26	L
Kent St	-3	33-37	L
at Akron	+11	28-35	W
Miami, Oh - #18	+23'	31-49	W
at Marshall	+17	0-28	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
VMI	NL	42-14	–
at Pittsburgh	+17'	3-24	L
at Miami, Oh	+19	20-40	L
Buffalo	-13	34-0	W
at Kentucky	+13'	28-16	W
Marshall	+8'	13-16	W
at Toledo	+13'	13-31	L
Bowling Green	+14	16-41	L
at Kent St	+2	16-42	L
at UCF	-3	17-16 OT	L
Akron	-1'	19-31	L

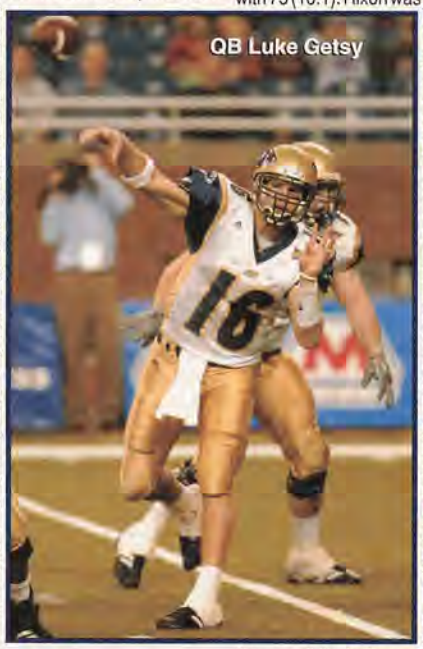
2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Northwestern	+14'	14-38	L
Pittsburgh	+14	16-10 OT	W
at Virginia Tech - #4	+33	0-45	L
Kent St	-4	35-32	L
at Bowling Green	+21	14-38	L
at C Michigan	+6'	10-37	L
Ball St	-7	38-21	W
at Buffalo	-5'	34-20	W
Toledo	+10'	21-30	W
at Akron	+3	3-27	L
Miami, Oh	+10	7-38	L

AKRON ZIPS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Akron had to replace their career passing leader, Butchie Washington. In 2002 the starting QB was injured in the opener and the Charlie Frye era began. Frye left in '04 as the school's all-time career leading passer (11,049) with 54 school records and became just the 16th player in NCAA (3rd in MAC) history to top 2,000 yards for 4 straight years. He also had 429 career yards rushing and was the MAC MVP and the #3DC CLE where he started last year. His backup in '04 was Canadian Jabari Arthur who also played at WR. Luke Getsy (PS#58), who was at Pitt with HC Brookhart, won the starting job in '05 and had an outstanding first 3 games including 406 yds and 5 TD's vs N Ill. Getsy struggled at midseason but threw for 413 in the MAC Title game. Getsy threw for more yards than Frye did in his senior season (3,455, 53%) with a 23-12 ratio. His backup was John Ferguson (PS#70, 9 passes). Getsy was #3 in the MAC in passing but surprisingly just #8 in pass efficiency. He set a Motor City Bowl and school record with 455 yards passing. Battling for the #2 spot this year is Carlton Jackson (PS#144), Chris Jacquemain (6-2 211 rFr, PS#346WR), Tim Zetts (6-2 205 So) and true frosh Sean Hakes (PS#69). I look for an even stronger year out of Getsy and he should become another Zip in the NFL.


QB Luke Getsy

RUNNING BACKS - In 2000 Brandon Payne became the first Zip RB to top 1,000 yards in IA ball (Akron joined IA in 1987). Bob Hendry became the 2nd in 2002 and just missed out in 2003 with 981 (4.2). In 2004 diminutive JC transfer Brett Biggs rushed for 510 yards in a 3 game stretch but surprisingly had just 131 in the final 3 finishing with 871 (4.7). Jerell Ringer (327, 7.8 in '03) added 167 (2.7). Last year they added Ohio St transfer Dennis Kennedy and I gave Biggs a good shot at topping 1,000 yards and he did just that with 1,230 (4.3). He also had 10 rushing TD's and in fact, the Zips' first rushing TD by someone other than Biggs was when Kennedy got one in the MAC Title game. Biggs, who was a Florida HS weightlifting champ, was the MAC East Off POW for 3 consecutive weeks including his memorable game vs Kent St (in a blizzard) where he accounted for almost all of the Zips' yardage. He was also the #2 receiver with 65 (8.2). Kennedy only had 131 yards rush (2.9) but added 158 receiving (11.3). Starting FB Joe McDaniel added 49 total yards while Ringer, who played in all 12, had just 5 yards. This year they lose both Biggs and Ringer as well as 3rd string FB Richard Spaulding. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Frank Berchie (5-8 204 Jr). While I expect Kennedy to have a solid soph season, it will be tough to match Biggs' productivity.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 Miquel Irvin set the school record for rec in a season with 53 (11.8). His record lasted exactly one year as Matt Cherry beat him out with 66 (13.7) in '03. In '04 all of the top receivers departed and Frye asked Brookhart if outstanding DB Domenik Hixon could be moved over. Brookhart consented and Hixon tied the record with 66 (13.4) heading an inexperienced group. QB Arthur was #4 with 2 starts at WR. Practically everyone returned last year and Hixon reset the school record with 75 (16.1). Hixon was just the 2nd player in UA history to post over 1,000 yards receiving in a season (Dan Ruff 1,041 in 1968). He also surpassed Jack Beidleman's (1969) single season record of 1,959 all-purp yards. Jason Montgomery (#2 in 2004, 42 rec) had 48 (14.6). Arthur, who became a full-time WR, added 30 (16.1) including 8 in the Motor City Bowl for a record 180 yards, topping Randy Moss' 173. Hixon was banged up in the MAC Title game but came off the bench for the game winning TD. He was the only player in the NCAA that had 200+ all-purp yards in each of the first three games. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Craig Truax (6-4 255 rFr). Cleveland Glenville HS product Stephon Fuqua (6-1 200 So) moves back to the unit. Departing are Montgomery, Hixon (#4DC DEN) and if you include Biggs, the top 3 receivers who accounted for 188 of the team's 284 rec (66%) must all be replaced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Zips had all five starters back and the O-line averaged 309 lbs per man with their average bench press being 460 lbs. They opened holes for 4.0 ypc rushing while allowing 32 sacks. Despite having 4 starters back in 2004, they surprisingly dropped to just 2.8 ypc allowing 40 sacks. Last year they had to replace four starters from the underachieving group which allowed true frosh Chris Kemme to start the opener. The inexperienced O-line managed to drop the sack total to 21 while improving the ypc slightly to 3.3. This year nine of the top 10 are back, with the only loss being RT Justin Hein (1 st), making them vastly more experienced than the 2005 unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Zips play a 3-3-5 but their BAN is more like a DE so I will list that position in this writeup. Last year they had to replace two starters and three backups from the D-line. They still managed to improve from allowing 5.0 ypc rushing in 2004 to 3.9 and the D recorded 31 sacks. This year they lose DT Brian White (12 st, 59 tkl, 6 sk, 10.5 tfl) and DL Chuck Lewis (1 tkl). NG Kiki Gonzalez has an excellent motor, is 300 lbs but is still quick and was 2nd Tm MAC as well as the team captain last year. BAN Kevin Grant was very productive as a rFr with 11.5 tfl. Gonzalez is one of three returning starters up front and they get the outstanding addition of DT Nate Robinson (PS#62) who transferred from Rutgers. I look for continued improvement from the D-line.

LINEBACKERS - As I mentioned above, the Zips play a 3-3-5 D but their ROV position is more like a LB so I list that in this group here. Last year the unit was very young having a combined six career starts. The veteran was Jay Rohr who led the team in tackles with 121 and added 12.5 tfl (13 st, HM MAC). Not listed in the 2 deep below is Michael Alphonse (6-0 244 rFr). This year they lose Rohr but five of the top six are back, so they are clearly more experienced than the 2005 version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Akron had an inexperienced secondary in 2004 that finished a respectable #74 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had all 4 starters back but midyear lost starters SS Chevin Pace and FS Dion Elie to season ending injuries. They dropped down to #81 allowing an 18-7 ratio. This year six players return with starting experience with the only loss being Elie (6 st, 32 tkl) so 7 of the top 8 are back. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Ryan Johnson (5-10 170 Sr). The Zips should make significant improvement in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 I noted that the Zips had all-conf caliber players at all positions and they would be one of the best ST units in the MAC. They did not disappoint me finishing #33 in my ST rankings. In '04 the unit returned almost intact but surprisingly dropped to #72 despite the emergence of Domenik Hixon who returned both a punt and a KO for TD's. Four PR TD's allowed hurt them. Thanks to those PR TD's, Billy Sullivan (PS#27) who averaged a solid 40.2, saw his net drop to 33.4. Last year the group returned intact again with much improvement expected. Unfortunately the Zips only finished #96. Sullivan's net dropped again to 32.7. Hixon was the team's top KR (23.5) and PR (7.7) but did not record a TD. Sr Jason Swiger did a fine job on FG's hitting 14 of 20 with a long of 49 (5 miss 40+) and also had 14 TB's on 62 KO's. This year they lose their K, P, KR and PR so moving up in the ST rankings is unlikely.

COACHES - In '04 JD Brookhart became the 3rd head coach here since the Zips started IA ball in 1987. Brookhart was a WR at Colo St from '85-'87, began his coaching career as a Denver Broncos asst from 1995-'96 and went to Pitt in 1997 where he was the OC the 4 years prior to coming here. His OC is Jim Pry who was Duke's OC in 2002-2003. WR coach Joe Moorhead was promoted to co-OC this year. The DC is Jim Fleming who was the DB coach at N Carolina in 2002-2003 and was the HC at Sacred Heart (IAA) where he was 21-1 with the Pioneers. His previous DC stints were at Villanova, Brown and Boise St.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Akron recorded back-to-back winning years in 1999 and 2000 under then head coach Lee Owens, breaking a streak of six straight losing seasons. They lost some close games in both 2001 and 2002 and in Owens' final season (2003), finished a solid 7-5 but he was let go. That 2003 squad also outgained MAC foes by 55.3 ypg. Brookhart inherited QB Charlie Frye and 12 starters in 2004. Akron won 5 of their last 6 and was the only bowl eligible team in the NCAA that was not on suspension that did not go to a bowl. Brookhart's first Zip team went 6-2 in MAC play but was actually outgained by 48.9 ypg. Last year the Zips had 9 true frosh on the 2 deep to open the year. They went 5-3 in the MAC but this time won the tie-breakers and the MAC East Title. As a 13 point dog vs NI, they got a TD pass with :10 left to pull off the upset and amazingly were MAC Champs, their first EVER conference title. They improved to +47.7 ypg in MAC play (only 6th best). Last year's squad had to replace outstanding QB Frye but also had the best schedule of the MAC East teams with the most winnable home games. They suffered a disappointing loss vs CM, a game they led 17-7 and also led Miami 17-7 before allowing 3 TD's in one minute, an NCAA record. Surprisingly they were shutout by Army in the Rubber Bowl, 20-0 but did get the benefit of playing BG without QB Jacobs. When they lost to Ball St, it appeared their chances for the MAC Title were finished but everything fell into place. They did lose the bowl to Memphis but sold almost 15,000 tickets which impressed numerous bowl officials. Surprisingly Akron was -7 in turnovers. Last year the Zips became just the 31st team in NCAA history to have a 1,000 yard rusher, 1,000 yard receiver and 3,000 yard passer on the same team but two of those players must be replaced. Despite the losses, with the entire O-line and QB Getsy back, they should improve upon the 23.6 ppg they produced in 2005. The Zips' D finished #32 in the NCAA rankings, their highest finish since the 1996 unit led by Jason Taylor (#26). The defense allowed just 110 yards to OU and 116 to Kent St (in a blizzard), the top two defensive efforts in school history. With nine starters back, this year's D should be one of the MAC's best. All 7 sets of my power ratings call Akron the most talented team in the MAC East but they also draw one of the toughest schedules. I do feel the Zips have an excellent shot at earning their 3rd straight winning season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 16 LUKE GETSY SR. 6-2 220 PS#58. 1 st @ Pitt '03. 13 st LY, 3455 yds (53%), 23-12 ratio, schl rec 455 in bowl. **7** Carlton Jackson (6-2 195 rFr) PS#144. Sean Hakes is PS#69.
RB 3 Dennis Kennedy So. 5-11 209 PS#179. **Ohio St transfer**. 289 total yds LY. **26** Alex Allen (6-0 203 So) PS#282. **35** Bryant McMillon (5-10 195 rFr). Andre Boone is PS#132.
TE 83 MERCE POINDEXTER SO. 6-4 243 PS#150. **21** Johnny Long (6-1 180 Jr) PS#161WR. 1 st, 18 rec (10.3) 2Y. **FB 33 Joe McDaniel** (5-11 220 So) **4** st, 49 ttl yd LY. Joe Tuzze (5-11 225 rFr) PS#214.
WR 12 Jabari Arthur Jr. 6-4 224 Canada. PS#446QB. 6 pass att & 23 rec (11.7) in '04. 1 st LY, 30 (16.1). **1** Marcus Patterson (5-9 181 Jr) PS#495. David Harvey is PS#431.
WR 82 Jermaine Lindsay rFr. 6-1 165 PS#129QB. **17** Brandon Williams (6-1 177 So) PS#259. **85** Brett Green (6-1 193 Jr) PS#289. **TE 86** Doug Fife (6-4 250 So) PS#124.
TE 84 KRIS KASPAREK JR. 6-6 260 7 st rFr, 11 (12.2). 12 st LY, 27 (11.6). **25** Jose Cruz (6-5 250 Fr) PS#67. **15** Brian Flaherty (6-4 235 So) PS#210QB. **65** Craig Truax (6-4 255 rFr).
C 63 ANDY WILLS SR. 6-3 290 3 tkl DT as true. RS '03. 2nd string '04. 13 st C LY. **64** Jim Holley (6-3 301 Jr) 2nd string LY. **LS 49** Jason Giachetti (6-1 240 Sr). 4 tkl LY.
RG 57 ANDY ALLEMAN SR. 6-4 295 PS#70LB. 8 tkls **at Pitt** '03. 12 sts RG here LY. **78** Zack Anderson (6-4 290 rFr) **PS#65**. **51** Elliott Bates (6-4 295 rFr) PS#157. Mark Jackson PS#55
LG 73 MIKE DONALDSON SR. 6-5 295 PS#142. 2nd string LT in '04. 12 st at LG LY. **70** Garrett Brewster (6-3 315 So) PS#361. 2nd string last year. **61** Dan Harclerode (6-2 330 So).
RT 74 CHRIS KEMME SO. 6-6 290 8 st true (7RT, 1LT). Great size, solid footwork. **77** Keith Huebner (6-7 295 rFr) PS#250. Pro-type tackle. Corey Woods (6-5 255 Fr) PS#562.
LT 72 TIM CROUCH SR. 6-3 300 11 st LT rFr. 11 st LT '04. 12 st LT '05. **68** Mike Schepp (6-4 303 Jr) PS#519. 2nd string '04. 7 st LY (5 RT, 2 OG). Mike Ward (6-3 300 Fr) PS#160.
K NA Igor Iveljic Fr. 5-11 200 PS#50. 8-12 FG's HS career, long 50. 27 TB's 40 KO's as Sr. **39** Matthew Domonkos (5-8 171 Jr) PS#40. 58 yd FG in HS. **Wisconsin trans**.

DE 99 JERMAINE REID SR. 6-4 275 PS#181. 5 tkl rFr. 3 st, 19 tkl, 2 sk '04. 13 st LY, 59 tkl, 7 sk, 6.5 tfl. **56** Clarence McPherson (6-3 255 So) PS#480. **41** John Martin (6-2 243 Jr).
DT 97 KIKI GONZALEZ SR. 6-2 300 1 st, 16 tkl rFr. 10 st '04, 22 tkl, 5 tfl. 13 st NG LY, 35 tkl, 7 tfl, **2nd Tm MAC**. **55** Jared Cecchetti (6-2 264 Jr) 9 tkl '04. 1 st LY, 14 tkl. **98** Joshua Kiner (6-3 271 rFr) PS#325.
DT 95 Nate Robinson Jr. 6-5 315 PS#62. Rutgers trans. **93** Eric Lively (6-2 270 So) PS#58TE. 3 tkl true. **91** Wallace Pendleton (6-1 310 rFr). **59** Brandon Butler (6-2 248 Jr).
BAN 30 KEVIN GRANT SO. 6-2 245 PS#244LB. 13 st rFr, 73 tkl, 4.5 sk, 7 tfl. **54** Doug Williams (6-2 234 So) 5 tkl LY. Strides in spg. **96** Mark Groza (6-3 227 Sr) 16 tkl, 1 sk, 1 tfl 3Y.
SLB 43 BRION STOKES JR. 5-11 220 **2nd TM MAC**, 13 st, 89 tkl, 11 tfl LY. **7** Parris McNeal (6-0 206 Sr) 1 st '04. 31 tkl 2Y. **41** Kevin Jackson (6-1 220 Jr). **46** Ryan Bailey (5-10 223 So).
MLB 44 Bryan Howe Jr. 6-0 242 PS#332. 23 tkl, 4 tfl 2Y. **47** Al-Teric Balaam (6-1 228 rFr) PS#233. Mickey Baker (5-11 225 So) PS#244JC. **50** Ray Siler (6-1 225 Jr) PS#398.
ROV 19 JOHN MACKEY JR. 5-10 213 PS#318. 13 st LY, 95 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **58** Jemall Benjamin (6-1 225 So) PS#169. Wayne Cobham PS#444DB. Jacquian Williams PS#328DB.
CB 20 REGGIE CORNER SR. 5-9 175 PS#161WR. 11 st '04, 55 tkl, 6 pbu. 13 st LY, 46 tkl, 2 int, 9 pbu. **28** Brandon Anderson (5-11 170 So) 22 tkl LY. **29** Andre Walker (5-10 185 Jr) 7 tkl 2Y.
CB 5 DAVANZO TATE JR. 5-10 185 PS#188. **WV trans.** 10 st LY, 41 tkl, 6 pbu. **9 Dionte Henry** (5-11 196 Sr) PS#218. 11 st '04, 38 tkl, 2 int. 10 st LY, 46 tkl, 5 pbu. DeAndre DeScott (6-0 185 rFr).
SS 10 CHEVIN PACE JR. 5-10 185 PS#159LB. 9 st, 68 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. 6 st until inj, 26 tkl, 2 sk LY. **37** Jason Nedd (5-10 197 Sr) PS#462. 25 tkl 2Y. **23** Evan Laube (6-0 200 rFr).
FS 24 CHRIS BROWN JR. 5-9 200 1 st as true, 10 tkl. 6 st LY, 26 tkl, 1 int. **8** Yamari Dixon (5-8 200 Jr) 1 st LY, 43 tkl, 1 sk. **46** Rodney Etienne (6-2 190 rFr). Delvin Davis is PS#444.
P 16 Andy Hildreth So. 6-0 185 Has been backup P L2Y, no punts. John Stec (5-9 180 Fr) is PS#102. 44.6 avg in HS. **39** Matthew Domonkos had a 41.9 avg as Sr in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Mark Jackson 6-6 295 PS#55
QB	Sean Hakes 6-3 200 PS#69
RB	Andre Boone 5-10 190 PS#132
RB	Aaris Reed 5-7 174 PS#141DB
LB	Mickey Baker 5-11 225 PS#244JC
OL	Mike Ward 6-3 300 PS#160
DL	Blake Smith 6-2 224 PS#193
TE	Jose Cruz 6-5 250 PS#67 '05
LB	Jacquian Williams 6-2 197 PS#328DB
K	Igor Iveljic 5-11 200 PS#50
OL	Jason Sekinger 6-9 340 PS#344 '05
DL	Sean Lemon 6-2 220 PS#299
WR	DJ Henderson 6-5 205 PS#310
DL	Dantley Cline 6-2 290 PS#342
RB	Sheldon Dennis 6-2 206 PS#380
DB	Wayne Cobham 6-2 190 PS#444
DB	Delvin Davis 6-0 174 PS#444
LB	Derron Smith 6-1 215 PS#390
DL	Tevlin Petit-Frere 6-3 210 PS#433
WR	David Harvey 5-11 160 PS#431
WR	Curtis Brown 5-11 171 PS#485
OL	Corey Woods 6-5 255 PS#562
DL	Jerrel Stoudemire 6-5 295 PS#495
LB	Mitchell Magloire 6-1 217 PS#485
DB	Amin Kabir 6-1 185 PS#560
DB	Anthony Barnes 6-1 180 PS#560
K	John Stec 5-9 180 PS#102

AKRON ZIPS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#105

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at Penn St	G					
Sep. 9	at NC State	G					
Sep. 16	at Central Michigan	A					
Sep. 23	North Texas	A					
Sep. 30	at Kent St	A					
Oct. 7	at Cincinnati	A					
Oct. 14							
Oct. 21	Miami, Oh (HC)	A					
Oct. 28	at Toledo	A					
Nov. 4	Bowling Green	A					
Nov. 9	Buffalo (Thur)	A					
Nov. 16	at Ohio (Thur)	A					
Nov. 24	W Michigan (Fri)	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Akron is coming off their 1st league championship in school history.
Zips are 16-8 ATS as a home dog since 1996.
UA is 16-8 SU but 8-13 ATS the last 24 games at the Rubber Bowl.

The Zips are 1-8 SU but 6-3 ATS since 1997 in road openers.
Akron is 0-8 SU & 3-5 ATS the L/8 gms vs the Big 10 being outscored on avg 46-18.

UA plays 3 teams that went to a bowl LY in '06 (all won & covered), each on the road.
First meeting as Akron is 0-8 SU all-time vs current ACC tms (4-3 ATS).

The favorite is 4-8 ATS in this series since 1991.
Akron is 8-17 ATS since 1997 vs current MAC West teams.

UA is 4-8 SU & 1-2 ATS all-time vs current SBC teams & 5-9 ATS the L5Y as a HF.
Zips are 7-3 ATS (4-6 SU) their last 10 home openers.

LY's gm was played in 27°, 23 mph blizzard conditions as just 343 ttl yds were produced.
The home team is 1-7 ATS the last 8 years in this in-state rivalry.

UA last gm vs UC a 24-22 (+7) win in '92 as UA is 2-9 SU all-time vs current BE tms.
Zips are 5-1 ATS the week prior to a bye week since 1997.

Akron is 5-1 SU & 6-0 ATS after a bye since 1998.
The visitor is 3-10 SU & 3-9-1 ATS in this series since 1993.

Akron is 5-2 SU & ATS the last 2 years as a MAC away dog.
This matchup could be repeated in the MAC Champ gm, Nov 30th in Detroit.

After the 1st 3 gms, Akron will play the rest of the season in the state of OH TY.
Akron is 4-7 SU & ATS vs Bowling Green since 1992.

The Zips were held to just 30 yds on 25 plays LY in the 1 half vs Buffalo.
Including LY's MAC Title gm, UA is 5-0 SU & ATS on wkday gms the L2Y.

UA held OU to just 11 yds rushing LY which was 163 yds below their ssn avg for 2005.
The home team is 9-4 ATS the last 13 games in this series.

UA & WMU have only avg'd 34 ppg in their 9 meetings since 1990.
Akron is 6-1 SU but 2-5 ATS in their last 7 home finales.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Charlie Frye 11,049 2001-'04
Rushing: Mike Clark 4,257 1984-'86 Receiving: Lavel Bailey 2,577 1997-'00

JD BROOKHART (Career 13-11)

3rd Year at Akron — Brookhart's SU Bowl Record: 0-1

Brookhart's records AT AKRON

13-11	Straight Up	4-3	Home Favorite
13-10	Vs The Spread	2-1	Home Underdog
5-4	Off A SU Loss	0-2	Away Favorite
11-6	Vs Conference	7-4	Away Underdog
2-4	Vs Non-Conf	2-0	Off A Bye

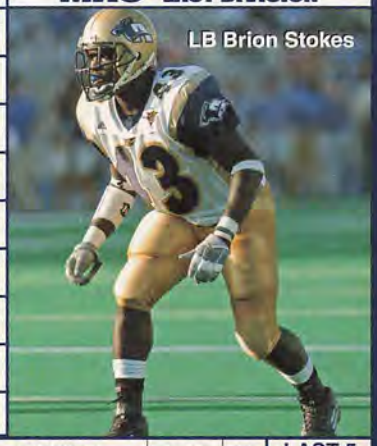
2005 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (16,22,1)
Lost: 12 (6,4,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 10,889

MAC - EAST DIVISION


LB Brion Stokes

STADIUM: RUBBER BOWL (31,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	4-7	4-8	7-5	6-5	7-5	41-39
Home	4-1	3-3	3-1	3-2	5-1	3-2	3-2	24-12
Away	3-3	3-2	1-6	1-6	2-4	3-3	4-3	17-27
ATS	5-5-1	7-4	4-6-1	4-7	5-5	6-5	7-5	38-37-2
Home Fav	2-1	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-3	2-1	2-2	8-11
Home Dog	1-1	3-1	1-1	1-2	0-0	1-1	1-0	8-6
Away Fav	1-2	1-2	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-0	0-2	6-7
Away Dog	1-1-1	2-0	2-3-1	2-3	2-2	3-3	4-1	16-13-2
Favorite	3-3	2-3	1-2	1-2	3-3	2-1	2-4	14-18
Dog	2-2-1	5-1	3-4-1	3-5	2-2	4-4	5-1	24-19-2
Grass	2-2-1	2-1	3-2	2-3	2-0	1-2	2-1	14-11-1
Artificial	3-3	5-3	1-4-1	2-4	3-5	5-3	5-4	24-26-1
vs Conf	3-4-1	5-3	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	6-2	5-4	28-27-2
Vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-0	0-3	2-1	10-10
Off SU Win	4-2	3-2	1-2	2-1	3-2	4-2	3-3	20-14
Off SU Loss	1-2-1	3-2	2-4-1	2-5	2-2	2-2	3-2	15-19-2

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
68	Grantland Rice	NL	Louisiana Tech	13-33	–
76	Pioneer	NL	Montana St	13-24	–
05	Motor City	+4	Memphis	31-38	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Akron's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-1

AKRON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	23.6	20	107	3.3	277	52.5	16.3	-7	2005	7	24.5	17	159	3.9	181	58.6	13.9
6*	24.6	19	97	2.8	240	63.4	13.7	+6	2004	6	31.5	22	189	5.0	237	64.9	13.5
11*	36.3	25	159	4.0	311	63.9	13.0	+7	2003	6	29.4	21	178	4.7	226	57.1	13.7
4*	27.1	23	158	3.9	247	65.6	14.9	-1	2002	6	31.6	21	167	4.1	227	62.9	12.5
7	25.5	20	181	3.9	194	58.2	14.7	+4	2001	4	32.7	24	186	4.6	285	58.8	14.4
8*	30.3	21	207	4.6	211	50.7	13.8	+7	2000	6	26.8	23	197	4.5	207	50.7	15.0

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brett Biggs	284	1339	109	1230	10	4.3
Dennis Kennedy	**45**	**150**	**19**	**131**	**1**	**2.9**
Joe McDaniel	**15**	**30**	**5**	**25**	**0**	**1.7**
Domenik Hixon	1	24	0	24	0	24.0
Frank Berchie	**4**	**20**	**2**	**18**	**0**	**4.5**
Luke Getsy	**56**	**130**	**159**	**-29**	**1**	**-0.5**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Luke Getsy	**525**	**278**	**53.0**	**3455**	**23**	**12**
Brett Biggs	3	2	66.7	106	1	0
John Ferguson	9	3	33.3	48	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Domenik Hixon	75	1210	16.1	8	58
Jason Montgomery	48	702	14.6	7	79
Brett Biggs	65	535	8.2	4	72
Jabari Arthur	**30**	**482**	**16.1**	**3**	**46**
Kris Kasparek	**27**	**312**	**11.6**	**0**	**32**
Dennis Kennedy	**14**	**158**	**11.3**	**1**	**79**
Johnny Long	**15**	**156**	**10.4**	**0**	**23**
Joe McDaniel	**4**	**24**	**6.0**	**0**	**15**
Merce Poindexter	**4**	**19**	**4.8**	**1**	**9**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Billy Sullivan	77	3034	39.4	8	32.7(T)	1	15
Luke Getsy	**3**	**112**	**37.3**	**0**	**–**	**0**	**2**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Swiger	35-36	7-8	4-4	3-8	0-0	14-20	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jay Rohr	121	1	11.5	4	0
John Mackey	**95**	**1**	**7.5**	**1**	**1**
Brion Stokes	**89**	**2.5**	**8.5**	**2**	**0**
Kevin Grant	**73**	**4.5**	**7**	**2**	**0**
Brian White	59	6	10.5	2	0
Jermaine Reid	**59**	**7**	**6.5**	**0**	**0**
Reggie Corner	**46**	**0**	**2**	**9**	**2**
Dionte Henry	**46**	**1**	**2.5**	**5**	**2**
Yamari Dixon	**43**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Davanzo Tate	**41**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**0**
Kiki Gonzalez	**35**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**0**
Dion Elie	32	0	1	1	0
Chris Brown	**26**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Chevin Pace	**26**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Brandon Anderson	**22**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**
Jason Nedd	**20**	**1**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Parris McNeal	**19**	**0**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Jared Cecchetti	**14**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
Mark Groza	**13**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Bryan Howe	**10**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Domenik Hixon	26	200	7.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Domenik Hixon	30	705	23.5	0
Andre Walker	**2**	**37**	**18.5**	**0**

2005 STATS BY GAME

UA 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Purdue	17	21-23	1.1	26-46	362	3	25	50-211	4.2	23-36	267	0	-1
–	at Middle Tenn	26	39-102	2.6	23-43	319	1	9	23-54	2.3	23-40	157	3	-2
–	N Illinois	20	32-119	3.7	20-39	406	0	26	27-50	1.9	39-52	486	5	+2
–	C Michigan	22	24-90	3.8	30-57	270	1	16	39-237	6.1	18-33	224	0	-3
–	at Buffalo	9	36-79	2.2	12-33	145	3	10	38-66	1.7	12-25	71	5	+1
–	at Miami, Oh	21	33-160	4.8	22-44	217	3	26	37-248	6.7	23-38	332	1	-4
–	Army	13	22-44	2.0	21-45	188	2	18	51-186	3.6	8-19	110	1	-1
–	at Bowling Green	20	42-153	3.6	15-29	205	1	22	38-193	5.1	22-31	173	3	+2
–	at Ball St	20	28-84	3.0	22-44	285	2	17	43-106	2.5	18-29	145	5	-1
–	Ohio	23	44-228	5.2	22-32	270	0	7	27-11	0.4	10-19	99	4	-1
–	Kent St	11	46-161	3.5	7-18	66	0	8	45-109	2.4	4-12	7	1	+2
–	† N Illinois	27	32-105	3.3	30-52	413	2	19	52-250	4.8	7-17	110	3	-2
–	† Memphis	24	23-47	2.0	34-59	455	3	21	58-346	6.0	7-14	170	0	+1
TOTALS		253	422-1395	3.3	284-541	3601	21	224	528-2067	3.9	214-365	2351	31	-7
AVERAGES		19.5	32-107	3.3	22-42	277	1.6	17.2	41-159	3.9	16-28	181	2.4	-0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Ohio	+6	31-29	W
at Ohio St - #24	+25	14-28	W
at Purdue	+18	14-33	L
Kent St	-16'	14-10	L
at W Michigan	+10	14-31	L
at Miami, Oh	+8'	27-30	W
Bowling Green	+4'	11-16	L
at Marshall	+17	33-50	T
at UCF	+14	17-57	L
at Buffalo	-5	41-14	W
E Michigan	-17	65-62 3OT	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	+19	21-57	L
at Maryland	+21	14-44	L
C Michigan	+1	17-24	L
at Virginia	+23	29-48	W
Miami, Oh	+10	31-48	L
at E Michigan	-11	34-42	L
Liberty	NL	49-21	–
at UCF	+19	17-28	W
Marshall	+17'	34-20	W
at Ohio	+4	10-27	L
Buffalo	-15	21-10	L
at Kent St	-8	48-10	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Kent St	-12'	38-41	L
at Wisconsin - #18	+24'	31-48	W
E Michigan	-19'	24-17	L
Howard	NL	65-7	–
at Buffalo	-15	38-21	W
at Miami, Oh	+16'	20-45	L
Cal-Poly	NL	45-14	–
UCF	-6'	38-24	W
at Connecticut	+8	37-38	W
at Marshall	+14	24-42	L
at C Michigan	-7	40-28	W
Ohio	-11	35-28	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Penn St	+15'	10-48	L
Middle Tenn	-6'	24-31	L
at Virginia - #12	+31'	0-51	L
at Kent St	+7	24-19	W
at N Illinois	+17'	19-49	L
Buffalo	-8'	44-21	W
at UCF	+2'	26-21	W
Ball St	-10	35-23	W
Marshall	+9	31-28	W
at Ohio	+1'	31-19	W
Miami, Oh	+7'	27-37	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Purdue - #13	+34'	24-49	W
at Middle Tenn	+6	17-7	W
N Illinois	+7	48-42 OT	W
C Michigan	-11	17-31	L
at Buffalo	-10	13-7	L
at Miami, Oh	+13'	23-51	L
Army	-9	0-20	L
at Bowling Green	+14	24-14	W
at Ball St	-3	17-23	L
Ohio	-3	27-3	W
Kent St	-12'	35-3	W
† N Illinois	+13	31-30	W

BOWLING GREEN FALCONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Josh Harris (#6DC BAL) played TB for most of his frosh year but he proved to be an outstanding QB setting the school record with 27 TD passes in his senior year while throwing for 3,813 (972 rush). He was 22-6 as a starter. Good sized Omar Jacobs (6-4 226), who had 4.59 speed, was the backup in 2003 (19-28 for 345) with a 4-0 ratio and in 2004 won the starting job. In 2004's opener vs Oklahoma, in a hostile setting, he hit 24 of 41 for 218 with a 2-0 ratio. Jacobs had a phenomenal soph season as he was #4 in the NCAA in pass efficiency with 4,002 yards passing (67%) and an amazing ratio of 41-4. He threw a school record 224 passes without an int. True frosh Anthony Turner (PS#36) was the clear #2 QB, but was able to redshirt. Jacobs opened a Heisman Trophy campaign in his first two games last year. He threw for 458 vs Wisconsin, the second most in school history (Brian McClure 479, 1985) and followed that up with 428 and 5 TD's vs Ball St. Jacobs had his worst game vs Boise St and it was the first time he'd completed less than 58% (18 of 36). He was still leading the NCAA in TD passes per game after Ohio but struggled in 20 mph winds vs Buffalo and for the first time had a multiple int game (2) while throwing for a career low 187 yards. Jacobs was injured in the 1Q vs WM and did not return until the final 2 games. His 315 vs Toledo was his 13th 300 yard game, a school record. On the year he saw his completion % "drop" to 60.7 and his ratio to 26-7. They did simplify the offense with HT Turner at QB. Brandon compares him more to Harris as he has sprinter speed. Turner threw for 492 (61.2%) but with only a 2-4 ratio although he had 249 yards rushing, almost 100 more than Jacobs. Against Kent St, Turner was injured and DB Van Johnson took snaps (1 pass). Jacobs elected to leave early (#5DC PIT) and while the passing numbers will be down, Turner should be one of the MAC's best QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - In BG's wide-open spread offense, the RB has a lot of room to run. In 2002 Joe Alls averaged 6.6 ypc (801 yds). PJ Pope had two starts and 577 (5.7) as a true frosh. In 2003 Pope became just the 10th BG back to top 1,000 in a season (thanks in part to 14 games) as he rushed for 1,005 (5.3) along with 48 rec and was 1st Tm MAC. His backup, BJ Lane had 498 (6.4). Both returned in '04 and Pope rushed for 1,098 (6.2) and led all MAC RB's with 50 rec (9.8) while Lane contributed 375 (4.4). Dan Macon was injured and played in just 6 (63 yds). For the first time since 2000, they opened '05 with two starting RB's (vs Wisc) with both Pope and Lane on the field. Pope, however, suffered two sprained ankles which dogged him all year. It wasn't until the season finale that he showed flashes of his old form rushing for 131 and he finished with just 436 (3.5). Lane bruised his ribs vs Boise St but led with 677 (4.9) and also had 24 rec (6.3). True frosh Bobby Thomas was #3 with 183 (4.4). Both Pope (UFA CHI) and Lane depart and Pete Winovich (6-3 234 Jr, PS#156QB, 27 tkl) moved from MLB to RB in spring. Not listed below is Chris Bullock (5-11 220 rFr, PS#272). While last year's production was down, this year's group looks less talented and far less experienced.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 Robert Redd set the single season school record with 83 rec and was the BG career leader in receiving yards (2,726) and he had to be replaced in 2003. Cole Magner who was recruited as a QB from Alaska and was also on the basketball team, simply broke Redd's record with 99 rec. Charles Sharon, a speedster from Florida was #2 with 59 (15.0) and was also the top PR. James Hawkins (PS#187) was #3 with 31 (16.9). Steve Sanders was #4 with 43 (10.8). All four returned in 2004 and Magner had 77 rec becoming the school's all-time leader in rec (215) while Sanders had 55 (17.9). Magner had to be replaced last year. A pair of rFr, Corey Partridge and Marques Parks won the starting jobs along with Sanders and Sharon. JUCO Ruben Ruiz won the rarely used TE spot but worked his way into the WR rotation. Kenneth Brantley was 1st tm in August but tore his ACL and only saw time on ST. Sanders tied for the MAC lead with 14 TD rec and avg'd 15.3 ypc. Sharon was #1 in rec (74, 13.9) and leaves (UFA JAC) as BG's new career record holder in rec (232) and became the first BG player to top 3,000 career rec yards. Unfortunately Sanders departs along with Derrick Lett (2 st, 11 rec). The top four receivers were Sharon, Sanders and the two RB's as those four accounted for 181 of the team's 249 rec (73%). The leading returnee this year is Partridge (23, 13.8).

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 Brandon called his OL recruits "The 5 Blocks of Granite" and was able to redshirt all five. With just two OL starters back the ypc rushing dropped from 5.3 in 2002 to 4.7. In 2004 they had to replace two starters and two backups but had 6 of the top 10 back including star C Scott Mruczkowski whose 49 starts were the most by any player in BG history. They once again averaged 4.7 ypc but allowed a minuscule 13 sacks (2.8%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and a backup and the less experienced group only opened holes for 3.8 ypc rushing while allowing 22 sacks (5.4%). This year two starters depart, C Jonathan Culp (11 st) and LT Rob Warren (3 yr st'r, Top OL Award, 1st Tm MAC '04). Eight of the top 10 are back including all 5 of the "blocks", 3 of whom I project as starters (2 returning). This line legitimately goes 3 deep in talent and should be stronger in 2006.

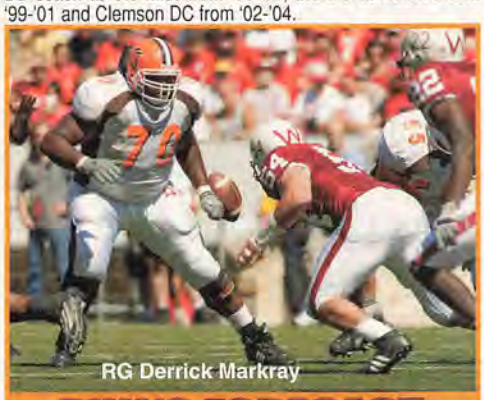
DEFENSIVE LINE - All four starters returned up front in 2004 and they allowed their best ypc rushing in 3 years (3.6) but had just 23 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter who left early for the NFL draft (not drafted) and surprisingly with 3 starters back, allowed 4.1 ypc with 23 sacks again. This year they must replace NG Mike Thaler (11 st, 65 tkl, 5.5 sk, Top DL Award), DT Monte Cooley (11 st, 46 tkl, 5 tfl) and Brandon Curtis (11 tkl) who moves to the O-line, so five of the top 8 are back. While this unit is smaller (projected starters avg 250 lbs) and less experienced, they could be just as productive as the two new starting soph's combined for 77 tackles and 6.5 tfl as rFr and DE Devon Parks is an NFL prospect.

LINEBACKERS - BG had to replace two of their three starters from the LB corps last year and injuries hurt this unit as only one LB started all 11 and the D allowed 27.6 ppg, their worst since 1999. This year they lose WLB Teddy Piepkow (9 st, 81 tkl, 9 tfl), Tim Arnold (7 st, 58 tkl, 6 tfl), MLB Jamien Johnson (6 st, 53 tkl, 4 tfl) and MLB Aaron Burkart (1 tkl). This unit is just as experienced as 2005 and should stay healthier.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With three starters back in 2004 BG finished #46 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace two starters. They had six of the top 8 back but inserted true frosh Antonio Smith at CB, moved CB Terrill Mayberry to FS and FS Deaudre Perry to SS. Smith made some big plays and had 2 IR TD's but also gave up some big plays, exactly what you would expect from a true frosh. Perry was the #2 tackler when he left the team after 8 games for personal reasons. BG slipped to #69 in my pass D rankings. This year they lose CB Jelani Jordan (11 st, 61 tkl, 7 pbu, 6 int), FS Mayberry (11 st, 84 tkl, 3 int), SS Mike Crumpler (16 tkl) and 3rd string CB John Nicholson (6 tkl). Perry returns and they add some speedy true frosh who may play right away.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Urban Meyer was Notre Dame's ST coach and in his two years at BG they finished #22 and #12 and had 7 blocked punts in 2002. They had to replace their P and both top returnmen in 2003 and dropped to #46. In 2004 they moved up to #34 with the steady kicking of Shaun Suisham who had 16 TB's on KO's and finished his career with 226 xp's, breaking Nebraska's Chris Brown's NCAA record of 217. VHT P Nate Fry saw his net punting go from 33.3 in '04 to 34.9 last year. Joe Timchenko missed 3 xp's in his first two games (5 on the year) and Nate Fry also missed 3 xp's. Brandon was hesitant to kick FG's at times as Fry hit 1 of 3 with a long of 27 with 1 blocked. Timchenko finished 4 of 6 with a long of 37 hitting 2 in the season finale. The team went to the shield punt protection scheme (3 men back and 7 split wide at the line) and while they allowed 3 blocked punts, their opponents only avg'd 2.6 per PR compared to the 8.2 allowed in 2004. Sharon avg'd 10.8 on PR's. Corey Partridge had a 79 yard PR TD, so on just 3 PR's, he averaged 32.7. They have blocked 5 punts the last 3 years. The top KR was BJ Lane who avg'd 17.0. BG dropped to #93 but signed two true frosh K's and could improve.

COACHES - Gregg Brandon had been the OC here for two years under Urban Meyer before taking over as HC in 2003. His offense finished third in the nation in scoring (40.8 ppg in 2002) and set 17 school and 7 MAC records. Greg Studrawa who was previously the OG/C coach here, took over the OC duties in '03. Last year they had to replace longtime DC Tim Beckman who left after the spring. Brandon brought in John Lovett who was the DB coach at Ole Miss from '95-'98, the DC at Auburn from '99-'01 and Clemson DC from '02-'04.



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PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2002 BG outgained MAC foes by an average of 94.9 ypg and ranked as high as #16 in the polls. BG is a remarkable 8-3 vs BCS schools since 2001 with two of those losses being to Ohio St in '03 and Oklahoma in '04. In 2003, BG rose as high as #15 beating a ranked team (#16 Purdue) on the road for the first time since 1972 (#18 Purdue) and then knocked off #12 N Illinois. Two losses to Miami, however, knocked them down to #23 in the final polls. In 2003, BG outgained MAC foes by an even more impressive 144 ypg. In 2004 they had to replace their star QB, Josh Harris, but had 16 starters back and Omar Jacobs had a great year with an incredible 41-4 ratio. They lost to #2 Oklahoma, the highest ranked foe that BG has ever faced. They finished 9-3 but unfortunately a 2H collapse vs Toledo (led 27-7) cost them a tie for the MAC West Title. Their avg win overall in 2004 was by 44-24. They benefitted from +15 in turnovers in 2004 and their 12 returning starters in 2005 were the lowest in the MAC. One Achilles' heel last year was their rush D which allowed 175 ypg. Another key to the season was QB Jacobs being injured in the 1Q vs WM. They dropped two straight MAC games for the first time since 2000 without Jacobs. They benefitted from Miami delaying their game which greatly reduced the crowd and BG also benefitted from +4 in turnovers and numerous bad snaps on punts. They had a shot at winning the MAC East Title but lost to Toledo in 2OT, 44-41. BG outgained MAC foes by 69.6 ypg, the best mark of the MAC East schools but only has 10 returning starters. The offense must replace QB Jacobs but the last time they had a first year starter, they averaged 44.3 ppg although that number dropped to 33.8 last year. Still, with most of their top skill players gone, it will be tough to top that total. The Falcons D' allowed 27.6 ppg, their worst total since 1999 and even with just 5 starters back, could be stingier. BG basically has 8 road games this year but has a talented team and should have another successful season.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN BROWN

QB 17 Anthony Turner So. 6-2 226 **PS#36**. 2 st, 492 pass (61%), 2-4 ratio, 249 rush LY. **14** Freddie Barnes (6-2 185 rFr) PS#60. **18** Tony Hunter (6-1 205 rFr) PS#344.

TB 5 Dan Macon Jr. 6-1 210 PS#267. 128 ttl yds 2Y. **11** Pete Winovich (6-3 234 Jr) PS#156QB. 27 tkl, 2 tfl at LB LY. **39** Bobby Thomas (5-10 200 So) 243 all-purp yds true.

WR 3 Marques Parks So. 5-11 194 4 st rFr, 9 (12.7). **19** Kenneth Brantley (5-11 194 Sr) 3 rec, 3Y. **82** Benjy Kennedy (6-1 181 Jr) PS#74QB. **81** Matt Emans (6-2 191 Jr).

WR 80 RUBEN RUIZ SR. 6-4 247 PS#273JC. 7 st LY, 11 (15.8). **37** Aaron Davis (6-2 182 rFr). Derek Brighton is PS#92DB. **83** Kollin Hancock (6-0 178 rFr).

WR 1 COREY PARTRIDGE SO. 5-11 187 PS#398DB. 6 st rFr, 23 (13.8). **6** Brandon Jones (6-0 171 Sr) PS#410. 6 rec (9.5) 3Y. **21** Rhett Magner (5-10 165 rFr). Cole's brother.

TE 88 Sean O'Drobinak Jr. 6-4 262 PS#171. 2 st, 10 (11.6) 2Y. **89** Jimmy Scheidler (6-4 240 rFr) PS#154. **85** Andre Boomer (6-1 217 So). Nick Rieke (6-4 220 Fr) is PS#157.

C 78 KORY LICHTENSTEIGER JR. 6-3 305 **2nd Tm MAC 2Y.** 12 sts LG '04. 11 st LG LY. **55** Brandon Curtis (6-2 276 So) PS#236. 11 tkl NG LY. **79** Phillip Pollard (6-3 270 rFr) PS#186.

RG 70 DERRICK MARKRAY SR. 6-5 350 2nd string rFr. 11 sts at RG LY. **2nd Tm MAC. 65** Pat Watson (6-5 297 Jr) PS#173DL. 2nd string 2Y. **67** Guy Williamson (6-4 300 rFr) PS#215.

LG 68 John Lanning Sr. 6-4 285 Wrestler in HS. 2nd string C 2Y. Almost won starting job LY. **75** Shane Steffy (6-3 290 rFr) PS#246. **72** Andrew Stanford (6-3 308 Jr) PS#204.

RT 73 Kevin Huelsman Jr. 6-5 284 PS#456. 2nd string RT rFr. 2nd string LT LY. **61** Kevin Mahoney (6-6 295 rFr) PS#417. **60** Jarrett Buckosh (6-7 254 rFr) PS#594.

LT 71 DREW NYSTROM JR. 6-5 304 PS#267. 1 st LT rFr. 11 st RT LY. **74** Jeff Fink (6-5 297 So) PS#233DL. 2nd string rFr. No spg (inj). **76** Aaron Kent (6-6 295 So). In for spg.

K NA Sean Ellis Fr. 6-6 189 PS#78. 30 straight xp's in HS. Hit 100% of FG's as Jr HS. Also basketball & soccer. **87** Nick Goss (6-0 217 rFr). 9-13 FG's, 48-52 xp's as Sr HS.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN BROWN

DE 99 Diyral Briggs So. 6-4 216 PS#71TE. 38 tkl, 4.5 sk rFr. **53** Thomas James (6-2 255 rFr) PS#268. **58** Jacob Hardwick (6-3 260 rFr). Darius Smith is PS#176.

NG 59 Nick Davis So. 6-3 276 PS#353. 39 tkl, 1.5 tfl rFr. **50** Brandon Mack (6-5 257 Jr) 14 tkl, 2.5 sk 2Y. **96** Thomas Smith (6-0 270 Sr) PS#365LB. 4 tkl 2Y. **90** Michael Ream (6-3 235 rFr).

DT 92 BRAD WILLIAMS SR. 6-3 256 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. 12 st '04, **Top DL Award**, 37 tkl, 4 tfl. 11 st LY, 63 tkl, **10.5 tfl**. **98** Brady Minturn (6-4 250 rFr). Matt Leininger (6-3 280 Sr) PS#335.

DE 57 DEVON PARKS SR. 6-3 252 PS#234. 14 st true, 48 tkl, 5 sk. 12 st '04, 34 tkl, 4 sk. 11 st LY, 56 tkl, 4 sk. **40** Joe Schaefer (6-4 246 So) PS#229LB. 12 tkl LY. **66** Trevor Frericks (6-1 255 rFr) PS#255.

SLB 30 Erique Dozier So. 6-1 198 PS#396DB. 19 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **Brandon Jackson is PS#58. 95** Jon Jakubowski (6-1 221 Sr) 29 tkl 3Y. **47** Adrian Baker (6-3 216 So).

MLB 44 John Haneline So. 6-2 223 PS#319. 26 tkl, 1 int rFr. **45** Cody Basler (6-3 225 rFr) PS#367. **49** Nick Lawrence (6-3 200 rFr) **PS#123. 54** Kyle Cutler (6-1 225 Jr) 8 tkl 2Y.

WLB 48 TERREL WHITE SR. 5-10 224 PS#337DB. 50 tkl, 6 tfl first 2Y. 11 st LY, 100 tkl, 9 tfl, **2nd Tm MAC**. **10** Scott Goodwin (6-3 227 So). **35** Nate Waldron (5-11 192 So) PS#231RB. 8 tkl LY.

CB 2 ANTONIO SMITH SO. 5-10 175 PS#385. 11 starts as **true**, 57 tkl, 2 int return TD's, 8 pbu. **7** Van Johnson (6-1 196 Sr) PS#367. 7 tkl last year. Jahmal Brown is PS#119RB.

CB 16 Kenny Lewis So. 5-11 185 PS#174RB. 9 gm, 5 tkl, 2 pbu, 1 int true. Jerett Sanderson (6-0 180 Fr) is PS#560. Fork Union LY. In for spring. Calvin Marshall is PS#388.

SS 9 Loren Hargrove Jr. 5-11 204 12 tkl rFr. 3 st LY, 35 tkl, 2 tfl. **15** Calvin Wiley (5-11 185 rFr). In for spring. **42** Travis Moody (6-1 200 rFr). **27** Michael Woods (5-11 190 Jr).

FS 24 DEAUDRE PERRY JR. 6-1 212 PS#188. 6 st FS '04, 37 tkl, 4 tfl. 8 st SS LY, 68 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 1 int. **12** Chris Wright (5-10 175 rFr) PS#367. **8** Will Myles (5-11 204 Sr) PS#150QB.

P NA Alonso Rojas Fr. 6-3 200 PS#43K. As a senior in HS averaged a super 46.0 yds per punt playing on Florida high school champ team. **87** Nick Goss (6-0 217 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

LB	Brandon Jackson 6-2 220 PS#58
WR	Derek Brighton 5-10 180 PS#92DB
DB	Jahmal Brown 5-10 185 PS#119RB
DL	Darius Smith 6-2 210 PS#176
DL	DJ Young 6-5 278 PS#179
DB	PJ Mahone 5-11 201 PS#217RB
QB	Tyler Sheehan 6-3 210 PS#166
K	Alonso Rojas 6-3 200 PS#43
DL	Michael Culberson-Fehling 6-5 230 PS#279
QB	Anthony Glaud 6-3 216 PS#204
OL	Tyler Donahue 6-6 252 PS#334
WR	Zach Charles 5-10 168 PS#300
DB	Calvin Marshall 5-11 175 PS#388
LB	Angelo Magnone 6-3 218 PS#394DL
DB	Tarell Lewis 5-10 180 PS#450
WR	Tyrone Pronty 6-0 182 PS#380
RB	Vincent Corner 5-9 200 PS#427
TE	Nick Rieke 6-4 220 PS#157
K	Sean Ellis 6-6 189 PS#78
WR	Kelvin Davis 5-11 170 PS#405
LB	Eugene Fells 6-1 209 PS#424
TE	Lewis Parks 6-2 225 PS#205
DL	Orlando Barrow 6-2 268 PS#495
DL	Carlos Tipton 6-3 209 PS#495
DB	Jerett Sanderson 6-0 180 PS#560

BOWLING GREEN FALCONS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#107

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score BG	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	† Wisconsin *(Cleveland)*	G					
Sep. 9	Buffalo	G					
Sep. 16	at Florida Int'l	A					
Sep. 23	Kent St	G					
Sep. 30	at Ohio	A					
Oct. 7	at Ohio St	G					
Oct. 14	E Michigan (HC)	G					
Oct. 19	at C Michigan (Thur)	A					
Oct. 28	at Temple	G					
Nov. 4	at Akron	A					
Nov. 15	Miami, Oh (Wed)	G					
Nov. 21	at Toledo (Tues)	A					
Nov. 25							

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Bowling Green is 24-9 SU & 20-11-2 ATS since '98 in MAC home games.
The Falcons are 11-5 ATS in road openers since 1990.
BG is 5-4 SU & 7-2 ATS vs current BCS schools since 2001.

Falcons are 0-2 SU & ATS vs UW as they will play TY in NFL's Cleveland Browns Stadium.
Bowling Green is 12-5 SU & 10-3 ATS the L5Y vs non-conference teams.

BG is 11-4 SU & 9-2 ATS S/'91 in their Doyt Perry Stadium opener.
Bowling Green is 21-4 SU & 14-9-2 ATS as a home favorite since 1998.

Could apply: BG is 0-5 ATS as an away favorite of 20 pts or more S/'90.
Falcons are 12-24 ATS on artificial turf since 1996.

BG's 113 yds passing LY was their lowest amount since 2000 vs KSU (111 yds).
Bowling Green has dominated this series going 52-15-6 SU all-time.

Falcons are 10-17 ATS their last 27 MAC road games.
BG scored their 3rd most pts (72) ever in 2002 vs Ohio.

#5 OSU needed a last play int to seal a win in their last game vs BG in 2003.
Bowling Green is 0-3 SU but 3-0 ATS all-time vs in-state school Ohio St.

HT is 6-1 ATS S/'90 & BG has controlled this series vs EMU going 20-5 SU S/'39.
BG is 5-0 SU & 3-1-1 ATS outscoring opp on avg 48-10 the L/5 Homecoming gms.

Bowling Green is 5-3 SU but 2-6 ATS vs CMU since 1993.
Falcons have gone 2-5 SU & 1-5-1 ATS the L3Y in televised conf games.

Temple is a current IA Independent but next yr will start play as a MAC member.
The Falcons are 6-2 SU & 5-1 ATS vs the Owls all-time.

Bowling Green is 7-16 ATS their last 23 road games in November.
The home team is 7-3 ATS since 1993 in this series.

BG held Miami to -64 yds rushing LY, a school record (previous low 18 yds in '92).
Falcons are 6-1-1 ATS in their regular season home finale since 1998.

These 2 in-state universities are just 26 miles apart.
The home team is 5-1-1 ATS the last 7 years in this rivalry series.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Brian McClure 10,280 1982-'85
Rushing: Dave Preston 3,423 1973-'76 Receiving: Charles Sharon 3,450 2002-'05

GREGG BRANDON (Career 26-11)

4th Year at Bowling Green — Brandon's SU Bowl Record: 2-0

Brandon's records AT BOWLING GREEN

26-11	Straight Up	6-6-1	Home Favorite
15-16-1	Vs The Spread	0-1	Home Underdog
2-5	Off A SU Loss	5-6	Away Favorite
10-14-1	Vs Conference	4-3	Away Underdog
5-2	Vs Non-Conf	0-4	Off A Bye

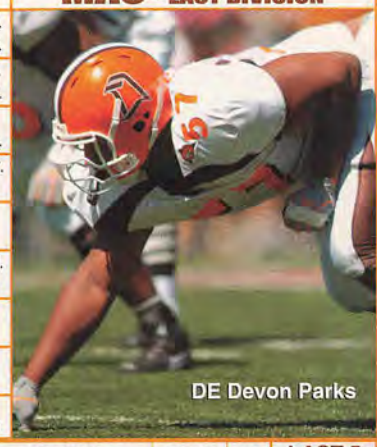
2005 RECORD: (6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (20,23,0)
Lost: 20 (8,10,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,929

MAC - EAST DIVISION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STADIUM: DOYT PERRY STADIUM (23,724)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	2-9	8-3	9-3	10-3	8-3	6-5	48-32
Home	4-1	1-4	4-1	6-0	6-0	5-0	2-3	28-9
Away	1-5	1-5	4-2	3-3	4-3	3-3	4-2	20-23
ATS	6-4	5-6	7-3-1	5-6	5-5-1	7-3	3-8	38-35-2
Home Fav	2-0	1-0	1-1-1	2-2	1-2-1	3-1	2-3	12-9-2
Home Dog	1-1	3-1	2-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	7-3
Away Fav	0-1	0-1	2-0	2-2	2-1	3-2	0-3	9-10
Away Dog	3-2	1-4	2-2	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-2	10-13
Favorite	2-1	1-1	3-1-1	4-4	3-3-1	6-3	2-6	21-19-2
Dog	4-3	4-5	4-2	1-2	2-2	1-0	1-2	17-16
Grass	5-1	4-4	6-1-1	3-3	4-3-1	4-1	2-4	28-17-2
Artificial	1-3	1-2	1-2	2-3	1-2	3-2	1-4	10-18
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	4-3-1	3-5	3-5-1	5-3	2-6	27-28-2
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-3	3-0	2-1	2-0	2-0	1-2	11-7
Off SU Win	3-1	2-0	4-3	4-5	5-3-1	5-3	2-4	25-19-1
Off SU Loss	3-2	3-5	2-0-1	1-1	0-2	1-0	1-3	11-13-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
BJ Lane	139	716	39	677	10	4.9
PJ Pope	125	463	27	436	4	3.5
Bobby Thomas	**42**	**193**	**10**	**183**	**0**	**4.4**
Anthony Turner	**53**	**249**	**79**	**170**	**3**	**3.2**
Omar Jacobs	40	154	92	62	1	1.5
Steve Sanders	6	52	5	47	1	7.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Omar Jacobs	321	195	60.7	2591	26	7
Anthony Turner	**85**	**52**	**61.2**	**492**	**2**	**4**
Corey Partridge	**2**	**2**	**100.0**	**41**	**1**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Charles Sharon	74	1028	13.9	6	55
Steve Sanders	56	855	15.3	14	63
Corey Partridge	**23**	**317**	**13.8**	**1**	**46**
Ruben Ruiz	**11**	**174**	**15.8**	**2**	**31**
PJ Pope	27	173	6.4	1	36
Derrick Lett	11	156	14.2	0	59
BJ Lane	24	151	6.3	1	24
Marques Parks	**9**	**114**	**12.7**	**0**	**23**
Sean O'Drobinak	**9**	**103**	**11.4**	**4**	**33**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Nate Fry	51	1965	38.5	4	34.9	1	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joe Timchenko	23-28	2-2	2-3	0-1	0-0	4-6	37
Nate Fry	18-21	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-3	27

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Terrel White	**100**	**3**	**6**	**5**	**0**
Terrill Mayberry	84	0	0	3	3
Teddy Piepkow	81	1.5	7.5	4	1
Deaudre Perry	**68**	**0**	**2.5**	**1**	**1**
Mike Thaler	65	5.5	1.5	1	0
Brad Williams	**63**	**2.5**	**8**	**0**	**0**
Jelani Jordan	61	0	1.5	7	6
Tim Arnold	58	0	6	4	0
Antonio Smith	**57**	**0**	**1.5**	**8**	**2**
Devon Parks	**56**	**4**	**4.5**	**1**	**0**
Jamien Johnson	53	0	4	1	0
Monte Cooley	46	0	5	1	0
Nick Davis	**39**	**0**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**
Diyral Briggs	**38**	**4.5**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Loren Hargrove	**35**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Pete Winovich	**27**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**
John Haneline	**26**	**0**	**0.5**	**0**	**1**
Jon Jakubowski	**20**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Erique Dozier	**19**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Sharon	25	271	10.8	0
Corey Partridge	**3**	**98**	**32.7**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
BJ Lane	17	289	17.0	0
Charles Sharon	6	170	28.3	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
85	California	NL	Fresno St	7-51	–
91	California	NL	Fresno St	28-21	–
92	Las Vegas	NL	Nevada	35-34	–
03	Motor City	-7	Northwestern	28-24	L
04	GMAC	-3	Memphis	52-35	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Bowling Green's All-Time SU Bowl Record 4-3

BOWLING GREEN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	33.8	24	144	3.8	284	60.6	12.6	+8	2005	6	27.6	20	175	4.1	204	58.8	13.7
8	44.3	26	168	4.7	338	66.3	11.4	+15	2004	8	23.5	22	132	3.6	260	55.5	16.7
6*	33.6	27	196	4.7	300	65.3	14.8	-6	2003	8	21.7	18	153	4.2	208	54.7	16.6
8*	40.8	25	219	5.3	230	57.0	11.0	+9	2002	4	25.3	20	154	3.9	211	53.8	14.4
8*	30.3	21	167	3.8	217	60.9	12.7	+17	2001	9	19.5	16	86	2.6	233	52.9	16.3
5*	15.8	15	98	2.5	164	48.4	16.6	+4	2000	8	26.3	19	132	3.5	220	57.5	13.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

BG 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Wisconsin	28	29 - 73	2.5	30 - 52	458	4	27	63 - 388	6.2	8 - 10	116	0	0
–	at Ball St	24	36 - 126	3.5	27 - 43	428	1	14	32 - 160	5.0	23 - 32	294	2	-2
–	at Boise St	13	21 - 84	4.0	18 - 36	220	1	34	64 - 337	5.3	17 - 26	209	1	+2
–	Temple	30	41 - 135	3.3	26 - 31	326	1	15	38 - 161	4.2	12 - 24	102	0	+4
–	Ohio	31	45 - 192	4.3	24 - 41	381	1	10	33 - 68	2.1	13 - 27	171	1	0
–	at Buffalo	22	41 - 200	4.9	18 - 34	187	0	16	47 - 198	4.2	10 - 22	113	5	+1
–	W Michigan	28	41 - 106	2.6	26 - 47	340	5	26	48 - 213	4.4	16 - 26	258	2	-2
–	Akron	22	38 - 193	5.1	22 - 31	173	3	20	42 - 153	3.6	15 - 29	205	1	-2
–	at Kent St	16	50 - 169	3.4	11 - 18	113	4	17	23 - 25	1.1	27 - 39	222	5	+2
–	at Miami, Oh	17	42 - 123	2.9	22 - 35	183	1	12	27 - (-64)	-2.4	17 - 37	254	4	+4
–	Toledo	31	34 - 180	5.3	25 - 43	315	1	29	52 - 284	5.5	23 - 36	298	2	+1
TOTALS		262	418 - 1581	3.8	249 - 411	3124	22	220	469 - 1923	4.1	181 - 308	2242	23	+8
AVERAGES		23.8	38 - 144	3.8	23 - 37	284	2.0	20.0	43 - 175	4.1	16 - 28	204	2.1	0.7

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri	+13	20-13	W
Buffalo	-22'	35-0	W
Temple	+1	42-23	W
at Marshall	+5	31-37	L
Kent St	-17	24-7	T
at W Michigan	+8	28-37	L
at Akron	-4'	16-11	W
Miami, Oh	-4	21-24	L
at Ohio	-6'	17-0	W
at Northwestern	+6	43-42	W
Toledo	+3	56-21	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Tenn Tech	NL	41-7	–
Missouri	+3'	51-28	W
at Kansas	-10'	39-16	W
Ohio	-24	72-21	W
at C Michigan	-15	45-35	L
W Michigan	-17	48-45 OT	L
Ball St	-21	38-20	L
at Kent St	-18	45-14	W
at N Illinois	-3'	17-26	L
at South Florida	+3	7-29	L
E Michigan	-32	63-21	W
at Toledo	+3	24-42	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
E Kentucky	NL	63-13	–
at Purdue - #16	+11	27-26	W
Liberty	NL	62-3	–
at Ohio St - #5	+12'	17-24	W
C Michigan	-28'	23-3	L
at W Michigan	-9	32-21	W
at E Michigan	-28	33-20	L
N Illinois - #12	-3'	34-18	W
at Miami, Oh	+7	10-33	L
Kent St	-20'	42-33	L
at Ball St	-14'	41-14	W
Toledo	-8	31-23	T
† Miami, Oh - #14	+7	27-49	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma - #2	+32	24-40	W
SE Missouri St	NL	49-10	–
at N Illinois	-1	17-34	L
at Temple	-7	70-16	W
at C Michigan	-15	38-14	W
Ball St	-29	51-13	W
at Ohio	-14	41-16	W
E Michigan	-30	41-20	L
W Michigan	-30'	52-0	W
Marshall	-10	56-35	W
at Toledo	-4	41-49	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Wisconsin	+1'	42-56	L
at Ball St	-28'	40-31	L
at Boise St	+7'	20-48	L
Temple	-29	70-7	W
Ohio	-21	38-14	W
at Buffalo	-23'	27-7	L
W Michigan	-25	14-45	L
Akron	-14	14-24	L
at Kent St	-10'	24-14	L
at Miami, Oh	+9	42-14	W
Toledo	-4	41-44 2OT	L

MIAMI REDHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Ben Roethlisberger only played one year at QB in HS but simply set MAC records for yards, completions and total offense in 2003 throwing for 4,486 yards (69.1%) with a 37-10 ratio. He was the #1DC of PIT in 2004 and is one of the top QB's in the NFL. Josh Betts played in 14 games with 356 yards (49%, 4-3) in his first two years as Roethlisberger's backup. In Betts' first year as a starter he threw for 3,495 yards (60.4%) with a 23-14 ratio (314 rush). Last year Betts threw for 3,178 (57.1%) with a 27-13 ratio. His backup Mike Kokal started vs Cincy when Betts was benched the first series (disciplinary reasons). Kokal only played in 8 games, attempting 11 passes for 30 yards (26 rush). Kokal will battle good sized Jared Elliott (6-5), Daniel Raudabaugh, Kyle Decker (6-3 190 So) and Brent Miller (6-3 191 rFr) for the job. While Miami has produced some outstanding QB's (Betts UFA IND), this unit has very little experience and it will be tough for 2006's starter to come near Betts' fine numbers.

RB Brandon Murphy

RUNNING BACKS - Prior to 2000 Miami had a 1,000 yard rusher for 6 straight years. In 2001 the top rusher only had 587. In '02 Luke Clemens led with 1,009 (4.5) but he missed '03 with injury. Calvin Murray rushed for 1,030 (5.5) thanks to 222 earned in the MAC Title game and bowl. Mike Smith (802, 4.6) alternated carries with Murray that year. Murray moved on in '04 and Clemens who was granted a 6th year shared the carries with Smith. Smith (312, 3.9) was injured in Wk 7 and Clemens, a straight ahead runner, led with 899 (4.2). In the 2H of the year they used diminutive, but explosive, Brandon Murphy (PS#106) who had 248 (5.2). After 7 games in '05 Murphy was the workhorse with 923 yards and was #6 in the NCAA in rushing. He was injured and missed the finale but topped 1,000. Jimmy Calhoun (PS#131) rushed for 187 (3.3). Good sized Jimmy Murray (6-2 214) started the season finale and rushed for 113 giving him 266 for the year with a RB high of 5.3 ypc. They used a FB a little more in 2005 with Matt Vogele playing in 10 games. Not listed below are TB Andre Bratton (5-11 180 rFr, PS#173), TB Cory Jones (5-10 193 So, PS#159), FB Austin Sykes (6-0 242 Jr, PS#117) and FB Nick DeBartolo (6-1 240 So) who was the first player in school history to squat 700 lbs but did not have a rush attempt. All 3 of the top RB's return and with a new QB, figure to be a more focal part of the offense.

RECEIVERS - Coming into 2004, Miami had clearly one of the best receiving corps in the country as they not only had their career leader in rec's (Michael Larkin) but also Martin Nance who is 6'5" with 4.5 speed and set school records for rec and yards in a season with 90 (16.6) in 2003. They also had super returnman Ryne Robinson. Unfortunately Nance was lost midseason to a knee injury but Robinson emerged with 64 (14.6) and Larkin had 57 (14.6). They had to replace Larkin last year but got Nance back. Nance and Robinson combined for 156 rec (61.4% of team's total) with the #3 (Josh Williams) only having 19. Nance leaves as the school's all-time career leader in rec's (208) and last year became the first Miami player to have two 1,000 yard receiving seasons. He also set the single season record for TD's (tied #3 NCAA) at 14 (old rec Andy Schillinger, 12 in 1986). Not only must they replace Nance this year but also TE's Dan Tyler (6 st, 5 rec) and Tyler Vogel (6 st, 6 rec). Robinson could top Nance's career marks and trying to take the pressure off of him will be Josh Williams (44 rec, 7 st, 3 yr). Not listed in the 2 deep below are Dustin Woods (5-11 179 rFr), Dave Koval (5-11 182 So, PS#178), Sean McVay (5-10 181 So, PS#343DB) and Pat LaMonica (5-8 171 So). While this unit is less experienced than 2005, Robinson has led the team in receiving yards the last two years.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '04 MU had to replace 3 starters from the O-line and the ypc dropped from 4.3 to 3.4 with 26 sacks allowed. Last year they had 4 starters returning and improved to 3.6 ypc rushing with just 18 sacks allowed (4.0%). This year they must replace C Todd Londot (11 st, 2nd Tm MAC, 4 yr st'r), RG Nate Bunce (11 st, 1st Tm MAC, 3 yr st'r) and LT Mark Kracium (10 st, 2nd Tm MAC, 3 yr st'r). This is a much less experienced offensive front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Miami allowed just 3.3 ypc rushing in '04 while recording 38 sacks. Last year they had to replace both starting DT's and allowed 4.1 ypc and the sack total dropped to 23. This year the losses are heavier as DE Marcus Johnson (10 st, 38 tkl, 1st Tm MAC), DT John Glavin (10 st, 43 tkl, 9.5 tfl) and DT Mike Barz (7 st, 12 tkl) all depart. Four players return with starting experience and DT Otto Linwood was more productive statistically than Barz was in his 5 starts. This unit is my biggest concern for MU this year.

LINEBACKERS - Heading into last season it appeared Miami had the best LB corps in the MAC led by NFL prospect Terna Nande, Derek Rehage and John Busing. Unfortunately Nande was only able to start 5 games and Rehage just 6 because of injuries. This year they must replace Nande (44 tkl, 4 tfl, #5DC TEN), Rehage (36 tkl, 3.5 tfl), Busing (11 st, #1 tkl'r w/97 tkl, 8.5 tfl), MLB David Hutzelman (7 st, 50 tkl, 5 tfl) and OLB Bryan Tyson (4 st, 44 tkl, 1.5 tfl). Their top 5 LB's are gone and they have just two upperclassmen in the 2 deep which means this may be a rebuilding year in the front seven.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After a #33 finish in my pass D rankings in 2003, a veteran secondary in 2004 surprisingly only finished #86. Last year they had to replace their star CB and starting SS. The Hawks moved up to #35 in my pass D rankings. This year they must replace super CB Darrell Hunter (11 st, 41 tkl, 2 int, 1st Tm MAC), CB Ryan Redd (11 st, 30 tkl, 3 int) and SS Steve Burke (11 st, 53 tkl). They have two players returning with starting experience including 2nd Tm MAC FS Joey Card and should have another respectable pass D finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 Ryne Robinson returned 3 punts for TD's and Miami finished an outstanding #16 in my ST rankings. With everyone back in '04 they finished #12. Last year they had to replace their top KR as well as their P and K. Robinson "only" had one PR TD (2 in '04) and "only" avg 11.6 ypr. Montgomery said that rFR P Jacob Richardson had a big-time leg and he did hold Ted Ginn of Ohio St to just 21 yards (2 ret) despite punting 7 times. One of the reasons for Miami's #71 finish was an implosion against BG where four bad snaps resulted in 3 safeties (tied NCAA record) and a 4 yard TD drive for the Falcons. Todd Soderquist hit 19 of 27 (long 40) and had 5 misses from 40+ with 3 blocks (25 TB on 74 KO). This year they must replace Soderquist as well as both KR's but with Robinson and Richardson back this unit has Top 20 potential, Robinson needs just 259 PR yards to be the all-time NCAA leader (Wes Welker, TTech).

COACHES - Miami is known as the "Cradle of Coaches" with Sid Gillman, Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian, John Pont, Bo Schembechler and Bill Mallory among those who have coached here. Randy Walker moved on to Northwestern in '99 and Terry Hoeppner departed for Indiana in '04. Shane Montgomery, who was the OC the previous 4 years and had done a tremendous job, was announced as the new head coach on ESPN in the lockerroom prior to the 2004 bowl game. His running game coordinator is DeAndre Smith, a former N Illinois' RB coach. The passing game coordinator is Brian Von Bergen, who has been the WR coach here, enters his 8th year. DC Taver Johnson was the LB coach here from 2000-'03 and is entering his 2nd year at DC (spent '04 with the Browns).

PHIL'S FORECAST

I may be dating myself but I remember watching Miami in the early '70's when they finished #15, #10 and #12 in the final polls compiling a three year record of 32-1-1 and winning three straight Tangerine Bowls, all over teams that are now in the SEC. Miami had last gone to a bowl in 1986 and had 16 straight years without a MAC Title despite the fact they had 9 straight winning seasons heading into 2003. In Ben Roethlisberger's senior season, Miami simply went 13-1 with their only loss being to Iowa (finished #8). They entered the Top 25 for the first time since 1975 and got their first MAC East Title. They routed Louisville in the GMAC bowl and were #10 in the final AP poll. Terry Hoeppner was named MAC Coach of the Year. Since FieldTurf was installed at their stadium in 2003, they are 13-2 at home. Miami was a classic Turnovers=Turnaround team in 2004 (+20 TO in '03 to -10 TO '04). When they lost at Marshall, 33-25, it appeared their hopes for a MAC Title were gone but they ran the table, got fortunate when Marshall lost to Akron and won the MAC East Title again. They dropped the MAC Title game and their bowl and finished 8-5. Shane Montgomery took over as the HC last year and had 14 returning starters. Unfortunately, they lost their top two LB's early and opened 0-2 to run their losing streak to 4. They still appeared to have the Title in hand until they decided to delay the BG game due to a forecast of inclement weather. When the teams finally returned onto the field, the weather had never appeared and most of the fans had left. They suffered from some extremely poor punt snaps in that game and lost. Instead of the Conf Title, they had to settle for being co-Champs of the East, despite having 16 senior starters. Last year they were in a lot of close games so they were not able to play their backups as much and have the fewest amount of returning starters in the league this year. Miami also benefitted from +13 in turnovers. Miami goes for their 13th straight winning season (5th longest streak nationally) and is trying for their fourth straight MAC East Title. While RB Murphy and WR Robinson are back, having to replace three longtime starting OL's and their QB, the RedHawks figure to see a drop in their 33.7 ppg production of 2005. This is the first time since 1995 that the RedHawks have graduated over half their defensive starters and in fact, have just two returning (4 in '95). Not much separates the #1 through #5 teams in the MAC East but Miami has a lot of tough road games this year and are the least experienced team in the MAC and may actually see their streak of winning seasons snapped in 2006.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 3 Mike Kokal Jr. 6-2 202 PS#136. 12 gm 2Y, 139 pass (56%) 0-3 ratio, 52 rush. **14** Jared Elliott (6-5 222 So) PS#152. **12** Daniel Raudabaugh (6-4 205 rFr) PS#265.

RB 24 BRANDON MURPHY JR. 5-8 188 PS#106. **1070** (4.7), 9 starts, **2nd Tm MAC** LY. **26** Jimmy Murray (6-2 214 Sr) 1 st, 266 (5.3) LY. Jimmy Calhoun (6-0 224 So) PS#131. 187 (3.3) rFr.

WR 11 Ryan Busing Sr. 6-3 205 PS#197. 9 starts, 28 rec '03. 23 rec (9.2) L2Y. **81** Patrick O'Bryan (6-1 196 Jr) PS#290. 2 st, 9 rec LY.

FB 49 Matt Vogele (6-3 258 Sr) PS#183LB.

WR 4 JOSH WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 220 PS#131. 4 st, 21 rec (19.1) '04. 3 st, 19 rec (16.2) LY. **82 RJ Corbin** (6-1 197 Sr) PS#248. **16 st,** 75 rec (10.5) 3Y. **27** Marcus Tate (5-9 150 Sr).

WR 2 RYNE ROBINSON SR. 5-10 171 PS#197. 64 rec (14.6) '04. 11 st LY, 75 (14.9), **2nd Tm MAC**. 1502 career PR yds, 6 PR TD. **9** EJ Morton-Green (6-4 205 rFr) PS#191.

TE 80 Tom Crabtree So. 6-5 234 PS#103. 1 rec rFr. **10** Justin Davis (6-5 232 Jr) PS#331WR. 4 tkl at LB '04. **83** Jake O'Connell (6-4 231 So). **87** Pat Shepard (6-4 217 So) PS#271WR.

C 53 Steve Kosky Sr. 6-4 278 Moved from TE to OL in '03. #2 C L2Y. **61** Kyle Lovas (6-2 287 So). **LS 59** Dave McClain (6-4 236 Sr). **60** Chase Collins (6-2 225 rFr).

RG 50 Matt McKeown So. 6-4 277 PS#617. 2nd string as a rFr. "Full Throttle". **73** Pete Walters (6-6 320 Jr) PS#614. #2 RG 2Y. 11 gm LY, lettered. Bob Gulley is **PS#96**.

RG 72 STEVE MEISTER JR. 6-2 290 PS#609. 1 st LG as rFr. 11 st LG LY. 2 letters. **77** Brian Klesmith (6-6 276 rFr) PS#224. In for spring. Nate Williams is PS#254. Quick feet.

RT 76 CHARLES NORDEN JR. 6-6 313 PS#221. 12 st as rFr (5 RT, 7 OG). 11 st RT LY. Steve Sutter (6-6 269 So) 3 tkl, 7 gm at DL LY. **71** Heath Cartwright (6-6 265 rFr) PS#530.

LT 68 Dave DiFranco So. 6-6 323 **PS#33TE**. 215 lbs in '04. 1 st at LT LY. John Buckman (6-6 330 Jr) is PS#336JC. In for spg. **52** Josh Satterthwait (6-4 296 So) PS#140TE.

K NA Trevor Cook Fr. 6-2 172 PS#55. Hit 56 yd FG in HS, 77% of KO's were TB. **95** Nathan Parseghian (6-2 192 So) Hargrave. **14** Brian Pierce (6-0 189 So) PS#108.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 51 Joe Coniglio So. 6-2 233 PS#145RB. 1 st as rFr, 14 tkls, **4 sacks**, 4 tfl. **95** Traniane Sills (6-1 254 Jr). 2 st, 2Y, **8.5 sk**. RS LY. **57** Craig Compton (6-4 240 Jr) 1 tkl LY.

DT 69 Otto Linwood Jr. 6-1 306 PS#231. 5 st LY, 13 tkl, 3 sk, 1.5 tfl. **94** Ben Huddle (6-4 265 So) PS#354. 2 tkl LY. Martin Channels is PS#202. Alex Stewart is PS#206OL.

DT 92 Seth Painter Sr. 6-2 254 PS#450. 18 tkl, 2 tfl LY. Moved from DE to DT. **91** Kevin Samy (6-1 255 rFr) PS#395. **96** James Case (6-2 278 So) PS#350. 1 tkl as rFr.

DE 58 CRAIG MESTER JR. 6-5 243 PS#518. 14 tkl, 5 sk '04. 11 st LY, 27 tkl, 5.5 sk. **98** Travis Craven (6-4 220 rFr) PS#168. Mark Paun PS#134TE. DJ Svabik's brother DL coach.

OLB 37 Dontae Wright Sr. 6-3 222 29 tkl rFr. 11 tkl '04. 21 tkl, 1 int LY. **49** Mickey Mann (6-0 220 So). **36** David Britt (6-2 190 rFr). Jeff Cleveland is PS#394. Very physical style.

MLB 48 Joe Hudson So. 6-2 226 PS#235. GS in '04. 12 tkl as "true", 11 gms LY. **45** Brad Goatley (6-2 220 So) PS#366. 3 tkl until inj rFr. **44** Rion Robinson (5-10 190 rFr).

OLB 9 Clayton Mullins Jr. 6-2 219 PS#239. GS '03. 0 tkl as true. 4 tkl LY. **20** Chris Shula (5-11 216 So) PS#237DL. GS '04. 1 tkl rFr. **38** Alex Lambrinides (6-0 205 rFr). St Ignatius.

CB 33 Jerrid Gaines Jr. 5-11 197 PS#184. 17 tkl as true, 1 pbu. 15 tkl '04. **4.37 spd**. RS LY. **16** Bryan Roland (5-10 191 So) PS#266. 10 tkl rFr. **3** Jeff Thompson (5-10 175 rFr).

CB 5 Frank Wiwo Sr. 6-3 179 10 tkl rFr. **5 st**, 25 tkl, 4 pbu '04. #1 w/**4 int**, 5 pbu 12 tkl, LY. **26** Antonio Brunson (5-11 175 rFr) PS#394. Great hands. **15** Jason Gibson (6-1 191 rFr).

SS 17 Sean Kavanagh So. 6-1 205 PS#148. 6 tkl as true, 1 pbu. **6** Robbie Wilson (6-0 209 So) PS#348RB. **4.4 spd.** 9 tkl rFr, 1 int, 1 pbu. **8** Brayden Coombs (6-1 180 rFr) PS#314.

FS 1 JOEY CARD SR. 6-0 198 PS#244. 29 tkl rFr, 4 st '04, 33 tkl. 11 st LY, **2nd Tm MAC**, 67 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 3 int. **34** Tersee Nande (6-2 210 Jr) PS#324. **18** Brian Palascak (6-1 202 So).

P 4 JACOB RICHARDSON SO. 6-1 187 Big leg, good directional punter. 46 punt LY, 38.4 avg, net of 32.7. **90** Chris DiCesare (6-2 205 rFr) PS#86. **97** Kevin Cady (5-10 171 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Bob Gulley 6-4 275 PS#96
DB	Peris Edwards 6-1 175 PS#109
RB	Jamel Miller 5-11 200 PS#138
WR	Armand Robinson 6-1 190 PS#135DB
DL	Jordan Stevens 6-4 245 PS#173
DL	Alex Stewart 6-2 255 PS#206OL
OL	John Buckman 6-8 330 PS#336JC
DL	Martin Channels 6-0 320 PS#202
DB	Jordan Gafford 6-0 195 PS#238
DB	Brandon Stephens 5-10 178 PS#248
OL	Nate Williams 6-5 285 PS#254
LB	Donnie Hardy 6-1 200 PS#293
K	Trevor Cook 6-2 172 PS#55
DL	Mark Paun 6-3 245 PS#134TE
WR	Eugene Harris 5-10 180 PS#373
LB	Jeff Cleveland 6-2 220 PS#394
WR	Donovan Potter 6-2 185 PS#412
TE	Sean Redwine 6-4 255 PS#205
DL	DJ Svabik 6-6 230 PS#495
LB	Caleb Bostic 6-3 215 PS#485
LB	Dexter Korto 6-2 195 PS#485
LB	Ben Bennett 5-11 210 PS#485

MIAMI REDHAWKS

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SHANE MONTGOMERY (Career 7-4)
2nd Year at Miami, Oh
Montgomery's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Montgomery's records AT MIAMI, OH

7-4	Straight Up	3-2	Home Favorite
6-5	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
3-1	Off A SU Loss	3-1	Away Favorite
4-4	Vs Conference	0-2	Away Underdog
2-1	Vs Non-Conf	1-0	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (7-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 2

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 33 (17,13,3)
Lost: 23 (8,14,1)

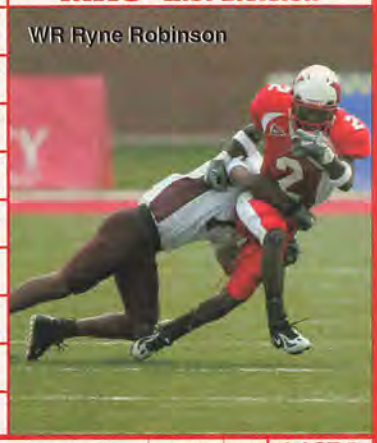
2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,241

MAC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#104

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
Aug. 31	Northwestern (Thur)	A						MU is the MAC's all-time winningest program. Miami is 7-3 ATS the last 10 games after a SU loss. RedHawks are 25-8 SU & 21-12 ATS their last 33 MAC games.
Sep. 9	at Purdue	G						Miami is 11-5 SU & 10-5 ATS since 1990 in Oxford openers. The RedHawks are 3-9 SU but 7-4-1 ATS vs the Big 10 since 1995.
Sep. 16	Kent St	A						RedHawks are 9-5-1 ATS their last 15 road openers. Miami is 22-13 ATS (63%) the last 35 games on grass.
Sep. 23	at Syracuse	A						RedHawks are 15-1 SU & 10-6 ATS the L16Y vs the Golden Flashes. Could apply: RedHawks are 20-6 ATS as a DD conference HF since 1995.
Sep. 30	at Cincinnati	A						Miami is 23-13 ATS their last 36 games after a SU victory. This will be MU's 3rd trip to the Carrier Dome (0-2), 1st gm since 1987.
Oct. 7	N Illinois (HC)	A						These schools are 40 miles apart & the dog has covered 8 of the L/12 yrs. Miami & Cincy are colliding for the 111th time in the Battle for the Victory Bell.
Oct. 14	at Buffalo	A						Could apply: MU is 10-2 ATS as a conference home dog since 1990. Miami is 3-8 ATS (4-6-1 SU) since 1995 on Homecoming day.
Oct. 21	at Akron	A						MU is 5-1 SU & ATS the L6Y in MAC road openers, avg 35 ppg on offense. Miami is 8-0 SU outscoring Buffalo on average 38-8 all-time.
Oct. 28	Ball St	A						The last 4 yrs these in-state schools have lit up the scoreboard avg 70.5 ppg. Miami is 10-2 SU & 7-4-1 ATS since 1994 vs Akron.
Nov. 4	at Western Michigan	A						Since '76 these 2 schools have played 21 gms & only combined to avg 38.6 ppg. The 49 pts MU scored in their last gm vs BSU ('03) was a high mark in this 24 gm series S/'31.
Nov. 11								RedHawks are 25-9 SU & 22-11-1 ATS since 1995 in November games. Miami is 5-2 SU & ATS since 2000 before a bye week.
Nov. 15	at Bowling Green (Wed)	G						This gm is on espn2 marking the 4th straight nationally televised contest between these 2 schools. Besides '02 & '04, BG & MU have played every yr S/'50 w/MU up 38-19-5 all-time.
Nov. 24	Ohio (Fri)	A						RedHawks are 14-2 SU & 12-4 ATS vs the Bobcats since 1990. Miami is 11-3 SU & 10-4 ATS their last 14 home finales.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Josh Betts 7,029 2001-'05
Rushing: Travis Prentice 5,596 1996-'99 Receiving: Martin Nance 3,131 2001-'05



STADIUM: FRED C. YAGER STADIUM (30,012)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	7-5	7-5	12-1	8-4	7-4	54-28
Home	3-2	3-1	4-1	2-3	5-0	5-0	3-2	25-9
Away	4-2	3-4	3-4	5-2	7-1	3-4	4-2	29-19
ATS	3-7-1	6-5	7-5	7-5	9-4	6-5	6-5	44-36-1
Home Fav	1-2-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	4-1	4-0	3-2	16-11-1
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-2
Away Fav	2-3	1-2	1-1	2-1	4-2	2-3	3-1	15-13
Away Dog	0-1	2-2	4-1	3-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	10-10
Favorite	3-5-1	3-3	2-3	3-4	8-3	6-3	6-3	31-24-1
Dog	0-2	3-2	5-2	4-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	13-12
Grass	3-4-1	5-2	6-4	4-4	5-1	0-1	1-1	24-17-1
Artificial	0-3	1-3	1-1	3-1	4-3	6-4	5-4	20-19
vs Conf	2-5-1	4-4	4-4	4-4	7-2	6-3	4-4	31-26-1
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	3-1	3-1	2-2	0-2	2-1	13-10
Off SU Win	0-6	2-3	4-3	5-2	8-3	4-4	3-3	26-24
Off SU Loss	2-1-1	3-2	2-2	1-3	1-0	2-1	3-1	14-10-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon Murphy	226	1122	52	1070	9	4.7
Jimmy Murray	50	275	9	266	4	5.3
Jimmy Calhoun	57	199	12	187	1	3.3
Ryne Robinson	13	113	5	108	0	8.3
Mike Kokal	11	26	22	4	0	0.4
Josh Betts	44	104	165	-61	1	-1.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Josh Betts	434	248	57.1	3178	27	13
Mike Kokal	11	6	54.5	30	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Ryne Robinson	75	1119	14.9	8	79	
Martin Nance	81	1107	13.7	14	50	
Josh Williams	19	308	16.2	3	36	
Brandon Murphy	18	159	8.8	0	29	
Ryan Busing	12	116	9.7	0	17	
Pat O'Bryan	9	114	12.7	0	23	
RJ Corbin	14	111	7.9	1	14	
Dan Tyler	5	51	10.2	0	25	
Tyler Vogel	6	49	8.2	0	20	
Marcus Tate	4	28	7.0	0	13	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jacob Richardson	46	1766	38.4	12	32.7	0	10
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Todd Soderquist	43-44	10-11	8-10	1-6	0-0	19-27	40
Nate Parseghian	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	–

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
John Busing	97	2	6.5	0	1
Joey Card	67	1	3.5	3	3
Steve Burke	53	0	2	3	0
David Hutzelman	50	1	4	1	0
Bryan Tyson	44	0	1.5	0	2
Terna Nande	44	0	4	1	0
John Glavin	43	1	8.5	0	1
Darrell Hunter	41	1	2	3	2
Marcus Johnson	38	2	5	1	0
Derek Rehage	36	0	3.5	0	1
Ryan Redd	30	2	2	1	3
Craig Mester	27	5.5	2	1	0
Dontae Wright	21	0	1	0	1
Seth Painter	18	0	2	0	0
Joe Coniglio	14	4	4	0	0
Otto Linwood	13	3	1.5	1	1
Tom Crabtree	13	0	0	0	0
Frank Wiwo	12	0	2	5	4
Joe Hudson	12	0	0.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Ryne Robinson	26	301	11.6	1	
Pat O'Bryan	2	24	12.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Ryan Redd	12	296	24.7	0	
Darrell Hunter	7	150	21.4	0	

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
74	Tangerine	NL	Georgia	21-10	–
75	Tangerine	NL	South Carolina	20-7	–
86	California	NL	San Jose St	7-37	–
03	GMAC	-14	Louisville	49-28	W
04	Independence	-1	Iowa St	13-17	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Miami's All-Time SU Bowl Record 6-3

MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	33.7	24	134	3.6	292	57.1	12.6	+13	2005	6	23.5	18	140	4.1	208	58.4	14.8
5	31.3	22	120	3.4	280	60.2	12.8	-10	2004	8	22.9	17	123	3.3	216	57.0	14.8
7*	43.0	26	160	4.3	341	67.9	11.6	+20	2003	7	19.4	17	112	3.4	230	52.4	17.6
6*	32.0	23	128	3.4	278	62.3	12.7	+7	2002	7	27.1	21	140	4.3	273	59.2	15.2
6	26.6	21	134	3.6	265	62.8	15.0	-1	2001	6	25.8	19	142	3.8	208	53.4	13.6
4*	24.7	20	155	4.2	232	48.8	15.7	-14	2000	7	26.0	21	213	4.6	192	53.6	15.6

2005 STATS BY GAME

MU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Ohio St	21	30 - 48	1.6	24 - 44	250	5	24	36 - 160	4.4	22 - 30	222	1	0
–	C Michigan	27	33 - 127	3.8	28 - 47	397	1	24	38 - 213	5.6	26 - 36	356	1	+2
–	at Kent St	27	51 - 176	3.5	22 - 37	251	2	19	16 - 31	1.9	31 - 58	338	2	-1
–	Cincinnati	28	40 - 174	4.4	23 - 37	365	0	21	27 - 66	2.4	27 - 46	248	3	+4
–	at N Illinois	19	31 - 168	5.4	17 - 32	133	0	21	42 - 220	5.2	19 - 22	296	1	+1
–	Akron	26	37 - 248	6.7	23 - 38	332	1	21	33 - 160	4.8	22 - 44	217	3	+4
–	at E Michigan	26	40 - 197	4.9	23 - 43	252	1	20	41 - 251	6.1	19 - 27	135	1	-2
–	at Temple	24	37 - 127	3.4	29 - 41	379	2	11	31 - 75	2.4	10 - 24	120	3	+1
–	Buffalo	25	45 - 149	3.3	26 - 45	298	2	14	31 - 79	2.5	12 - 24	143	5	+7
–	Bowling Green	12	27 - (-64)	-2.4	17 - 37	254	4	17	42 - 123	2.9	22 - 35	183	1	-4
–	at Ohio	25	41 - 124	3.0	22 - 44	297	0	9	37 - 157	4.2	5 - 22	28	2	+1
TOTALS		260	412 - 1474	3.6	254 - 445	3208	18	201	374 - 1535	4.1	215 - 368	2286	23	+13
AVERAGES		23.6	37 - 134	3.6	23 - 40	292	1.6	18.3	34 - 140	4.1	20 - 33	208	2.1	1.2

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Michigan - #12	+24'	13-31	W
at Iowa	+15	19-44	L
Cincinnati	+2'	21-14	W
at Ball St	-6'	28-20	W
Buffalo	-25	31-14	L
Akron	-8'	30-27	L
at Ohio	+7	36-24	W
W Michigan	-3	25-11	W
at Bowling Green	+4	24-21	W
Marshall	+3	21-27	L
at Hawaii	+7'	51-52	W
at Kent St	-4'	20-24	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at North Carolina	+7	27-21	W
Iowa	+5'	24-29	W
at LSU - #25	+13	7-33	L
Kent St	-11	27-20	L
at Akron	-10	48-31	W
at Cincinnati	+5'	31-26	W
N Illinois	-8	41-48	L
at Buffalo	-16'	49-0	W
at Toledo	+3'	27-13	W
Ohio	-16'	38-20	W
at Marshall	-2'	34-36	L
UCF	-3'	31-48	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Iowa	+10	3-21	L
at Northwestern	-3	44-14	W
at Colorado St	+6'	41-21	W
Cincinnati	-7	42-37	L
Akron	-16'	45-20	W
Buffalo	-36	59-3	W
at Ball St	-16	49-3	W
at Kent St	-22	38-30	L
Bowling Green - #15	-7	33-10	W
Marshall	-12'	45-6	W
at Ohio	-23'	49-31	L
at UCF	-24	56-21	W
† Bowling Green - #20	-7	49-27	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Indiana St	NL	49-0	–
at Michigan - #8	+13	10-43	L
at Cincinnati	-3'	26-45	L
Ohio	-19	40-20	W
at Marshall	+7	25-33	L
Kent St	-19'	47-27	W
at Buffalo	-20	25-7	L
UCF	-22	43-7	W
Toledo	-5'	23-16	W
at W Michigan	-20	42-21	W
at Akron	-7'	37-27	W
† Toledo	-1'	27-35	L

2005 RESULTS

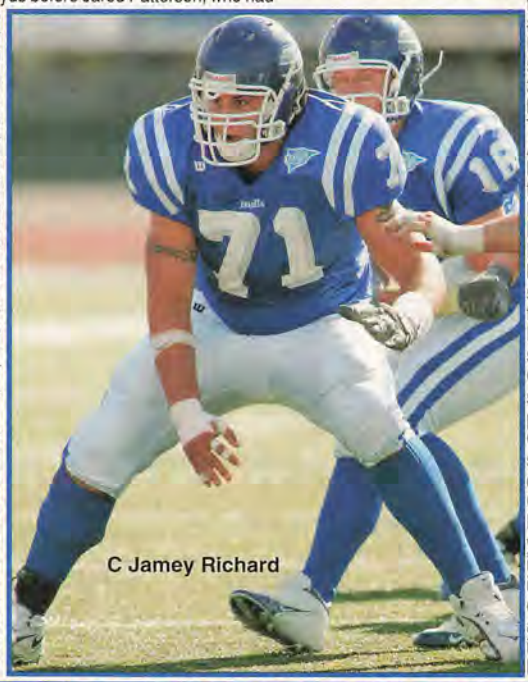
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Ohio St - #6	+15	14-34	L
C Michigan	-22	37-38	L
at Kent St	-6'	27-10	W
Cincinnati	-10	44-16	W
at N Illinois	+3	27-38	L
Akron	-13'	51-23	W
at E Michigan	-10'	24-23	L
at Temple	-22'	41-14	W
Buffalo	-27'	54-13	W
Bowling Green	-9	14-42	L
at Ohio	-10	38-7	W

BUFFALO BULLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 the UB offense was just #111 in pass efficiency but they had their top two QB's back in '04. Both PJ Piskorik and Randall Secky (PS#61) battled for the job but at one point 6'5" dropback passer Chris Moore (PS#180) started two (263 pass) due to injuries. Datwan Hemingway, a mobile QB, played in 4 games as a true frosh with 131 rush and 110 pass. Both Secky and Piskorik had to be replaced while Hemingway missed last year. The QB battle was between JUCO transfer Tony Paoli, longtime backup Stewart Sampsel (2 att, 3 yr) and true frosh Drew Willy (PS#61). Sampsel won the job but hit just 6 of 17 in the opener while Paoli hit 4 of 4 but the team had just 60 yards passing. Sampsel struggled vs Syracuse (4 of 18, 19 yd) while Willy hit just 5 of 9 (2 drops) but showed mobility to avoid the pass rush. The next week Hofher changed the offense to the spread and Sampsel adapted well hitting 15 of 26 for 140 vs Rutgers. Unfortunately he missed the rest of the year (collarbone). Moore had a shoulder injury early and began to get in more reps but Willy took control. Willy finished with 1,481 (60.6%) with a 6-12 ratio (234 rush). Sampsel had 210 (41%) with a 0-2 ratio. Paoli played in just 3 but hit 17 of 23 (73.9%) for 185 and a 1-1 ratio. Not listed in the 3 deep below are DB James Starks (PS#283), who worked with the QB's in the spring and Andrew Romaro (PS#281). With Gill's Nebraska background, a mobile QB may be the best fit for the offense and Willy impressed the staff enough in spring to be named the starter.

RUNNING BACKS - Buffalo's last 1,000 yard rusher was Anthony Swan in 1996. In 2004 Steven King had a pair of 100 yard games at midseason but only finished with 445 (4.7). Chris McDuffie had 4 starts and rushed for 404 (4.3) and was the #4 receiver. In 2003 Dave Dawson led with 678 (5.3) and in 2004 had 350 (5.9) but then was moved to WR in the spring. Dawson played in just 8, mostly on ST with 3 rush attempts. King led in rushing the first 3 with 136 yds before Jared Patterson, who had 416 (3.5) in his first two years, had 47 vs WM. They were going to redshirt 270 lb true frosh Philip Warren but he led with 92 vs BG. Warren missed the Ohio game with an ankle injury and finished the season with 239 (4.1). King led with 532 (3.9) while Patterson added 374 (4.2). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Joe Cerminara (5-8 202 So) and true frosh Brandon Thermilus whose dad is former Houston Oiler RB Alonzo Highsmith. Everyone is back and I look for more production from the Bulls RB's.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RECEIVERS - The Bulls had to replace their top receiver last year but he had just 29 rec. The #2 and #3 receivers were back in WR Terrance Breaux (23) and TE Chad Upshaw (13). As you can tell by the numbers, Buffalo ran an option-type offense in 2004 and went more to a pass attack last year. Unfortunately Breaux (8 st '04) suffered a shoulder injury and DNP all year. True frosh Brett Hamlin (PS#355) started 6 and led with 38 (9.8) and good sized TE Upshaw had 37 (9.7). JC Derrick Dyer had 26 (10.6) in 9 starts and is the only loss. Not listed below are Brad Beggs (6-0 180 So) and Dwayne Reid (6-0 189 So, PS#393). Last year the top returnee that saw action had 13 rec the prior year and this year 5 are back that have had 20+ when you include Breaux.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Bulls ran an option offense in 2004 and opened holes for 3.7 ypc rush while allowing just 19 sacks (7.3%). Last year they went to more of a passing offense and had to replace two starters and two backups. The ypc, as expected, dropped to 2.9 and the sack total increased to 43 (13%!). This year they must replace three starters in LT Zachary Love (10 st, 4 yr st'r), LG Mike Schifano (11 st, 3 yr st'r) and RT Leroy Auguste (11 st) as well as backups RT Tim Schmidt, LT Luke Johnson and C Art Stresing. This is a less experienced line and even though they are learning their third offense in as many years, could actually improve upon 2005's numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 the Bulls allowed 5.3 ypc rush while recording just 16 sacks. They had three starters back in '04 and even with DT Rob Schroeder not 100% (only 3 st), they showed improvement cutting the ypc to 4.4 and increasing the sacks to 26. Last year six players returned with starting experience including all four starters but they lost DT Bill Meholif who was not cleared to play. Still, the veteran front surprisingly allowed 4.8 ypc rush and the D had just 18 sacks. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are DE Aaron Sanders (11 st, 43 tkl, 6.5 sk), DT Schroeder (11 st, 37 tkl, 13 tfl), DT Kirk Berry (11 st, 25 tkl), DE Philip Jacques (11 st, 16 tkl) and DE Anthony Andriano (44 tkl, 5.5 tfl). This is the biggest question mark on the Bulls team in 2006.

LINEBACKERS - Last year I listed the extra SS, Ramon Guzman, in my LB writeup and this year Guzman (10 st SS), is the starting OLB in the new 4-3 alignment. Last year all three starters returned to this unit but Guzman beat out James Vann for the starting spot and tied as the #4 tackler. This year they lose Bryan Cummings (11 st, #2 tkl'r, 5 tfl) and Richard Sanders (1 st, 39 tkl). Four of the top six are back and they add in true frosh Tom Drewes who led Milford Academy in tackles and sacks last year. Vann is also back and this has the makings of a decent LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Even though the Bulls basically had just one starter back in the secondary in 2004, they improved to #83 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace two starters and projected starting CB Aaron Leeper and returning starter CB James Evans did not play. The lone returning starter, CB Gemara Williams ended up setting UB's school record for career pbu (38) breaking Mark Graham's record (37, 2000-'03). Buffalo allowed just 173.6 pass ypg. They finished #1 in the MAC in pass D, their first ever #1 ranking. The Bulls also had their best-ever finish in my pass D rankings at #54. This year they lose Williams (11 st, 61 tkl, 13 pbu, UFA NE), FS Sherwan Saaty (2 st, 10 tkl) and FS Stephen Thomas (1 st, 14 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep below are true frosh Lucas West (5-9 209), Olubenga Olubummo (6-0 192), Sherrod Lott (5-10 170), Shane Griffin (6-3 206) and soph Tom Corradino (5-7 180). The overall unit is much more experienced than 2005 as six players return with starting experience but it will be tough to improve upon last year's pass D rankings, especially without their top man.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bulls' ST units have only finished #111, #109, #98, #117 and #118 the past five years. In 2004, true frosh P Ben Woods averaged 41.2 narrowly missing out on the school mark of 41.4. Last year Woods saw his average drop to 37.1 with a net of just 30.5 as the coverage unit struggled. They had one of the worst FG percentages in the NCAA as Michael Baker hit just 2 of 8 with a long of 33 although one attempt was from 50+. Near-VHT Gerry McGroarty (PS#11) who had a 64 yd FG in HS, hit 2 of 3 vs Toledo but missed his final 2 of the season. Baker departs but McGroarty could live up to his PS#11 billing. Woods had 4 TB's on 19 KO's and Baker 0 on 8. Dave Dawson was the top returnman but averaged just 2.5 on PR's and 20.1 on KR's. The Bulls have not had a KR for a TD in 177 games, the 4th longest streak in the NCAA. The unit loses one of its bright spots in DT Rob Schroeder who blocked 8 kicks in his career, but the Bulls only have one way to go in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Jim Hofher was fired with one year left on his contract and the new HC is Turner Gill. The Heisman Finalist in 1983 was regarded as one of the top recruiters at Nebraska from 1992-2004 and was an offensive asst at Green Bay in 2005. He currently is just the 5th African American coach in the NCAA. His OC is Gerald Carr, a 25 year coaching veteran who served as the asst HC and RB coach at Baylor the last 3 years. Carr has coached in four bowl games and twice in the NFL playoffs (Philly '95-'96). His DC is Jimmy Williams (Neb AA in '81) who spent 12 yrs in the NFL.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Buffalo made strides in their first 3 years of IA ball moving from 0 to 2 to 3 wins but the last four years have totalled just five victories. In 2002 the Bulls were outgained by 162.4 ypg in league play and 150.7 ypg in 2003 despite the fact that they had 15 starters back . Both times it was the worst mark in the league. In 2004 they returned 15 starters again and were "only" outgained by 109.8 ypg in MAC play (2nd worst). They managed to win two games in MAC play which is a high in their seven years in the league. Last year they had Hofher's most experienced team with 13 returning starters and 15 seniors in the 2 deep. Still, the media picked them last in the MAC East, which is where they've been pegged every season. Buffalo actually escaped the basement finishing 1-7 in the MAC East and was "only" outgained by 41.6 ypg which was the fourth worst mark in the league. They did not score a TD until the 4th game of the season in the 16th quarter of play. Buffalo did achieve its first MAC road win when they knocked off Kent St, banishing the Flashes to the basement. The win came the week after they announced Hofher would not be back. In their home finale, they outgained EM 441-316 but were done in by 5 turnovers and their 1-10 mark was their 9th straight losing year. New HC Gill inherits 12 returning starters on a team that was -15 in turnovers (pg 312) and also had some poor ypp marks (pg 299). In IA ball, the Bulls top offensive output has been 18.6 ppg in 2001. Last year they outdid themselves with a new low of 10.0 ppg. This year they have 7 starters back on offense, are more experienced at the skill positions, and will definitely improve upon that number. The Bulls had their best defense since 2001 last year allowing 364 ypg and 29.7 ppg. They only have 5 starters back this year on that side and lose 7 of their top 11 tacklers including their entire defensive front and star CB and probably will not match 2005's numbers. This figures to be a rebuilding year for the Bulls who are learning new schemes on both sides of the ball and have the 2nd fewest returning starters in the MAC plus have non-conf games vs Aub, BC and Wisky. I will give them a shot at topping 2005's 1-win total but they have no shot at a winning season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 16 DREW WILLY SO. 6-3 213 PS#61. 8 st, 1481 (61%) 6-12 ratio, 234 rush true. **15** Stewart Sampsel (6-3 182 Sr) 3 st until inj LY. **7** Tony Paoli (6-0 232 Sr) PS#295JC.

TB 26 CHRIS McDUFFIE SR. 5-10 198 PS#117. 658 (4.2) 2Y. Inj '05. **9** Steven King (6-0 209 Sr) 15 st 3Y, 1110 rush (4.3), 31 rec. **5** Jared Patterson (6-1 205 Sr) 4 st, 790 rush (3.8) 3Y.

FB 50 Chris Scharon So. 6-2 234 PS#311LB. 4 st LY. **36** Ike Nduka (5-11 220 Fr) PS#157 '05. Inj LY. **35** Ekeh Ibekweh (6-1 254 Jr). **44** Philip Warren (6-1 270 So) 239 rush (4.1) true.

WR 83 EVAN WALLACE SR. 5-9 174 PS#260JC. 11 st LY, 25 (14.3). **84** DeSean Larmond (5-11 172 Jr) 2 st, 17 rec (10.7) 2Y. **21** Ernest Jackson (6-2 214 So) 7 rec, 5 gm true.

WR 89 BRETT HAMLIN SO. 6-1 178 6 st true, 38 (9.8). **86** Brian Watson (6-5 232 Sr) 9 st, 26 (8.6) 3Y. **24 Terrance Breaux** (6-2 217 Jr) **8 st**, 23 (14.3) '04. Inj'd in 2005.

TE 80 CHAD UPSHAW SR. 6-4 246 PS#70. **33 st** 3Y, 59 rec (9.4). **81** Bryan Kisabeth (6-4 220 So) PS#128WR. 4 rec '04. RS LY. **45** Robert Yealu (6-3 234 So). **82** Jesse Rack (6-3 220 rFr).

C 71 JAMEY RICHARD JR. 6-4 301 PS#587. 2 st at C rFr. 11 st C LY. **76** Matt Bacoulis (6-3 314 rFr) PS#289. **LS 54** James Goss (5-9 226 Jr) Also provides depth at LB.

RG 75 JEFF NIEDERMIER SO. 6-3 297 PS#463. Force on scout tm as true. Last 6 st RG rFr. **72** Andrew West (6-6 308 rFr) PS#580. **65** Yariel Londono (6-1 323 Sr) Lost 19 lbs.

LG 69 Travis Coughlin Jr. 6-6 307 PS#277. 3 gm rFr. 3 gm LY. 2 letters. **57** Jon Geddes (6-4 328 So) PS#604. **79** Chris Lauzze (6-2 301 So) PS#388. Brian Kelly PS#394.

RT 78 Gerry Weissinger Sr. 6-5 310 11 gms rFr. 8 gms LT '04. First 5 sts RG LY. **63** Kevin Johnson (6-4 296 rFr) PS#216. **59** Derek Newell (6-5 322 Fr) Added 22 lbs. In for spg.

LT 70 Ray Norell So. 6-6 292 PS#556. Milford. 1 st LT "true", 3 gms backup. **67** Jon Burgio (**6-9** 358 Jr) 2nd string OT LY. Brandon Flanagan PS#74. Peter Bittner is PS#376.

K 10 Gerry McGroarty So. 6-2 208 PS#11K. Hit 64 yd FG in HS! Hit 2 of 5 FG's as rFr, long 46. **98** Adam Tanalski (5-9 195 Sr) Walk-on. **8** Ben Woods (6-2 207 Jr) PS#84.

DE 97 Andrae Smith Jr. 6-4 252 PS#357WR. 13 tkl, 2 sk LY. **92** Dane Robinson (6-2 258 rFr) PS#236. Added 13 lbs. Zack Williams is PS#495. **93** Matt Abdo (6-3 276 So).

DT 87 Marck Abraham Jr. 6-4 280 PS#238. 15 tkl, 3 tfl true. RS '04. 10 tkl, 0.5 tfl LY. **96** Ted Rene (6-0 295 Sr) 3 tkl LY. Solid spring. **94** Frankie Pointer (5-11 303 rFr) PS#391.

DT 95 Ronald Hilaire So. 6-0 293 PS#434. 14 tkl rFr. **60** Mike Thompson (6-1 272 So) PS#317. **55** Labinot Hakanjin (6-0 279 Jr) PS#295JC. **66** James Torres (6-1 247 Jr).

DE 91 James Judges Jr. 6-6 247 PS#223. TE true. Moved to DE '04. 5 tkl, 1 sk LY. 7 sk L/2 spg scrim. **89** Trevor Scott (6-5 254 Jr) PS#174TE. 9 rec at TE 2Y. Bruno Lapointe PS#495.

OLB 58 JEFF BUBLAVI SR. 5-10 194 31 tkl rFr. 3 st '04, 62 tkl, 8 tfl. 10 st LY, 45 tkl, 4 tfl. **47** Todd Robertson (6-1 226 Jr) 16 tkl 2Y. LS James Goss provides depth. **99** Josh Eagan (6-1 232 rFr).

ILB 52 Tom Drewes Fr. 6-1 236 PS#359. #1 tkl'r at Milford LY. **39** Ollice Ervin (6-1 230 Jr) 17 tkl '04. 17 tkl last year. **48** Chris Callahan (6-3 238 So) PS#284. 4 tkl LY.

OLB 2 RAMON GUZMAN SR. 6-2 233 PS#210RB. 3 st, 5 rec FB true. 37 tkl, 4 tfl '04. 10 st LY, 51 tkl, 6 tfl. **34** James Vann (6-1 215 Sr) 11 st, 58 tkl 2Y. **33** LaRon Haymore (5-11 238 Jr).

CB 11 Andre Evans So. 5-10 171 HS state track champ. 3 st, 15 tkl true. **3** Gary Rice (5-9 163 So) 9 tkl, 1 pbu LY. Keon Perry (5-9 170 Jr) PS#444JC. **29** Ronald Sears (6-0 184 Jr).

CB 13 GERALD JACKSON SO. 5-11 176 PS#272. GS '04. 8 st, 14 tkl, 4 pbu LY. **30** Mike Newton (5-10 196 rFr) PS#406. **40** Kendric Hawkins (5-10 181 rFr). **19** James Starks (6-2 206 rFr) PS#283QB.

SS 20 KAREEM BYROM JR. 5-10 200 PS#535. 10 st FS LY, 85 tkl, 3 int, 2 pbu **28 Mario Henry** (5-9 202 So) **PS#112RB**. 2 st, 13 tkl true. **31** Brevon Williams (5-11 206 rFr) PS#339WR.

FS 4 JESSE IMES JR. 5-10 202 2 st, 16 tkl true. 8 st LY, 51 tkl, 2 int. **4** Jamal Chisam (5-11 203 So) 3 st true, 20 tkl, 2 pbu. RS LY. **23** Alex Pierre (6-1 192 rFr) adds depth.

P 8 BEN WOODS JR. 6-2 207 PS#84K. 72 punts as true, 41.2 avg, 2nd best school history, net 32.3. 80 punts LY, 37.1 avg, net 30.5. **10** Gerry McGroarty 42.5 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Brandon Flanagan 6-2 299 PS#74
RB	Ike Nduka 5-11 220 PS#157 '05
QB	Naaman Roosevelt 6-0 185 PS#195
TE	Kyle Brey 6-2 250 PS#109
DB	Keon Perry 5-9 170 PS#444JC
OL	Lewis Hird 6-2 286 PS#338
LB	Larry Hutchison 6-1 190 PS#446JC
OL	Peter Bittner 6-4 289 PS#376
WR	Skyler Hagg 5-11 185 PS#308
OL	Brian Kelly 6-6 305 PS#394
LB	Tom Drewes 6-1 236 PS#359
RB	Brandon Thermilus 5-11 210 PS#380
OL	Solomon Richberg 6-4 299 PS#480
QB	Andrew Romaro 6-1 198 PS#281 '05
DL	Anel Montanez 6-0 285 PS#465
OL	Jordan Jerrold 6-8 285 PS#562
DL	Bruno Lapointe 6-5 255 PS#495
DL	Zack Williams 6-3 255 PS#495
LB	Patrick Pinson 6-1 244 PS#485
DB	Sherrod Lott 5-10 170 PS#485LB
LB	Richard Ferere 6-1 205 PS#485
RB	Da'Von McCune 5-10 185 PS#515
DB	Lucas West 5-9 209 PS#560
OL	Derek Newell 6-5 322 PS#675
DB	Shane Griffin 6-3 206 PS#560
DB	Olubenga Olubummo 6-0 192 PS#560

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#96

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score UB	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	Temple (Thur)	A					
Sep. 9	at Bowling Green	G					
Sep. 16	at Northern Illinois	A					
Sep. 23	at Auburn	G					
Sep. 30							
Oct. 7	Ball St (HC)	A					
Oct. 14	Miami, Oh	A					
Oct. 21	at Ohio	A					
Oct. 28	at Boston College	A					
Nov. 4	Kent St	A					
Nov. 9	at Akron (Thur)	A					
Nov. 18	at Wisconsin	A					
Nov. 24	C Michigan (Fri)	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Gill was a starting QB at UN from 1981-'83, leading the teams to #2 & #3 finishes.
The Bulls have been shutout 9 times since joining IA in 1999.
Buffalo is 8-3 ATS as a 20 pt or more home dog since 1999.

Buffalo is 9-1 SU all-time vs Temple but last game was a TU win in 1970.
Prior to 2005, UB had an art surface installed at UB Stadium (LY 0-5 SU & 3-2 ATS).

Could apply: UB is just 2-8 ATS as a IA program off a SU victory.
The visitor has dropped their only 3 meetings ATS in this series.

In '03, UB was down 17-9 late 2Q fum inside #23 NIU's 5 yd line & the final was closer than the score indicated.
Bulls are 1-11 SU & 4-8 ATS the last 12 gms vs current West Div MAC tms.

This will be the 1st time a Buffalo football tm has played an SEC opp in its 90 yrs of football.
Buffalo is 0-6 SU & ATS the L3Y in non-conf AG's, being shutout the L/3 games.

Bulls are 6-22 SU all-time in MAC HG's but have covered 7 of the L/11.
Buffalo is 0-6 SU but 5-1 ATS the last 6 Homecoming games.

Bulls had 8 TO's last year including 5 in the 1st half vs the RedHawks.
The home team is 5-2 ATS all-time in this series.

Gill served as Frank Solich's asst coach while at Nebraska from 1998-2003.
Buffalo is just 2-6 SU since '97 but have covered 4 of the L/6 gms vs Ohio.

All of the bowl tms from LY UB plays in 2006 are on the road (Auburn, BC, UA & Wisky).
UB is 2-10 SU but covered their only lined meeting ('99) vs current ACC tms.

These 2 MAC rivals have averaged just 38 ppg the last 6 years.
The Bulls are 4-9 ATS their last 13 November games.

The avg score in their history ('99-'05) is UA-32, UB-14 (UB is 0-7 SU & 2-4 ATS L/6).
Coming into 2006, UB is 0-4 SU & (1-2 ATS) in weekday gms being outscored 143-75 S/'99.

Bret Bielema & Turner Gill are 2 of the youngest HC's in IA in their 1st season.
Buffalo is 1-3 SU all-time vs current Big 10 tms w/their only win in 1900!

Bulls had a school record 8 sks vs the Chippewas in their last meeting in '04.
Buffalo is 1-6 SU since 1999 & 1-4 ATS the L5Y in their home finales.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Cliff Scott 7,578 1991-'94
Rushing: Anthony Swan 3,103 1994-'97 Receiving: Drew Haddad 3,409 1996-'99

TURNER GILL (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Buffalo

Gill's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Gill's records AT BUFFALO

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-0	Off A Bye

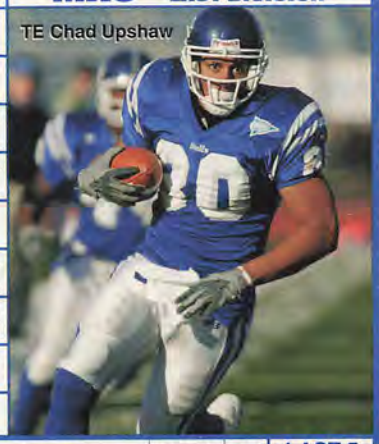
2005 RECORD: (1-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (26,19,2)
Lost: 20 (9,10,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 8,914

MAC - EAST DIVISION


TE Chad Upshaw

STADIUM: UB STADIUM (29,013)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Sportexe Momentum)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	0-11	2-9	3-8	1-11	1-11	2-9	1-10	10-69
Home	0-5	2-3	1-4	0-6	1-5	2-3	0-5	6-31
Away	0-6	0-6	2-4	1-5	0-6	0-6	1-5	4-38
ATS	3-6	7-4	5-6	5-6	4-7	4-7	6-5	34-41
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Home Dog	1-3	5-0	2-3	1-4	2-3	3-2	3-2	17-17
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog	2-3	2-4	3-3	4-2	2-4	1-5	3-3	17-24
Favorite	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Dog	3-6	7-4	5-6	5-6	4-7	4-7	6-5	34-41
Grass	3-5	6-1	4-4	3-5	3-5	3-3	0-1	22-24
Artificial	0-1	1-3	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-4	6-4	12-17
vs Conf	2-6	6-2	3-5	3-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	27-29
vs Non-Conf	1-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	0-3	0-3	1-2	7-12
Off SU Win	0-0	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	2-8
Off SU Loss	2-6	6-2	4-3	5-5	4-5	3-5	6-3	30-29

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Steven King	136	557	25	532	3	3.9
Jared Patterson	90	426	52	374	2	4.2
Philip Warren	58	248	9	239	2	4.1
Stewart Sampsel	26	114	73	41	0	1.6
Stephen Thomas	1	27	0	27	0	27.0
Drew Willy	82	234	266	-32	0	-0.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Drew Willy	246	149	60.6	1481	6	12
Stewart Sampsel	61	25	41.0	210	0	2
Tony Paoli	23	17	73.9	185	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brett Hamlin	38	371	9.8	0	46
Chad Upshaw	37	359	9.7	3	43
Evan Wallace	25	357	14.3	2	40
Derrick Dyer	26	276	10.6	1	25
Steven King	20	137	6.8	0	22
Ernest Jackson	7	89	12.7	0	39
Brian Watson	7	63	9.0	0	11
Jeff Green	4	58	14.5	1	17
Trevor Scott	8	55	6.9	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ben Woods	80	2967	37.1	6	30.5	0	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Michael Baker	12-13	1-2	1-3	0-2	0-1	2-8	33
Gerry McGroarty	0-0	1-1	0-2	1-2	0-0	2-5	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kareem Byrom	85	0	1.5	2	3
Bryan Cummings	73	2	3	1	1
Gemara Williams	61	0	0	13	1
Ramon Guzman	51	2.5	3.5	4	1
Jesse Imes	51	0	0	1	2
Jeff Bublavi	45	1	3	2	0
Anthony Andriano	44	0.5	5	0	0
Aaron Sanders	43	6.5	5.5	2	0
Rich Sanders	39	0	1	1	0
Rob Schroeder	37	2.5	10.5	3	0
Kirk Berry	25	0	2	1	0
Ollice Ervin	17	0	0	1	0
Philip Jacques	16	0	3.5	0	0
Andre Evans	15	0	0	0	0
Gerald Jackson	14	0	0	4	0
Stephen Thomas	14	0	0	0	0
Ronald Hilaire	14	0	0	0	0
Mario Henry	13	0	0	0	0
Andrae Smith	13	2	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dave Dawson	14	35	2.5	0
Jesse Imes	9	55	6.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dave Dawson	13	261	20.1	0
Evan Wallace	11	174	15.8	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Buffalo's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-0

BUFFALO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
5	10.0	16	109	2.9	171	57.7	28.0	-15	2005	8	29.7	18	190	4.8	174	55.1	12.2
9*	17.9	14	148	3.7	121	45.4	15.1	+1	2004	6	31.9	20	188	4.4	214	60.6	12.6
7*	14.8	16	169	3.8	122	51.0	19.7	-2	2003	8	37.1	24	223	5.3	253	59.8	12.8
7	17.8	16	98	3.1	178	48.4	15.5	+6	2002	4	34.7	23	207	4.5	228	57.8	12.5
7*	18.6	19	114	3.3	203	49.6	17.0	-2	2001	6	26.0	20	177	4.1	180	60.5	13.7
3*	16.1	19	130	3.2	193	52.9	20.0	-18	2000	6	41.1	22	209	4.4	217	57.2	10.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

UB 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Connecticut	6	27-77	2.9	10-21	60	3	24	55-290	5.3	14-21	132	2	+1
–	at Syracuse	6	29-50	1.7	9-27	73	4	20	55-348	6.3	10-22	139	1	-2
–	Rutgers	21	44-121	2.8	25-41	228	4	13	32-138	4.3	14-29	150	0	+1
–	at W Michigan	20	41-72	1.8	30-38	288	5	16	31-151	4.9	14-24	184	1	-1
–	Akron	10	38-66	1.7	12-25	71	5	9	36-79	2.2	12-33	145	3	-1
–	Bowling Green	16	47-198	4.2	10-22	113	4	22	41-200	4.9	18-34	187	0	-1
–	at Toledo	20	43-118	2.7	18-33	241	4	22	40-292	7.3	16-21	186	1	-2
–	Ohio	22	32-139	4.3	24-36	293	5	18	45-307	6.8	12-19	167	1	-2
–	at Miami, Oh	14	31-79	2.5	12-24	143	5	25	45-149	3.3	26-45	298	2	-7
–	at Kent St	11	39-107	2.7	16-23	97	3	15	20-(-37)	-1.9	23-40	175	6	+4
–	E Michigan	24	39-172	4.4	25-41	269	1	17	31-169	5.5	15-28	147	1	-5
TOTALS		170	410-1199	2.9	191-331	1876	43	201	431-2086	4.8	174-316	1910	18	-15
AVERAGES		15.5	37-109	2.9	17-30	171	3.9	18.3	39-190	4.8	16-29	174	1.6	-1.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Rutgers	+15	15-31	L
at Bowling Green	+22'	0-35	L
at Connecticut	+6'	37-20	W
C Michigan	+7	8-16	L
at Miami, Oh	+25	14-31	W
Marshall	+25	14-34	W
at Kent St	+11'	13-35	L
at E Michigan	+3	20-24	L
Ohio	+15'	44-0	W
at Army	+15	26-19	W
Akron	+5	14-41	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Lehigh	NL	26-37	–
at Rutgers	+7	34-11	W
Connecticut	+2	3-24	L
at Minnesota	+31	17-41	W
at Ohio	+8	32-34	W
W Michigan	+11	17-31	L
at Marshall	+31	21-66	L
Miami, Oh	+16'	0-49	L
Kent St	+4'	12-16	W
UCF	+17	21-45	L
at Akron	+15	10-21	W
at Ball St	+16	21-41	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Rutgers	+12	10-24	L
at Iowa	+35'	7-56	L
Colgate	NL	15-38	–
Connecticut	+23'	7-38	L
Akron	+15	21-38	L
at UCF	+23'	10-19	W
at Miami, Oh	+36	3-59	L
Marshall	+29	16-26	W
Ohio	+13'	26-17	W
at Toledo	+26	29-56	L
N Illinois - #23	+23	9-40	L
at Kent St	+12'	24-34	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at E Michigan	+7	34-37	W
Syracuse	+15'	17-37	L
at Nevada	+16	13-38	L
at Ohio	+13	0-34	L
UCF	+7'	48-20	W
at Akron	+8'	21-44	L
Miami, Oh	+20	7-25	W
at Marshall	+25	14-48	L
Kent St	+8'	7-33	L
C Michigan	+5	36-6	W
at Connecticut	+25'	0-29	L

2005 RESULTS

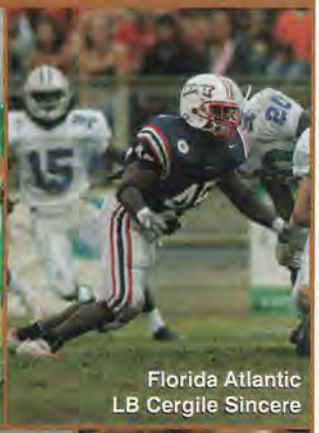
Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Connecticut	+18	0-38	L
at Syracuse	+24	0-31	L
Rutgers	+21	3-17	W
at W Michigan	+10'	21-31	W
Akron	+10	7-13	W
Bowling Green	+23'	7-27	W
at Toledo	+30'	15-38	W
Ohio	+5'	20-34	L
at Miami, Oh	+27'	13-54	L
at Kent St	+7	10-6	W
E Michigan	+6	14-38	L

SUN BELT CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 SUN BELT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Omar Haugabook, Troy	Josh Padrick, Fla Int'l	Clint Marks, Mid Tenn	Jerry Babb, ULL
RB	Jamario Thomas, N Texas	Eugene Gross, Mid Tenn	Calvin Dawson, ULM	Charles Pierre, FAU
RB	Tyrell Fenroy, ULL	Kenny Cattouse, Troy	Reggie Arnold, Ark St	Julian Reams, Fla Int'l
WR	Smokey Hampton, Troy	Pierre Ingram, Mid Tenn	Marty Humphrey, ULM	Bobby Williams, Mid Tenn
WR	Chandler Williams, Fla Int'l	Levi Dejohnette, Ark St	Frantz Simeon, FAU	Patrick Higgins, Ark St
WR	Johnny Quinn, N Texas	Gary Banks, Troy	Derrick Smith, ULL	RoShon Jacobs, ULM
TE	Samuel Smith, Fla Int'l	Stephen Chicola, Mid Tenn	Robert Harmon, N Texas	Mike Wilds, FAU
C	Tanner Jenkins, Ark St	Marcus Gates, Mid Tenn	Nick Paris, FAU	Chad Rose, N Texas
G	Dylan Lineberry, N Texas	Aaron Schutz, ULM	Jarrid Smith, FAU	Kyle Koets, Ark St
G	Adam Hill, ULM	Richard Bortner, Mid Tenn	Ronny Silva, Fla Int'l	Brandon Nix, Mid Tenn
T	Brandon Cox, ULL	Jesse Newman, ULL	Kyle Cunningham, ULM	Nello Faulk, FAU
T	Germayle Franklin, Mid Tenn	Matt Mandich, Ark St	Franklin Dunbar, Mid Tenn	Larry Shappley, ULM
DL	Jeremiah Chapman, N Tex	Brian Flagg, Ark St	Sean Mosley, Mid Tenn	Korey Raymond, ULL
DL	Chris Bradwell, Troy	Jamarrow James, Ark St	Chris Anderson, Mid Tenn	Jonathan Najm, Ark St
DL	Jervonte Jackson, FAU	Brandon Perry, Mid Tenn	Sky Pruitt, N Texas	Montey Stevenson, N Tex
DL	Antwan Barnes, Fla Int'l	Kenny Mainor, Troy	Erik Walden, Mid Tenn	Anthony Hills, ULL
LB	Philip Graves, N Texas	Brandon Monroe, N Texas	Marcus Richardson, Troy	Mark Risher, ULL
LB	Keyonvis Bouie, Fla Int'l	JK Sabb, Mid Tenn	Maurice Holman, N Texas	Josh Thompson, ULM
LB	Josh Williams, Ark St	Devrett Wade, Ark St	Cergile Sincere, FAU	Dustin Forston, FAU
CB	Chaz Williams, ULM	Montis Harrison, Ark St	Quincy Skinner, FAU	Kyle Ward, ULL
CB	Bradley Robinson, Mid Tenn	Leodis McKelvin, Troy	Quintez Secka, ULM	Michael Adams, ULL
SS	Tyrell Johnson, Ark St	Aaron Weathers, N Texas	Kris Bartels, FAU	Brannon Condren, Troy
FS	Sherrod Martin, Troy	Kevin Payne, ULM	Khayyam Burns, Ark St	Damon Nickson, Mid Tenn
K	Colby Smith, Mid Tenn	Greg Whibbs, Troy	Ragan Walters, ULM	Drew Edmiston, ULL
P	Colby Smith, Mid Tenn	Truman Spencer, N Texas	Brit Framel, ULL	Brett Shrable, Ark St
KR	Leodis McKelvin, Troy	Johnny Quinn, N Texas	Kevin Payne, ULM	Darren Toney, Ark St
PR	Leodis McKelvin, Troy	Michael Adams, ULL	Bradley Robinson, Mid Tenn	Johnny Quinn, N Texas

North Texas
RG Dylan Lineberry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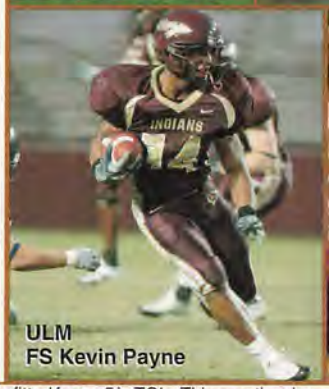
LB Cergile Sincere


ULM
FS Kevin Payne

Arkansas St.
LB Devertt Wade

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 SUN BELT FORECAST

1. LOUISIANA-LFT - ULL was arguably the best team in the SBC last year as they outgained league foes by a league best 68.2 ypg. They won their final 5 and travelled to ULM, a team that needed a win to wrap up the SBC Title, and throttled them in the season finale while finishing tied atop the SBC. They were still home for the Holidays despite achieving their first winning record since 1995. They have 2 experienced QB's thanks to last year's injury to Babb and I rate them the #1 offense in the SBC. They also have the most experienced team in the SBC (see pg 311). The final factor that has me calling for the Ragin Cajuns to win the conference is their schedule. They get four SBC home games and 3 on the road including both the Florida schools, which appear to be rebuilding. Bustle has improved their record each year and should have his best yet in the his 5th.

2. MIDDLE TENNESSEE - Middle Tenn had the most talented team in the SBC last year but did not walk away with even a share of the SBC Title. The Blue Raiders outscored SBC foes by 7.4 ppg, the best mark in the conference. This year they have a new HC and are learning new systems but once again have the most athletically talented team in the league. Surprisingly, Middle Tenn has yet to win an SBC Title. Middle Tenn does lose 23 lettermen (3rd highest) and have a tough schedule as 4 SBC games are on the road. They did have 3 net close losses last year (see page 299) and I rate their offense #2 and their defense #1 in the league. Since it's the first year for the new HC and they have a tougher schedule, I'll peg them 2nd, but SBC foes better be aware of this very talented team.

3. TROY - I did not make a lot of friends in Troy last year when they were picked 2nd in the league and I pegged them 6th overall. In their 2004 bowl season they had actually been outgained by 26.8 ypg and benefitted from +11 in TO's. After being one of the most experienced teams in the NCAA in 2004, they had just 7 starters back last year. They fell to 4-7 and were outgained by 31.7 ypg in league play. This year the losses are heavy again as they have just 12 returning starters (2nd fewest). I am much more optimistic of their chances this year as they do return 52 lettermen, the most in the SBC. They were -9 in TO's last year, almost qualifying for my Turnovers=Turnaround again, this time in a positive light. Despite having just 4 starters back on D, I rate them the #2 stop unit in the league. They get 4 home games in league play and two of the 3 road trips are to the rebuilding Florida teams. They have a killer 4-game road trip to open the season (FSt, GT, Neb, UAB) but get most of the top teams in the SBC at home and are a contender for this year's crown.

4. NORTH TEXAS - North Texas had dominated the SBC and headed into last year with 25 straight conf wins. Last year my magazine was the only one that did NOT pick NT to win the conference. In an obvious rebuilding year, NT plummeted and in fact, were outgained in every single game during the season. In league play, they were outgained by 67.3 ypg, the worst of all SBC teams. This year's squad is a much more veteran unit with 16 starters back (most in SBC) and last year had 3 net close losses (see pg 299). NT actually has some winnable non-conf games and will more resemble the team that dominated the league for 4 years led by RB Jamario Thomas, the top offensive player in the league. This year's NT team is very capable of contending for the SBC crown but do face a tough schedule with 4 SBC road games including trips to both Troy and ULL.

5. ARKANSAS ST - Last year was a dream season for the Indians as they won all of their home games. Not only did they manage a lot of close SBC wins, but also got a plus in the season finale when ULL upset ULM handing them the bowl berth and the extra bowl practices. That's an advantage that NT parlayed into 4 consecutive league titles so it's tough to mark the Indians down this low, but a few things have me concerned. Last year ASU took on the #119 schedule in the country and benefitted from +5 in TO's. This year they have 4 away games in league play and lose their 2 year starting QB and 1,000 yard rusher. This team could easily surprise and contend for the crown once again but probably will not be as fortunate as they were in 2005.

6. FLORIDA ATLANTIC - Last year I didn't make a lot of fans in Boca Raton when I called for a FAU team that had been 11-3 and 9-3 the previous two seasons to finish 7th in the SBC. The Owls indeed finished in a tie for the basement at just 2-5 but were in the first ever rebuilding year of their young program having to replace 29 lettermen. I was impressed with the job Schnellenberger did last year as they were more competitive at times than I thought they would be. Also keep in mind they played power houses Minnesota and Louisville and the game vs Florida Int'l was a turnover fiasco with 4 defensive TD's. The Owls lose just 9 lettermen and have a much more veteran unit. They face a killer slate to open the season with 5 consecutive road games and a tough SBC schedule as they only have 3 true home games with the FIU game being at a neutral site. I saw one early internet site rating Florida Atl the worst team in Div IA and I disagree. While an overall winning record is unlikely, a winning record in the SBC is very possible and they will be a much improved team.

7. FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL - Last year Florida Atlantic graduated some seniors for the first time in the young program's history and stumbled from a 9-3 record to 2-9. The Golden Panthers, who had almost everyone back last year, are a year behind FAU and this is their year for big graduation losses. FIU has 28 lettermen lost, by far the most in the league and they are #8 in the SBC in terms of experience. On the positive side, they were -8 in turnovers last year and have a great SBC schedule. They get 4 SBC home games and a neutral game vs FAU so they only have to go to the oppositions home field in two of their 7 games. Back to this year's concerns would be the fact that just 7 players make my Top 4 all-conference team (fewest) and have a rebuilt offensive line. Despite their favorable schedule, I will call for the Panthers to drop some in the SBC standings.

8. ULM - The last few years I had ULM higher than all others in the SBC and the then Indians (now WarHawks) did not disappoint. Last year ULM could easily have won the SBC as they had ULL at home and only needed a victory to wrap up the outright title. Their loss in the season finale cost them a winning season, having them settle for co-SBC Champ and sent home for the holidays. ULM was hit hard this year as they lose 21 lettermen, the 3rd most in the league, including QB Jyles, 1st Tm SBC WR Quillen, TE Trappy and six quality starters from the defense. ULM also faces a much tougher schedule as in SBC play they draw 4 away games. I think Weatherbie is doing a fine job and next year this team will be one of the most veteran units in the league and have a more favorable schedule. This year they could be one of those rare teams that goes from first to worst in league play.

Sun Belt Notes: Last year home teams dominated SBC play with a record of 25-6 SU and 23-7-1 ATS. ASU Coach Roberts said last year, "I think the parity of the league is at a high since I've been in the league. I think anybody can beat anybody anywhere. It doesn't seem as if the homefield for a lot of teams has been what it's been in the past." Arkansas St tied for the SBC Title with ULL and won it via their win over the Ragin' Cajuns and went to the New Orleans Bowl which was on ULL's homefield. They arguably were the 3rd best team in the league. Middle Tennessee had the most talent and ULL ended the year on a 5 game win streak with the #1 offense in the SBC in conference play and the #2 defense. The SBC was just 1-17 vs BCS conf schools and did not have any players drafted. Troy leads with six 1st Tm all-SBC members and NT is 2nd with 5. On 1st and 2nd teamers, Middle Tenn and Troy each have 11 but on the first 3 teams, Middle Tenn has 17 players, five more than any other school. The SBC will have instant replay this year thanks to XOS Technologies.

2005 SUN BELT vs SUN BELT OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	TOTAL Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	O/U Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Conf Rank
84	Louisiana-Lft	29.0	1	393.1	1	291.4	1	5.4	1	101.7	8	55.9	4	13.6	8	11	3	4	2
94	ULM	27.7	2	384.9	3	152.0	4	4.2	3	232.9	2	56.1	3	13.9	7	14	5	1	1
99	Arkansas St	26.0	3	392.9	2	205.4	2	4.9	2	187.4	4	55.2	5	15.1	4	9	1	15	4
106	Florida Int	24.6	5	342.3	5	102.7	8	3.4	6	239.6	1	61.0	2	13.9	6	24	8	15	4
111	Middle Tenn	25.1	4	361.1	4	142.9	5	3.2	7	218.3	3	67.3	1	14.4	5	9	1	24	8
114	North Texas	18.7	6	316.0	6	160.4	3	4.1	4	155.6	7	50.8	8	16.9	3	14	5	12	3
118	Florida Atl	15.6	7	311.1	7	136.1	7	3.1	8	175.0	5	51.0	7	20.0	2	17	7	18	6
119	Troy	14.3	8	299.7	8	142.6	6	3.4	5	157.1	6	53.3	6	21.0	1	13	4	21	7

2005 SUN BELT vs SUN BELT DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '05 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	Total Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	Pass Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	Def Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Conf Rank
74	Middle Tenn	17.7	2	331.0	3	143.1	2	4.1	6	187.9	5	58.0	7	18.7	7	12	7	13	5
82	Troy	17.3	1	300.4	1	132.0	1	3.6	1	168.4	3	53.1	2	17.4	6	14	5	11	7
103	Louisiana-Lft	23.0	4	324.9	2	148.4	3	4.1	5	176.4	4	54.3	3	14.1	4	6	8	18	1
110	Arkansas St	23.3	5	366.1	5	169.1	6	3.9	2	197.0	6	57.2	6	15.7	5	16	2	18	1
114	Florida Atl	25.6	6	355.0	4	189.9	7	4.3	7	165.1	1	52.2	1	13.9	2	13	6	5	8
116	ULM	26.6	7	373.1	7	166.3	4	4.0	4	206.9	8	56.1	4	14.0	3	16	2	15	4
117	Florida Int	27.3	8	367.3	6	167.3	5	4.0	3	200.0	7	66.9	8	13.5	1	15	4	17	3
118	North Texas	20.3	3	383.3	8	217.4	8	4.6	8	165.9	2	57.1	5	18.9	8	19	1	13	5

Troy
QB Omar Haugabook

North Texas
SS Aaron Weathers

2005 SUN BELT STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2005	2004	2003
Louisiana-Lft	5	2	203	161	6	5	286	304	+68.2	+19.8	-29.4
Arkansas St	5	2	182	163	6	6	294	303	+26.8	-52.1	-123.0
ULM	5	2	194	186	5	6	239	339	+11.8	+16.2	-63.0
FIU	3	4	172	191	5	6	257	323	-25.0	-100.2	-
Middle Tenn	3	4	176	124	4	7	210	206	+30.1	-12.7	-79.9
Troy	3	4	100	121	4	7	175	255	-0.7	+9.2	-55.8
Florida Atl	2	5	109	179	2	9	148	339	-43.9	+49.7	-
North Texas	2	5	131	142	2	9	157	346	-67.3	+15.3	+72.6

Coach of the Year: Steve Roberts, Arkansas St

2004 SUN BELT STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
NTexas	7	0	251	153	7	5	309	358
Troy	5	2	197	96	7	5	286	200
N Mex St	4	3	187	182	5	6	273	355
ULM	4	3	153	172	5	6	211	303
Middle Tenn	4	4	202	190	5	6	269	293
Ark St	3	4	136	185	3	8	215	365
UL-Lft	2	5	145	167	4	7	242	272
Utah St	2	5	124	181	3	8	184	333
Idaho	2	5	154	218	3	9	245	473

Coach of the Year: Darrell Dickey, N Texas

2003 SUN BELT STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
N Texas	7	0	237	142	9	4	358	285
UL-Laf	4	3	225	228	4	8	266	415
Middle Tenn	4	3	213	204	4	8	332	375
Ark St	3	4	131	273	5	7	242	401
Utah St	3	4	193	136	3	9	264	315
Idaho	3	4	191	171	3	9	248	314
N Mex St	2	5	154	172	3	9	262	341
ULM	1	6	180	249	1	11	239	467

Coach of the Year: Darrell Dickey, N Texas

ULM
CB Chaz Williams

2005 SUN BELT LEADERS

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	CT PG	YDS PC	YDSPG
Cleannord Saintil, Mid Tenn	11	66	884	3	6.0	13.4	80.4
Chandler Williams, FIU	**11**	**61**	**870**	**2**	**5.5**	**14.3**	**79.1**
Drouzon Quillen, ULM	11	45	707	9	4.1	15.7	64.3
Johnny Quinn, NT	**11**	**47**	**591**	**5**	**4.3**	**12.6**	**53.7**
Thomas Parker, FAU	11	29	584	3	2.6	20.1	53.1
Smokey Hampton, Troy	**11**	**39**	**582**	**2**	**3.6**	**14.9**	**52.9**
Cory McKinney, FIU	11	44	552	6	4.0	12.5	50.2
Levi Dejohnette, Ark St	**12**	**43**	**554**	**1**	**3.6**	**12.9**	**46.2**
Bill Sampy, La Lafayette	10	29	399	0	2.9	13.8	39.9
Joey Trappey, ULM	11	42	425	1	3.8	10.1	38.6

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDSPG
Antonio Warren, Ark St	10	173	1066	6	6.2	106.6
Patrick Cobbs, N Texas	11	231	1154	6	5.0	104.9
Tyrell Fenroy, ULL	**11**	**179**	**1053**	**12**	**5.9**	**95.7**
Ben West, FIU	7	98	537	4	5.5	76.7
Shermar Bracey, Ark St	10	107	699	5	6.5	69.9
Eugene Gross, Mid Tenn	**11**	**182**	**724**	**13**	**4.0**	**65.8**
A'mod Ned, FIU	**6**	**88**	**375**	**3**	**4.3**	**62.5**
Calvin Dawson, ULM	**11**	**135**	**666**	**7**	**4.9**	**60.5**
Michael Desormeaux, ULL	**9**	**87**	**487**	**3**	**5.6**	**54.1**
Joel Whinghter, Troy	10	95	531	1	5.6	53.1
Charles Pierre, FAU	**11**	**145**	**517**	**3**	**3.6**	**47.0**
Steven Jyles, ULM	11	139	436	9	3.1	39.6

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YPA	YDS	TD	EFF
Clint Marks, Mid Tenn	**298**	**197**	**66.1**	**7**	**6.7**	**2083**	**8**	**129.0**
Jerry Babb, ULL	**119**	**74**	**62.2**	**3**	**7.2**	**859**	**3**	126.1
Nick Noce, Ark St	282	156	55.3	10	7.3	2052	12	123.4
Josh Padrick, FIU	**366**	**221**	**60.4**	**11**	**6.7**	**2461**	**13**	**122.6**
Danny Embick, FAU	225	120	53.3	10	6.8	1531	11	117.7
Steven Jyles, ULM	379	209	55.1	10	5.9	2235	12	109.9
Daniel Meager, NT	**202**	**101**	**50.0**	**8**	**4.7**	**941**	**4**	**87.7**
Michael Desormeaux, ULL	**117**	**62**	**53.0**	**5**	**5.1**	**597**	**0**	**87.3**
Kinsmon Lancaster, ULM	**24**	**7**	**29.2**	**1**	**2.3**	**54**	**0**	**39.7**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDS	TOT OFFENSE YDSPG
Steven Jyles, ULM	11	139	436	379	2235	2671	242.8
Josh Padrick, FIU	**11**	**39**	**12**	**366**	**2461**	**2473**	**224.8**
Danny Embick, FAU	9	89	228	225	1531	1759	195.9
Nick Noce, Ark St	12	125	236	282	2052	2288	190.7
Clint Marks, Mid Tenn	**11**	**69**	**-130**	**298**	**2083**	**1953**	**177.6**
Jerry Babb, ULL	**9**	**65**	**400**	**119**	**859**	**1259**	**139.9**
Patrick Cobbs, NT	11	231	1154	2	33	1187	107.9
Antonio Warren, Ark St	10	173	1066	0	0	1066	106.6
Tyrell Fenroy, ULL	**11**	**179**	**1053**	**0**	**0**	**1053**	**95.7**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Keyonvis Bouie, FIU	**9**	**65**	**53**	**118**	**13.1**
Aaron Weathers, NT	**11**	**62**	**51**	**113**	**10.3**
Tyrell Johnson, ASU	**12**	**86**	**26**	**112**	**9.3**
Maurice Holman, NT	**10**	**46**	**40**	**86**	**8.6**
Phillip Graves, NT	**11**	**51**	**42**	**93**	**8.5**
Shomari Earls, FAU	11	53	34	87	7.9
Kevin Payne, ULM	**11**	**61**	**26**	**87**	**7.9**
Chris Smith, FIU	**10**	**47**	**28**	**75**	**7.5**
Kris Bartels, FAU	**11**	**46**	**36**	**82**	**7.5**
Khayyam Burns, ASU	**12**	**51**	**38**	**89**	**7.4**

SACKS

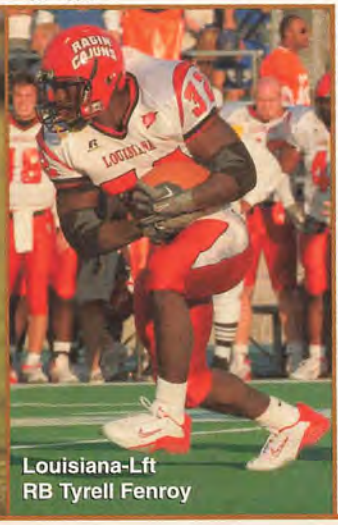
	NO	YDS
Brandon Guillory, ULM	11	83
Antwan Barnes, FIU	**11**	**72**
Torre Lankford, Troy	6	47
Devrett Wade, ASU	**5**	**34**
Brian Flagg, ASU	**5**	**21**
Brenton Burkhalter, ULL	**4**	**45**
Anthony Hills, ULL	**4**	**30**
Curtis Isaac, ULL	4	27
Jonathan Najm, ASU	**4**	**16**
Venson Jones, FIU	**4**	**14**

TFL

	NO	YDS
Brandon Guillory, ULM	18	107
Antwan Barnes, FIU	**14**	**87**
Myron Anderson, ASU	14	61
J.K. Sabb, Mid Tenn	**12**	**47**
Torre Lankford, Troy	9	52
Johnny Faulk, Troy	9	46
Jeremiah Chapman, NT	**9**	**36**
Leverne Johnson, Troy	9	34
Keyonvis Bouie, FIU	**9**	**26**
Devrett Wade, ASU	**8**	**46**

Florida Int'l
LB Keyonvis Bouie

Middle Tennessee
RB Eugene Gross



Louisiana-Lft
RB Tyrell Fenroy

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Joel Stelly, ULM	11	59	2634	44.6
Colby Smith, Mid Tenn	**11**	**61**	**2484**	**42.1**
Thomas Olmsted, Troy	11	62	2470	40.5
Mike Brown, FAU	11	72	2797	38.8
Brit Framel, ULL	**11**	**47**	**1801**	**38.3**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Leodis McKelvin, Troy	**33**	**417**	**1**	**12.6**
James Johnson, Ark St	36	385	1	10.7
Bradley Robinson, Mid Tenn	**18**	**165**	**0**	**9.2**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Leodis McKelvin, Troy	**24**	**619**	**1**	**25.8**
Julius Eppinger, FIU	16	368	0	23.0
Cleannord Saintil, Mid Tenn	17	379	0	22.3
Johnny Quinn, NT	**26**	**513**	**0**	**19.7**
Joe Merritt, ULM	**16**	**315**	**0**	**19.7**

FIELD GOALS

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Adam Moss, FIU	11	14	11	78.6	39
Sean Comiskey, ULL	11	11	7	63.6	47
Eric Neihouse, Ark St	12	22	13	59.1	50
Greg Whibbs, Troy	**10**	**20**	**11**	**55.0**	**48**
Nick Bazaldua, NT	10	16	8	50.0	50
Colby Smith, Mid Tenn	**11**	**16**	**7**	**43.8**	**45**

PHIL'S SUN BELT UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
North Texas	6	1	1	4	3	2	6	3	2
Arkansas St	7	4	4	3	3	1	2	4	5
Louisiana-Lft	3	2	7	1	5	5	7	5	6
ULM	7	6	6	1	8	7	1	5	4
Middle Tenn	3	3	5	4	1	3	3	1	8
Troy	1	4	3	7	2	7	4	2	3
Florida Atlantic	5	6	7	6	7	6	5	8	1
Florida Int'l	2	8	1	8	5	3	8	7	7

LOUISIANA'S RAGIN' CAJUNS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 rFr Jerry Babb struggled at times and actually lost his starting job to experienced QB Eric Rekieta who had missed spring and most of August undergoing "Tommy John" surgery. Rekieta threw for a school record 474 yards vs ULM but broke his collarbone in the next game. Babb was the SBC Off POW hitting 37 of 56 for 435 with 4 TD's in the season finale and, taking away his 5 of 22 performance in a downpour vs Houston, he hit 59.5% for the season. In 2004 Babb threw for 2,345 hitting a school record 57.9% with a 12-13 ratio and was also the team's leading rusher (498 net). HC Bustle commented last year that the QB's are similar in that they are both runners and passers. The top backup was Michael Desormeaux (PS#98). Desormeaux played the 4Q vs Texas and when Babb was injured vs UCF, he hit 14 of 26 for 119 and 2 int. His first start came on a short week the next Thurs vs Fla Atl and he hit just 6 of 18 for 47 with 2 more int. Desormeaux turned his season around rushing for 174 vs Ark St (97 pass). Babb returned vs Troy but threw 7 straight incompletions and Desormeaux threw for 86 (64 rush). Babb started the rest of the year but was injured vs Florida Int'l and Desormeaux hit 5 of 7 for 53. For the season Babb threw for 859 (62.2%) with a 3-3 ratio (437 rush). Desormeaux had 583 yards rushing but threw for just 597 (53.0%) with zero TD's and 5 int. Both QB's return giving ULL excellent depth. Also added this year is good-sized John Hundley (6-3 215 rFr, PS#57) who is more of a pro-style QB, although he had 512 yards rushing as a senior (1,845 pass, 24-7 ratio) and Northwestern St transfer Connor Morel (6-0 198 Jr).

QB Jerry Babb

RUNNING BACKS - The last couple of years my opening sentences for the RB position for ULL had been *ULL is a school that has NEVER produced a 1,000 yard rusher at RB (QB Brian Mitchell was the only player to top 1,000).* They really have not even come close lately with the leading RB rusher from 2001-'04 having 625 (3.9), 483 (2.8), 421 (3.9) and 489 (4.2). Chester Johnson, who was the top RB rusher in '03 and '04, suffered an ankle injury in 2004 which limited him to six starts. In 2005 he was lost for the year vs Texas. That simply opened the door for true frosh Tyrell Fenroy (PS#124). Fenroy had 163 vs IAA NW St but the team's leading rusher the next 3 games was QB Desormeaux. Josh Harrison was the top RB rusher vs both Ark St and MTSt. After seven games Fenroy had just 484 but he exploded over the final four (142 ypg) and became the school's first 1,000 yard rusher. The next two leading rushers were QB's and then came Harrison with 265 (4.1). Abdule Levier (5-11 200 Jr), who had one start as a true frosh in '04, finished with 213 (4.6). Diminutive Caleb Rubin, who is the shortest scholarship player in IA ball at 5'4", had injury problems (84, 4.0). The team loses its top 2 FB's Dwight Lindon (10 st, 113, 3.9) and Booker Jenkins (186 ttl yds). Adding depth are Deon Wallace (PS#89) who has 4.35 speed and FB's Renaldo Delcambre (5-10 238 So) and Matt Dupre (5-10 185 rFr). As long as Fenroy stays healthy, he has a good shot at topping last year's numbers.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 the team had to replace its #2 all-time career leading receiver. Bill Sampy became the go-to man with 57 rec (13.6). He returned last year (#1, 29, 13.8) but the team did have to replace its #2, #3 and #4 receivers. Kevin Robbins, who had just one rec as a true, was #2 with 26 (8.8). True frosh Derrick Smith had 3 TD's vs NWSt (1 rush) and had 22 rec (11.4) on the year. JUCO transfer Corey Fredrick, who joined the team last spring, added 21 and was #2 in receiving yards with 293 (14.0). TE Erik Jones (235 lbs) had 4 rec and good-sized Jordan Jackson (6-6 220, PS#74) has just 2 catches in 2 years. Sampy leaves as the #5 receiver in school history with 1,988 yards and has caught a pass in 40 straight games. They unexpectedly lost Robbins but return 69 of the team's 136 rec including their #2 and #3 receivers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Having a mobile QB always helps the O-line stats. In 2003 ULL avg'd just 3.3 ypc rush but despite having just two starters back on the O-line in 2004, they improved that to 4.0 ypc with just 25 sacks allowed. Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups. I called it the best and most experienced O-line Bustle had fielded and they opened holes for 5.3 ypc rushing and a school record 254 ypg on the ground while allowing just 9 sacks (3.8%). This year 1st Tm SBC RT Brandon Cox and 2nd Tm SBC LT Jesse Newman both return but they lose C Greg Hodges (11 st, 1st Tm SBC, 3 yr st'r) and RG Justin Ernest (11 st, 2 yr st'r). ULL has 8 of the top 10 back and adds some solid JUCO's so this looks like the SBC's best O-line for a 2nd straight year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cajuns had to replace two starters in 2003 but surprisingly allowed 5.1 ypc rush and having to replace 3 starters in 2004, yielded 5.2 ypc while the team had just 9 sacks. DE Eugene Kwarteng, who was the team's weight lifting champ and also has a 39" VL, started just 4 due to injury. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 10 starts but Kwarteng started all 11 and earned 2nd Tm SBC honors. The Cajuns improved to allow 4.5 ypc rush and finished 3rd in the SBC in sacks with 23. This year they must replace Kwarteng (43 tkl, 4 sk) as well as DT Mike Moore (9 st, 14 tkl) and DT Curtis Isaac (21 tkl, 4 sk, 1 st). They add an HT JUCO in Korey Raymond who was in for the spring and despite being a little less experienced, this unit should help the D continue to improve vs the rush.

LINEBACKERS - Louisiana's LB unit had a combined six starts returning in 2003 and had 2 soph starters who had a combined 3 career tackles. Last year they only had to replace one starter but then Wes Simon, who had taken over one starting spot, was lost for the year after 3 starts (concussion). Brenton Burkhalter had just 3 starts but was the #3 tackler and was the first frosh here to record 50+ tackles since Charles Tillman in 1999 (82). This year the only loss is leading tackler, Tyler Norman (67) who had 8 starts. Last year's LB unit was banged up so six players return with starting experience. This is the most experienced LB corps that Bustle has fielded.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cajuns have had 4 DB's drafted by the NFL over the last 4 years. With inexperienced secondaries in '02 and '03, they finished #90 and #82 in my pass D rankings. In '04 they had 2 starters back and finished #87. Last year they had to replace 2 starters once again plus a backup and surprisingly dropped to #108 allowing a 21-6 ratio (9-9 ratio in '04). This year they must replace FS Terryl Fenton (9 st, 37 tkl, 3 pbu), CB Jerrell Carter (3 tkl) and FS Julian Harris (1 st, 21 tkl). The top 5 CB's return and all together 7 players with starting experience are back so the Ragin' Cajuns should have its best finish yet in my pass D rankings under Bustle.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Rickey Bustle, coming from Virg Tech, knows the importance of this unit. They finished #45 in his first season but surprisingly dropped to #109 and #100 the next two. They block a lot of kicks as in the 4 years since Bustle took over, they have now blocked 23 (7 punts). LS Justin Venable (due to inj) was in an amazing 8th year in the program and handled every snap the last 3 years. I projected JUCO P Brit Framel (41.0 at JC) would beat out David Schexnayder who avg'd 35.6 in 2004 and he did. He avg'd 38.3 per punt but the coverage units were poor and the net was just 30.1. K Sean Comiskey was 1st Tm SBC in 2003 hitting 12 of 15 FG's with a long of 48. Last year he hit 7 of 11 with a long of 47. Comiskey had 9 TB's on 55 KO's and the team allowed 22.7 per KR, improving from the 27.1 allowed in 2004. Michael Adams averaged 21.6 on KR's in 2004 but true frosh Derrick Smith (4.38 spd) took over (20.2) last year. Adams did have a 65 yd PR called back for roughing the P vs EM. ULL only returned 12 punts on the year but averaged a nifty 11.6. They must replace Comiskey but Drew Edmiston and Framel should fill in nicely. ULL finished just #112 last year and should have their best finish since Bustle's first season here.

COACHES - Rickey Bustle was the OC at Virg Tech from 1995 to 2001 and enters his 5th season here and the team has shown improvement each year going 3-9, 4-8, 4-7 and 6-5. He had his contract extended through 2010. His OC is Rob Christophel (5th yr). Brent Pry is the DC and is also in his 5th year. He was a DL & DB coach at W Carolina from 1998 to 2001. Ron Hudson was added as the OL coach in 2004 and he was the OC at Kansas St and then at Kentucky the two years prior.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Ragin Cajuns had 3 straight winning seasons under Nelson Stokley from 1993-'95, but then 9 straight losing years. Rickey Bustle's first edition went 3-9 and the next year they returned just 10 starters, the fewest in the SBC. They still managed to improve to 4-8 and actually finished 2nd in the SBC with a 4-3 record led by exciting QB Jerry Babb. They won 4 of their last 5 so they took momentum into 2004. They finished a hard-luck 2-5 in SBC play in '04, but improved their record by a half game to 4-7. Despite losing five SBC games, they actually outgained league foes by an avg of 19.8 ypg. Six of their 7 losses came by a combined 36 points including one to ULM who got a FG with :07 left. Last year I called for ULL to have their first winning season since 1995 and they were arguably the best team in the SBC at the end of the year. The Cajuns outgained league foes by 68.2 ypg and finished with a winning record, making it the 3rd straight year that Bustle had improved the team's record. Katrina did effect the team early as they had 15 players from New Orleans and are just 130 miles away from the city. They almost knocked off UCF (24-21 loss), who went on to play for the CUSA Title. They did not have QB Babb vs Fla Atl which was one of their two SBC losses. The next week they lost on a last second 35 yd FG to Ark St but won their final 5, their longest win streak since 1995 and had 3 straight road wins (first time since 1993). In the season finale, with ULM playing to win the SBC Title, they dominated the game with a 425-202 yd edge and ULL finished as SBC co-Champs. In the NCAA graduation success rates, ULL fared the best of the 13 Div I institutions in Louisiana, graduating 66%. In SBC games the last 4 years, ULL has actually gone from last in scoring to 2nd in 2003 and 7th in 2004 and then #1 last year (29.0 ppg). Overall ULL avg'd 26.0 ppg last year which was their best since '96 and with 6 offensive starters back, have a good shot at topping that total. The ULL defense allowed 35 ppg in the first six games of 2005 but over the last 5 just 18.8. The offense set a school record with 254.3 ypg rush, (old mark 206.5 in '83). With 7 starters back, I'll call for them to have their best D in the Bustle era. ULL only has 3 SBC away games and is my pick to win the SBC as Bustle should improve the team's record yet again.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 15 JERRY BABB SR. 6-3 218 26 st 3Y, 4706 pass (58.1%), 21-24 ratio, 1384 rush. **8** Michael Desormeaux (6-1 195 So) PS#98. 4 st rFr, 597 pass, 0-5 ratio. 583 rush.

RB 32 TYRELL FENROY SO. 5-10 195 PS#124. **1st ULL 1,000 yd rusher,** 1053 (5.9) **true. 25** Chester Johnson (5-10 205 Sr) #1 RB '03 & '04. 15 st 4Y, 1075 (3.8). Deon Wallace (5-10 190 rFr).

FB 45 Chancellor Roberson So. 6-1 240 PS#193DL. 1 st, 5 ttl yd 7 games. **40** Matt Desormeaux PS#373. **89** John Grotefend (6-2 255 Sr). Caleb Rubin (5-4 175 So) PS#433. 21 (4.0) LY.

WR 18 Derrick Smith So. 6-1 185 4.38 spd. 1 st true, 22 (11.4). **84** Jordan Jackson (6-6 220 Jr) PS#74. 2 rec 1 st 2Y. **82** Ray Givens (6-3 190 Jr) 5 rec (10.0) 2Y. Ryan Finney (5-10 184 So).

WR 16 Corey Fredrick Sr. 6-0 195 PS#276JC. No spring. 1 st LY, #2 rec w/21 (14.0). **5** Jason Chery (5-11 180 So) 7 (7.7) true. **80** Phillip Nevels (5-11 190 rFr) PS#251.

TE 88 ERIK JONES SO. 6-4 235 PS#215. 10 st rFr, 4 (11.5). **87** Kevin Belton (6-4 230 Sr) 1 st, 11 gm, 2 rec LY. Matt Ulm (6-4 245 rFr) PS#220. Luke Aubrey (6-3 210 rFr).

C 58 Hildebrando Junior Ramos Jr. 6-3 295 PS#477JC. In for spring. **64** Ryan Gilles (6-4 290 Sr) PS#381JC. 2nd string in '05, 35 snaps 4 gm. **60** Dusty Mack (6-3 220 rFr) PS#571.

RG 74 TIM FALTER SO. 6-4 310 10 st rFr. Good size. Tremaine Lewis (6-0 285 So) 2 gm, 19 snap rFr. Jonathan Decoster PS#467. **75** Brad Bustle (6-2 282 rFr). **79** Chris Fisher (6-3 275 rFr).

LG 56 William Chance Jr. 6-3 295 PS#426. 14 snaps 2 gms rFr. 3 st, 10 gm in '05. **77** Lanier Coleman (6-3 315 Jr) 37 snap LY. Damian Jones PS#370JC. Damon Lawrence (6-3 285 rFr).

RT 72 BRANDON COX SR. 6-7 330 12 st RT true. 11 st LT '04, 840 snap. 11 st LY, **1st Tm SBC. 70** Zachary Leger (6-4 290 Jr) 4 gm, 51 snap LY. **55** Brad Bryant (6-5 255 rFr).

LT 67 JESSE NEWMAN JR. 6-4 305 11 st RT rFr, 801 snap. 9 st LT LY, **2nd Tm SBC.** 0 sk all'd, 32 kd. **78** Kyle Pirtle (6-6 280 rFr) PS#353DL. **61** Bobby Fails (6-4 280 So).

K 48 Drew Edmiston So. 6-4 195 PS#76. 7-9 FG's HS, long 48. **41** Tyler Albrecht PS#102. 12-16 FG's HS LY, two 50+ FG's, 24-25 xp, 40+ avg on P. **17** Brit Framel (6-1 185 Sr).

DE 90 Rodney Hardeway Jr 6-3 230 2 st, 28 tkl, 3 sk, 2Y. **51** Kale Wildbur (6-2 250 Jr). **95** Chris Lanaux (6-1 225 rFr). **57** Joe Bradley (6-3 265 Sr) PS#279JC. 1 st, 20 tkl, 2Y.

DT 94 Korey Raymond JR. 6-4 290 PS#106JC. In for spg. **97** Travis Ferguson (6-2 295 Sr) PS#388. 2 st 3Y, 23 tkl. **49** Clay Rudick (6-2 245 Jr) 2 tkl LY. Blake Ramsey is PS#234.

DT 65 MARSHALL DELESDERNIER SR. 6-0 276 8 st true, 5 tkl, 2 sk. 11 st '04, 18 tkl, 3 tfl. 11 st LY, 12 tkl, 1.5 tfl. Lamarr Waiters (6-2 284 Jr) PS#477JC. 55 tkl, 8.5 sk, 20 qbh JC LY. In for spring.

DE 91 ANTHONY HILLS SR. 6-4 240 11 tkl rFr. 8 st '04, 30 tkl, 4 tfl. 11 st LY, 19 tkl, 4 sk, **HM SBC. 44** Greg Hathorn (6-3 245 Jr) PS#300JC. **93** Hall Davis (6-4 215 rFr) 1 gm LY.

OLB 43 BRENTON BURKHALTER SO. 6-0 230 PS#285. 3 st rFr, #3 tkl'r w/53, 4 sk. **36** Wes Simon (6-1 200 Sr) 7 st '04, 38 tkl. 3 st, 20 tkl LY (inj). **29** Jonathon Vance (6-1 220 So) 2 sk rFr.

ILB 52 Tre' Green Sr. 5-11 215 11 st '04, 37 tkl, 4 tfl. 4.57 speed. 2 st LY, 28 tkl. **10** Mack Fair (5-11 225 Sr) PS#285. 5 st, 15 tkl LY. **11** Joseph Hadnont (5-10 200 So) inj'd rFr.

ILB 4 MARK RISHER JR. 6-1 230 PS#267. 23 tkl, 1 tfl rFr. 11 starts last year, 59 tkl, 5 tfl. **46** Derek Morel (5-10 210 Sr) 24 gm 3Y, 9 tkl. Geoffrey McCullough (6-0 225 Fr).

CB 2 MICHAEL ADAMS SR. 5-8 170 1 st, 18 tkl true. 11 st '04, 37 tkl, 3 pbu. 7 st LY, 45 tkl, **HM SBC. 21** Torres Kingsby (5-11 190 Jr) 6 st, 31 tkl LY. **34** Clarence Fultz (6-2 215 Fr).

CB 26 KYLE WARD JR. 6-2 188 Alcorn St transfer. 5 of last 6 st, 21 tkl, 2 pbu LY. **27** Jemarcus Smith (5-10 180 Jr) 4 st, 39 tkl 2Y. **13** Jarrett Jones (5-10 190 Sr) 49 tkl, 3 pbu 3Y.

SS 23 JOHNNY FELDERS SR. 5-11 190 4.5 speed, 5 tkl true. RS '03. 9 tkl '04. 7 st LY, 51 tkl, 2 tfl. **20** Derik Keyes (5-9 190 Jr) 16 tkl, 1 st LY. Robert Terrell (5-11 175 Jr) 2 tkl 3 gm LY.

FS 8 Lamar Morgan Jr. 6-2 210 PS#349. 4.50 spd. NFL prospect. 5 starts at SS LY, 31 tkl. Phillip Walker (6-0 195 rFr) PS#419RB. **24** Justin Lee (6-1 175 So) 11 tkl as rFr.

P 17 BRIT FRAMEL SR. 6-1 185 41.0 average at JUCO '04. 47 punts in '05, 38.3 average, net 30.1. **83** David Schexnayder (6-3 235 Jr) 33 punts '04, 35.6 avg, net of 32.4.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

DL Korey Raymond 6-4 290 PS#106JC
DL Greg Hathorn 6-3 245 PS#300JC
WR Louis Lee 5-11 175 PS#165
OL Damian Jones 6-6 300 PS#370JC
DL Blake Ramsey 6-2 295 PS#234
WR Verlin Moore 5-10 160 PS#215
DL Colin Windsor 6-4 255 PS#250
DB Frantz Accime 5-11 180 PS#283
DB Daylon McCoy 5-11 180 PS#300
RB Matt Desormeaux 6-1 210 PS#373
WR Richie Falgout 5-11 175 PS#373
OL Johnathan Decoster 6-4 300 PS#467
DL Sharrick Moore 6-3 250 PS#424
DL Chris Johnson 6-2 250 PS#433
OL Hildebrando Ramos 6-3 295 PS#477JC
OL Lamarr Waiters 6-2 284 PS#477JC
OL Ian Burks 6-2 265 PS#562
LB Fred Davis 6-2 240 PS#485
LB Clarence Fultz 6-2 215 PS#485
DB Maurice Rolle 6-1 180 PS#560
K Tyler Albrecht 6-0 170 PS#102

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RICKEY BUSTLE (Career 17-29)
5th Year at Louisiana-Lft
Bustle's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Bustle's records AT LOUISIANA-LFT

17-29	Straight Up	1-3-2	Home Favorite
21-19-3	Vs The Spread	7-4-1	Home Underdog
11-12-2	Off A SU Loss	1-4	Away Favorite
12-11-2	Vs Conference	12-8	Away Underdog
9-8-1	Vs Non-Conf	2-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (6-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (18,20,2)
Lost: 14 (6,6,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,591

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#119

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ULL	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at LSU	G					
Sep. 9	at Texas A&M	G					
Sep. 16	McNeese St	G					
Sep. 23							
Sep. 30	Eastern Michigan	G					
Oct. 7	at Houston	G					
Oct. 14							
Oct. 18	at Florida Atl (Wed)	G					
Oct. 28	Middle Tenn (HC)	G					
Nov. 4	at Troy	A					
Nov. 11	North Texas	G					
Nov. 18	at Florida Int'l	A					
Nov. 25	Arkansas St	G					
Dec. 2	ULM	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Louisiana-Lft is 11-6-1 ATS since 1999 as a home dog.
ULL is 6-2 SU & 4-2-2 ATS in their last 8 Homecomings.
Ragin Cajuns are 3-6 SU & 1-3 ATS the last 9 home openers.

Ragin Cajuns are 0-8 SU & 6-2 ATS in their road openers since 1998.
Louisiana-Lft is 0-20 SU all-time vs LSU & hasn't scored on them S/'24!

ULL was 7-14-1 ATS from 2001-'03 after a SU loss but 6-3-1 ATS L2Y.
Louisiana-Lft is 0-9 SU but 7-2 ATS the last 9 games vs the Big 12.

Cajuns & Cowboys will meet for the 1st time S/'86, renewing 36 straight yrs of facing off.
This was a huge rivalry in the state of Louisiana annually drawing standing room only crowds.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Jake Delhomme 9,216 1993-'96
Rushing: Brian Mitchell 3,335 1986-'89 Receiving: Brandon Stokley 3,702 1995-'98

Louisiana-Lft is 8-4-1 ATS their last 13 games after a SU win.
Ragin Cajuns are 1-6 SU & 2-5 ATS off a bye week S/'99 (2-0 ATS LY).

Ragin Cajuns are 2-20 SU & 6-14-1 ATS S/'96 vs current CUSA members.
Louisiana-Lft is 2-6 SU (last win '48) & 0-4-1 ATS all-time vs Houston.

Bonus: ULL is 6-2-1 ATS before a bye since 1995.

This game will be nationally televised on espn2.
LY under Bustle, the Ragin' Cajuns lost their 1st gm at home when leading at HT.

Louisiana-Lft is 5-2 ATS vs Middle Tenn including 3-0 SU & ATS the L3Y.
ULL is 1-4 SU & ATS in their Sun Belt Conference home openers.

Louisiana-Lft is 12-8 ATS since 1998 in November.
ULL held Troy to 57 1H yds LY & led 20-0 early 3Q but needed a FG in OT to win.

Ragin Cajuns are just 5-10 ATS their L14Y in lined November home games.
ULL is 1-5 SU & 0-6 ATS vs North Texas since 2000.

Heading into 2006 the Ragin Cajuns are 1-4 ATS as away favs the L10Y.
FIU is 1 of 4 current IA programs ULL has never lost to (Colo St, UNLV & W Mich).

Home team is 3-8-1 ATS since 1992 in this series.
The favorite in this series is just 1-6-1 ATS since 1996.

The home team is 1-9 ATS in this in-state rivalry since 1991.
Bustle was ULM RB's coach in '84 & '85 and the OC/QB coach in '86.

LB Mark Risher

STADIUM: CAJUN FIELD (31,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	1-10	3-8	3-9	4-8	4-7	6-5	23-56
Home	2-3	0-5	2-3	3-2	3-3	3-2	3-2	16-20
Away	0-6	1-5	1-5	0-7	1-5	1-5	3-3	7-36
ATS	6-4	5-3	2-8	5-7	5-5-1	6-3-1	5-4-1	34-34-3
Home Fav	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0-1	1-1-1	2-6-2
Home Dog	2-0	1-0	1-2	2-2	2-1-1	2-1	1-0	11-6-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-4
Away Dog	3-3	4-2	1-5	3-3	3-3	3-0	3-2	20-18
Favorite	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	1-2-1	1-2-1	3-10-2
Dog	5-3	5-2	2-7	5-5	5-4-1	5-1	4-2	31-24-1
Grass	4-3	3-3	1-6	5-6	3-3-1	4-2-1	4-2-1	24-25-3
Artificial	2-1	2-0	1-2	0-1	2-2	2-1	1-2	10-9
vs Conf	2-1	2-1	2-4	2-4	3-2	3-3-1	4-2-1	18-17-2
vs Non-Conf	4-3	3-2	0-4	3-3	2-3-1	3-0	1-2	16-17-1
Off SU Win	1-0	0-0	0-3	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1-1	9-9-1
Off SU Loss	4-4	5-3	2-5	3-5	2-4-1	4-1-1	2-2	22-24-2

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tyrell Fenroy	179	1073	20	1053	12	5.9
Michael Desormeaux	87	583	96	487	3	5.6
Jerry Babb	65	437	37	400	4	6.2
Josh Harrison	64	274	9	265	4	4.1
Abdule Levier	46	219	6	213	5	4.6
Dwight Lindon	29	114	1	113	0	3.9
Booker Jenkins	19	116	4	112	3	5.9
Caleb Rubin	21	92	8	84	0	4.0
Derrick Smith	6	54	3	51	2	8.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jerry Babb	119	74	62.2	859	3	3
Michael Desormeaux	117	62	53.0	597	0	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Bill Sampy	29	399	13.8	0	44
Corey Fredrick	21	293	14.0	0	28
Derrick Smith	22	250	11.4	2	30
Kevin Robbins	26	228	8.8	1	35
Booker Jenkins	9	74	8.2	0	15
Jason Chery	7	54	7.7	0	16
Erik Jones	4	46	11.5	0	16
Tyrell Fenroy	6	37	6.2	0	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brit Framel	47	1801	38.3	8	30.1	0	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sean Comiskey	31-34	4-5	1-2	2-4	0-0	7-11	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tyler Norman	67	0	4	2	1
Mark Risher	59	1	4	0	0
Brenton Burkhalter	53	4	0.5	3	0
Johnny Felders	51	0	2	1	1
Michael Adams	45	0	2.5	2	2
Eugene Kwarteng	43	4	3	1	0
Terryl Fenton	37	0	1	3	0
Lamar Morgan	31	0	0	0	1
Torres Kingsby	31	0	0	0	0
Jemarcus Smith	29	0	0	4	0
Tre' Green	28	0	2	0	0
Curtis Isaac	21	4	1.5	0	0
Kyle Ward	21	0	1	2	1
Julian Harris	21	0	1	0	0
Wes Simon	20	0	1.5	0	0
Anthony Hills	19	4	0.5	0	0
Jarrett Jones	19	0	0	1	0
Rodney Hardeway	18	3	1.5	0	0
Derik Keyes	16	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Adams	7	66	9.4	0
Bill Sampy	4	59	14.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derrick Smith	13	262	20.2	0
Jason Chery	8	143	17.9	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
44	Oil	NL	Arkansas-Monticello	24-7	–
70	Rice	NL	Tennessee St	25-26	–

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Louisiana-Lft's All-Time SU Bowl Record 1-1

LOUISIANA-LFT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	26.0	21	254	5.3	132	57.4	14.9	-4	2005	7	27.6	21	181	4.5	190	58.0	13.4
6*	22.0	21	153	4.0	228	57.7	17.3	-3	2004	3	24.7	20	213	5.2	174	60.1	15.7
6	22.2	18	117	3.3	219	57.2	15.1	+5	2003	4	34.6	22	216	5.1	223	55.3	12.7
10*	16.9	16	61	1.9	228	54.2	17.1	-8	2002	6	29.3	18	182	4.3	198	52.1	13.0
5*	21.3	18	93	3.0	244	54.6	15.9	0	2001	10	33.2	20	183	4.3	191	50.6	11.3
10*	15.5	16	124	3.2	162	47.8	18.4	+2	2000	7	32.3	20	151	4.2	236	59.9	12.0

2005 STATS BY GAME

ULL 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
–	at Texas	11	34-72	2.1	16-33	166	3	30	52-418	8.0	13-17	173	0	+1
–	at E Michigan	19	37-182	4.9	21-29	228	1	24	41-156	3.8	27-39	268	0	-3
–	Northwestern St	24	42-322	7.7	18-28	222	0	25	48-244	5.1	15-28	184	0	+3
–	UCF	20	40-181	4.5	15-29	128	1	23	48-129	2.7	15-25	232	5	0
–	Florida Atlantic	11	33-170	5.2	6-18	47	1	23	50-154	3.1	17-27	276	3	-2
–	at Arkansas St	28	66-457	6.9	10-17	97	0	21	41-264	6.4	10-20	194	2	-3
–	at Middle Tenn	17	44-170	3.9	14-25	138	1	16	37-45	1.2	19-25	218	9	0
–	Troy	20	52-265	5.1	9-20	134	0	19	46-183	4.0	11-27	137	2	-1
–	at North Texas	25	61-327	5.4	8-11	109	2	19	33-263	8.0	8-14	112	0	+1
–	Florida Int'l	30	65-308	4.7	11-13	105	0	14	20-64	3.2	18-34	162	2	-1
–	at UL Monroe	22	57-343	6.0	8-14	82	0	14	29-66	2.3	17-37	136	0	+1
TOTALS		227	531-2797	5.3	136-237	1456	9	228	445-1986	4.5	170-293	2092	23	-4
AVERAGES		20.6	48-254	5.3	12-22	132	0.8	20.7	40-181	4.5	15-27	190	2.1	-0.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Nicholls St	NL	20-0	–
at Minnesota	+24'	14-44	L
S Mississippi	+24'	10-35	L
Middle Tenn	+16	9-26	L
at Arizona St	+33	27-63	L
at Arkansas St	+3'	20-26	L
at Idaho	+11	54-37	W
UL Monroe	-8	17-12	L
at North Texas	+10	17-42	L
New Mexico St	+7'	46-49	W
at UCF	+28'	0-31	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas A&M - #23	+28'	7-31	W
Minnesota	+13	11-35	L
at Houston	+9	17-36	L
UAB	+7'	34-0	W
at LSU - #21	+27'	0-48	L
at New Mexico St	+12'	28-31	W
at Middle Tenn	+9'	35-48	L
North Texas	+4	0-27	L
Idaho	+1'	31-28	W
Arkansas St	-3'	13-10	L
at Arkansas	+34	17-24	W
at UL Monroe	-4	10-34	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at South Carolina	+24	7-14	W
Louisiana Tech	+4'	3-34	L
Houston	+7	14-21	T
at Minnesota	+35	14-48	W
at North Texas	+18'	23-44	L
at Oklahoma St	+35	3-56	L
UL Monroe	-4	42-45	L
New Mexico St	+7'	26-24	W
Idaho	+3	31-20	W
at S Mississippi	+23'	3-48	L
Florida Int'l	NL	43-10	–
at Middle Tenn	+14'	57-51 4OT	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Northwestern St	NL	14-7	–
at Louisiana Tech	+14	20-24	W
at Kansas St	+31	20-40	W
Middle Tenn	+2	24-17	W
at Florida Int'l	-7	43-34	W
at New Mexico St	-3	32-35	L
at Idaho	-3'	25-38	L
Arkansas St	-3	27-24	T
North Texas	+2'	17-27	L
Troy	+13	10-13	W
at UL Monroe	+4	10-13	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas - #2	+40'	3-60	L
at E Michigan	+7	10-31	L
Northwestern St	NL	49-28	–
UCF	+3'	21-24	W
Florida Atlantic	-5'	10-28	L
at Arkansas St	+11'	36-39	W
at Middle Tenn	+14	13-10	W
Troy	-3	31-28 OT	T
at North Texas	-3'	31-28	L
Florida Int'l	-9	28-7	W
at UL Monroe	+2	54-21	W

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Wes Counts led the NCAA with a 72.6 completion % and had a 17-4 ratio. In 2002 Josh Harris (PS#72) became the first true frosh to start here since Kelly Holcomb in 1991 but broke his collarbone. Clint Marks (PS#168) got in two starts in '03, throwing for 593 yards (65.1%) with a 7-3 ratio. Marks beat out Harris in 2004 and broke the single-season passing record set by Counts in 1999 (2,603), by throwing for 2,749 (70.4%) with a 14-14 ratio. Harris threw for just 187 and surprisingly started the first game. Marks struggled early in 2005. In fact he did not top 200 yards passing in any of the first five (142.8 ypg). He had five 200+ yd games in the last six, avg'ing 228.2 ypg with a season high 297 vs Fla Int. His fourteen 200 yard games are #2 in MT history (Counts, 18) and Marks ranks #3 all-time with 5,425 yards (Holcomb #2 with 7,064). Marks led the SBC in pass efficiency and is the first MT QB to top 2,000 yards in two straight years, as he hit 66.1% with an 8-7 ratio LY. Marks does have to learn a new offensive scheme TY and has taken snaps out of the shotgun his entire career, including HS, and now is under center. The #2 spot will be fought for by strong-armed Joe Craddock (PS#204), Patrick Jackson (PS#168) and true frosh Salin Simpson (PS#265). Marks should have his best season as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - The RB corps was banged up in 2003 and Eugene Gross, who was a wishbone QB in HS, started seven and led with 735 (3.9). He also had 25 rec's (6.9) and was the top KR (18.0). Gross was hampered by ankle injures in '04 and had just 21 carries in the final 5 games but still led with 412 (4.0). Almost everyone returned last year and Gross had big games early on vs N Texas (129) and Fla Atl (131, 4 TD's). He finished with 724 (4.0). Ralph King (PS#101) was the #2 back but did not make the trip to Troy, so Ronald Steed (5-11 200 Sr) stepped in and rushed for 72 and finished with 195 (4.3). King had 105 yards vs Fla Int'l to finish with 312 (3.4). True frosh Alex Suber played in just three (56, 3.5) but missed the rest of the year with injury. This year everyone returns except FB Nick McAfee (6 st, 7 rec, 11.6) and King (2 st). New coaches like their own recruits and true frosh Desmond Gee (PS#61) could be the feature back. Not listed below are DeMarco McNair (5-11 188 Jr, PS#241) who had 125 total yards in '04 with 4.51 spd, Hunter Birtsch (5-11 244 Jr, 1 st), Spike McDaniel (5-10 205 So), Albert Webb (5-6 171 So), Anthony Smith (6-0 223 Jr) and Bradley Nix (6-0 215 Jr, PS#185DL). Gross, who benches 405 lbs, should have his best season as a senior.

LB JK Sabb

RECEIVERS - This position has had some fine receivers, including Tyrone Calico (#2DC TEN '03). Last season the team had to replace its top WR, by far, in Kerry Wright (PS#34) who had 1,048 yards (13.8). He left #2 all-time in receiving yards here. The top returning receiver was Chris Henry but he was lost for the season vs N Texas (7 rec). The unit added speed with SBC track champ Linnie Yarbrough, but he had just 2 grabs. True frosh Bobby Williams was labeled a big play man by McCollum, even though he did not join the team until August. Luke Paschall (5-10 177 Sr) was the team's Lifter of the Year but had 0 rec. Cleannord Saintil had 40 rec (9.4) in '04. He had 11 rec for 141 yards vs ULL and was 1st Tm SBC LY, as he had 66 (13.4). Saintil must be replaced, along with Chris Henry and Yarbrough. The leading returnees are TE Stephen Chicola (29 rec) and Williams (303 yds) but Williams was suspended for the spring. Even with the loss of their top guy, 4 of the top 5 receivers are back, making this unit more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - MT had strong OL performances at the start of the decade as the units paved the way for 5.3, 5.5 and 4.7 ypc rushing respectively. They lost 4 starters in 2003 and only avg'd 3.5 ypc. They had to replace 3 more starters in 2004 and had their lowest ypc since 1996 (3.3). Last year they had to replace two starters and lost starting RG Brian Smith after 5 games with an injury and vs Ark St, had three 1st time starters on the O-line. The unit only paved the way for 2.8 ypc rushing while allowing 37 sacks. This year they lose LT Willie Hall (11 st, 2nd Tm SBC, 3 yr st'r), RG Smith (5 st) and C Kyle Ringley (3 st). Seven of the top 10 are back and they get the outstanding addition of VHT Miss St transfer David Price (PS#55). This unit should have much better production in 2006 and is huge, averaging 314 lbs per starter.

DEFENSIVE LINE - MT had the top D-line in the SBC last year but surprisingly the Raiders' D allowed 3.9 ypc rushing and only posted 18 sacks. NG Jeff Littlejohn (PS#14) was 1st Tm SBC and SBC Def POY, while DT Quinton Staton was 2nd Tm SBC and 2nd on the team in tackles (surprising for a DT). This year they must replace three top-notch starters in Littlejohn (11 st, 34 tkl, 7.5 tfl), Staton (53 tkl, 6.5 tfl, 11 st) and DE Devarick Scandrett (11 st, 33 tkl, 5.5 tfl) along with backups DE Bobby Payne (1 st, 5 tkl) and DE Jason Elam (6 tkl). Although they do have a couple of VHT's, the group is less talented and less experienced than the 2005 version but still looks strong.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 MT switched from a 3-3-5 to a 4-3 and, after losing starting LB Jonathan Bonner in the first game, basically had just one starter back. They still had an active group as the top 3 tacklers on the team were LB's. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups but Bonner returned. Unfortunately, Dennis Burke was only able to start six games due to injury and Bonner missed three. HT JUCO JK Sabb led the team in tackles. Due to the injuries, four of the top seven tacklers were DB's and only two were LB's. This year they must replace SLB Burke (6 st, 36 tkl, 3 tfl) and Bonner (8 st, 46 tkl, 4.5 tfl). Justin Rainey had 8 starts in 2003 and after a year at JUCO, missed the final 8 last year due to injury. This unit is close to last year in terms of experience but hopefully can stay healthier.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - MT had to replace seven players who combined for 51 starts in 2004 and the inexperienced group finished just #114 in my pass D rankings. Last year all four starters returned. S Kevin Copeland, however, missed the year with injury. I called them one of the most improved secondaries in the NCAA. They moved up 57 spots to #57 allowing an 11-14 ratio. The star was CB Bradley Robinson (HM SBC) whose 5 int's were the most at MT since 1998 and he also had 7 pbu. This year they lose CB Keon Raymond (11 st, 50 tkl, 7 pbu), S Jeremiah Weaver (9 st, 39 tkl, 2 pbu), CB DeMarcus Green (3 tkl) and S Bryant House (3 tkl). While two starters depart, Ronald Steed moves back from FB. This is still a veteran unit as no less than 5 players have started at least 7 games in their career.

SPECIAL TEAMS - McCollum's special teams finished #48 in my rankings in 2004, thanks to the emergence of K Colby Smith. He was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award, hitting an outstanding 15 of 17 FG's. He also handled the punting and had a 34.7 net. Last year KO man Paul Wheeler also returned. Wheeler had 12 TB's and the team allowed just 15.8 per KR in 2004. They did have to replace their top KR and PR. Surprisingly MT dropped to #82 in my ST rankings. Wheeler lost his KO job to Smith who had 5 TB on 16 KO. Smith increased his punting average to 42.1 and his net to 35.5 and will be one of the top punters in the nation. Smith surprisingly struggled on FG's, hitting just 7 of 16, including 1 of 6 from 40+. His long FG in '04 was 42 yards and in '05 it was 45. Look for Smith to revert to 2004's FG form. Bradley Robinson averaged 9.2 on PR and Cleannord Saintil averaged 22.3 on KR. In the IA era (since 2000), the team has blocked 19 kicks, including 4 more last season. With Smith returning, the Raiders should move up in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Rick Stockstill has been a coach under Lou Holtz, Steve Spurrier, Danny Ford, Ken Hatfield, Tommy West and Tommy Bowden. He was the OC at ECar in 2003 and was the recruiting coordinator at SCar the last two years. The former Fla St QB has recruited 16 NFL signees over the last six years. His OC is G.A. Mangus who comes from a two year stint at Delaware Valley as the HC and was a QB at Florida under Spurrier. Manny Diaz begins his first year as DC. Diaz, who also coaches the safeties, spent the past six years on Chuck Amato's staff at NC St.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When the SBC was formed, MT looked like the class of the league and were favored to win it in each of the first two seasons. Unfortunately, after an 8-3 record in 2001 when they narrowly missed out on the title, they dropped to 4-8 in 2002 including 2-4 in conf play, despite outscoring foes by an avg 11.1 ppg. In 2003 they again finished 4-8 with a couple of OT losses and had 5 losses by 8 points or less. They tied for 2nd in the SBC at 4-3 but were actually outgained by 79.9 ypg in league play. In 2004 they improved to 5-6 and last year had 17 returning starters and were arguably the most talented team in the league. They trailed Alabama just 9-7 at the half and had an 18-8 FD edge vs Meineke Car Care Bowl Champ NCSt. They also beat SEC member Vanderbilt 17-15 (a game which basically knocked Vandy out of a bowl) and destroyed league champ Ark St 45-7. They outgained league opp's by 30.1 ypg, which was the 2nd best mark in the league. Amazingly MT outscored league foes by a league best 7.4 ppg but ended up with a 3-4 SBC record and a losing year! They had an amazing loss to NT in which they outFD'd them 22-14 but suffered -5 turnovers. They lost to Akron the next week in a flat spot, being outgained 421-211. They led ULL 10-0 but allowed the game-winning TD with 1:04 left. MT allowed ULM a TD pass in the last minute and missed a 52 yd FG in the last seconds. MT also allowed FIU a 20 yd TD run with 1:19 left. It's a great situation for new Coach Stockstill to step into and MT returns 13 starters, including QB Marks from a team that could easily have been 7-4. The offense greatly underachieved last year averaging just 19.1 ppg, which was 5.4 ppg worse than any year since they joined IA ball. With 9 starters back on offense, they will be much more potent. MT's D allowed just 18.7 ppg, their best since moving to IA ball by 7.3 ppg! They do have some significant losses on that side and have just four starters back on D but are clearly more experienced than the numbers indicate and should still have one of the SBC's top D's. MT was probably the most talented team in the SBC LY. They should achieve a winning record this year for the first time since '01 and are a prime contender for the SBC Title.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

QB 17 CLINT MARKS SR. 6-2 203 PS#168. 23 st 3Y, 5425 pass (68.2%), 29-24 ratio, 365 rush. **10** Patrick Jackson (6-2 189 Jr) PS#168. **12** Joe Craddock (5-11 192 So) strong arm.

TB 20 EUGENE GROSS SR. 5-9 208 21 st 3Y, 31 TD's. 1871 rush (3.9). 82 rec (8.3). **7** Alex Suber (5-9 170 So) PS#115. 84 yds true. "Cat-quick back". Desmond Gee is PS#61.

WR 87 BOBBY WILLIAMS SO. 6-3 183 **10 st true**, 22 rec (13.8). **88** Michael Cannon (5-10 176 rFr) PS#286. 1 st true & RS (inj). 4.4 spd. **FB 59** John Marc Stephens (6-4 267 So).

WR 13 TARON HENRY JR. 6-0 190 PS#127DB. 2 st rFr, 2 rec. 4 st, 20 rec (9.6) LY. **9** Jay Robinson (6-4 199 rFr) PS#178. 4.49 speed. **83** Jonathan Grigsby (5-9 177 Jr) 3 rec.

WR 4 Pierre Ingram Sr. 6-4 212 2 st, 7 rec 2Y. 4.55 spd. **47** Walt Bell (5-10 188 Sr) 1 st, 2 rec 3Y. **84** Dale Galvin (6-1 197 rFr) PS#371. **5** Thomas Osteen (6-2 201 Jr).

TE 85 STEPHEN CHICOLA JR. 6-5 248 PS#116. 4 st, 14 rec as true. 10 st LY, 29 (8.0). **80** Clinton Corder (6-3 240 Jr) 3 st as true. 1 rec LY. Alvin Ingle is PS#138. Mr Tenn finalist.

C 57 MARCUS GATES SR. 6-2 281 3 tkl at DL as rFr. 9 st '04 (8C, 1RG), 109 kd. 8 st LY, 93 kd. **62** Mark Thompson (6-4 294 rFr) PS#189DL. HS Mr Football Lineman.

RG 70 RICHARD BORTNER SO. 6-6 334 Huge. Last 6 starts at RG as rFr, 497 snaps. **61** Cade Becher (6-3 300 Sr) PS#272JC. 2nd string LY. **63** Chris Ritter (6-3 305 So) PS#421.

LG 79 Brandon Nix Jr. 6-4 286 PS#185DL. 4 tkl, 2 tfl as true DL. 6 st LG LY, 86.5 kd. **50** Paul Cantrell (6-4 313 Sr) PS#252. 2nd string 2Y, 2 letters. Tm rec 364 pclean.

RT 73 GERMAYLE FRANKLIN SR. 6-4 316 PS#541. 10 st rFr, 749 snaps. 11 st RT '04, 803 snaps. 11 st RT LY, 764 snaps, **2nd Tm SBC. 65** Darrell Howard (6-6 275 So) PS#492.

LT 54 FRANKLIN DUNBAR SO. 6-5 354 PS#434. Last 5 starts at LG as rFr, 545 snaps, 77 kd. **77 David Price** (6-3 305 So) **PS#55. Miss St transfer.** JC Moore is PS#562.

K 46 COLBY SMITH SR. 5-9 181 Hit 15 of 17 FG '04, **2nd Tm SBC**, long 42. 7 of 16 FG LY, long 45, 5 TB KO's. Michael Zacco is PS#81. 11 of 13 FG's in HS LY, long 49.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN BLUE

DE 43 ERIK WALDEN JR. 6-2 238 **PS#112 '03.** 4 st rFr, 25 tkl, 6 sk. 8 st (5DE, 3LB), 33 tkl, 8.5 tfl LY. **98** Chris McCoy (6-5 243 rFr). **78** Derek Mason (6-4 278 Jr) PS#281JC. RS LY.

NG 44 Brandon Perry So. 6-2 310 **PS#26.** 5 tkl, 1 sk, 1 tfl as true. **97** Trevor Jenkins (6-2 270 So) PS#237. 11 tkl, 1 tfl true. Gary Tucker PS#433. **93** Brandon Roberts (6-3 234 rFr).

DT 90 Chris Anderson Jr. 6-2 280 **PS#20. Orig at Fla St. 95** Jonathan Presley (6-4 240 So) PS#518. 5 tkl rFr. **55** Christopher Sapp (6-5 271 Sr) 4 st TE 2Y. OT LY, 3 tkl ST.

DE 45 Sean Mosley Jr. 6-3 265 **PS#99LB.** 9 st DE as rFr. 36 tkl, 3 sk, 1 tfl. 5 st LY, 25 tkl, 2 sk. **19** Tavares Jones (6-3 238 Jr) PS#290LB. 2 tkl '04. 1 st, 19 tkl, 1 tfl last year.

SLB 11 Chance Dunleavy Sr. 6-2 238 PS#208JC. 4 st, 31 tkl, 2 sk LY. **39** Marcus Brandon (5-11 216 Sr) 17 tkl 2Y. Andre Wicker is PS#150. Danny Carmichael is PS#184.

MLB 1 Justin Rainey Sr. 5-10 215 PS#262DB. JUCO. 8 st rFr (7 SS), 46 tkl, 3 tfl. 7 tkl LY (inj). **51** Coy Williamson (6-1 190 rFr) PS#249. Ralpheal Ousley (6-2 245 Fr) PS#166.

WLB 25 JK SABB SR. 5-11 230 **PS#90JC.** 10 st here LY, **2nd Tm SBC**, #1 tkl'r, **w/71, 13 tfl,** 5 pbu. **29** Lonnie Clemons (6-2 215 So) 3 tkl. Josh Dutton (6-0 228 Sr).

CB 24 BRADLEY ROBINSON JR. 5-10 170 PS#312. 4.43 spd. 10 st rFr, 46 tkl, 2 int. 11 st LY, 41 tkl, **5 int.** 7 pbu, HM SBC. Craig Harris (6-0 175 Fr) PS#580 '05. Enroll Jan '06, in spg.

CB 6 Roy Polite Jr. 6-1 188 PS#340. 1 st, 21 tkl as true, 1 int. 6 st LY, 23 tkl, 1 int. **26** Jordan Wilson (5-10 172 So) PS#555RB. 1 tkl as true. **18** Ryan Robinson (5-9 168 Jr).

SS 8 JONATHAN HARRIS JR. 5-10 207 8 st '04, 40 tkl, 3 tfl. 11 st LY, 37 tkl. **27** Reggie Doucet (6-0 180 Sr) PS#266JC. JC '04, 71 tkl, 8 pbu, 3 int. 4 tkl LY. **32** Dana Stewart (5-10 191 Jr) 8 tkl 2Y.

FS 5 Damon Nickson Jr. 6-0 177 PS#259. 6 st CB as true, 23 tkl. 3 st at S LY, 35 tkl. **7 Kevin Copeland** (5-10 196 Sr) **7 st** '04, 42 tkl. Inj'd 05. **37** Anthony Glover (6-2 211 Jr) 13 tkl 2Y.

P 46 COLBY SMITH SR. 5-9 181 9 punts rFr (38.7). 55 punts (39.9) in '04, net 34.7. 59 punts, 42.1 avg LY, **2nd Tm SBC**, net 35.5. **35** Matt King (5-10 192 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Desmond Gee 5-8 170 PS#61
LB	Andre Wicker 6-1 225 PS#150
RB	Phillip Tanner 6-0 195 PS#190
LB	Ralpeal Ousley 6-4 245 PS#166
LB	Danny Carmichael 6-0 230 PS#184
DL	Josh Hise 6-5 250 PS#433JC
LB	Cam Robinson 6-1 220 PS#315RB
QB	Salin Simpson 6-3 205 PS#265
TE	Alvin Ingle 6-2 230 PS#138
K	Michael Zacco 5-10 175 PS#81
DL	Gary Tucker 6-2 245 PS#433
OL	Chris Hawkins 6-3 285 PS#562
OL	Evon Lettsome 6-4 295 PS#562
OL	JC Moore 6-6 305 PS#562
LB	Adam Wade 5-10 210 PS#485
DB	Craig Harris 6-0 175 PS#585 '05

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2006 Schedule Difficulty-#108

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score MT	Final Score Opp	Win/Loss
Aug. 31	Florida Int'l (Thur)	A					
Sep. 9	at Maryland	G					
Sep. 14	Tenn Tech (Thur)	A					
Sep. 23	at Oklahoma	G					
Sep. 30	at North Texas	A					
Oct. 6	† Louisville (Fri) *(Nashville)*	G					
Oct. 14							
Oct. 21	at ULM	G					
Oct. 28	at Louisiana-Lft	G					
Nov. 4	Florida Atlantic (HC)	A					
Nov. 11	at Arkansas St	A					
Nov. 18	at South Carolina	G					
Nov. 25	Troy	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Rick Stockstill is the 14th HC at MTSU after coaching under Lou Holtz, Steve Spurrier, Danny Ford, Tommy Bowden, Ken Hatfield & Tommy West. MTSU is 1-3 SU & ATS as a home dog since 1999.

MTSU is 0-4 SU & 0-2 ATS L4Y in home openers w/an avg of just 36 ppg combined. In '03, FAU beat MTSU on a 62 yd last play "Hail Mary" on a Thur to open the season.

MTSU is 2-5 SU (1-2 ATS) avg 41 ppg combined all-time vs current ACC tms. Middle Tennessee is a perfect 7-0 ATS in road openers.

Golden Eagles were 4-7 LY as IAA Ohio Valley Conference members. These in-state universities are about 82 miles apart & MTSU leads 35-32 all-time.

Blue Raiders are just 4-11 ATS after a SU win the last 4 years. First game vs OU as MTSU is 0-3 SU (1-0 ATS) being outscored 145-61 vs Big 12 tms.

Blue Raiders are 0-5 SU & ATS vs North Texas, all as SBC members. Middle Tennessee is 6-10 SU & ATS in SBC road games.

The Coliseum is home to the NFL Titans as MTSU is 35 miles away & Louisville 175. Blue Raiders are 2-6 SU but 6-2 ATS before a bye week since 1999.

MTSU is 5-3 SU & 3-5 ATS (2-0 SU & ATS LY) the week after a bye. SU winner has won by DD 5 of the 6 gms & the HT is 4-2 ATS in this series.

MTSU led 10-0 after 1Q LY & blew many chances for the win vs ULL. They only scored 23 pts combined LY, but in their 7 meetings have avg'd 63.5 ppg.

MTSU rushed for 263 yds LY vs FAU (ssn high mark) the most since 316 vs USU in '02. The home team is 0-3 SU & 0-2 ATS in their 3 all-time meetings.

The visitor is 1-4 ATS in this series involving SBC games. In '04, QB Clint Marks had a career best 30-34 for 447 yds vs Ark St.

Stockstill has been coaching for 24 yrs & spent the L/2 on the SC staff. Blue Raiders are 3-9 SU & 8-4 ATS the last 12 gms vs the SEC.

Middle Tenn is 13-3 SU & 2-4 ATS since '90 in Johnny "Red" Floyd finales. The dog has lost all 4 meetings ATS in this series.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Wes Counts 8,007 1998-'01
Rushing: Joe Campbell 3,823 1988-'91 Receiving: Kendall Newson 3,074 1998-'01

RICK STOCKSTILL (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Middle Tenn — Stockstill's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Stockstill's records AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Home Favorite
0-0	Vs The Spread	0-0	Home Underdog
0-0	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Away Underdog
0-0	Vs Non-Conf	0-0	Off A Bye

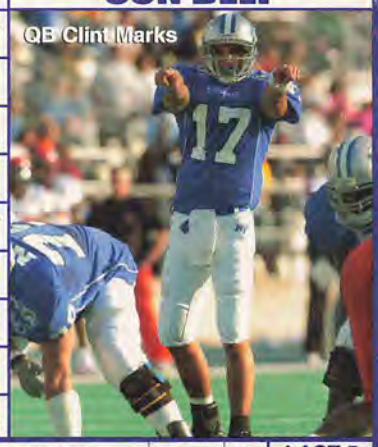
2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (22,21,2)
Lost: 23 (11,10,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,241

SUN BELT



STADIUM: JOHNNY "RED" FLOYD (30,788)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	6-5	8-3	4-8	4-8	5-6	4-7	34-45
Home	3-2	5-0	5-0	3-2	2-4	4-1	1-4	23-13
Away	0-6	1-5	3-3	1-6	2-4	1-5	3-3	11-32
ATS	3-4	7-2	5-6	5-6	6-5	5-6	5-6	36-35
Home Fav	0-0	1-1	2-3	2-1	2-2	4-1	1-4	12-12
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-3
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	1-2	0-2	2-0	0-2	2-1	6-7
Away Dog	3-3	4-1	2-1	3-2	2-2	1-3	2-1	17-13
Favorite	0-0	2-1	3-5	2-3	4-2	4-3	3-5	18-19
Dog	3-4	5-1	2-1	3-3	2-3	1-3	2-1	18-16
Grass	3-3	4-1	3-2	3-3	2-2	0-3	3-1	18-15
Artificial	0-1	3-1	2-4	2-3	4-3	5-3	2-5	18-20
vs Conf	1-3	3-1	2-4	2-4	3-3	4-4	3-4	18-23
vs Non-Conf	2-1	4-1	3-2	3-2	3-2	1-2	2-2	18-12
Off SU Win	0-2	3-1	4-3	1-2	1-2	1-4	1-3	11-17
Off SU Loss	2-2	3-1	0-3	3-4	5-3	3-2	3-3	19-18

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Eugene Gross	182	762	38	724	13	4.0
Ralph King	92	345	33	312	2	3.4
Ronald Steed	45	202	7	195	1	4.3
Alex Suber	16	63	7	56	0	3.5
Linnie Yarbrough	3	43	0	43	0	14.3
Bobby Williams	4	24	0	24	0	6.0
Clint Marks	69	106	236	-130	2	-1.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Clint Marks	298	197	66.1	2083	8	7
Josh Harris	15	9	60.0	73	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Cleannord Saintil	66	884	13.4	3	43
Bobby Williams	22	303	13.8	1	49
Eugene Gross	33	277	8.4	1	37
Stephen Chicola	29	231	8.0	1	30
Taron Henry	20	192	9.6	0	26
Nick McAfee	7	81	11.6	2	22
Jonathan Grigsby	3	50	16.7	0	25
Chris Henry	7	39	5.6	0	17
Alex Suber	4	28	7.0	0	13
Ronald Steed	4	19	4.8	0	11

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Colby Smith	59	2484	42.1	13	35.5	2	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Colby Smith	26-26	5-6	1-4	1-5	0-1	7-16	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
JK Sabb	71	2	11	5	1
Quinton Staton	53	1	5.5	0	0
Keon Raymond	50	0	2.5	7	2
Jonathan Bonner	46	1	3.5	0	1
Bradley Robinson	41	0	2	7	5
Jeremiah Weaver	39	0	0	2	1
Jonathan Harris	37	1	1.5	0	1
Dennis Burke	36	0	3	1	1
Damon Nickson	35	0	0.5	3	0
Jeff Littlejohn	34	2	5.5	1	1
Erik Walden	33	3	5.5	2	0
Devarick Scandrett	33	3	2.5	0	0
Chance Dunleavy	31	2	0	0	0
Sean Mosley	25	2	1	0	0
Roy Polite	23	0	0	0	1
Tavares Jones	19	0	1	1	0
Marcus Brandon	15	0	0	0	0
Trevor Jenkins	11	0	1	0	0
Anthony Glover	8	0	1	0	0
Justin Rainey	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bradley Robinson	18	165	9.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Cleannord Saintil	17	379	22.3	0
Taron Henry	9	167	18.6	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Mid Tenn's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-0

MIDDLE TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	19.1	17	109	2.8	198	65.8	16.1	+6	2005	9	18.7	19	136	3.9	198	58.1	17.8
6	24.5	20	107	3.3	268	69.8	15.3	-6	2004	6	26.6	22	138	3.7	273	64.9	15.5
5*	27.7	19	145	3.5	227	61.2	13.4	+2	2003	8	31.3	23	171	4.2	254	61.8	13.6
9	24.8	18	209	4.7	154	57.8	14.7	0	2002	6	27.7	20	172	4.3	229	61.4	14.5
7*	37.1	26	238	5.5	244	69.0	13.0	-4	2001	6	26.0	22	140	3.8	255	58.8	15.2
10*	31.8	22	194	5.3	239	59.6	13.6	+1	2000	8	28.7	22	151	4.2	236	62.0	13.5

2005 STATS BY GAME

MT 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Alabama	9	25-34	1.4	13-20	123	5	20	37-133	3.6	17-25	212	1	0
–	North Texas	22	48-188	3.9	21-27	195	1	14	44-152	3.5	10-16	122	1	-5
–	Akron	9	23-54	2.3	23-40	157	3	26	39-102	2.6	23-43	319	1	+2
–	at Vanderbilt	11	31-62	2.0	14-22	147	2	23	33-102	3.1	26-45	245	1	+1
–	at Fla Atlantic	25	64-263	4.1	12-19	115	1	16	26-104	4.0	11-28	165	4	+4
–	Louisiana-Lft	16	37-45	1.2	19-25	218	9	17	44-170	3.9	14-25	138	1	0
–	Arkansas St	21	43-146	3.4	18-28	266	2	16	35-146	4.2	16-28	119	3	0
–	UL Monroe	20	36-126	3.5	20-33	272	3	27	41-232	5.7	28-44	227	1	0
–	at NC State	18	39-50	1.3	23-37	228	3	8	31-153	4.9	6-11	85	1	0
–	at Troy	16	45-125	2.8	18-27	146	4	17	29-74	2.6	18-32	230	3	+2
–	at Florida Int'l	24	38-107	2.8	27-38	316	4	23	24-124	5.2	22-32	314	1	+2
TOTALS		191	429-1200	2.8	208-316	2183	37	207	383-1492	3.9	191-329	2176	18	+6
AVERAGES		17.4	39-109	2.8	19-29	198	3.4	18.8	35-136	3.9	17-30	198	1.6	0.5

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Vanderbilt	+7'	37-28	W
Troy	-14	54-17	W
at UL Monroe	-20'	38-20	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-16	26-9	W
Idaho	-19'	70-58	L
at North Texas	-14	21-24	L
at Mississippi	+12	17-45	L
New Mexico St	-7'	39-35	L
Arkansas St	-22	54-6	W
at LSU	+17	14-30	W
Connecticut	-26'	38-14	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+17	34-39	W
at Tennessee - #4	+22	3-26	L
at Kentucky	+5'	22-44	L
SE Missouri	NL	14-24	–
at Arkansas St	-16	7-13	L
at Vanderbilt	+6'	21-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-9'	48-35	W
at Idaho	-3'	18-21	L
at New Mexico St	+6'	21-24	W
UL Monroe	-17	44-28	L
North Texas	+2'	20-30	L
Utah St	-6'	45-28	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Florida Atlantic	NL	19-20	–
at Georgia - #8	+29	10-29	W
at Clemson	+14	14-37	L
at Missouri - #23	+21'	40-41 OT	W
Temple	-3	36-44	L
New Mexico St	-4	35-18	W
at Idaho	-3'	28-21 OT	W
North Texas	+2'	28-33	L
at Utah St	+2	20-41	L
Troy	-4	27-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-14'	51-57 4OT	L
at Arkansas St	-6	24-14	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Akron	+6'	31-24	W
Florida Atlantic	-2'	20-27	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-2	17-24	L
at North Texas	+3	21-30	L
Arkansas St	-6	45-17	W
at Florida - #22	+28'	16-52	L
Idaho	-10	34-14	W
Utah St	-9'	21-0	W
at New Mexico St	-3	10-44	L
UL Monroe	-6	37-24	W
at Troy	+14	17-37	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Alabama	+21'	7-26	W
North Texas	-4	7-14	L
Akron	-6	7-17	L
at Vanderbilt	+14	17-15	W
at Fla Atlantic	-3'	35-14	W
Louisiana-Lft	-14	10-13	L
Arkansas St	-4'	45-7	W
UL Monroe	-11	31-34	L
at NC State	+18	3-24	L
at Troy	-6'	17-7	W
at Florida Int'l	-6	31-35	L

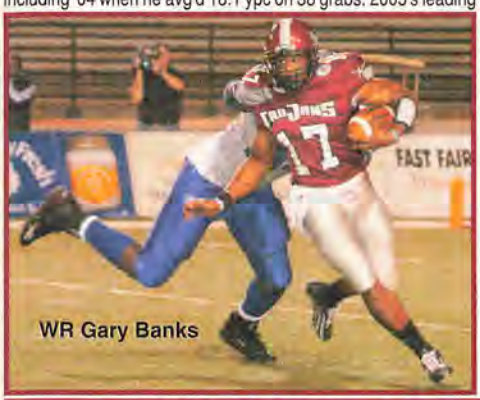
TROY TROJANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 E Tenn St transfer Carl Meadows battled VHT Aaron Leak (PS#29), who started the final 10 in 2003, for the starting job. Leak threw for 1,427 (42.5%) with a 7-12 ratio. Meadows threw for 1,153 (47.1%) with a 10-4 ratio at ETSU in '03. They signed HT QB DT McDowell (PS#37) who originally committed to Nebraska but signed with the Anaheim Angels. Leak started the first 6 in 2004 but McDowell took over the final six and was a dangerous runner but only threw for 585 (40.4%) with a 5-4 ratio. Leak graduated in '05 and McDowell was ruled ineligible. Meadows seemed to be showing improvement behind a leaky O-line that allowed 9 sacks in the first two games but after an 0 for 5 start, true frosh Julian Foster took over vs ULM. Foster (practicing with Scout Tm 2 weeks prior) hit 15 of 24 for 174 yds and took over the starting job. Meadows took over for an injured Foster on the final drive vs ULL and hit a TD pass with :22 left to force OT. Foster's most impressive game was vs Fla Atl when he hit 17 of 27 for 271 yards with 3 TD's but then he threw for just 98 vs Ark St and was suspended for the finale, a game in which Meadows hit 17 of 31 for 226. Overall Meadows threw for 974 (47.3%) with a 6-10 ratio, while Foster had 797 (56.2%) and a better ratio (5-4). Larry Dockery, who threw for 4,269 (48.7%) with a 30-26 ratio in 2 years at a JC, hit 6 of 14 vs Missouri LY but redshirted. Foster, Meadows and Dockery will battle VHT JUCO Omar Haugabook, who threw for 2,736 (56.1%) with 23 TD's and 450 yards rush at JC LY. Not listed below are Jason Grant (6-3 205 rFr), Joseph Anderson (6-2 185 rFr) who had 3,000 pass yards in HS, Adam White (6-3 195 rFr) and two HT true frosh. The last 4 years Troy has avg'd a paltry 137.5 ypg passing (44.8%) and I will call for them to possibly double the ypg in 2006.

RUNNING BACKS - DeWhitt Betterson was a big, bruising back who left as Troy's all-time career leading rusher after rushing for 1,286 (5.0) and powering the team to a bowl in 2004. Last year they also lost their #2 RB (341). Kenny Cattouse (PS#98), who is New Jersey's all-time leading HS rusher, got in 4 games as a true (51 yd). Walk-on senior Joel Whinghter, who had just 26 yards and 13 tackles on ST in '04, won the starting job LY. Whinghter had 102 vs S Car but had fumble problems and had just 7 carries vs NT. Cattouse, who had just 23 carries for 49 yards in the first four, rushed for 109 vs NT and true frosh Anthony Jones had 79 (8.8). Whinghter rushed for 135 vs ULM when Cattouse was injured. Whinghter also led the team in rushing vs FIU and Middle Tenn St while Cattouse led the team vs ULL and FAU. FB Sean Dawkins had 36 to lead vs Ark St. This year they must replace their leading rusher, Whinghter (531, 5.6) as well as Ryan Babb (40 yd) who moves to LB. I look for much improved production from the RB's, especially with a more experienced O-line.

RECEIVERS - Jason Samples led the team in rec for 3 years including '04 when he avg'd 18.1 ypc on 38 grabs. 2005's leading returning receiver was James Earl Cray (20, 14.0) but he had just one start (12 rec) LY. They added JUCO WR Smokey Hampton and he led with 39 (14.9). Soph Gary Banks moved from QB to WR in the spring and reminds the coaches of Samples. Banks was #2 with 25 (11.7) and was named 2nd Tm SBC all-purp, playing on all special teams, holding on FG's and occasionally QB (just one pass). Banks had 9 rec in the last 3 games. TE Rob Austin moved to LT and started the first two there but started the next 8 at TE (6 rec). The team will rarely use the TE position TY but this is a very deep unit. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Josh Pruitt (6-3 226 Sr, 1 st TE), Fred Turner (5-8 173 So), Larry Johnson (6-4 220 rFr), Tim Johnson (6-3 180 So), Travis Boyd (6-3 200 rFr) and this year's two newcomers, Cornelius Williams (PS#99) and Gerald Tate (PS#253JC), who could play immediately. With everyone back, it's a good year to be switching to the new pass offense.



WR Gary Banks

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004, with four starters back, the OL paved the way for 3.9 ypc rush with 31 sacks allowed. Last year they had to replace 4 starters, including two All-SBC members. They allowed 5 sacks to Cal Poly and shuffled the O-line in Wk 3. The inexperienced O-line only opened holes for 3.0 ypc rush, while allowing 38 sacks (12.8%!). This year they lose RT James Edwards (11 st) and LT Zarah Yisrael (11 st). Not only do they have 8 of the top 10 back but Austin returns from TE. This O-line is vastly more experienced than 2005.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Troy allowed just 2.8 ypc rushing but had to replace DE Osi Umenyiora (#2DC NYJ), who was #2 in the NCAA with 16 sacks and two other starters, including a #7DC. Troy allowed 3.4 ypc rush in '03 and with a veteran group in '04, led by super DE DeMarcus Ware (#1DC DAL, SBC Def POY), yielded just 2.7 ypc. Last year they had to replace all four starters and a backup. NT Torre Lankford returned after starting 12 in '03 but, as expected, Troy allowed 3.7 ypc rush, their highest in 4 years and recorded just 17 sacks. This year the losses are heavy again, as gone are DE Larry Brown (11 st, 45 tkl, 3 tfl), NT Lankford (11 st, 70 tkl, 7 sk) and DT David Tramble (11 st, 39 tkl). Five of the top 8 are back and DE Kenny Mainor, who was called "the next DeMarcus Ware," may emerge as a soph. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jeremy Hawkins (6-4 225 rFr) and David Cain (6-1 310 Jr). They also get an outstanding addition in Chris Bradwell (PS#36JC), the JUCO Def POY in Mississippi. Despite losing 3 starters, this unit has more experience than 2005 and will provide a solid defensive front like you would expect from the Trojans.

LINEBACKERS - Troy has had an experienced LB corps the last few years. They had 3 starters back in '04 and last year only had to replace one starter but also two highly productive backups who combined for 78 tackles and 7 tfl. They returned their top two tacklers, Bernard Davis and Leverne Johnson. Johnson (9 st) fractured a fibula and was thought to be lost for 4 to 6 weeks but returned after missing just two games. He was the #5 tackler, adding 9 tfl. Davis led the team in tackles again (11 st, 1st Tm SBC, 5.5 tfl). Not listed in the 4 deep below are Yannick Brown (6-2 200 So, PS#293), Edward Turk (6-0 203 Jr, Alabama transfer), Kyle Turner (6-1 228 rFr, PS#427), Michael Cunningham (5-7 200), Casey Smith (6-0 215 rFr) and Brandon Whaley (6-0 220). Johnson and Davis must be replaced, however, Marcus Richardson (4.4 spd), will be one of the SBC's top LB's this year. Although 4 of the top 6 are back, they do have to replace their 2 stars so I'll call this unit down a few notches.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Troy was #54 in my pass D rankings in '03 led by Derrick Ansley, who had 9 int and SS Rayshun Reed (12 pbu). Reed was the only loss in '04. Troy was #9 in '04 with 25 int which tied a school record. Last year they had to replace starting FS Ansley, starting CB White and a SS who had 4 starts, so basically had 2 starters back. Despite two outstanding CB's, Troy slipped to #87 and only had 5 int. This year they lose CB Adrian Ghent (11 st, 36 tkl, 5 pbu, 37" VL) and their top cover corner, Johnny Faulk (1st Tm SBC, 2 int, 7 pbu). Six of the top 8 are back and they get some top-notch additions in JC's Elbert Mack, Derrius Jackson, Terry Fulton, converted WR Courtland Fuller and former QB Cordera Ferguson (PS#268QB). Despite the loss of Faulk, this unit should actually move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Blakeney always puts an emphasis on this unit but an inexperienced group finished #113 in my ST rankings in '02. Thomas Olmsted (PS#14K) handled the punting duties the last 4 years with his booming leg. They only moved up to #96 in '03 but #45 in '04. Olmsted had increased his net every year from 31.4 to 36.3 to 37.7 but surprisingly in 2005 his net was just 34.1. Greg Whibbs hit 12 of 14 FG's with a long of 43 in 2004. Whibbs was the SBC ST POW vs Fla Int'l in 2005 with 3 FG's but had 2 misses the next week and surprisingly hit just 11 of 20 FG's overall. He did have a long of 48 and 3 blocks but only hit 1 of 6 from 40+. Olmsted had just 6 TB's on 42 KO's. The star of the unit was Leodis McKelvin who was the 1st Tm SBC returnman. He had a 100 yd KR TD vs S Car and a 73 yd PR TD vs UAB (avg 25.8 KR, 12.6 PR). JC Elbert Mack had a 91 yard KR TD this spring. McKelvin and Whibbs return but they must replace Olmsted and should improve upon last year's #77 finish.

COACHES - This is Larry Blakeney's 16th year and he has guided the team from Div II to IAA and finally to IA in 2001. The team won three Southland Conference Titles in the final 5 years of IAA ball and in 1999 beat Cincinnati, S Florida and MTSt, finishing #6 in IAA. In 2003 Troy switched from the confusing spread to the I-formation. This year they bring in new OC Tony Franklin who will use a 3 and 4 WR offense, and he was an asst with Kentucky during the Mumme years. After losing their outstanding DC Wayne Bolt to UAB in '03, last year they lost DC Vic Koenning to Clemson. Blakeney used co-DC's in Ricky Logo who was the DT coach in '04 and Jeremy Rowell who was the DB coach. Logo departs and the new co-DC is Mike Pelton. Blakeney is #7 in active coaches in the NCAA in wins at their current school (119).

PHIL'S FORECAST

This is a team that went from Div II to IAA to IA in 13 years. Troy suffered their first losing season in 5 years in 2002 as they upgraded their schedule to take on more IA teams. They expanded their stadium to 30,000 and switched to an AstroPlay surface in 2003. Despite 8 road games, posting the highest travel mileage total in school history (7,270) plus having just 9 starters returning, they managed a 6-6 record. In 2004, with 17 starters returning, led by an outstanding DL and a schedule which did not have them facing N Texas, I called them the 9th most improved team in the country. Things got off to a great start as they upset Marshall on the road and then beat #19 Missouri at home on ESPN on a Thurs night. Troy not only managed a winning season but earned their first IA bowl berth. Despite a 7-5 overall record, they were actually outgained by 26.8 ypg in 2004 while also benefitting from +11 in turnovers (pg 312). In 2004 they were the 2nd most experienced team in the SBC but last year they were the least experienced with just 7 starters back. Last season Troy was picked 2nd in the preseason SBC poll and I didn't make a lot of friends in Troy by pegging them 6th in the league. I called it a rebuilding year and forecasted an under .500 finish. As expected, Troy struggled finishing 4-7. They suffered -9 in turnovers and had 2 close wins and losses. This year Troy has just 12 returning starters, the 2nd fewest in the league. The offense is undergoing a change to a pure pass offense and has an excellent QB in VHT Omar Haugabook to help in that endeavor. Overall 8 starters are back on offense and they will be far more explosive than in 2005, when they avg'd just 15.9 ppg. Troy has just 4 starters back on D and lose 4 of their top 5 tacklers but they also returned just 4 starters on D last year and the 2005 unit allowed 23.2 ppg, their highest in 5 years. With a switch to a more pass-happy offense, it may be tough to improve upon those numbers and last year's D had their top 4 tacklers back. Troy has a favorable conference schedule and despite a killer 4 game road trip early in the season, will return to the plus side of the ledger in SBC play and contend for the SBC crown.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

QB	Omar Haugabook 6-2 220 PS#7JC
DL	Chris Bradwell 6-5 280 PS#36JC
WR	Cornelius Williams 6-1 180 PS#99
QB	Jonathan Chandler 6-1 190 PS#94
WR	Gerald Tate 5-10 185 PS#253JC
QB	Tanner Jones 6-1 190 PS#100
OL	Mike Fair 6-4 255 PS#210 '05
LB	Johnathan Reese 6-1 210 PS#337JC
OL	Jim Bob Williams 6-4 260 PS#279 '05
WR	Patrick Cherry 6-1 200 PS#205 '05
LB	Nikko Doyle 6-3 235 PS#428JC
DL	Marcus Pittman 6-4 290 PS#428JC
DB	Elbert Mack 5-10 170 PS#440JC
DB	Derrius Jackson 6-1 180 PS#444JC
LB	Boris Lee 6-2 210 PS#495 '05
DB	Bryant McKissic 6-1 190 PS#457
WR	Austin Silvoy 6-3 180 PS#385
DL	Jamare Mathis 6-4 210 PS#412
DL	Jeremy Jenkins 6-4 260 PS#415
LB	John Mark Patrick 6-3 215 PS#415
DL	Cameron Sheffield 6-2 225 PS#438
DB	Justin Bray 5-11 170 PS#504
LB	Jeff Banks 6-3 215 PS#447DL
QB	Doug Mimms 6-0 185 PS#395
RB	Sam Sellers 5-11 185 PS#515
DL	Cedric McKinley 6-6 240 PS#495
DL	Untavious Scott 6-3 210 PS#495
DL	Randy Underwood 6-6 210 PS#495
RB	Xavier Walker 5-10 185 PS#555 '05
DB	Chris Bowens 6-0 185 PS#560
DB	Steve Tonsul 5-9 180 PS#560
LB	Ryan Anderson 6-2 220 PS#485
RB	Jarrod Coaxum 5-8 190 PS#515
K	Patrick McGlon 5-9 160 PS#107 '05

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN MAROON)

QB 16 OMAR HAUGABOOK JR. 6-2 220 **PS#7JC. 4.6 spd.** In for spg. **9 Larry Dockery** (6-1 200 Jr) PS#295JC. RS LY. **14 Julian Foster** (6-2 172 So) 4 st. **12 Carl Meadows** (6-2 185 Sr) 7 st.

RB 22 Kenny Cattouse Jr. 5-10 207 **PS#98**. 5 st, 359 ttl yds LY. **42** Xavier Walker (5-10 185 Fr) GS. **39** Tim Bolton (5-11 173 rFr) PS#375. **48** David Dawson (5-8 184 So) Fla A&M.

FB 33 SEAN DAWKINS SR. 5-10 225 PS#102. 16 st FB 2Y, 400 rush (4.0), 14 rec. **23** Marlo East (5-11 207 Sr) 38 yds in 2Y. **36** Anthony Jones (6-2 198 So) 188 (5.2) as **true**.

WR 5 SMOKEY HAMPTON SR. 6-1 175 PS#186DB. JUCO. 11 st, 39 (14.9) LY. **4** Toris Rutledge (6-2 199 Sr) 5 st, 3Y, 36 (13.5). **10** James Earl Cray (5-10 171 Sr) 12 st, 32 rec (11.9) 2Y.

WR 17 GARY BANKS JR. 6-1 196 PS#135QB. **2nd Tm SBC in '05**, 11 st, 25 (11.7). **2** Martin Teal (6-4 207 Sr) **4.53 spd.** 2 st, 3Y, 16 (14.1). **19** Darius Williams (5-10 162 So) 261 ttl yd rFr.

WR 80 Josh Allen Jr. 5-11 192 Mars Hill trans. 1 st, 14 (8.6) LY. **87** Chris Lucas (5-10 180 rFr). **86** Patrick Cherry (6-1 200 Fr) PS#205. GS. **81** Daniel Coleman (6-1 175 rFr).

C 63 ZACH YENSER SR. 6-1 280 PS#371. 8 games '04. 11 st C LY, 419 plays. **72** James Gardner (6-3 311 Sr) 28 gms, 337 snaps LY. **50** Chris Burkhalter (6-2 265 rFr) PS#272.

RG 71 KIRBIE BODIFORD SR. 6-4 287 4 st RG rFr. 7 gm '04. 11 st RG LY. **75** Danny Franks (6-4 320 rFr). **69** Steven Merkel (6-5 298 So) 4 gms, 33 plays. **67** Germaine Brown (6-4 269 rFr).

LG 65 CHRIS JAMISON SO. 6-3 285 L/8 st LG rFr. **66** Nic Riley (6-4 270 rFr) PS#177. **55** Josh Henderson (6-1 286 So) 2nd string. **64** Jim Bob Williams (6-4 260 Fr) PS#279 '05. GS.

RT 68 Will Chambliss III So. 6-6 292 2nd string rFr. **70** Seth Sutton (6-6 314 rFr) GS '04. **62** Emeka Okosa (6-3 319 So) 7 gms, 77 plays. **74** Steven Adams (6-4 315 rFr) PS#524.

LT 79 ROB AUSTIN SR. 6-5 267 3 st TE '04. 10 sts LY (2 LT, 8 TE), 6 rec (7.0). **53** Kenny Griffin (6-3 315 Sr) 5 st RT '04. 1 st LT LY, 10 gm. **59** Will Roddy (6-4 252 rFr).

K 40 GREG WHIBBS JR. 5-10 166 PS#74. 12 of 14 FG's as rFr, long 43. 11 of 20 FG's LY, long 48, 19-19 xp's. **38** Sam Glusman (5-9 161 rFr) PS#84. **48** Alex Burkett PS#99QB.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN MAROON)

DE 51 KENNY MAINOR SO. 6-4 216 10 starts rFr, 43 tkl, 3 tfl. **11** Boo Smith (6-0 232 Sr) 2 st, 32 tkl in 2003. Inj'd L2Y. **98** John Jackson (6-5 238 Sr) PS#395JC. 5 tkl in 2 years.

DT 55 Steve McLendon So. 6-4 280 PS#362. 16 tkl, 3 tfl. **67** Junior Tagovailoa (6-2 257 Jr) PS#262JC. 4 tkl, 8 gm LY. Brandon Suggs (6-2 263 So) PS#161. 3 st TE, 1 rec. Marcus Pittman PS#428JC.

DT NA Chris Bradwell Jr. 6-5 280 **PS#59DL 2003. PS#36JC, Miss JC Def POY.**

74 Franklin Lloyd (6-0 283 Sr) 68 tkl, 6.5 sk, 5 tfl 3Y. **95** Maurice Coleman (6-1 273 So) 3 tkl LY.

DE 93 Baron Lemar Jr. 6-5 273 PS#295JC. 7 tkl LY. **58** Shawn Todd (6-3 245 Jr) 1 st, 15 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **96** Eugene Newbold (6-7 245 rFr). **50** Jeremy Peavy (6-3 225 rFr).

SLB 26 MARCUS RICHARDSON JR. 6-3 214 PS#261DB. 11 st, 59 tkl, 7 tfl. **4.4 spd. 35** Ryan Babb (5-11 198 Sr) Bama trans. 76 ttl yd 2Y. **19** Nathan Nolin (6-1 205 rFr). **57** DiShunn Harris (5-10 222 Jr).

MLB 7 Andre Morgan Sr. 6-1 204 PS#506DB. 14 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **56** Joe Baker (6-0 210 rFr). **54** Bear Woods (6-0 212 So). **52** Jason Richardson (5-11 212 Sr). Nikko Doyle PS#428JC.

WLB 41 Romanique Lewis Jr. 6-2 225 17 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **24** Josh Maxwell (6-0 204 Jr) 2 st, 31 tkl, 2Y. **43** Trinidy Thomas (5-11 191 So). 38.5" VL. **44** Adam Vinson (5-11 227 rFr).

CB 34 Leodis McKelvin Jr. 5-11 187 PS#345. 17 tkl true. 30 tkl LY, **1st Tm SBC** ret. 1668 ret yds 2Y. **18** Courtland Fuller (6-1 183 rFr) **PS#130WR. 49** Terry Fulton (5-9 173 So) JC.

CB 32 Henry Chubb So. 5-11 185 PS#279. 10 tkl, 1 pbu as true. **8** Elbert Mack PS#440JC. In for spg. Derrius Jackson. 8 int JC. **36** Darryl Watts (5-10 187 So) 7 tkl last year.

SS 28 BRANNON CONDREN SR. 6-1 205 1 st, 17 tkl '04. 11 st LY, 58 tkl, 5 pbu. **31** Terence Moore (6-3 195 So) 8 tkl true. **23** Xavier Moreland (5-11 185 So). **12** Cordera Ferguson (5-10 195 rFr).

FS 6 SHERROD MARTIN JR. 6-1 187 7 st SS, 68 tkl, 3 int '04. 11 st LY, 78 tkl, 11 pbu, 5 tfl. **15** Tavares Williams (6-1 190 So) PS#341. 11 tkl LY. **25** Derick Pendergrass (6-0 195 Sr) JC. 22 tkl LY.

P 49 Jason Wright Sr. 6-0 217 Backup '05. WR/P HS. Patrick McGlon (5-9 160 Fr) PS#107. GS. 36.5 avg HS. Sam Glusman PS#84. Alex Burkett (5-10 170 rFr) PS#99QB.

TROY TROJANS

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LARRY BLAKENEY (Career 119-60-1)
16th Year at Troy
Blakeney's SU Bowl Record: 0-1

Blakeney's records AT TROY

119-60-1	Straight Up	5-4	Home Favorite
23-22-1	Vs The Spread	2-2	Home Underdog
12-9	Off A SU Loss	1-4	Away Favorite
6-7-1	Vs Conference	15-12-1	Away Underdog
17-15	Vs Non-Conf	1-4	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (4-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (27,23,2)
Lost: 12 (4,7,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,425

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#116

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	Win / Loss
Sep. 2	Alabama St	A					
Sep. 9	at Florida St	G					
Sep. 16	at Georgia Tech	G					
Sep. 23	at Nebraska	A					
Sep. 30	at UAB	G					
Oct. 7							
Oct. 14	ULM	A					
Oct. 21							
Oct. 28	North Texas	A					
Nov. 4	Louisiana-Lft (HC)	A					
Nov. 11	at Florida Atlantic	G					
Nov. 18	Arkansas St	A					
Nov. 25	at Middle Tenn	A					
Dec 2	at Florida Int'l	A					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Since Blakeney became HC at Troy in '91 the Trojans are tied for the most wins among Alabama schools, posting a 66.5 winning % with 119 wins.
TY Troy faces 3 programs that captured National Titles in the 1990's.

The Hornets finished 6-5 LY as IAA Southwestern Athletic Conf members.
Under Blakeney, Troy is 66-10-1 at home, including 15-0 SU (1-0 ATS) in home openers.

Trojans are 4-9-1 ATS the last 3 years after a SU win.
Troy is 1-4 SU but 4-1 ATS the last 5 years in road openers.

First meeting w/GT as coming into 2006 Troy is 2-6-1 ATS L2Y on grass.
GT HC Chan Gailey coached Troy for 2 ssns, winning the D2 National Title in '84 (19-5 overall).

Troy is 0-3 SU vs NU, being outscored 103-30 but has covered 2 of them.
On 9/1/01 Troy played their very 1st game as a IA program in Lincoln, NE.

The home team is 0-3 ATS in this in-state series 3 lined games.
Troy is 13-18 SU but 5-1 ATS all-time vs current CUSA members.

Trojans are 2-8 SU & 1-4 ATS averaging 11 ppg after a bye since 1997.
Troy is 6-1 SU & 5-2 ATS when hosting Sun Belt Conference teams.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Brock Nutter 7,791 1998-'02
Rushing: DeWhitt Betterson 3,441 2001-'04 Receiving: Danny Grant 2,907 1967-'69

LY's 283 yds rushing (4.4) was the most Troy has ever put up vs a IA program in tm history.
In their 3 meetings, these schools have only scored a combined 78 total pts.

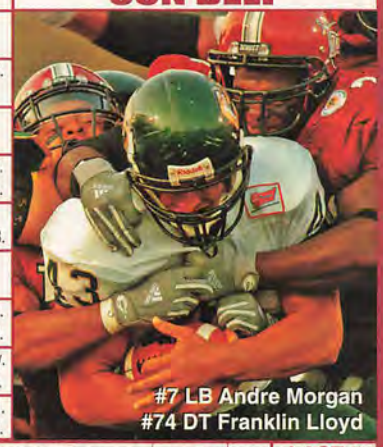
Troy is 4-7 ATS (7-5 SU) over their last 12 November games.
Trojans are 2-7 SU all-time vs ULL (0-1-1 ATS) being outscored on avg 37-18.

Could apply: Troy is just 1-4 ATS as an away favorite.
Troy is 1-5-1 ATS (2-5 SU) in Sun Belt Conference away games.

Trojans are 5-2 SU but 1-4 ATS since '98 in regular season home finales.
The Trojans are 1-5 SU (0-2 ATS) vs the Indians, 1st game was in 1950.

This game is billed as the "World's Largest Toga Party" playing for the Palladium Trophy.
Their 1st gm was in '36 as MTSU holds an 11-2 SU advantage (Troy 1-3 ATS).

QB Julian Foster got his 1st career start LY vs FIU going 12-19-63.2-150-1-1.
Troy is 2-0 SU (0-1 ATS) vs FIU as this will be their 1st FIU Stadium visit.



STADIUM: MOVIE GALLERY STADIUM (30,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-2	9-3	7-4	4-8	6-6	7-4	4-7	48-34
Home	6-1	4-1	5-0	4-1	4-0	5-0	3-2	31-5
Away	5-1	5-2	2-4	0-7	2-6	2-4	1-5	17-29
ATS	0-0	0-0	4-3	5-3	4-6	8-3	2-7-1	23-22-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	4-0	1-1	5-4
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-2	2-2
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-1	1-4
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	3-2	5-2	3-5	3-0	1-3-1	15-12-1
Favorite	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	4-3	1-2	6-8
Dog	0-0	0-0	3-2	5-2	4-5	4-0	1-5-1	17-14-1
Grass	0-0	0-0	3-2	3-3	2-1	2-3	0-3-1	10-12-1
Artificial	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	2-5	6-0	2-4	13-10
vs Conf	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-3	2-4-1	6-7-1
vs Non-Conf	0-0	0-0	4-3	5-3	4-6	4-0	0-3	17-15
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	1-2	2-2	1-3	3-3	0-3-1	7-13-1
Off SU Loss	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1	2-3	4-0	2-4	12-9

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joel Whinghter	95	542	11	531	1	5.6
Kenny Cattouse	89	366	52	314	4	3.5
Sean Dawkins	76	288	3	285	0	3.8
Anthony Jones	36	196	8	188	0	5.2
Ryan Babb	9	40	0	40	0	4.4
Julian Foster	52	155	131	24	0	0.5
Carl Meadows	51	76	177	-101	1	-2.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Carl Meadows	169	80	47.3	974	6	10
Julian Foster	112	63	56.2	797	5	4
Larry Dockery	14	6	42.9	61	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Smokey Hampton	39	582	14.9	2	51
Gary Banks	25	293	11.7	2	39
Toris Rutledge	17	284	16.7	3	48
Darius Williams	3	129	43.0	2	51
Josh Allen	14	121	8.6	1	25
Joel Whinghter	9	105	11.7	0	26
James Earl Cray	12	102	8.5	1	14
Martin Teal	6	75	12.5	0	20
Kenny Cattouse	6	45	7.5	0	42

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Thomas Olmsted	62	2506	40.4	17	34.1	2	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Greg Whibbs	19-19	4-5	6-9	1-5	0-1	11-20	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bernard Davis	89	1	4.5	4	0
Sherrod Martin	78	1	4	11	2
Torre Lankford	70	7	3	0	0
Johnny Faulk	63	2	8	7	2
Leverne Johnson	63	1	8	1	0
Marcus Richardson	59	0	7	5	0
Brannon Condren	58	0	2	5	0
Larry Brown	45	1	2	1	0
Kenny Mainor	43	0.5	2.5	1	0
David Tramble	39	0.5	1	2	0
Adrian Ghent	36	0	2	5	1
Franklin Lloyd	31	1	2	0	0
Leodis McKelvin	30	1	0	5	0
Josh Maxwell	26	0	0	0	0
Derick Pendergrass	22	0	0	0	0
Romanique Lewis	17	1	1	1	0
Steve McLendon	16	0	3	0	0
Shawn Todd	15	0	2	0	0
Andre Morgan	14	0	2.5	1	0
Tavares Williams	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leodis McKelvin	33	417	12.6	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leodis McKelvin	24	619	25.8	1
Darius Williams	6	111	18.5	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
04	Silicon Valley	-3	N Illinois	21-34	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Troy's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-1

TROY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
3	15.9	17	118	3.0	167	50.3	17.9	-9	2005	4	23.2	18	143	3.7	184	58.5	14.1
8*	23.8	15	167	3.9	117	42.7	11.9	+11	2004	9	16.7	17	101	2.7	210	53.4	18.7
5*	15.4	16	155	3.6	139	42.4	19.1	+4	2003	4	22.7	18	126	3.4	224	59.0	15.4
8	18.2	18	176	3.9	127	43.3	16.7	-10	2002	8	21.0	15	105	2.8	172	52.1	13.2
4*	22.4	19	103	2.8	210	56.5	14.0	-1	2001	8	24.5	19	173	3.8	193	49.8	15.0
6*	27.5	17	152	4.0	172	53.7	11.8	+12	2000	6	16.1	16	103	3.0	197	52.1	18.7

2005 STATS BY GAME

TROY 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	Cal Poly	17	43-65	1.5	14-31	213	5	7	36-71	2.0	10-16	68	2	0
–	UAB	9	20-26	1.3	12-26	164	4	24	39-164	4.2	25-38	296	0	-4
–	at Missouri	21	30-74	2.5	22-42	260	3	28	49-303	6.2	26-37	211	0	-1
–	at S Carolina	14	40-137	3.4	12-30	99	5	24	41-116	2.8	17-23	268	4	-5
–	at North Texas	24	64-283	4.4	5-12	40	3	12	31-100	3.2	9-27	129	3	+3
–	at UL Monroe	19	43-154	3.6	15-29	174	4	18	34-165	4.9	15-29	190	0	-3
–	Florida Int'l	14	45-123	2.7	12-19	150	4	20	26-28	1.1	31-51	247	3	+2
–	at Louisiana-Lft	19	46-183	4.0	11-27	137	2	20	52-265	5.1	9-20	134	0	+1
–	Florida Atlantic	19	38-112	2.9	17-27	271	1	15	27-114	4.2	21-37	216	0	+1
–	at Arkansas St	13	32-69	2.2	12-23	98	4	13	44-127	2.9	9-20	117	1	-1
–	Middle Tenn	17	29-74	2.6	18-32	230	3	16	45-125	2.8	18-27	146	4	-2
TOTALS		186	430-1300	3.0	150-298	1836	38	197	424-1578	3.7	190-325	2022	17	-9
AVERAGES		16.9	39-118	3.0	14-27	167	3.5	18.0	39-143	3.7	17-30	184	1.5	-0.8

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska - #4	+49	14-42	W
at Middle Tenn	+14	17-54	L
Nicholls St	NL	26-0	–
at Miami, Fl - #1	+50	7-38	W
at Mississippi St	+24	21-9	W
CS-Northridge	NL	44-31	–
S Utah	NL	20-17	–
at Maryland - #15	+22'	14-47	L
at UL Monroe	-12	44-12	W
Jacksonville St	NL	21-3	–
North Texas	-6	18-16	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Nebraska - #9	+32	16-31	W
at UAB	+1'	26-27	W
S Utah	NL	40-15	–
at Iowa St - #21	+17	12-42	L
at Missouri	+12	7-44	L
Austin Peay	NL	41-3	–
at Mississippi St	+11	8-11	W
at Marshall	+20	7-24	W
Florida Atlantic	NL	21-6	–
at Arkansas	+24	0-23	W
† Florida A&M	NL	24-7	–
Utah St	-7'	16-19 OT	L

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kansas St - #7	+37'	5-41	W
at Minnesota	+24'	7-48	L
at UAB	+11'	20-9	W
SE Louisiana	NL	28-0	–
Marshall	+12'	33-24	W
at Nebraska - #12	+27	0-30	L
Florida Int'l	NL	21-10	–
at Virginia	+21	0-24	L
at North Texas	+10'	0-21	L
at Middle Tenn	+4	20-27	L
at Utah St	+6'	23-14	W
UL Monroe	-14'	28-24	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Marshall	+14'	17-15	W
Missouri - #19	+11'	24-14	W
at New Mexico St	-10	18-22	L
at South Carolina	+14	7-17	W
Utah St	-14	49-21	W
at Arkansas St	-13	9-13	L
at LSU - #18	+24	20-24	W
Idaho	-24'	47-7	W
Florida Atlantic	-13	24-6	W
at Louisiana-Lft	-13	13-10	L
Middle Tenn	-14	37-17	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Cal Poly	NL	27-10	–
UAB	+9'	7-27	L
at Missouri	+20	21-52	L
at South Carolina	+20	20-45	L
at North Texas	+2	13-10	W
at UL Monroe	-1'	3-27	L
Florida Int'l	-9'	18-13	L
at Louisiana-Lft	+3	28-31 OT	T
Florida Atlantic	-3'	28-14	W
at Arkansas St	+3	3-9	L
Middle Tenn	+6'	7-17	L

NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Scott Hall capped a fine four year career by throwing for 1,818 yards (56.5%) with a 14-4 ratio in 2004. His backup was Joey Byerly (6-4 254 Jr) who had 12 pass att. Byerly was the frontrunner last year especially when rFr Daniel Meager (PS#168) missed most of the spring. They had 6 QB's on the roster heading into August but Byerly became ineligible, one moved to WR and two others combined for zero career snaps. Meager and true frosh Matt Phillips were neck and neck during August. Dickey said that he would alternate the QB's in the opener but he stuck with Meager the entire game. Meager got all 11 starts but threw for just 941 yards (50%) with a 4-8 ratio. While Phillips led a solid comeback vs FAU and came off the bench vs ULM (217 yd), he finished with 448 yds (47.8%) and a 4-5 ratio on the year. Those two return and will compete with JUCO newcomer Woody Wilson who started 7 games at JC (910 pass, 214 rush, 8-2 ratio) before suffering a collarbone injury last year. He was recruited by both Nebraska and Kansas St as a DB and is the first JUCO QB signee under Dickey. Good sized Jonathan Ieans (6-5) is a QB/WR who hit 4 of 5 passes in the spring game. Adding depth is Steven Prince (6-2 205 Jr, PS#335). They want to run more option so I give Wilson and Ieans a shot at beating out the incumbents. Keep in mind that in Scott Hall's first year he only threw 6 TD's and in his soph season had 19. No matter who wins, this unit will have increased production.

RUNNING BACKS - NT became the first team in NCAA history to return a pair of RB's who had led the NCAA in rushing. Patrick Cobbs, who was not huge (5-9 205), did not have 4.4 speed but did have excellent vision and cutback ability, led the NCAA in rushing in 2003. Cobbs was injured in 2004 and HT true frosh Jamario Thomas (PS#43) took over the starting job in Wk 3. He finished with 1,801 (6.3) with 17 TD's and became the 2nd straight NT player to lead the NCAA in rushing. Both RB's returned last year so expectations were high but they were playing behind an inexperienced O-line. Cobbs led with 1,154 (5.0). When he rushed for 180 (4.9) in the season finale, he became just the 69th player in NCAA history to top 4,000 yards rushing (4,100) and became the Sun Belt's all-time leading rusher breaking Ja'Quay Wilburn's mark of 3,120 (1997-2000). Thomas suffered a hamstring injury vs ULL and missed 3 games (361, 4.1). With a much stronger O-line, I look for Thomas to come near his outstanding numbers of 2004.

RECEIVERS - Johnny Quinn is a member of the NT track team and led the Eagles as a rFr with 34 rec and a super 20.9 ypc in '03. In 2004 the #2 and #3 WR's were lost prior to the year. Quinn led with 49 (16.0). Last year they had to replace 1st Tm SBC TE Andy Blount as well as a starting WR. Zach Muzzy (#3 '04), started but had just 9 (9.7). Quinn, whose numbers were down due to the inexperienced QB's, had 47 (12.6). Brandon Jackson, despite not starting, was #2 with 22 (10.2) and Joel Nwigwe had 18 (14.2). Starting TE Beau Davidson was lost for the year vs LT so Robert Harmon took over. This year the only loss is TE Jimmy Chaney (1 st, 1 rec) and not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Arthur Stubblefield (5-10 180 rFr), Guy Fernandez (6-5 200 Jr), Isiah Smith (5-8 195 So), Roderick Johnson (6-2 190 So), Lawrence Wesly (6-0 180 Jr) and JUCO TE Brian Carlson who was in for the spring. Quinn, who has a streak of 36 straight games with a rec, should have his best season yet with more experienced QB's and this is one of the SBC's top receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Dickey has done an excellent job on the O-line. In fact the highest amount of sacks allowed in the last four years is just 21 which happened in 2003 and again last season. The 2004 O-line paved the way for 4.6 ypc rushing while allowing just 15 sacks. Last year they had to replace three starters and had just 4 of the top 10 back and the ypc dropped to 3.9. Two soph's and a rFr started and Dylan Lineberry was the top OL as he had the top grade in 10 of their 11 games with 133 kd's. Lineberry returns for his senior season and this year the only losses are LG Jason May (11 st, 2 yr st'r) as well as backups RT Robbie Vanderslice, RG Ephraim Patterson and RG Frank Gray. Six of the top 10 are back including 5 with starting experience. This should be a vastly improved offensive front.

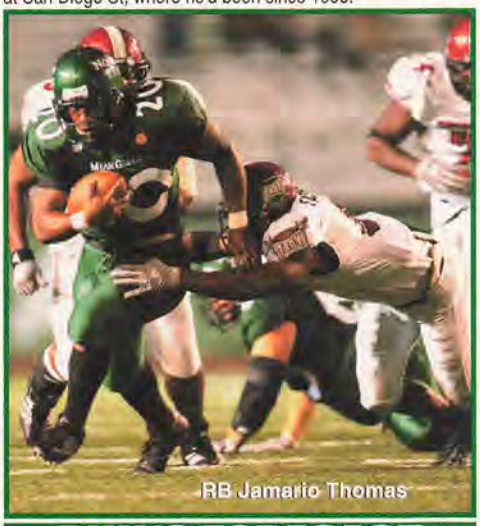
DEFENSIVE LINE - NT has run a 4-3 alignment under Darrell Dickey and is usually tough vs the run. They surprisingly allowed 4.5 ypc rush in 2004, even with 4 senior starters and 7 of their top 8 DL's returning. Last year the group was wiped out by graduation losing all 4 starters and a backup. As you would expect, the group allowed the most yards rushing in the Dickey era (2,430) which was also the third most in school history. NT experimented with a 3-4 defense in spring to try and improve the rush D but I'll keep them in a 4-man front as the BAN position is comprised of last year's DE's and avg 250 lbs. The only losses up front are NT Chris Miller (11 st, 36 tkl, 2 sk), DE Eli Hutchinson (7 st, 18 tkl, 5.5 tfl) and all four projected 1st teamers have starting experience. Not listed below is Chad Cooley (6-2 228 Jr). This is a vastly more experienced unit.

LINEBACKERS - Last year it appeared that all three starters would return but OLB Shawn Early missed the year with injury so just two starters were back. The 2006 LB unit is extremely deep with 5 of the top 6 LB's (I list BAN under D-line) having ten or more career starts. Brandon Monroe, who had 11 starts as a true frosh, was hampered by injuries last year (6 st). Not even listed in the 2 deep below are Tobe Nwigwe (6-2 240 rFr), Lawrence Brown (6-3 210 Jr) and Ramon Jackson (6-2 217 So). After NT allowed 31.5 ppg last year (highest since 1995), this should be one of the SBC's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - NT finished an outstanding #36 in my pass D rankings in 2002. They had to replace their top cover CB in 2003 but had 6 of the top 8 back and surprisingly dropped to #85. In 2004 they added super JUCO CB TJ Covington and had 3 returning starters but only improved to #79. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups and 6 of the top 8 safeties were walk-ons but did have the SBC's top cover corner in Covington. This inexperienced secondary dropped to #113 (takes into account strength of opp faced). JUCO Aaron Weathers was the SBC Newcomer of the Year and set a school record for tackles by a DB (113). This year they lose Covington (11 st, 46 tkl, 2 pbu) and CB Ja'Mel Branch (11 st, 59 tkl, 3 pbu) but six of the top 8 are back. Despite losing their top 2 CB's, this group is more experienced and should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 and 2004 NT had the outstanding K/P combo of Nick Bazaldua and Brad Kadlubar and they finished #10 in my ST rankings in 2003 but surprisingly slipped to #66 in 2004. Kadlubar had nets of 38.8 and 35.0 and was 2nd Tm SBC but had to be replaced last year. 2003's top returnman, Ja'Mel Branch missed 2004. Branch concentrated on CB in 2005 and the top KR (19.7) and PR (7.5) was Johnny Quinn who is returning. RFr P Truman Spencer averaged 37.6 with a net of 34.1. Denis Hopovac had 13 TB's on 37 KO's. Bazaldua surprisingly hit just 8 of 16 FG's (34 of 48 1st 3 yrs). He did nail a 50 yarder vs LSU, 2 of his misses were from 50+ and 3 were blocked. Bazaldua departs as the team's all-time leading scorer. Last year WR Zach Muzzy had 178 yards in returns and also blocked a punt. LS Beau Davidson was injured midseason and true frosh DE/TE Eddrick Gilmore took over. Overall NT finished #85 and could improve despite the loss of Bazaldua.

COACHES- Darrell Dickey enters his ninth season as the head man here. At midseason in 2001 it looked like Dickey would be let go but his team went 30-16 over the next 3.5 years winning 26 straight SBC games. He also won the SBC Coach of the Year four straight years with four SBC crowns. His OC is Ramon Flanigan, who was a QB at SMU and enters his 8th year here (5th as OC) after turning down a HC spot at a IAA school. Kenny Evans was the DC for four years but was promoted to asst HC and Fred Bleil is the new DC. Bleil was the DC here in 1996 and 1997 before leaving to become the secondary coach at San Diego St, where he'd been since 1998.


RB Jamario Thomas

PHIL'S FORECAST

N Texas was THE dominant team in the SBC having 25 straight conf wins, the longest streak in the country heading into last season, outscoring league foes by an avg of 15.6 ppg. They had an edge over the rest of their SBC brethren in the fact that they had been to 4 straight bowl games giving them extra practices each year. In 2004 NT benefitted from +13 in turnovers and only outgained SBC foes by 15.3 ypg, by far the weakest margin in their 4 title years. For the season NT finished 7-5 despite being outgained by 70.2 ypg including their non-conf matchups. Dickey got a contract extension through 2009 and is the last of the original SBC head coaches. Last year out of the 12 preseason magazines and websites monitored by www.football.stassen.com, I was one of only 3 NOT to forecast NT to win the SBC Title which got the attention of some fans in Denton. NT only had 8 returning starters and was outgained in SBC play by a league worst 67.3 ypg and finished in the basement. As usual, they did not win a single non-conf game so they finished just 2-9. NT does have a massive enrollment of 31,000+ and installed Sportexe Omnigrass turf in 2005. NT could have gone winless but they had a lucky win vs MTSt in which they were outFD'd 22-14 and outgained 383-274. The other win came at Fla Int'l (outFD'd 18-11). In fact, NT was outgained in every single game last year and was -164.7 ypg on the season. They suffered their worst home loss ever vs Tulsa (54-2) and were winless at home for the first time since 1982. The bright side is that their five SBC losses were by a combined 21 pts and they were only outscored by 1.6 ppg in conf play (5th best). This year they have a much more veteran squad with 16 returning starters. Last year NT's inexperienced offense only avg 14.3 ppg, their lowest since 1999. This year with a healthy Jamario Thomas, more experienced QB's and OL and an excellent set of receivers, they could even double that total in 2006. The defense had just 3 starters back last year and had to replace 8 of their top 13 tacklers and allowed 31.5 ppg. This year they have 7 defensive starters back including 24 of their top 28 tacklers and will be much tougher vs the run and the pass. NT will be one of the most improved teams in the NCAA this year and despite a tough SBC schedule, will contend for conference honors once again.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 7 DANIEL MEAGER SO. 6-1 200 PS#168. 11 st, 941 (50%) 4-8 ratio. **18** Matt Phillips (6-1 220 So) PS#221. 448 (48%). **8 Woody Wilson** PS#99 in '04. **6 Jonathan Ieans** (6-5 218 Jr).

RB 20 Jamario Thomas Jr. 5-11 215 **PS#43. SBC POY as true**, 1801 (6.3), 8 st. Inj'd LY, 361 (4.1). **11** Deavin Cox (5-9 195 Jr) PS#489DB. 1 st, 9 tkl CB 2Y. **22** Evan Robertson (5-9 160 rFr).

FB 37 JAMES MITCHELL SR. 5-9 192 46 yd rFr. 12 st '04, 205 rush, 11 rec (8.3). 10 st LY, 42 ttl yds. **30** Keronna Henderson (6-0 225 So). **24** Jarret Payten (5-8 206 Sr).

WR 81 JOHNNY QUINN SR. 6-0 205 22.4 200m track tm. 1st Tm SBC '04. #1 rec, 3 straight yrs, 130 (15.9). **31** Joel Nwigwe (5-11 180 Sr). 2 st, 30 rec 3Y. **87** Casey Fitzgerald (5-11 169 So).

WR 49 BRANDON JACKSON JR. 6-1 204 PS#250. 22 rec (10.2) '05. **3** Zach Muzzy (5-10 175 Sr) PS#364.10 st LY. 28 rec (13.7) 3Y. **82** Brock Stickler (6-3 225 So) PS#399.

TE 88 BEAU DAVIDSON SR. 6-4 230 Syracuse transfer. 3 st LY until inj. **99** Robert Harmon (6-4 265 Sr) **7 st**, 8 rec LY. **84** Charles Brown (6-4 235 So). **92** Ronald Hull (6-3 258 Sr).

C 67 CHAD ROSE SO. 6-3 285 PS#365. 11 starts at C as rFr, improved as the year went on. **64** Nick Najarro (6-1 270 Jr) PS#477JC. **57** Tyler Bailey (6-2 280 rFr).

RG 66 DYLAN LINEBERRY SR. 6-3 310 12 st RG rFr, **SBC Newc of Yr**. 11 st RG LY, **1st Tm SBC**, 133 kd's. **76** Jack Crumes (6-4 270 rFr). **73** Bryan Glass (6-0 280 rFr). 600 squat.

LG 74 Adam Venegas Jr. 6-3 305 PS#224DL. 2nd string LY after move from DL. **54** Ajani Banks (6-3 305 rFr) will challenge for playing time. -20 lbs. Trent Stanley PS#139JC.

RT 72 JOEL FOSTER SR. 6-4 285 PS#200TE. 6 tkl rFr. 12 starts LT '04. 10 starts LY (5 LT, 5 RT). **60 Jeremy Brown** (6-5 299 Jr) PS#198DL. 4 starts RT rFr. 6 st RT in '05.

LT 58 JOSH ALEXANDER JR. 6-3 282 PS#359. Six of last 7 starts at LT LY. **78** Chris Eidd (6-3 320 rFr) PS#562. **69** Robert Peachey (6-5 270 rFr). Kelvin Drake is PS#452.

K 32 Denis Hopovac Sr. 5-10 181 Has handled KO's the last 2 years. 5 tkl 2Y. 13 TB's on 37 KO's in '05. **29** Kelly Conway (5-9 175 So). **47** Pagee Hartley (5-10 215 So).

BAN 93 Willie Ransom Sr. 6-3 250 **PS#55JC**. 3 starts at DE last year, 15 tkl, 1 sk. **9** Eddrick Gilmore (6-5 250 So) PS#72TE. 5 tkl LY. **97** Raifu Durodoye (6-1 237 Jr) 6 tkl LY.

DE 79 Montey Stevenson Jr. 6-2 267 PS#258. 4 st, 41 tkl, 9 tfl, 2Y. **95** Chase Pistole (6-3 260 Jr) JUCO. 55 tkl, 4 sk at JC. 7 tkl LY, 6 gms. **61** Jonathan Stewart (6-2 260 rFr) PS#750.

NT 56 SKY PRUITT SR. 6-2 295 14 gm, 5 tkl first 2Y. 8 st LY, 17 tkl. **65** Joseph Miller (6-3 275 So) PS#428OL. 21 tkl, 2 tfl true. **91** Issac Thomas (5-11 290 So). 3 tkl in '05.

DE 90 JEREMIAH CHAPMAN JR. 6-4 255 PS#344DL. 1 st, 10 tkl, 2 sk as true. 11 st LY, 61 tkl, 4 sk, 5 tfl, **2nd Tm SBC**. **89** Blake Burruss (6-7 252 Jr) PS#296. **96** Marquis Ellison (6-1 255 Sr).

MLB 4 BRANDON MONROE JR. 6-2 230 PS#391. 11 starts as true, 63 tkl, 5 tfl. 6 st LY (inj), 67 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **51 Derek Mendoza** (6-1 248 Jr) 10 st rFr, 53 tkl in 2004. 7 st LY, 32 tkl.

WLB 41 MAURICE HOLMAN JR. 6-1 225 1 st, 19 tkl rFr. 9 st in '05, 86 tkl, 5 tfl, **HM SBC**. **46 Shawn Early** (6-0 215 Sr) **PS#147**. 11 st '04, 60 tkl. RS LY. **53** Germaine Dawson (6-1 205 So).

ROV 36 PHILIP GRAVES SR. 6-2 211 PS#263RB. 1 st '04, 50 tkl. 11 st LY, 93 tkl, 7 tfl, **2nd Tm SBC**. **40** Colt Mahan (6-1 215 So) PS#292. **48** Ryan Davenport (6-2 225 So) Air Force prep trans.

CB 35 Antoine Bush rFr. 5-11 170 PS#184QB. **2** Dominique Green (5-11 175 So) 7 tkl LY. **1** Gary Oubre (5-9 170 Jr) PS#270JC. 5 tkl last year. **17** Brian Nelson (6-0 189 So).

CB NA Roy Loren Jr. 6-2 205 PS#193JC. **19** Tyrone Carter (5-8 176 Sr) 11 tkl 3Y. **39** Desmond Chatman (6-2 190 rFr) PS#258RB. **10** Korey Washington (5-10 185 rFr).

SS 38 AARON WEATHERS JR. 5-11 198 11 st SS, **SBC Newcomer of The Year**, 113 tkl 3 int, 3 pbu. **45** Cliff Higgs (6-1 222 Jr) 26 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. **13** Kartay Agobottah (6-2 180 rFr).

FS 16 STEVE WARREN SO. 6-1 190 PS#520QB. 5 st **true**, 46 tkl, 1 ttl. **24** Roderick Cotton (5-10 202 Jr) **6 starts**, 41 tkl, 3 pbu 2Y. 9 games in '04. **26** Cass Starks (6-1 205 Sr).

P 25 TRUMAN SPENCER SO. 6-3 200 52 yd FG in HS. 75 punts as rFr, 37.7 avg and net of 34.1. **7** Daniel Meager (6-1 200 So) PS#168QB. Had 1 punt (14.0) LY. **32** Denis Hopovac.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Trent Stanley 6-2 290 PS#139JC
DB	Roy Loren 6-2 205 PS#193JC
QB	Woody Wilson 6-1 185 PS#99 in'04
TE	Brian Carlson 6-5 255 PS#446JC
DB	Robert Gordon 5-11 175 PS#417
OL	Kelvin Drake 6-2 300 PS#452
OL	Nicholas Foster 6-3 340 PS#475
DL	Sam Owusu-Hemeng 6-1 230 PS#433
DL	Esteban Santiago 6-5 275 PS#435
OL	Nick Najarro 6-1 270 PS#477JC
DL	Tim Patton 6-2 301 PS#453
RB	Chris Neal 5-8 162 PS#515
TE	Bryant Seidle 6-3 230 PS#205
DL	Kail Krider 6-3 245 PS#495
DL	Matthew Menard 6-5 275 PS#495
DL	Kendrick Ridge 6-1 275 PS#495
DL	Draylen Ross 6-3 245 PS#495
DL	Marquis Sykes 6-3 253 PS#495
LB	Craig Robertson 6-0 210 PS#485

NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

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Darrell Dickey (Career 39-55)
9th Yr at North Texas
Dickey's SU Bowl Record: 1-3

DICKEY's records AT N TEXAS

39-55	Straight Up	13-5	Home Favorite
47-41	Vs The Spread	7-12	Home Underdog
23-24	Off A SU Loss	7-5	Away Favorite
30-17	Vs Conference	20-19	Away Underdog
17-24	Vs Non-Conf	6-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (22,26,2)
Lost: 9 (4,4,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,446

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#113

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score NT	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at Texas	G					
Sep. 9	SMU	A					
Sep. 16	at Tulsa	A					
Sep. 23	at Akron	A					
Sep. 30	Middle Tenn	A					
Oct. 7	Florida Int'l	A					
Oct. 14							
Oct. 21	at Arkansas St	A					
Oct. 28	at Troy	A					
Nov. 4	Louisiana Tech	A					
Nov. 11	at Louisiana-Lft	G					
Nov. 18	Florida Atlantic	A					
Nov. 25	at ULM	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Last year was the 1st season North Texas wasn't the SBC Champion.
North Texas is 2-12 SU & ATS the L/14 games in non-conference action.
Mean Green are 11-19 ATS on grass since 1999.

Mean Green is 7-56 SU all-time & 1-5 ATS the last 3 years vs the Big 12.
NT is 1-10 SU & 4-7 ATS being outscored 384-69 in their L/11 road openers.

Mean Green is 4-8 ATS the last 2 years after a SU loss.
North Texas is 2-6 SU & 2-5 ATS in their last 8 Denton openers.

All of the schools NT plays TY that were in a bowl LY are away gms (TX, UT, UA & ASU).
Last time NT beat Tulsa in Oklahoma was in 1968 (20-17).

The last & only time NT played Akron they lost 20-6 in 1971.
This will be the 1st of a 4 game deal w/the MAC over the next 4 yrs for NT.

North Texas has outsacked MTSU 17-1 in the last 5 meetings combined.
NT was 25-1 SU & 20-6 ATS the 1st 4 yrs in SBC play, but 2-5 SU & 4-3 ATS LY.

Could apply: Mean Green is 20-8 ATS in their L/28 games after a SU win.
Heading into 2006, the Mean Green are 14-6 ATS the last 10 yrs as HF's.

North Texas lost an unheard of 5 SBC gms LY but by just 21 combined pts.
Mean Green are 14-2 SU & 12-4 ATS in Sun Belt Conf away games.

NT had 5 TO's in the Troy game LY which tied for the most in the Dickey era.
LY's 13-10 loss to Troy in Denton was NT's 1st ever at home in SBC play.

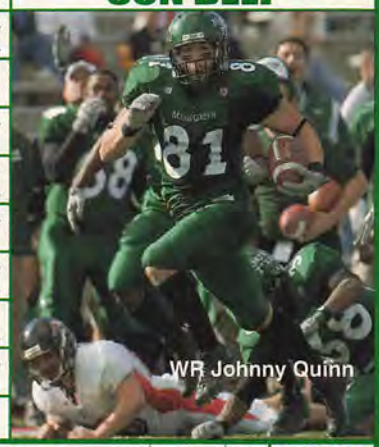
Mean Green is 11-2 SU & 9-4 ATS L/13 games vs current WAC members.
North Texas is 15-6 SU & ATS since 2000 in November games.

Could apply: NT is 8-1 SU & 6-3 ATS their last 9 games as away favorites.
NT is 12-7 ATS all-time in November/December reg season road games.

North Texas is 11-2 SU & 9-2 ATS since 1993 in home finales.
Schnellenberger was the HC at Miami (Fl), Louisville & OU prior to FAU.

NT's last 2 drives were SOD at ULM 45 & int at ULM 38 in their failed comeback attempt LY.
The home team is 4-1 ATS in this series all-time.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Mitch Maher 8,256 1991-'94
Rushing: Patrick Cobbs 4,100 2001-'05 Receiving: Troy Redwine 2,567 1992-'96



STADIUM: FOUTS FIELD (30,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	5-6	7-5	9-3	7-4	2-9	35-44
Home	1-3	2-3	3-2	4-1	5-0	4-1	0-5	19-15
Away	1-6	1-5	2-4	3-4	4-3	3-3	2-4	16-29
ATS	3-8	5-5	8-3	7-4	6-6	7-4	4-7	40-37
Home Fav	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-1	4-1	4-1	0-2	12-5
Home Dog	1-3	2-2	2-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	6-9
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	0-0	7-5
Away Dog	2-5	3-3	3-1	3-1	0-3	1-2	3-3	15-18
Favorite	0-0	0-0	3-1	4-2	6-3	6-2	0-2	19-10
Dog	3-8	5-5	5-2	3-2	0-3	1-2	4-5	21-27
Grass	0-5	1-2	3-2	4-2	0-4	2-2	1-2	11-19
Artificial	3-3	4-3	5-1	3-2	6-2	5-2	3-5	29-18
vs Conf	2-4	2-3	5-1	4-2	4-3	7-0	4-3	28-16
vs Non-Conf	1-4	3-2	3-2	3-2	2-3	0-4	0-4	12-21
Off SU Win	0-2	1-1	5-0	4-2	4-4	6-0	0-2	20-11
Off SU Loss	3-5	4-3	2-3	2-2	2-1	1-3	3-5	17-22

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Patrick Cobbs	231	1237	83	1154	6	5.0
Jamario Thomas	89	411	50	361	0	4.1
Daniel Meager	62	221	153	68	1	1.1
Truman Spencer	1	21	0	21	0	21.0
James Mitchell	2	9	0	9	0	4.5
Johnny Quinn	2	7	8	-1	0	-0.5
Matt Phillips	10	10	50	-40	1	-4.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Daniel Meager	202	101	50.0	941	4	8
Matt Phillips	69	33	47.8	448	4	5
Patrick Cobbs	2	1	50.0	33	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Johnny Quinn	47	591	12.6	5	42
Joel Nwigwe	18	255	14.2	1	53
Brandon Jackson	22	225	10.2	2	44
Patrick Cobbs	18	106	5.9	0	18
Robert Harmon	8	92	11.5	0	32
Zach Muzzy	9	87	9.7	0	28
James Mitchell	6	33	5.5	1	7
Charles Brown	3	14	4.7	0	10

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Truman Spencer	76	2859	37.6	17	34.1(T)	1	16
Daniel Meager	1	14	14.0	0	–	0	0

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nick Bazaldua	15-17	2-3	2-2	3-8	1-3	8-16	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Aaron Weathers	113	0	2	3	3
Phillip Graves	93	2	5	1	1
Maurice Holman	86	1.5	3.5	2	1
Brandon Monroe	67	1	1.5	1	2
Jeremiah Chapman	61	4	5	0	0
Ja'Mel Branch	59	1	1	3	1
TJ Covington	46	0	3.5	2	1
Steve Warren	46	0	1	1	0
Chris Miller	36	2	0.5	0	0
Roderick Cotton	35	0	1	3	0
Derek Mendoza	32	0	1	1	1
Montey Stevenson	30	2	5	0	0
Joseph Miller	21	0	2	0	0
Eli Hutchinson	18	0.5	5	0	0
Sky Pruitt	17	0	0	0	0
Cliff Higgs	16	1	1	1	0
Willie Ransom	15	1	0	0	0
Chase Pistole	7	0	0	0	0
Dominique Green	7	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Johnny Quinn	13	98	7.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Johnny Quinn	26	513	19.7	0
Patrick Cobbs	10	226	22.6	0
Zach Muzzy	8	146	18.2	0

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
59	Sun	NL	New Mexico St	8-28	–
01	New Orleans	+11	Colorado St	20-45	L
02	New Orleans	+7'	Cincinnati	24-19	W
03	New Orleans	+4	Memphis	17-27	L
04	New Orleans	+6	S Mississippi	10-31	L

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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NORTH TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	14.3	14	143	3.9	129	48.6	19.1	0	2005	3	31.5	22	221	4.8	216	62.5	13.9
6*	25.8	17	186	4.6	158	55.6	13.4	+13	2004	6	29.8	23	173	4.5	241	61.9	13.9
4*	27.5	16	178	4.1	150	54.2	11.9	+10	2003	8	21.9	17	105	2.9	213	61.4	14.5
10*	19.2	15	182	4.0	102	45.2	14.9	+4	2002	9	14.8	16	119	3.1	172	54.2	19.7
6*	22.9	16	158	3.7	146	49.8	13.3	+6	2001	6	24.4	19	137	3.9	219	62.1	14.6
7*	14.7	11	134	3.4	107	46.9	16.4	+4	2000	5	27.3	20	183	4.4	197	61.3	13.9

2005 STATS BY GAME

NT 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	at Middle Tenn	14	44-152	3.5	10-16	122	1	22	48-188	3.9	21-27	195	1	+5
–	Tulsa	8	36-70	1.9	10-22	59	5	19	41-213	5.2	13-22	193	2	-3
–	at Kansas St	5	26-87	3.3	9-21	74	2	26	53-305	5.8	15-22	353	0	+1
–	Troy	12	31-100	3.2	9-27	129	3	24	64-283	4.4	5-12	40	3	-3
–	at Florida Int'l	11	48-147	3.1	10-15	79	2	18	27-79	2.9	20-32	243	4	+7
–	at Louisiana Tech	15	36-188	5.2	10-23	99	2	25	41-227	5.5	24-35	283	2	-3
–	at LSU	12	30-105	3.5	13-29	101	0	25	36-183	5.1	24-28	383	0	0
–	Louisiana-Lft	19	33-263	8.0	8-14	112	0	25	61-327	5.4	8-11	109	2	-1
–	at Fla Atlantic	17	38-161	4.2	15-35	187	0	22	48-227	4.7	13-22	151	1	-1
–	UL Monroe	18	35-125	3.6	19-38	242	2	19	46-181	3.9	16-33	218	0	0
–	Arkansas St	20	48-175	3.6	22-38	218	4	18	39-237	6.1	13-31	205	2	-2
TOTALS		151	405-1569	3.9	135-278	1422	21	243	505-2430	4.8	172-275	2373	17	0
AVERAGES		13.7	37-143	3.9	12-25	129	1.9	22.1	46-221	4.8	16-25	216	1.5	0.0

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
TCU	+17	5-19	W
at Oklahoma - #3	+41	10-37	W
Texas Tech	+18	14-42	L
at South Florida	+12	10-28	L
at UL Monroe	-6	17-19	L
Middle Tenn	+14	24-21	W
Arkansas St	-6'	45-0	W
at New Mexico St	+9	22-20	W
Louisiana-Lft	-10	42-17	W
at Idaho	-3	50-27	W
at Troy	+6	16-18	W

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas - #3	+35	0-27	W
Nicholls St	NL	23-0	–
at Alabama	+21	7-33	L
at TCU	+12'	10-16	W
at Arizona	+14'	9-14	W
South Florida	+2	17-24	L
at Arkansas St	-8'	13-10	L
at Louisiana-Lft	-4	27-0	W
UL Monroe	-17	41-2	W
Idaho	-14	10-0	L
New Mexico St	-6	38-27	W
at Middle Tenn	-2'	30-20	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Oklahoma - #1	+31'	3-37	L
Baylor	-14'	52-14	W
at Air Force	+9'	21-34	L
at Arkansas - #14	+21	7-31	L
Louisiana-Lft	-18'	44-23	W
at Idaho	-7	24-14	W
Utah St	-14	37-27	L
at Middle Tenn	-2'	33-28	W
Troy	-10'	21-0	W
at UL Monroe	-17'	28-26	L
Arkansas St	-20	58-14	W
at New Mexico St	-8	13-10	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas - #7	+26	0-65	L
Florida Atlantic	-7'	13-20	L
at Colorado	+20'	21-52	L
at Baylor	-3'	14-37	L
Middle Tenn	-3	30-21	W
at Utah St	+2	31-23	W
New Mexico St	-8	36-26	W
UL Monroe	-8	45-30	W
at Louisiana-Lft	-2'	27-17	W
Idaho	-18'	51-29	W
at Arkansas St	-5	31-7	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Middle Tenn	+4	14-7	W
Tulsa	-3'	2-54	L
at Kansas St	+24'	7-54	L
Troy	-2	10-13	L
at Florida Int'l	+1'	13-10	W
at Louisiana Tech	+21	14-40	L
at LSU - #7	+43'	3-56	L
Louisiana-Lft	+3'	28-31	W
at Florida Atlantic	+4	23-26	W
UL Monroe	+4	19-24	L
Arkansas St	+2'	24-31	L

ARKANSAS ST INDIANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 Steve Roberts basically wasted Nick Noce's soph season by bringing him in for the 8th game and he att'd just 31 passes. When the returning starter quit the team in August of '04 to concentrate on baseball, Noce battled Devin Hollins (PS#59JC). Hollins was the Off Scout Tm POY in '02 at Wisconsin but did not arrive at ASU until the fall of '04, which put him behind. Noce threw for 2,115 (52.1%) with a 13-16 ratio. Hollins appeared in 5 games (26 att) and was demoted to 3rd string scout QB in Aug '05 (discp) so Noce's backup was rFr Travis Hewitt. Hewitt appeared in just 6 games, hitting 3 of 8 for 50 yds. Noce improved his comp % to 55.3 and his ratio to 12-10 while throwing for 2,052 yds. Hollins hit 3 of 9 for 21 yds in 4 gms. After rushing for 433 yds in 2004, Noce rushed for 492 LY, providing ASU with a balanced attack. This year both Noce and Hollins depart. Noce ranks 5th among Indian QB's with 4,343 career yards. ASU has 8 pass att among their returning QB's, the 5th fewest in the NCAA. Hewitt will battle rFr Corey Leonard (PS#90) who threw for 1,550 and rushed for 425 yds as a senior in HS as well as true frosh TC Jennings who was a finalist for the Mr Football Award in Tennessee.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 ASU had to replace the school's #2 all-time leading rusher (Jonathan Adams, PS#6). Antonio Warren (PS#113) was acad ineligible in '01 and rushed for 193 vs Tulsa in '02 but cracked a rib which limited him. Danny Smith emerged and set a school record with 1,390 yds rushing (5.5). With the departure of Smith, Roberts listed 5 TB's as co-starters in '03. Shermar Bracey (225 lbs with 4.38 spd) orig signed at Arkansas and led with 530 yds. Chris Easley had 389 of his 475 yds in the final four. Warren, a power back with sub-4.5 spd, had just 384 (3.8). Easley missed '04 and Warren rushed for 1,036 (5.3). Bracey had just 230 (4.4). Warren did not become eligible until July LY but in just 10 starts (missed 2 w/inj) he rushed for 1,066 (6.2) and leaves as ASU's #2 all-time leading rusher (3,040). Warren set a record with six straight 100 yd efforts (previous record 5). Bracey rushed for 100+ in 4 games (699, 6.5). Easley had 187 (5.8) and will have to battle the rFr combo of Reggie Arnold (PS#161) and diminutive Cedric Wilkerson, which ASU's RB coach calls "Thunder and Lightning". Also in the mix at RB are Chris James (5-9 209 So) who had 37 (9.2) and this year's true frosh.

RECEIVERS - Last year the team had to replace their top 3 WR's and TE. Roberts said they had more talent but were just inexperienced. They had some trouble with dropped passes and in the first few games the only reliable WR was Levi Dejohnette who led with 43 (12.9). Patrick Higgins (6-2) was #2 with 28 (12.8). They both attended Bastrop HS and are called "The Bastrop Boys". Soph Joe Smith (6-4) was #3 with 18 (18.1) and 4 TD's. Gary Vincent (24 rec first 2Y) was #4, despite 11 starts. TE Manuel Burton, who had 2 starts at WR in 2004, was just 232 lbs. Underclassman Kevin Jones (8, 20.1) and Chris Miller (5, 20.2) led in ypc. This year the only losses are Burton (12 st, 12 rec), Ed Hampton (3 rec), Jahlamb Sinclair (2) and Jeff Johnson (2). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Travis Jones (6-0 181 rFr, PS#371), Aaron Langford (6-0 202 rFr), Richard Neal (6-1 200 So) and Jarriel Norman (5-9 173 rFr). This group is far more experienced than 2005.

OFFENSIVE LINE - ASU's 2004 O-line, with 2 starters back, opened holes for 4.2 ypc rushing while allowing just 20 sacks. Last year four starters had to be replaced. Despite having just one starter back, Roberts said at the beginning of the year that the unit would be tremendous once it came together. A lot was expected out of JUCO Jess McDonald but he was 2nd string, then broke a leg. The group avg'd 309.8 lbs per man and they ran to the left most of the time behind large LG Lance Martin and LT Matt Mandich. While the sacks allowed increased (31), the ypc surprisingly also increased to 4.8. This year they lose LG Lance Martin (12 st) and RT Cody Brown (12 st) but return 8 of the top 10 and get back both McDonald and large Vincent Thrower (6-6 347 Jr) who missed the 2H of last year with injury. Both OL's who made the All-SBC team last year return, so this group is more experienced and should be one of the SBC's best.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 ASU had an excellent D-line led by beefy DT's Jonathan Bradley (300 lbs) and Corey Williams (295) who earned 1st and 2nd Tm SBC honors. ASU allowed just 3.9 ypc rushing. In 2004 those two and one other starter departed and the unit was much smaller and allowed 4.6 ypc rushing, while the D had just 13 sacks. Last year they moved DE Brian Flagg to LB in the spring but he moved back to DE in the fall, so they only had to replace one player who had 5 starts. DT Myron Anderson was 1st TM SBC in 2004 and DE Quinton Thomas originally signed at Ohio St (PS#166). The group did suffer some attrition, as DE Jonathan Najm suffered a season-ending injury vs NT, backup Zelos Abby (5-11 297 Jr) injured his ACL in the opener and 4 DL's missed the bowl. With a more experienced DL, ASU allowed just 4.2 ypc while upping the sack total to 27. This year they lose their top two in DT Myron Anderson (12 st, 58 tkl, 16 tfl) and DE Quinton Thomas (8 st, 30 tkl, 4 tfl). Six of the top 8 return, including 5 with starting experience. Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Anthony Harris (6-0 238 Jr, 6 tkl), Jonathan Hissam (6-0 273 rFr) and Khari Mays (6-2 283 rFr). Even with the loss of their top two, this group should be close to last year's standards.

LINEBACKERS - What a difference a year makes. Last year ASU was switching from a 4-2-5 to a 4-3 and after losing 1st Tm SBC MLB Josh Williams after spring (susp), they had zero LB's that had played a snap of IA ball at LB. Roberts called it the team's biggest preseason concern. The unit got the addition of former SS Chris Littleton who was dismissed for the '04 season, but rejoined the team in the fall and had 6 starts. JUCO Devrett Wade exceeded expectations and earned 2nd Tm SBC honors. Two true frosh, Brett Shrable (8 tkl) and Ben Owens (5 tkl) were 2nd string. This year the only losses are MLB Jason Duncan (5 tkl) and Shrable (move to FB). Williams, who was the top frosh tackler in the NCAA in '04 with 110, returns joining four others with starting experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With just two starters back in 2004, ASU slipped to #111 in my pass D rankings. Last year they lost two starters but moved WS Khayyam Burns to FS in the shift to the 4-3, so they had 3 starters returning. Montis Harrison is the team's shutdown corner and last year I called for significant improvement by ASU in my pass D rankings. The unit did not improve as much as I expected, moving up only to #96. Harrison did miss a good portion of August and then was lost for the year after 8 starts. Co-DC Curtis said that the overall speed of the unit was finally getting up to the level he wanted. James Johnson was #1 in the NCAA in pbu after 7 games and finished with 4 int and 11 pbu. At the end of the year, rFr Dominique Williams (Harrison's replacement) was picked on often. SS Tyrell Johnson had 25 tackles vs NT and was the SBC Def POW and earned 1st Tm SBC honors as the team's leading tackler. This year they lose CB James Johnson (12 st, 51 tkl) and SS Farron Fowler (11 tkl). Johnson, Harrison and Burns are All-Conf caliber.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Steve Roberts coaches this unit himself so it was surprising that, after ASU ranked #31 in '99 and #21 in 2000 in my ST rankings, in Roberts' first two years ASU was #85 and #105. In 2004 they improved to #50 and last year were #64. Three year P Jarod Little, who had a super net of 39.4 in 2004, was suspended midyear and K Eric Neihouse avg'd 37.4 (tm net 31.9). Neihouse (PS#34), who hit a 62 yd FG in spring and a 50 yd'r vs ULM last year, leaves as the SBC's all-time leading scorer. He was ASU's POY and 1st Tm SBC. James Johnson, who avg'd 46.2 on KR's at JUCO, set a school record with 385 PR yds (10.7). Darren Toney (PS#158) who is a member of ASU's 4x100 relay team and has a 40" VL, avg 21.5 on KR's in 2004, but just 17.5 last year. Toney also had a PR TD in '03. They have an inexperienced P, K and also must replace their top-notch PR man, so it looks like ASU will drop in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Steve Roberts enters his 5th year here after being the HC at Northwestern St (LA) in 2000-'01 where he was 14-9. He was HC at Southern Arkansas from '94-'99, going 26-5 over his final 3 years. He brought his NWSt staff with him to ASU (OC Doug Ruse and co-DC's Kevin Corless and Jack Curtis). They posted the 9th best defensive improvement in the NCAA in '02, as the D went from allowing 402.6 ypg to 341.7 ypg. Roberts was given a contract extension through 2010 and was named SBC Coach of the Year last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Steve Roberts is doing a fine job here but some narrow losses and a tough non-conf schedule kept that fact somewhat hidden until last year. In 2002 ASU came within 11 points of the SBC Title finishing 3rd. They were actually just three plays from a 9-4 season but also just two plays from 4-9. They brought in 11 JUCO's in 2003 and started slowly. While 3-3 in SBC play, they were outgained by a league worst 123 ypg. They trailed ULM, Idaho and N Mex St by double digits but prevailed in all three for their only SBC wins. This is a team that was 3-19 the two seasons prior to Roberts' arrival, but is 20-28 since. Since 1992, ASU has only had four seasons of 5+ wins and Roberts is responsible for three. In 2004 ASU led the SBC in most lettermen lost (26) and faced a brutal non-conf slate (3 Top 25 foes). In SBC play, ASU was "only" outgained by 52.1 ypg, despite being -9 in turnovers and they finished 3-4. Last year I gave ASU a shot at a winning season and amazingly they won the SBC, getting to their first ever bowl. They paid the price on defense in 2004 by starting up to six frosh at times but still only had 4 seniors on defense on the 2005 two deep and improved allowing 8 ppg less in '05. Showing how improved the D was, ASU actually won two games in which they scored less than 10 points, the first time that has occurred since 1949. ASU had their first undefeated year in Jonesboro since 1986 and ended a streak of 9 straight losing years. They have exceeded preseason SBC expectations each year under Roberts. Last year they outgained Okla St 322-273. Roberts is now 15-6 SU at home and surprisingly the school has recorded non-losing seasons every year that ended in five ('55, '65, '75, '85, '95, '05). ASU was fortunate with four close wins in SBC play, getting a 1 yd TD run with :30 left to beat NT, a 35 yd FG on the final play to beat ULL, an OT victory vs Fla Atl and Troy was at their 18 with :30 left but was int'd in the EZ. ASU won the conf when ULL knocked off ULM in the season finale. The offense loses their two year starting QB and 1,000 yard rusher but with a more veteran O-line, should come close to last year's 25.3 ppg, which was their best since 1996! The Indians, despite some injury problems last year, allowed 25.2 ppg on defense, which was their best since 1995. This year they have 8 defensive starters back and should have one of the SBC's top D's. ASU did catch some breaks last year and probably will not be as fortunate this season, which could result in an overall losing record.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 17 Travis Hewitt So. 6-1 210 PS#148. 6 gm rFr, 3-8 pass, 50 yd, 1 TD & 17 rush (2.8). **15** Corey Leonard (6-1 196 rFr) PS#90. TC Jennings (6-2 185 Fr) is PS#269.

RB 25 Reggie Arnold rFr. 5-9 217 PS#161. **4.38 spd. 5** Chris Easley (6-0 211 Jr) PS#271. 4 st, 2Y, 662 rush (4.4), 511 KR yds. **35** Cedric Wilkerson (5-6 182 rFr).

FB 47 OREN O'NEAL SR. 6-0 244 10 st FB in '03, 81 tkl yd. 9 st '04, 166 tkl yd. 12 st LY, 81 tkl yd. **13** Brett Shrable (6-2 226 So) PS#314LB. 8 tkl. **40** Jon Hoeflinger (5-11 221 Sr).

WR 10 PATRICK HIGGINS JR. 6-2 184 PS#355. 10 rec rFr. 28 (12.8) LY. **3 Gary Vincent** (5-9 169 Sr) 11 st LY. 40 rec (11.9) 3Y. **7** Chris Miller (6-1 205 Jr). 5 rec (20.2).

WR 9 LEVI DEJOHNETTE JR. 6-0 175 PS#306. 25 (11.2) rFr. 12 st LY, 43 (12.9). **19** Joe Smith (6-4 186 Jr) PS#314. 18 (18.1). **84** Kevin Jones (5-10 169 So) 8 rec (20.1). Trevor Gillott (6-2 200 Fr).

TE 85 David Johnson So. 6-2 268 PS#107. 2nd string true, 0 rec. **87** JT Jordan (6-1 261 rFr) 500 lb squat. **82** Brandon Henson (6-3 245 Sr) JC in '03.

C 69 TANNER JENKINS SR. 6-1 279 PS#279. 6 st rFr. 11 st C '04. 12 st C LY, **1st Tm SBC. 58** Matt Reibe (6-3 300 Jr) PS#115TE. 2nd string. **65** Heath Lockley (6-0 285 Jr).

RG 76 KYLE KOETS SO. 6-4 292 PS#577. 1 st RT until inj as rFr, 12 st RG LY. **75** Nick Steffens (6-4 284 Sr) JUCO. **64** Chris Johnson (6-3 328 So).

LG 55 Jess McDonald Sr. 6-2 303 **PS#93JC**. 2nd string here LY until broken leg. **78** Shawn Shoemake (6-3 319 So) 2nd string as rFr LY. **57** Sean Marshall (6-3 280 So).

RT 70 Dale Maas Sr. 6-5 288 PS#566. JC '04. 2nd string here LY. **72 Vincent Thrower (6-6 347 Jr)** 2nd string until inj LY. **71** Zach Eichenberger (6-4 270 So).

LT 63 MATT MANDICH SO. 6-3 282 PS#453. 12 st LT rFr, **2nd Tm SBC. 74** Cory Meachum (6-3 323 rFr). **59** Anthony Jackson (6-4 353 rFr) PS#209. Drew Hilton is PS#127.

K 14 Ryan Hoormann rFr. 5-10 222 PS#54. #1 K in spring. Brian Sheffield is PS#36. 51 & 50 yd FG's in HS. 57-57 xp's, 15 KO's through the uprights. Josh Arauco (5-9 193 rFr).

DEFENSE

DE 44 BRIAN FLAGG JR. 6-2 243 PS#328LB. **11 st true**, 36 tkl, 5 tfl. 10 st LY, 32 tkl, 5 sk. **97** Reggie Green (6-5 255 Sr) 14 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **51** Alex Carrington (6-5 267 rFr) 4.7 spd.

DT 43 JAMARROW JAMES SR. 6-2 270 11 starts rFr, 29 tkl, 3 sk. 10 st LY, 30 tkl, 2.5 sk. **90** Troy White (6-1 267 Sr). PS#260JC. 1 tkl LY. **99** Bennie Washington (6-2 272 rFr) PS#462OL.

NT 79 Prince Hickman Jr. 6-1 289 2 tkl true. 2 st LY, 17 tkl, 2 tfl. **91** Curtis Bonds (6-4 285 Jr) 12 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **95** Page Gill (6-3 269 So) PS#380LB. Tyler McNeely (6-2 239 So) PS#94TE.

DE 54 Jonathan Najm Sr. 6-2 246 PS#216JC. 10 sk JC '03. RS here '04. 5 st until inj LY, 30 tkl, 3.5 sk. **94** Brandon Rollins (6-5 257 Jr) PS#227. 1 st, 24 tkl, 5 tfl LY. Rob Ramage PS#304JC.

SLB 37 KOBY McKINNON JR. 6-3 211 PS#387DB. 5 tkl as true. 12 sts LY, 55 tkl, 2 tfl. **30** Chris Littleton (5-11 212 Sr) 10 st SS '03, 33 tkl, 6 tfl. DNP '04. 6 st LY, 38 tkl, 4 tfl.

MLB 11 JOSH WILLIAMS JR. 6-1 255 11 st as rFr, **1st Tm SBC**, 110 tkl, 10 tfl. Susp'd LY. **48** Ben Owens (6-2 223 So) PS#103RB. 5 tkl true. **67** Daniel Fowler (6-2 210 rFr).

WLB 32 DEVRETT WADE SR. 6-0 231 **PS#260JC**. 12 st LY, 87 tkl, 4.5 sk, 8.5 tfl, **2nd Tm SBC. 45** Elias Ellis (5-11 215 Sr) PS#380JC. 6 st, 41 tkl, 3 tfl. **31** Matt Taylor (6-3 212 rFr) PS#262DB.

CB 20 MONTIS HARRISON JR. 5-10 179 9 st rFr, **12 pbu**, top cover CB. 8 st LY until inj, 30 tkl. **4** Jerime Henderson (6-0 194 Sr) PS#427RB. 21 tkl 2Y. **36** Daylan Walker (5-9 166 rFr).

CB 33 Darren Toney Sr. 5-11 185 PS#158RB. 29 tkl 2Y. **46** Dominique Williams (5-10 172 So). Last 4 st rFr, 21 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. **18** Kelvin Cox (6-0 190 Sr) 1 st, 29 tkl, 3Y.

SS 16 TYRELL JOHNSON JR. 6-1 197 11 st FS rFr, 94 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu. 12 st LY, 112 tkl, **1st Tm SBC. 29** Marcus Brown (6-1 183 rFr) PS#176. **22** Brandon Williams (6-0 202 So).

FS 21 KHAYYAM BURNS JR. 6-0 184 PS#145. 11 st WS '04, 85 tkl, 7 pbu. 12 st LY, 89 tkl, 6 pbu, **HM SBC. 39** Evan Van Dolah (6-2 199 rFr) PS#386. **38** Steve Reeves (6-1 185 So).

P 13 Brett Shrable So. 6-2 226 42.1 avg in HS, also QB/LB. QB in August of '05, 8 tkl at LB. Moved to FB in '06. **88** Josh Arauco (5-9 193 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Drew Hilton 6-4 295 PS#127
DB	Erick Stone 6-3 198 PS#148
DL	Rob Ramage 6-3 236 PS#304JC
DB	Marquette Williams 6-0 185 PS#194
DL	Rudy Harrell 6-6 280 PS#197
K	Brian Sheffield 6-2 210 PS#36
DB	Maurice Langston 5-10 180 PS#272
RB	Danny McNeal 5-1 227 PS#292
LB	Gregory Hardy 6-0 215 PS#257 '05
OL	Tyson Holligan 6-2 315 PS#335
DB	MD Jennings 6-0 165 PS#377
QB	TC Jennings 6-2 185 PS#269
DL	Levi Thompson 6-4 245 PS#372
LB	Kurt Delt 6-2 228 PS#416
RB	Chris Diggs 5-10 175 PS#515
WR	Jonathan White 5-11 175 PS#485
OL	Tom Castilaw 6-4 270 PS#562
OL	Alfred Louis 6-3 280 PS#562
DL	Bryan Hall 6-2 260 PS#495
DL	Dean Madison 6-3 230 PS#495
DL	Jeremy Wallace 6-5 225 PS#495
LB	Javon McKinnon 6-0 205 PS#485
DB	Marlon Douglas 5-10 170 PS#560
DB	Darious Glover 6-2 210 PS#560

ARKANSAS STATE INDIANS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#117

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Army	A					
Sep. 9	Oklahoma St (Little Rock)	A					
Sep. 16							
Sep. 23	at SMU	A					
Sep. 30	at Florida Int'l	A					
Oct. 7	ULM	A					
Oct. 14	at Memphis	A					
Oct. 21	North Texas (HC)	A					
Oct. 28	at Florida Atlantic	G					
Nov. 4	at Auburn	G					
Nov. 11	Middle Tenn	A					
Nov. 18	at Troy	A					
Nov. 25	at Louisiana-Lft	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Arkansas St's last winning season was a 6-5 campaign in 1995.
Including LY's bowl, Indians are 0-26 SU & 15-11 ATS vs BCS schools S/'97.
Since 1997, Arkansas St is 7-12 ATS as a favorite.

First time since 1995 Arkansas St is opening the season at home.
Indian Stadium had art turf installed during the off season as ASU is 6-15 ATS L7Y on it.

Could apply: Indians are 7-17-1 ATS since 1998 after a SU win.
This will be a "home game" for ASU & just the 13th time playing at War Memorial.

ASU is 1-3 SU & 0-4 ATS after a bye since 2003, being outscored 175-77.
Indians are 0-9 SU but 6-3 ATS since 1997 in road openers.

The 66 pts ASU scored LY was the most vs a IA opponent in school history.
Indians are 3-7 SU & 3-6-1 ATS in SBC road games the last 3 years.

The dog is 5-1 SU & 6-0 ATS in this series since 1998.
ASU is 11-6 ATS in their last 17 conference home games.

This will be the schools' 52nd meeting as ASU has dropped 10 straight to Memphis.
Memphis (#25) scored 21 pts in the final 2:45 to stun ASU in their last gm in 2004.

The dog is 1-6 ATS the last 7 years in this series.
Arkansas St is 3-1 ATS since 1999 in their lined Homecoming games.

Last yr was the 1st time ever a Div IA game went to OT as a scoreless tie.
ASU's 3-0 shutout LY was their 1st since a 20-0 win at Hawaii in 1998.

Arkansas St is 1-43-3 SU but 11-7 ATS all-time vs current SEC members.
Tiger HC Tuberville coached DE & LB at ASU from 1980-'84.

ASU is 1-6 SU & 1-4 ATS all-time vs Middle Tennessee.
The Indians are 6-4 ATS the last 10 lined home finales.

The L2Y between these tms they have seen just 34 pts, 51 FD's & 898 yds combined.
This will be Arkansas St's 1st visit to Troy since 1951 (39-0 win).

Their last 7 meetings in this series have been decided by 6 ppg or less.
ASU last won in Lafayette in 1992, their 1st yr as a Div IA program vs a IA tm.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Cleo Lemon 7,706 1997-'00
Rushing: Richie Woit 3,947 1950-'53 Receiving: Lennie Johnson 2,730 1995-'98

STEVE ROBERTS Career 20-28 (Div IAA 49-33-1)
5th Year at Arkansas St Roberts' SU Bowl Record: 0-1

Roberts' records AT ARKANSAS ST

20-28	Straight Up	3-4	Home Favorite
20-21-1	Vs The Spread	7-2	Home Underdog
13-9	Off A SU Loss	1-3	Away Favorite
14-11-1	Vs Conference	9-12-1	Away Underdog
6-10	Vs Non-Conf	0-4	Off A Bye

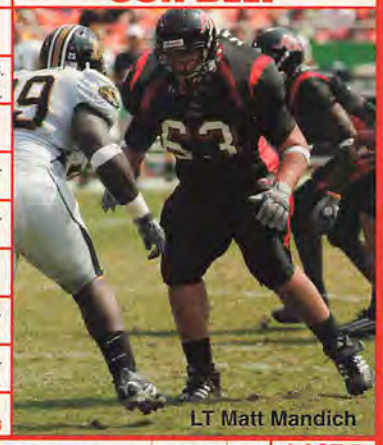
2005 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (21,24,1)
Lost: 15 (9,5,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,476

SUN BELT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STADIUM: INDIAN STADIUM (30,406)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (ProGreen)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	1-10	2-9	6-7	5-7	3-8	6-5	27-53
Home	3-2	1-4	2-4	4-3	4-1	2-2	5-0	21-16
Away	1-5	0-6	0-5	2-4	1-6	1-6	1-5	6-37
ATS	7-3	4-6	5-4	7-4	3-7	6-4-1	4-6	36-34-1
Home Fav	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	2-2	5-6
Home Dog	3-0	1-2	2-0	4-0	1-1	2-1	0-0	13-4
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	2-3
Away Dog	3-2	2-4	2-3	3-3	2-4	3-2-1	1-3	16-21-1
Favorite	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	0-2	1-1	3-3	7-9
Dog	6-2	3-6	4-3	7-3	3-5	5-3-1	1-3	29-25-1
Grass	6-1	4-5	5-2	6-2	3-3	4-2-1	2-4	30-19-1
Artificial	1-2	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-4	2-2	2-2	6-15
vs Conf	4-2	1-4	3-3	6-0	2-4	3-3-1	3-4	22-20-1
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-2	2-1	1-4	1-3	3-1	1-2	14-14
Off SU Win	1-2	0-0	0-2	2-2	1-3	1-1-1	1-4	6-14-1
Off SU Loss	6-0	3-6	4-2	5-1	1-4	4-3	3-1	26-17

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS
05	New Orleans	+15'	S Mississippi	19-31	W

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Arkansas St's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Antonio Warren	173	1097	31	1066	6	6.2
Shermar Bracey	107	708	9	699	5	6.5
Nick Noce	125	492	256	236	5	1.9
Chris Easley	32	189	2	187	1	5.8
Kevin Jones	7	49	2	47	1	6.7
Oren O'Neal	13	34	0	34	2	2.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Nick Noce	282	156	55.3	2052	12	10
Travis Hewitt	8	3	37.5	50	1	0
Devin Hollins	9	3	33.3	21	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Levi Dejohnette	43	554	12.9	1	55
Patrick Higgins	28	358	12.8	2	35
Joe Smith	18	326	18.1	4	49
Gary Vincent	16	186	11.6	1	26
Kevin Jones	8	161	20.1	0	48
Manuel Burton	12	135	11.2	2	26
Shermar Bracey	12	124	10.3	1	25
Chris Miller	5	101	20.2	0	53
Antonio Warren	7	49	7.0	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Eric Neihouse	37	1383	37.4	4	31.9(T)	1	10
Jarod Little	23	858	37.3	4	–	0	7

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Eric Neihouse	35-35	6-9	4-6	2-6	1-1	13-22	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tyrell Johnson	112	0	1	2	2
Khayyam Burns	89	1	3	6	1
Devrett Wade	87	4.5	8.5	1	0
Myron Anderson	58	2	14	0	0
Koby McKinnon	55	1	1	3	2
James Johnson	51	0	5	11	4
Elias Ellis	41	0.5	2.5	0	0
Chris Littleton	38	0.5	3.5	0	0
Brian Flagg	32	5	2	0	0
Quinton Thomas	30	2	2	1	0
Jonathan Najm	30	3.5	1.5	0	0
Montis Harrison	30	0	1	2	1
Jamarrow James	30	2.5	0.5	0	0
Brandon Rollins	24	1	4	0	0
Dominique Williams	21	0	1	7	2
Darren Toney	18	1	0	2	1
Prince Hickman	17	0	2	0	0
Reggie Green	14	1.5	2.5	0	0
Curtis Bonds	12	1	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
James Johnson	36	385	10.7	1
Gary Vincent	2	9	4.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darren Toney	24	419	17.5	0
Kevin Jones	10	224	22.4	0

ARKANSAS ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	24.5	18	193	4.8	177	54.2	15.1	+5	2005	7	25.3	20	187	4.2	192	56.9	15.0
7*	19.5	18	151	4.2	206	51.8	18.3	-9	2004	3	33.2	22	197	4.6	226	60.3	12.7
5*	20.2	16	159	4.2	151	49.1	15.4	-3	2003	9	33.4	21	149	3.9	250	59.9	12.0
8*	19.9	16	183	4.4	144	51.7	16.4	+7	2002	6	27.8	19	166	4.1	176	57.8	12.3
5	16.1	15	146	3.8	137	45.5	17.6	-5	2001	4	32.5	21	182	4.1	220	61.7	12.4
7*	22.5	14	128	4.2	184	55.8	13.9	-3	2000	6	37.3	24	207	4.6	246	62.0	12.2

2005 STATS BY GAME

ASU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	† Missouri	18	29-117	4.0	19-38	206	4	30	41-317	7.7	33-48	340	0	+1
–	Tennessee Martin	14	35-279	8.0	10-16	145	3	13	52-128	2.5	11-20	103	6	0
–	at Oklahoma St	16	47-200	4.3	11-24	122	4	12	31-125	4.0	8-21	148	3	0
–	Florida Int'l	22	35-304	8.7	11-13	194	3	28	40-98	2.5	30-45	362	4	+5
–	at UL Monroe	29	51-175	3.4	22-32	275	2	22	34-148	4.4	16-32	261	0	-2
–	Louisiana-Lft	21	41-264	6.4	10-20	194	2	28	66-457	6.9	10-17	97	0	+3
–	Florida Atlantic	20	46-185	4.0	14-28	208	2	10	37-91	2.5	11-25	77	4	-2
–	at Middle Tenn	16	35-146	4.2	16-28	119	3	21	43-146	3.4	18-28	266	2	0
–	Troy	13	44-127	2.9	9-20	117	1	13	32-69	2.2	12-23	98	4	+1
–	at Army	16	39-165	4.2	17-30	125	1	18	55-300	5.5	5-10	77	0	-2
–	at North Texas	18	39-237	6.1	13-31	205	2	20	48-175	3.6	22-38	218	4	+2
–	† S Mississippi	16	40-119	3.0	10-19	213	4	25	50-192	3.8	17-32	253	0	-1
TOTALS		219	481-2318	4.8	162-299	2123	31	240	529-2246	4.2	193-339	2300	27	+5
AVERAGES		18.3	40-193	4.8	14-25	177	2.6	20.0	44-187	4.2	16-28	192	2.3	0.4

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Georgia	+35	17-45	W
at Baylor	+7'	3-24	L
Jacksonville St	NL	28-31	–
Mississippi	+22	17-35	W
Louisiana-Lft	-3'	26-20	W
at North Texas	+6'	0-45	L
Idaho	+5'	34-31	W
at Middle Tenn	+22	6-54	L
at New Mexico St	+20	17-28	W
UL Monroe	-5'	7-16	L
Nicholls St	NL	22-28	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Virginia Tech - #16	+37	7-63	L
San Jose St	-1	14-33	L
Tulsa	+4'	21-19	W
at Illinois	+31'	7-59	L
at UL Monroe	+3	33-21	W
Tenn-Martin	NL	30-10	–
Middle Tenn	+16	13-7	W
at Mississippi - #25	+29	17-52	L
North Texas	+8'	10-13	W
New Mexico St	+7	21-26	W
S Utah	NL	38-16	–
at Louisiana-Lft	+3'	10-13	W
at Idaho	+3'	38-29	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Texas A&M	+29	11-26	W
Tenn-Martin	NL	63-6	–
SE Missouri St	NL	21-3	–
at Tulsa	-3'	7-54	L
at Memphis	+16	16-38	L
UL Monroe	-7'	44-41	L
at Mississippi	+26	0-55	L
at Utah St	+8'	0-49	L
at New Mexico St	+15	28-24	W
Idaho	+1'	24-23	W
at North Texas	+20	14-58	L
Middle Tenn	+6	14-24	L

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Missouri - #18	+32'	20-52	W
at LSU - #6	+40	3-53	L
Memphis - #25	+23	35-47	W
at UL Monroe	+6	28-21	W
at Mississippi	+18'	21-28	W
at Middle Tenn	+6	17-45	L
Troy	+13	13-9	W
at Louisiana-Lft	+3	24-27	T
at Idaho	-2'	31-45	L
Utah St	-7	16-7	W
North Texas	+5	7-31	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
† Missouri	+24'	17-44	L
Tenn-Martin	NL	56-7	–
at Oklahoma St	+24'	10-20	W
Florida Int'l	-9'	66-24	W
at UL Monroe	-3	27-31	L
Louisiana-Lft	-11'	39-36	L
Florida Atlantic	-7'	3-0 OT	L
at Middle Tenn	+4'	7-45	L
Troy	-3	9-3	W
at Army	+8'	10-38	L
at North Texas	-2'	31-24	W

FLORIDA ATLANTIC OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - It's tough when a team has to replace its all-time career leading passer and FAU had to do just that last season. Jared Allen had been the starting QB in all four years of the young FAU program. Allen, in his senior season, threw for 2,554 yards (60.8%) with a 13-8 ratio. VHT W Virg transfer Danny Embick (PS#28) had 1,038 (61.9%) with an 8-5 ratio in his two years as Allen's backup. Last year Embick had a great opening game vs Kansas, hitting 20 of 28 for 299 and 3 TD's. He tossed 3 int each vs ULM and MTSt but had a solid year throwing for 1,531 (53.3%) with an 11-10 ratio. Embick broke his thumb in the 3Q vs Troy and missed the rest of the year. Mich St transfer Sean Clayton (PS#108), who has excellent size, (6-5 225) played in 9. In his first start he led the team to a win over NT. Schnellenberger had talked during the week about splitting time between Clayton and McKinson Souverain (4.45 spd), who had a 20-4 ratio as a senior in HS. Clayton played the entire game but in his next start vs FIU, he had 2 of his 3 int ret'd for TD's. Souverain hit 4 of 8 for 90 but also tossed 2 int (both returned for TD's). Embick now departs. Also in the mix is Rusty Smith (6-4 201 rFr, PS#382) and Adam Garrison (6-2 215 So, PS#222). Embick was probably a little more talented and experienced than this year's group but, with a more experienced supporting cast, the starter could put up better stats.

RUNNING BACKS - Last season the Owls also had to replace their "all-time career rushing leader" Doug Parker, who rushed for 896 (3.9) in '04. The unit was lightly experienced with the top two backs being rFr. As a team, FAU averaged just 114.5 ypg rushing and a paltry 3.0 ypc. Dilvory Edgecomb (PS#205) was the starter but finished #2 with 295 (3.3) and surprisingly, after having 71 rec yards vs Kansas, had just 43 more. Edgecomb had 118 rush (6.6) vs NT. Charles Pierre (PS#213) led the team with 517 (3.6) and had 7 rec. The team did lose solid-blocking FB Aaron Sanchez for the season with injury. Backup Dominick Walker had 5 carries for 51 yards vs Okla St but he missed the last 3 with injury. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Felix Collazo (5-6 175 rFr), Glynn Bostic (5-10 200 Sr) and this year's true frosh. This year they must replace Terence Hall (19 yds) but everyone else returns. This unit is significantly more experienced than 2005.

RECEIVERS - Much like the rest of the team, the Owls receiving corps was extremely young last year as they had to replace their top 4 receivers. The leading WR returnee was Thomas Parker (14, 14.7). Parker has good size (6-2) and speed and led with 29 and an outstanding 20.1 ypc. RFr Frantz Simeon led with 4 rec in the opener and finished #4 with 18 (15.2). Darrion Porter-Isom had 26 (9.3), starting the last 8 at TE replacing Dantson Dareus (first 3 st, 13, 11.7). The other starting WR was Casey McGahee who had 23 rec (11.7). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Brian Dunn (6-2 205 rFr), TE Michael Ippolito (6-6 225 rFr) and this year's true frosh. Although technically both starting WR's return, they lose Parker who had more than double the yards of the #2 WR. Also gone are Porter-Isom (9 st) and Dareus (3 st) but this unit is actually more experienced than 2005.

OFFENSIVE LINE - With FAU being such a young program, their O-line in 2003 avg'd just 255 lbs and playing mostly IAA foes, only opened holes for 3.2 ypc rushing with 46 sacks allowed. They had 3 starters back in 2004 but, due to injuries, only one player started all 12 games. Taking on a tougher schedule, they still averaged the same 3.2 ypc this time allowing 30 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and a backup. They then lost projected starting LG Brandon Jackson (4 st '04) prior to the season. The less experienced unit only opened holes for 3.0 ypc rush, while allowing 34 sacks (11.4%). This year they must replace RG Stetson Wilson (8 st) but basically have 4 starters back plus two others in Jackson and John Rizzo (4 st as true), so this is the best O-line that FAU has EVER fielded.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 FAU had an experienced (all 4 starters back) D-line, but only one starter topped 250 lbs. Surprisingly, in their first full year of IA ball, the team allowed just 3.2 ypc rushing with 27 sacks. Last year they had to replace five players who combined for 35 starts. Two projected starters did not make the 2 deep all year. The lightly experienced group yielded 4.9 ypc rush and the D had just 6 sacks. This year the entire 2 deep returns. This group has good depth as you can tell by the 3 deep that I list below.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Owls had an inexperienced unit, having to replace 3 starters and two backups. They then lost projected starting SLB Kinyumba Mutakabbir for all but 2 games due to injury. RFr Andre Clark took one starting spot and was the team's #5 tackler. Shomari Earls was the team's top defensive player and earned 1st Tm SBC honors, leading the team in tackles (87) with 7 tfl. He must be replaced and also gone is Mutakabbir (1 tkl) and SLB Erik Benson (4 st, 51 tkl, 3 tfl). While Earls is a big loss, overall the unit has more experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In the first year of my pass D rankings, FAU finished #71. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 14 starts but had their star returning in CB Willie Hughley. RFr Greg Joseph did emerge at FS starting 9 and was the team's #4 tackler. Projected starting FS Taheem Acevedo (4 st '04) redshirted. Even with an inexperienced front 7, thanks to a pair of solid cover CB's, FAU finished #51 in my pass D rankings, allowing a 10-14 ratio. Unfortunately, this year they lose both CB's Hughley (10 st, 42 tkl, 9 pbu, 1st Tm SBC) and Lawrence Gordon (11 st, 46 tkl, 11 pbu). Quincy Skinner fills one open CB slot and has 18 career starts at that position in his 3 years. Six of the top 8 do return, including 5 with starting experience, but with the loss of two top-notch CB's, I expect FAU to drop a few notches in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Owls were #33 in my ST rankings their first year. Last year they had to replace their excellent K Mark Myers (20 of 28 FG's, 16 TB's on KO's) and both returnmen. P Mike Brown avg'd 41.9 with a net of 36.5 in 2004. Brown saw his numbers drop to 38.8 with a net of 33.7. Daniel Kennard hit just 3 of 7 FG's but had a long of 50. He missed the crucial FG which would have given them the win vs Ark St and was benched. Warley Leroy hit 1 of 3 FG's with a long of 22 and missed a 31 yarder vs NT. When it was time for the game winning kick, Schnellenberger called on Kennard and he delivered. Kennard had just 2 TB's on 28 KO's and Leroy had 1 on 7. Terence Hall only averaged 4.9 on PR's and 17.2 on KR's. They lose PK Kennard and P Brown and their replacements are listed below. FAU blocked 11 punts from 2002-'04 but had zero last year. Overall, a young FAU team stumbled to #117 and is now a lot more experienced with better depth overall.

COACHES - Howard Schnellenberger enters his 8th year with the program and 6th on the football field. He, of course, owns a National Title from when he took a Miami, FL program that was struggling and built them into the perennial National Title contenders they are today. He was the HC at Miami from 1979-1984 and was at Louisville from 1985-'94, helping that program become an annual bowl contender. He had a one year stint at Okla in '95 before coming here in 1999. In 2004 he made a solid hire by bringing in QB coach Gary Nord who primed UTEP for its first bowl appearance since 2000 with his solid recruiting. Nord was elevated to OC prior to the 2005 season. He was also the OC for Schnellenberger at L'ville and Okla. The DC is Kirk Hoza (6th yr) and David Serna takes over the RB's.

RB Charles Pierre

PHIL'S FORECAST

Florida Atlantic did not decide it would start playing football until 1997 and hired one of the best head coaches around in Howard Schnellenberger. He began to hire his coaches in 1999 and this team played its first "true" football game in 2001. Following a 2-9 season in 2002, Schnellenberger coached a remarkable 11-3 2003 season. They were picked to finish sixth among the Independents in IAA in 2003. They beat #32 Youngstown St, #23 Illinois St, and SBC member Middle Tenn St all on the road. They finished the year #4 in Div IAA ball and were the youngest start-up program ever to make the IAA playoffs. In 2004 Schnellenberger had a veteran squad with 9 starters back on offense and 10 on defense and pulled 3 consecutive road upsets (Hawaii, N Texas and MTSt), two of which went to bowl games. They started the season 5-0 (all on the road) and finished the year 9-3. They were a +4 net wins (see pg 299). Last year they had to replace 29 lettermen, the most in the league and I called for FAU to finish 7th in the SBC, despite the fact that they were coming off a 9-3 season. FAU actually led Kansas 13-12 in the 3Q and were only outgained by 9 yards by the eventual Fort Worth Bowl winner. They also played much better than the final score would indicate vs Oklahoma St. A 42 yd fumble return set up ULM for a late TD in a 28-21 loss. They also missed a 44 yd FG at the end of regulation and lost to Ark St in OT, 3-0. After knocking off NT, they had an amazing 4 int's returned for TD's vs FIU and finished, as I expected, at just 2-9 and 7th in the league. FAU was -7 in turnovers. In their first year of IA ball, with 9 offensive starters back, the Owls offense avg'd 24.9 ppg. Last year with just 2 starters back, the number dropped as expected to 13.5 ppg. This year with 7 offensive starters returning, they should be much more potent. With just 4 starters returning on defense last year, I thought the Owls would have a weak D and they went from allowing 17.3 ppg to 30.8. However, watching the unit, they had more team speed than I thought they would and faced powerhouse offenses in Minnesota and Louisville (46 & 61 points). They also had an aberration vs Fla Int'l with 4 defensive TD's allowed. Taking away those three games and the 3 points Ark St scored in OT, FAU allowed a respectable 22.1 ppg in regulation in the other eight. This year they have 8 starters back (5 of the top 8 tacklers) and should be much stingier in the ppg allowed category. I think Schnellenberger will surprise quite a few folks this year as they lose just 9 lettermen (29 LY) and they will make some noise in the SBC in 2006.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 15 Sean Clayton Jr. 6-5 225 PS#108. Mich St trans. 2 st LY, 329 (54%) 1-3 ratio, 72 rush. 1 McKinson Souverain (6-0 173 So) PS#266. 217 ttl yds LY. 12 Frank Messina (6-3 205 rFr) PS#302.

RB 31 CHARLES PIERRE SO. 5-9 195 PS#213. 3 st, 517 (3.6) rFr. **32 Dilvory Edgecomb** (5-10 180 So) PS#205. **11 st**, 295 (3.3), 11 rec. **8** BJ Manley (5-9 187 Jr) 1 st FB '04. 217 yd 2Y.

FB 35 AARON SANCHEZ SR. 5-10 220 257 (4.1) true. 7 st '03, 258 yds. 12 st '04, 388 yds. RS LY. **2** Dominick Walker (5-10 203 Jr) 7 st LY. 156 yd 2Y. **46** William Rose (6-1 213 rFr).

WR 7 Casey McGahee Sr. 5-9 155 21 tkl DB '04. 11 st LY, 23 rec (11.7). **16** Cortez Gent (6-2 170 rFr) PS#162. **83** Wilfred Rivera (5-10 170 So). **88** Nick Carullo (5-11 170 rFr).

WR 6 FRANTZ SIMEON SO. 5-10 172 PS#320. 11 st rFr, 18 rec (15.2). **82** Chad Wilkes (6-0 175 So) 2 rec LY. Chris Bonner (6-3 178 rFr). **84** Conshario Johnson (6-0 177 rFr) PS#324.

TE 85 Mike Wilds Jr. 6-4 230 9 rec LY. **20** Jason Harmon (6-3 184 So) PS#355. 1 rec as true. **87** Jamari Grant (6-4 177 rFr). **80** DeMetrious Murray (6-4 212 Jr).

C 68 NICK PARIS SO. 6-1 329 PS#397. 11 st rFr, (9LG, 2C). **55** Preston Kendrick (6-1 300 So) PS#389. 4 gms. **72** David Matlock (6-2 239 rFr) moved from DL.

RG 65 Brandon Jackson So. 6-3 245 PS#546. 4 starts at LG as true in '04. Inj, RS LY. **79** Jarret McDonald (6-5 287 So) 4 games rFr. **64** Kevin Miller (6-3 304 rFr) PS#358.

LG 78 JARRID SMITH JR. 6-2 258 9 st rFr, (8 LG, 1 LT). 11 st LY (9 C, 2 LG), **HM SBC. 67** Zachary Wichner (6-4 260 So) 2nd string, 7 games rFr. **60** Chris Munoz (6-2 285 So).

RT 63 ANTES PERKINS SR. 6-4 285 7 gm true. 4 st RT '04. 10 st RT LY. **71** John Rizzo (6-3 285 So) 4 st true (3RG, 1 RT), 7 games. Ryan Wischnefski (6-2 310 Fr) PS#159.

LT 52 NELLO FAULK SR. 6-6 264 10 games as true. 12 st C '04. 11 starts LT LY. **70** Lavoris Williams (6-3 250 rFr). Moved from DL in spring. **58** Raul Valero (6-4 270 rFr).

K 34 Warley Leroy So. 5-10 160 Hit 1 of 3 FG's here last year, long of 22, 3 of 3 on xp's. **30** Keegan Peterson (6-0 175 rFr). **37** Nick Lomartire (6-1 205 rFr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 93 EJ JONES SO. 6-3 249 PS#274. 7 st rFr, 18 tkl, 1 tfl. **91** Josh Jenkins (6-3 210 Sr) 2 st, 2Y, 15 tkl. **53** Paul Dumervil PS#455JC. **43** Julian Myers (6-3 204 So) 2 tfl LY.

DT 95 JOSH SAVIDGE SO. 6-1 252 PS#389. 7 st **true**, 19 tkl, 1 sk. **90** Vinnie Henderson (6-5 252 So) 4 tkl rFr. **99** Randy Hunter (6-3 260 So) PS#343. **94** Patrick Fatu (6-3 282 rFr).

DT 92 JERVONTE JACKSON SO. 6-3 280 11 st rFr, 38 tkl, 4 tfl. **96** John Mertilus (6-2 288 rFr). **74** Gil Monzon (6-3 265 Jr). **54** Michael Hancock (6-7 215 So). Jermaine Council (6-5 238 rFr).

DE 77 ROBERT ST CLAIR SO. 6-4 201 2 st true, 24 tkl, **8 tfl. 97** Josh Pinnick (6-5 222 Jr) 6 st true, 14 tkl, 1 sk. 10 st LY, 18 tkl, 4 tfl. **77** Joshua McClover (6-5 198 rFr).

SLB 49 ANDRE CLARK SO. 6-1 205 10 st rFr, 62 tkl, 3 tfl. **50** George Allen (6-0 200 So) PS#441. 1 tkl true. **61** Kristopher Rush (6-0 223 So) 4 tkl at DE as rFr.

MLB 48 Dustin Forston rFr. 6-1 200 PS#107. **Miss trans. 51** Brad Gagne (6-1 220 So) 11 tkl rFr. **44** Ted Czepiga (6-0 215 So) PS#222. Torn ACL true. **56** Frantz Joseph (6-1 220 So) #1 in spg.

WLB 45 CERGILE SINCERE JR. 6-0 213 1 start as rFr, 6 tkl, 1 sk. 11 st LY, 70 tkl, 2 sk, 3 tfl. **47** Edward Bradwell (6-1 200 So) PS#433. 2 tkl true. Craig Jenkins is PS#416.

CB 10 Quincy Skinner Sr. 5-10 170 14 st CB as rFr, 75 tkl, 5 int, 9 pbu. 29 tkl, 9 pbu in 2004. 4 starts last year, 52 tkl, 3 int, 2 pbu. **21** Erick McIntosh (6-0 180 rFr). Former WR.

CB 26 Corey Small So. 5-10 170 6 tkl rFr. **13** Rickey Bethel (5-10 176 Sr) PS#438. JUCO. 3 tkl '04. RS LY. **29** Gedel Merzius (5-11 162 Jr). **39** John Jones PS#296. GS last year.

SS 27 KRIS BARTELS JR. 5-10 190 14 tkl as true. 11 st at SS LY, 82 tkl, 5 tfl. **25** John DeShields (6-3 200 Sr) PS#175QB. 2 tkl. **41** Chalemaye Petitfrere (6-0 200 Sr). **18** Mark Maycock (5-10 182 Jr).

FS 3 GREG JOSEPH SO. 5-11 185 9 st FS rFr, 67 tkl, 4 tfl. **9 Taheem Acevedo** (6-1 201 Jr) 4 st '04. 40 tkl 2Y. RS LY. **40** Troy Pindell (6-3 193 Sr) 7 st 2Y, 40 tkl, **4 int** last year.

P 16 Mike O'Neill Jr. 5-11 178 41.3 avg as Sr in HS, 6 of 12 FG's. GS '04. RS LY. **30** Keegan Peterson 4 of 5 FG's as Sr in HS. **37** Nick Lomartire 66% TB's on KO's in high school.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL	Ryan Wischnefski 6-2 310 PS#159
DL	Markee Drummer 6-4 205 PS#210
OL	Devon Irwin 6-6 255 PS#308
QB	Eli Cranor 6-2 195 PS#217
DB	John Jones 5-10 183 PS#296 '05
LB	Craig Jenkins 6-2 195 PS#416
WR	Avery Holley 6-0 150 PS#405
LB	CJ Lee 6-3 230 PS#416
RB	David Muniz 5-11 201 PS#441
QB	Rod Huggins 6-1 185 PS#395
RB	Corddero Drummond 6-1 190 PS#515
RB	Willie Floyd 5-9 165 PS#515
RB	Rodney Jones 5-11 185 PS#515
WR	Ed Wertepny 6-5 215 PS#485
TE	Rob Housler 6-5 210 PS#205
OL	Dennis Bowling 6-3 313 PS#562
OL	Joseph Dawson 6-5 300 PS#562
DL	Mauricio Riquer 6-4 275 PS#495
LB	Malik Eugene 6-3 200 PS#485
LB	Michael Lockley 6-2 225 PS#485
DB	Tarvoris Hill 6-0 170 PS#560
DB	Tavious Polo 5-10 146 PS#560

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HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER (Career 111-89-3)
6th Yr at Fla Atlantic (Div IAA 17-18) Schnellenberger's SU Bowl Record: 4-0

Schnellenberger's records AT FLA ATLANTIC

28-30	Straight Up	0-4	Home Favorite
6-12	Vs The Spread	0-2	Home Underdog
2-7	Off A SU Loss	0-1	Away Favorite
4-9	Vs Conference	6-5	Away Underdog
2-3	Vs Non-Conf	0-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (2-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (18,22,1)
Lost: 9 (3,4,2)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 11,476

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-1.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#112

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FAU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	at Clemson	G					
Sep. 9	at Kansas St	A					
Sep. 16	at Oklahoma St	A					
Sep. 23	at South Carolina	G					
Sep. 30	at ULM	G					
Oct. 7							
Oct. 14							
Oct. 18	Louisiana-Lft (Wed)	G					
Oct. 28	Arkansas St	G					
Nov. 4	at Middle Tenn	A					
Nov. 11	Troy	G					
Nov. 18	at North Texas	A					
Nov. 25	† Florida Int'l (Dolphin Stadium)	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Howard Schnellenberger has been a college HC since 1979 with Miami, Fl (41-16), Louisville (54-56-2), Oklahoma (5-5-1) & FAU (28-30).
Florida Atlantic is 0-5 ATS as a favorite.

Clemson, Kansas St & S Carolina will play FAU for the very 1st time in 2006.
Florida Atlantic is 3-2 SU & 2-0 ATS in road openers.

The Owls are 2-7 ATS off a SU loss.
Florida Atlantic is 0-6 SU & 1-5 ATS their last 6 games on artificial turf.

As HC of OU in 1995, Schnellenberger lost 12-0 as 15 pt favorites to OSU.
OSU moved the ball just 107 yds in their 5 scoring drives vs FAU LY.

In just their 6th yr of existence & 3rd as a IA program the Owls are bowl eligible TY.
P10 & BE are the only 2 BCS conf's the Owls have yet to play a member of.

The Owls are 5-8 SU & 4-9 ATS in SBC games.
FAU is 0-2 SU & ATS vs UL Monroe as both games they were favorites.

Florida Atlantic went 0-2 SU & ATS after a bye last year.
The Owls are 2-4 SU & 0-4 ATS at Lockhart Stadium the last 2 years.

Schnellenberger learned his football tactics as a player for Paul "Bear" Bryant.
LY FAU was shutout for the 1st time as a IA program & 2nd in school history.

The Owls are 12-9 SU & 0-6 ATS in November/December games.
MTSU was FAU's very 1st win over a IA program in school history.

These teams 3 games have been defensive battles avg'ing just 33 ppg.
FAU is 0-3 SU (0-2 ATS) vs Troy only rushing for a combined 117 yds (1.3).

The Owls kicked a FG with 1:38 left to beat North Texas last year.
The visitor is 2-0 ATS as North Texas was FAU's 1st ever SBC win in 2004.

Owls are 5-0 SU (0-2 ATS) in their Lockhart/Dolphin Stadium reg season finales.
Entering 2006: The 3 wins FAU has vs FIU is the most of any school they played.

ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Jared Allen 8,100 2001-'04
Rushing: Doug Parker 1,981 2001-'04 Receiving: Anthony Crissinger-Hill 2,071 2001-'04

STADIUM: LOCKHART STADIUM (20,500)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	–	–	4-6	2-9	11-3	9-3	2-9	28-30
Home	–	–	3-4	2-2	5-2	2-2	1-3	13-13
Away	–	–	1-2	0-7	6-1	7-1	1-6	15-17
ATS	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-4	3-8	6-12
Home Fav	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-2	0-4
Home Dog			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-2
Away Fav			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Away Dog			0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	3-4	6-5
Favorite			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-2	0-5
Dog			0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	3-6	6-7
Grass			0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	2-4	2-7
Artificial			0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	1-4	4-5
vs Conf	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-4	2-5	4-9
vs Non-Conf	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-3	2-3
Off SU Win	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-2	2-5
Off SU Loss	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-6	2-7

Florida Atlantic did not have a football program until 2001. Their first 3 years were in IAA ball.

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Florida Atlantic's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-0

FLORIDA ATLANTIC'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 5 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
2	13.5	16	114	3.0	178	52.5	21.7	-7	2005	4	30.8	21	218	4.9	177	51.8	12.8
9*	24.9	19	127	3.2	268	59.1	15.8	0	2004	10	17.3	18	107	3.2	238	55.5	20.0
11*	28.9	19	128	3.2	244	64.7	12.9	+7	2003	10	21.9	20	145	3.9	225	56.9	16.9
11*	16.0	15	70	1.8	156	48.0	14.1	-7	2002	10	30.8	18	190	4.2	175	57.0	11.8
–	17.7	14	92	2.8	165	45.3	14.5	-3	2001	–	24.5	19	4.5	4.5	158	51.6	15.1

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Charles Pierre	145	558	41	517	3	3.6
Dilvory Edgecomb	89	356	61	295	1	3.3
Danny Embick	89	410	182	228	2	2.6
Dominick Walker	24	86	8	78	0	3.2
McKinson Souverain	14	62	22	40	0	2.9
Sean Clayton	21	72	37	35	0	1.7
BJ Manley	15	45	12	33	0	2.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Danny Embick	225	120	53.3	1531	11	10
Sean Clayton	57	31	54.4	329	1	3
McKinson Souverain	15	5	33.3	96	1	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Thomas Parker	29	584	20.1	3	66
Frantz Simeon	18	274	15.2	2	35
Casey McGahee	23	269	11.7	1	42
Darrion Porter-Isom	26	242	9.3	1	38
Dantson Dareus	13	152	11.7	1	24
Dilvory Edgecomb	11	114	10.4	2	66
BJ Manley	8	101	12.6	0	25
Mike Wilds	9	74	8.2	1	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Mike Brown	72	2797	38.8	16	33.7	2	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Daniel Kennard	13-14	1-1	1-2	0-3	1-1	3-7	50
Warley Leroy	3-3	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-3	22

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Shomari Earls	87	1	6	2	2
Kris Bartels	82	0	5	1	1
Cergile Sincere	70	2	3	2	0
Greg Joseph	67	0	4	0	2
Andre Clark	62	0	3	0	0
Quincy Skinner	52	0	3	2	3
Erik Benson	51	1	2	0	0
Lawrence Gordon	46	0	3	1	1
Willie Hughley	42	0	1	9	1
Jervonte Jackson	38	1	3	1	0
Troy Pindell	27	0	0	3	4
Robert St Clair	24	1	7	0	0
Josh Savidge	19	1	0	0	0
Josh Pinnick	18	0	4	0	0
EJ Jones	18	0	1	0	0
Brad Gagne	11	0	0	0	0
Josh Jenkins	9	0	1	0	0
Terence Hall	9	0	0	0	0
Jason Harmon	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terence Hall	14	68	4.9	0
Casey McGahee	4	17	4.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terence Hall	13	223	17.2	0
Dilvory Edgecomb	9	135	15.0	0

2005 STATS BY GAME

FAU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Kansas	16	37 - 70	1.9	20 - 28	299	3	24	37 - 201	5.4	16 - 35	177	1	+1
–	Oklahoma St	13	41 - 129	3.1	7 - 16	91	4	17	49 - 194	4.0	11 - 22	98	0	-3
–	at Minnesota	13	39 - 92	2.4	13 - 30	154	2	26	48 - 349	7.3	10 - 21	230	0	0
–	UL Monroe	21	42 - 181	4.3	14 - 31	168	3	21	39 - 172	4.4	19 - 31	214	0	0
–	at Louisville	15	42 - 15	0.4	15 - 25	187	7	25	41 - 326	8.0	15 - 24	282	0	-1
–	at Louisiana-Lft	23	50 - 154	3.1	17 - 27	276	3	11	33 - 170	5.2	6 - 18	47	1	+2
–	Middle Tenn	16	26 - 104	4.0	11 - 28	165	4	25	64 - 263	4.1	12 - 19	115	1	-4
–	at Arkansas St	10	37 - 91	2.5	11 - 25	77	4	20	46 - 185	4.0	14 - 28	208	2	+2
–	at Troy	15	27 - 114	4.2	21 - 37	216	0	19	38 - 112	2.9	17 - 27	271	1	-1
–	North Texas	22	48 - 227	4.7	13 - 22	151	1	17	38 - 161	4.2	15 - 35	187	0	+1
–	at Florida Int'l	16	34 - 82	2.4	14 - 28	172	3	25	52 - 266	5.1	10 - 20	114	0	-4
TOTALS		180	423 - 1259	3.0	156 - 297	1956	34	230	485 - 2399	4.9	145 - 280	1943	6	-7
AVERAGES		16.4	38 - 114	3.0	14 - 27	178	3.1	20.9	44 - 218	4.9	13 - 25	177	0.5	-0.6

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Slippery Rock	NL	7-40	–
at Bethune-Cookman	NL	31-28	–
Marist	NL	31-9	–
at Drake	NL	7-31	–
Jacksonville	NL	35-12	–
St Mary's	NL	10-24	–
St Peter's	NL	0-19	–
at Gardner-Webb	NL	19-35	–
E Illinois	NL	10-38	–
Suny-Albany	NL	27-9	–

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at South Florida	NL	10-51	–
Bethune-Cookman	NL	17-30	–
at James Madison	NL	13-16	–
at E Kentucky	NL	6-22	–
at Nicholls St	NL	22-33	–
Youngstown St	NL	17-24	–
at Troy	NL	6-21	–
at Connecticut	NL	14-61	–
Morris Brown	NL	34-13	–
at E Illinois	NL	6-47	–
Florida Int'l	NL	31-21	–

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Middle Tenn	NL	20-19	–
Valdosta St	NL	17-45	–
at UCF	NL	29-33	–
at Youngstown St	NL	13-6	–
at Illinois St	NL	28-10	–
Texas St	NL	27-14	–
Nicholls St	NL	31-23	–
Northern Colorado	NL	21-19	–
Gardner-Webb	NL	31-26	–
Siena	NL	51-3	–
† Florida Int'l	NL	32-23	–

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Hawaii	+21	35-28 OT	W
at North Texas	+7'	20-13	W
at Middle Tenn	+2'	27-20	W
at Texas St	NL	20-13	–
at Northern Colorado	NL	39-24	–
UL Monroe	-14	13-17	L
at Florida A&M	NL	38-8	–
at Troy	+13	6-24	L
New Mexico St	-7	7-35	L
Illinois St	NL	28-0	–
Edward Waters	NL	49-15	–
† Florida Int'l	-13'	17-10	L

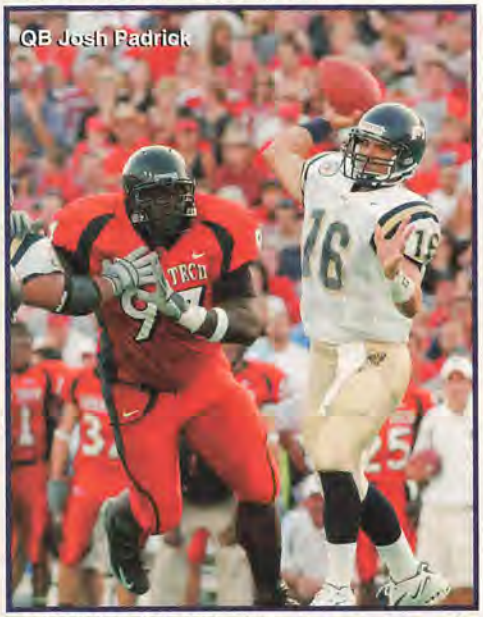
2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kansas	+24	19-30	W
Oklahoma St	+13'	3-23	L
at Minnesota	+30'	7-46	L
UL Monroe	-7'	21-28	L
at Louisville - #24	+39	10-61	L
at Louisiana-Lft	+5'	28-10	W
Middle Tenn	+3'	14-35	L
at Arkansas St	+7'	0-3 OT	W
at Troy	+3'	14-28	L
North Texas	-4	26-23	L
at Florida Int'l	+1	6-52	L

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN PANTHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - David Tabor (PS#181) was the team's QB in 2001 (the year FIU was preparing for college play) but he was beaten out for the starting job in '02 by Jamie Burke (PS#84). In 2003 Burke suffered a knee injury which was thought to be career ending. Tabor started game two but then lost the job to Josh Padrick. Padrick, who was an option QB in HS, threw for 2,493 yards (49.9%) with a 12-12 ratio (126 rush). In 2004 Padrick was replaced in the opener by Tabor who hit 15 of 22 for 174 and 3 TD's but he would have just 6 more pass att (3 int) the rest of the year. Padrick finished with 2,269, improving his completion % to 56.7 with a 12-13 ratio, facing tougher opposition. Last year Tabor battled rFr Tavares Kendrick (PS#108) for the #2 spot. Padrick threw for 2,461 (60.4%) with a 13-11 ratio. Eight of the int's came in just 3 games. He had a streak of 91 passes without an int snapped vs Ark St (4 int). He had another streak of 172 snapped later. Kendrick played in 3 games, throwing for 134 yards. Adding depth are Burke, who will try to return, (repaired knee twice) and Paul McCall (6-0 197 rFr, PS#201). Padrick threw for 314 (69%) in the season finale and should be one of the SBC's top QB's.


QB Josh Padrick

RUNNING BACKS - Adam Gorman, who was the backup FB at the start of 2003, ended up starting 6 games that year and was the Tm Off MVP, rushing for 736 yards (5.5). He returned in 2004 but Rashod Smith emerged and rushed for 1,133 (4.9) in only 10 games. True frosh Ben West, who played in just three games, was #2 with 137 (6.2), while Gorman had 56 (3.7). Last year they had to replace Smith and backup FB Marcus Jones was injured early. Smith's replacement, Julian Reams, was a late scratch vs Fla A&M and West burst onto the scene with 214 yards. Later West was suspended for 4 games but still managed to lead with 537 (5.5). A'Mod Ned, who was Broward County's leading rusher with 1,635 (8.1) as a HS senior, was #2 with 375 (4.3) in just six games. Reams, who has 4.5 speed, rushed for 322 (3.7) in 9 games. Gorman played in 10 and rushed for 94 (3.1). They lose Gorman, West and FB Aston Wilson (8 st, 32 yds). They add two HT true frosh who will battle Ned and Reams and have a stronger backfield.

RECEIVERS - In the program's first year, Cory McKinney (PS#118, 4.55 spd), a transfer from Connecticut, led the team with 42 rec and a super 21.2 ypc, earning IAA 1st Tm Independent honors. Harold Leath (PS#292DB), who is 6-3 with 4.4 speed, was a W Virginia transfer who had 34 rec (16.4) here in 2002 and was 2nd Tm IAA Independent. Those two returned in '03 and Leath led with 42 rec (17.6), while McKinney had 41 (15.3). Chandler Williams was #3 with 29 (15.9) as a true frosh. McKinney led the team again in 2004 with 58 (11.6) and Chandler Williams was #2 with 46 (11.4). TE Samuel Smith, who has outstanding size, was #3 with 42 (12.1). Last year the only loss was Leath. Williams led with 61 (14.3) and McKinney added 44 (12.5). Smith, who weighs 248 lbs with 4.7 speed, was #3 with 35 (8.6) and Julius Eppinger added 25 (11.9). This year they must replace McKinney (11 sts, HM SBC), Eppinger (2 sts), TE Joe Struyf and WR Andre Rollins (12, 9.5). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR Kareem Williams (5-11 170 So) and TE's Andy Anderson (6-3 225 rFr, PS#480DL) and Robert Brown III (6-3 252 rFr). This will be FIU's first year in the program without McKinney at WR but the unit still appears solid and returns two 2nd Tm SBC receivers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 FIU had a young O-line with 3 true frosh starting. The youthful group paved the way for 3.2 ypc rushing while allowing 48 sacks. Naturally they had a veteran group the following 2 years and improved the ypc rush to 3.9 with 28 sacks allowed in '03 and 4.4 in '04 with just 9 sacks allowed. Everyone returned last year and the team allowed just one sack in 76 pass attempts in their first two games. Unfortunately a pair of starters, RG Ronny Silva and LG Ed Wenger (35 career sts), were lost for the year midseason. The ypc dropped to 3.8 and the sack total went up to 16 (still a top-notch 4.2%). This year the losses are heavy, as gone are RT Tim Dierks (11 st, 4 yr st'r), C Victor Cernius (11 st, 1st Tm SBC, 4 yr st'r), LG John Shanahan (9 st, 4 yr st'r), LT Patrick Mullen (8 st) and LG Wenger (4 st). Three players return with starting experience, but this unit is the biggest question mark on offense and they are far less experienced than the last few years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year this unit appeared in good shape as it only had to replace three players who combined for 13 starts and had a couple of BCS conference transfers return after missing 2004. Unfortunately, neither transfer played and the unit was hit hard by injuries. In the 2H vs ULM they had just 2 healthy DL's. Early in the year, SLB Antwan Barnes moved to starting DE and thrived, earning 1st Tm SBC honors with 11 sacks. The Panthers had the best rush D in their brief history, allowing 163.8 ypg rushing (4.2) and also their best sack total (24). This year they lose DT Brandon Higdon (11 st, 15 tkl, 2 sk), DE Kevin Akinbiyi (6 st, 11 tkl), DT Pedro Farias (4 st, 13 tkl, 3.5 tfl) and DE Shaun Dudney (1 st, 9 tkl, 1 sk). Since their top guy is back and six underclassmen saw significant minutes last season, the Panthers should field their best D-line yet.

LINEBACKERS - Last year basically the entire 2 deep returned to the LB corps and Keyonvis Bouie had a huge year, despite being suspended for two games, earning 1st Tm SBC honors and leading the team with 118 tackles and 11 tfl. SLB Barnes was moved to DE and then two starters, Gerrod Bodie and Lance Preston, were lost for the season vs W Kentucky. This year they lose Preston (7 st, 20 tkl, 2 tfl), Bodie (5 st, 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl), James Knapp (2 st, 19 tkl, 2.5 tfl) and Johnathan Sturrup (3 st, 27 tkl, 1 tfl). I list two returning starters below and the top 3 LB tacklers are back in Bouie (#1), Alexander Bostic (#5 overall) and James Black (#7 overall). Despite losing four players who combined for 17 starts, Bouie is one of the SBC's best LB's and this unit should be healthier in 2006.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - FIU was #118 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and last year had to replace one starter but then lost starting SS John Haritan prior to the season, so just two starters were back. FIU's pass D again struggled and finished #119, which does take into account strength of opponent played, as they allowed 68.2% vs a weak opposing slate of QB's. This year they lose FS Nick Turnbull (11 st, 2nd Tm SBC, 55 tkl, 7 pbu) and CB Matt Castillo (8 st, 29 tkl, 3 pbu). Six of the top 8 return, including five players with starting experience. Although this unit loses an All-SBC honoree, it can only improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2004 the top KR was Chandler Williams (21.7) and the top PR was Julius Eppinger (9.9). K Adam Moss hit just 3 of 9 FG's in FIU's inaugural year but improved to 14 of 22 with a long of 47 in 2003. He hit his first 11 FG's in 2004 but just 2 of his last 8, with a long of 52 and was a perfect 9 of 9 from 40+ last year. FIU was #37 in my ST rankings and only had to replace their P last year. Moss hit 11 of 14 FG's but only had a long of 39 and was 0 of 2 from 40+. Moss also had 22 TB's on 54 KO's. Eppinger was the top KR (23.0) but his PR avg dropped to 5.3. Moss and Eppinger must be replaced but P Chris Patullo, who avg'd 36.2 (net 28.3), returns. This was a below average group last year finishing #105. Despite losing Eppinger and Moss, they can only improve.

COACHES - Don Strock enters his 5th year as HC here after being the QB coach at Baltimore for 3 years. He also spent time coaching in the WFL and AFL. Strock, of course, was a longtime NFL QB playing for Miami and Indianapolis, as well as Cleveland, where he replaced an injured Bernie Kosar towards the end of his career. His OC is Greg Briner who was the OC for NY/NJ in the XFL and had stints at Oregon, Georgia, Navy and Marshall. He also spent time with the Colts as the QB coach. Bernard "Tiger" Clark was the first DC in FIU's short history and resigned to be USF's DL coach after 2 years. The new DC is Kevin Fouquier who was the DL coach at Middle Tennessee.

PHIL'S FORECAST

FIU was just 2-10 in 2003 but was only outscored by 5.9 ppg in their 2nd and final full year of Div IAA ball. They are the youngest team playing IA ball, as they just started playing football in 2002. After not winning on the road their first two seasons, they actually won their first two road games SU in 2004 although both were vs IAA foes. They had 22 starters back in '04 and went from losing 10 games in '03 to just 7, playing two less games (from 2 wins to 3). Despite having 22 returning starters, the team had just 8 seniors. Last year, once again, the team returned almost intact with 17 starters back. FIU was expected to be a much improved team and only trailed Kansas St 28-21 in the 4Q. The next two weeks they were pounded by 53 points vs Texas Tech and 42 vs Ark St and it appeared it would be a long season. FIU rebounded, going 5-3 down the stretch and winning three SBC games. They overcame their early season turnover problems, including -7 vs N Texas (a 3 point loss) and won their last three games. While FIU was outgained by 25 ypg in league play, they came up just one game short of a winning record. They had two tough losses but also had 3 close wins. Last year FIU was put on 3 years probation in May but there are no penalties. They do return just 10 starters this year. The offense looks to be in good shape at the skill positions but the development of the young OL will determine if the team can top last year's 23.4 ppg. Despite having a veteran defensive unit the last 3 years, FIU has allowed 28.4, 32.5, 29.4 ppg. This year they only have 6 defensive starters back but figure to have their best D so far in IA ball. The Panthers are a year behind Fla Atl and last year the Owls had their first ever heavy graduation loss and went from a 9-3 team to 2-9. This year it's FIU's first heavy graduation loss and while this is a talented squad, I'll call for a rebuilding season and a drop in their win total.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 16 JOSH PADRICK SR. 6-3 207 **2nd Tm SBC**. 31 st 3Y, 7223 pass yds (56%) 37-36 ratio. 2 Tavares Kendrick (6-4 222 So) PS#108. 13 Jamie Burke (6-2 197 Sr) PS#84.

RB 3 A'Mod Ned So. 5-9 174 PS#352. 5 st, 456 yds as true. 32 Julian Reams (5-11 208 So) 4 st, 322 rush yds (3.7). Devon Freeman PS#101. Chance Attaway PS#116.

WR NA John Houston Whiddon Fr. 6-0 190 PS#124. Elliott Dix is PS#485. In for spring.

FB 27 John Ellis (5-11 215 rFr). 36 Marcus Jones (6-1 238 Sr) 28 yards in 3 years.

WR 1 CHANDLER WILLIAMS SR. 5-11 190 2 st true, 29 (15.9). 4 st '04, 46 (11.4). 11 st, 61 (14.3), **2nd Tm SBC**. 4 Sanchez Anderson (5-10 161 So) 1 st, 3 rec LY. Jeremy Dickens PS#340QB.

WR 9 Reggie Thompson So. 5-11 186 2 rec as true. Ashlyn Parker is PS#372. In for spring. 8 Vergus Mock (5-10 154 rFr) PS#475. 18 Lloyd Moss (6-0 217 So).

TE 83 SAMUEL SMITH SR. 6-3 248 10 st, 42 (12.1) '04. 8 st, 35 (8.6) LY, 4.7 spd, **2nd Tm SBC**. 89 Moses Hinton (6-5 264 So) 2 st, 15 (12.5). 85 James Williams (6-3 242 Jr) 3 st, 8 (7.8) 2Y.

C 63 Xavier Shannon So. 6-1 312 PS#387. 2nd string as true but RS. 5 st LY (4RG, 1LG). 68 Alex Szima (6-2 308 rFr). Joe Alajajian (6-3 285 Fr) is PS#500.

RG 61 RONNY SILVA SR. 6-2 346 Bench 365. 3 gm rFr. 10 st RG '04. 5 st RG until inj LY. Jeffery Eugene (6-3 305 Jr) is PS#428JC. Andy Leavine (6-5 290 Fr) is PS#362.

LG 74 Mike Alvarez Jr. 6-1 300 PS#217. 2 gms as true. 2nd string '04. 2nd string LY, 2 st RG. 77 Roland Clarke (6-4 288 Jr). Played as true. S Florida transfer.

RT 71 David Bailey Sr. 6-6 324 PS#566. S Florida transfer. 2nd string LY. 73 Anthony Russo (6-3 296 rFr). 70 Mark Rachels (6-8 264 rFr) PS#530. Chad Sales is PS#301.

LT 78 Dustin Gibson So. 6-6 263 PS#565DL. 2nd string as rFr. 51 Danny Muy (6-3 295 rFr). 79 Maurice Hazen (6-5 342 rFr) PS#559. Javon Hill is PS#175.

K NA John Paul Fraites Fr. 6-1 185 PS#77. 9-9 FG's as HS Sr, 1311 yds passing, 38-39 xp's. Also QB. 15 Chris Patullo (6-0 178 Sr) 4 rec at WR as true. Chris Cook is PS#21.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

DE 48 Myron Acoff Jr. 6-2 238 5 st DE true, 24 tkl, 4 tfl. 5 st LY, 22 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 57 Venson Jones (6-3 222 Jr) 23 tkl true. 24 tkl, 4 sk LY. Joey Myers is PS#356. In for spring.

DT 98 Reginald Jones So. 6-2 240 PS#437RB. 7 tkl, 1 tfl as true. Justin West PS#436. In for spring. 91 Matt Berrios (6-4 266 Jr) Inj spring. 74 Pedro Marti (6-3 300 Jr).

DT 92 JONAS MURRELL SO. 6-2 311 4 st DT true, 19 tkl, 2 sk, 2 tfl. 57 Jarvis Penerton (6-3 270 So) 3 st, 4 tkl, 2 sk true. Jonathan Betancourt (6-2 266 So). Sheldon Jacques PS#403 in spg.

DE 42 ANTWAN BARNES SR. 6-1 230 PS#147LB. **Sch record 55m!** 12 st **true**, 57 tkl, 11 tfl. 3 st '04, 8 tfl. **1st Tm SBC LY**, 45 tkl, **11 sk**. 93 Audric Adger (6-3 218 Jr) 1 st, 2 tfl LY.

SLB 46 James Black Sr. 6-0 215 1 st, 18 tkl true. RS '03. 10 tkl '04. 4 st LY, 31 tkl. 53 Artis Warthen (6-1 217 rFr) PS#229. Matt Garris PS#269. 49 Tyler Clawson (6-1 195 rFr).

MLB 7 KEYONVIS BOUIE SR. 6-0 225 PS#158. 62 tkl first 2Y. 9 st LY, **1st Tm SBC**, 118 tkl, 11 tfl, 3 int. 56 Wendy Napoleon (6-1 226 rFr) PS#372. 54 Quentin Newman (6-1 240 So) PS#444DL.

WLB 41 ALEXANDER BOSTIC III SR. 6-1 218 9 st true, 43 tkl. 7 st '04, 70 tkl, 5 tfl. 3 st, 46 tkl, 1 tfl. 28 Jeremiah Weatherspoon (6-2 206 So) PS#359WR. 4 st, 15 tkl as true. Mannie Wellington PS#444DB.

CB 25 Zach Davis Sr. 5-9 176 1 st, 4 tkl '04. 2 st LY, 19 tkl, 1 tfl. 17 Robert Mitchell (5-11 177 So). 37 Marc Naya (6-0 218 So). 41 Jeremiah Flood (5-11 194 So).

CB 22 LIONELL SINGLETON JR. 5-10 176 PS#450. 3 st true, 22 tkl, 2 pbu. 11 st LY, 49 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. 6 Malik Jones (6-2 194 So) 1 tkl LY as rFr. 29 Shelton Penrow (5-10 158 So).

SS 26 CHRIS SMITH SR. 5-10 207 2 st FS as true, 23 tkl. 1 st SS '04, 18 tkl. 7 st LY, 75 tkl, 4 pbu. 40 Andrea Swaby (5-11 183 So) 2 tkl LY. 35 Willie McDew (6-1 178 So).

FS 24 Marshall McDuffie Jr. 6-2 204 3 st true, 40 tkl, 3 tfl. 19 tkl, 1 int LY. 20 Kent Henderson (6-2 180 So) PS#580. 14 tkl, 1 int as true. 30 Cory Fleming (5-11 178 Jr) PS#420. 1 st, 5 tkl.

P 15 CHRIS PATULLO SR. 6-0 178 4 rec at WR as true. 43 punts, 36.2 avg LY. 11 Dustin Rivest (5-8 167 rFr) PS#107. #1 punter in spring. Chris Cook PS#21. 46.9 P avg HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

RB	Devon Freeman 5-10 200 PS#101
RB	Chance Attaway 5-10 198 PS#116
WR	John Houston Whiddon 6-0 190 PS#124
OL	Javon Hill 6-4 315 PS#175
K	Chris Cook 6-3 200 PS#21
OL	Jeffery Eugene 6-3 305 PS#428JC
OL	Chad Sales 6-4 295 PS#301
LB	Matt Garris 6-1 210 PS#269
OL	Andy Leavine 6-5 290 PS#362
WR	Torrelt Solomon 5-11 175 PS#332
DL	Joey Myers 6-2 220 PS#356
QB	Randy Van Meter 6-2 200 PS#221 '05
LB	Mannie Wellington 5-8 205 PS#444DB
LB	Michael Dominguez 5-11 210 PS#390
WR	Ashlyn Parker 6-1 195 PS#372
DL	Sheldon Jacques 6-2 265 PS#403
DL	Luis Pena 6-3 255 PS#412
RB	Daunte Owens 5-9 185 PS#427
QB	John Paul Fraites 6-1 185 PS#77K
LB	Scott Bryant 5-11 205 PS#415
LB	Daniel Cornely 6-0 205 PS#479
RB	James Jones 5-9 200 PS#437 '05
WR	Michael Williams 6-2 175 PS#406
DL	Justin West 6-3 290 PS#436
WR	Jeremy Dickens 5-11 180 PS#340QB
OL	Joe Alajajian 6-3 285 PS#500
LB	Frantz Placide 6-0 185 PS#445
WR	Elliott Dix 6-0 190 PS#485
DB	Chris Adingupu 6-0 185 PS#560
DB	Brandon Ellison 5-11 175 PS#560
DB	Dezaree Johnson 5-11 180 PS#560

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DON STROCK (Career 8-13) (Div IAA 7-16)
5th Year at Fla Int'l
Strock's SU Bowl Record: 0-0

Strock's records AT FLA INTERNATIONAL

15-29	Straight Up	1-1	Home Favorite
7-6	Vs The Spread	1-1	Home Underdog
2-3	Off A SU Loss	0-0	Away Favorite
5-3	Vs Conference	5-4	Away Underdog
2-3	Vs Non-Conf	0-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 6

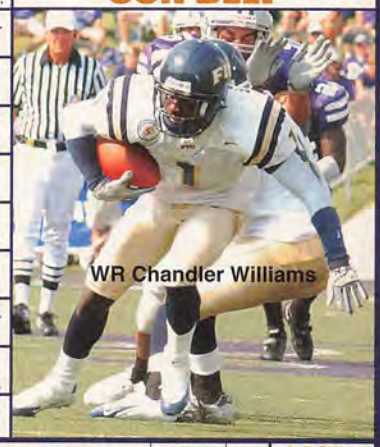
LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (15,24,1)
Lost: 28 (14,13,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,477

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#106

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score FIU	Final Score Opp	Win Loss	2006 Angles, Trends & Notes
								Don Strock was a NFL QB for the Dolphins, Browns & Colts. Florida International is 3-19 SU away from FIU Stadium. This will be FIU's 1st year as a bowl eligible IA team.
Aug. 31	at Middle Tenn (Thur)	A						Panthers are 1-3 SU but 1-0 ATS in road openers. FIU ended '05 with 3 straight wins including a season finale victory over MTSU.
Sep. 9	at South Florida	G						Panthers are 0-5 SU in their 2nd consecutive road game (0-2 SU & ATS LY). Golden Panthers are 1-11 SU (3-3 ATS) on natural grass.
Sep. 16	Bowling Green	A						Golden Panthers are 5-1 SU in their last 6 games at FIU Stadium. FIU Stadium is the only on-campus stadium in the state of FL, south of Gainesville.
Sep. 23	at Maryland	G						Maryland is 1 of 5 schools FIU will play for the 1st time TY (USF, BG, Miami & UA). HC Strock was a IAA QB at Virginia Tech in 1972, graduating in 1973.
Sep. 30	Arkansas St	A						Florida Int'l finished 2-1 SU & ATS at home vs SBC teams in 2005. LY FIU had 7 TO's (5 int & 2 fum) resulting in 42 pts for ASU in their 1st SBC gm.
Oct. 7	at North Texas	A						Golden Panthers were 1-3 SU & 2-2 ATS in Sun Belt Conf away gms LY. FIU outgained 4x SBC Champ NT LY 322-226 but 8 TO's proved fatal.
Oct. 14	at Miami, Fl	G						Eight games on FIU's schedule this year are in the state of Florida. Florida International is 4-2 SU but 0-2 ATS before a bye week.
Oct. 21								
Oct. 28	at Alabama	G						Golden Panthers are 0-5 SU & 0-2 ATS the week after a bye. Alabama will be the 4th BCS school FIU will face in 2006.
Nov. 4								ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Josh Padrick 7,223 2003-current Rushing: Rashod Smith 2,195 2002-'04 Receiving: Cory McKinney 2,745 2002-'05
Nov. 11	ULM	A						Golden Panthers are 4-1 ATS in November/December games. ULM was the 1st IA school FIU beat in their program history.
Nov. 18	Louisiana-Lft	A						On 10-2-04 Louisiana-Lft, became the 1st IA program to visit FIU Stadium. FIU is 0-3 SU & 0-2 ATS vs Louisiana-Lft Ragin Cajuns.
Nov. 25	† Fla Atlantic (Dolphin Stadium)	G						Each year these in-state schools play in the "Shula Bowl". FIU is 1-3 SU but has covered the only 2 lined games vs Florida Atlantic.
Dec. 2	Troy	A						Troy Trojans were FIU's very 1st IA opponent in school history in 2003. FIU is 4-0 SU (1-0 ATS in their home finales, outscoring teams 165-92.



STADIUM: FIU STADIUM (17,000)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	–	–	–	5-6	2-10	3-7	5-6	15-29
Home	–	–	–	5-2	2-3	1-4	4-1	12-10
Away	–	–	–	0-4	0-7	2-3	1-5	3-19
ATS	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	2-2	5-4	7-6
Home Fav	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1
Home Dog	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-1
Away Fav				0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog				0-0	0-0	2-1	3-3	5-4
Favorite				0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1
Dog				0-0	0-0	2-2	4-3	6-5
Grass				0-0	0-0	2-1	1-2	3-3
Artificial				0-0	0-0	0-1	4-2	4-3
vs Conf				0-0	0-0	1-0	4-3	5-3
vs Non-Conf	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-1	2-3
Off SU Win	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-2	4-3
Off SU Loss	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-2	2-3

Florida International did not have a football program until 2002. Their first 2 years were in IAA ball.

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ben West	98	559	22	537	4	5.5
A'mod Ned	**88**	**412**	**37**	**375**	**3**	**4.3**
Julian Reams	**87**	**333**	**11**	**322**	**0**	**3.7**
Adam Gorman	30	105	11	94	1	3.1
Chandler Williams	**2**	**28**	**3**	**25**	**0**	**12.5**
Josh Padrick	**39**	**128**	**116**	**12**	**4**	**0.3**
Tavares Kendrick	**3**	**13**	**10**	**3**	**0**	**1.0**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Josh Padrick	**366**	**221**	**60.4**	**2461**	**13**	**11**
Tavares Kendrick	**18**	**11**	**61.1**	**134**	**1**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chandler Williams	**61**	**870**	**14.3**	**2**	**58**
Cory McKinney	44	552	12.5	6	36
Samuel Smith	**35**	**302**	**8.6**	**1**	**30**
Julius Eppinger	25	297	11.9	3	26
Moses Hinton	**15**	**188**	**12.5**	**1**	**28**
Andre Rollins	12	114	9.5	0	16
A'Mod Ned	**13**	**81**	**6.2**	**0**	**17**
Adam Gorman	9	56	6.2	0	10
James Williams	**3**	**41**	**13.7**	**0**	**26**
Ben West	8	31	3.9	0	10

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Patullo	**43**	**1558**	**36.2**	**5**	**28.3**	**0**	**9**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Adam Moss	32-32	5-5	6-7	0-2	0-0	11-14	39

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Keyonvis Boule	**118**	**2**	**9**	**1**	**3**
Chris Smith	**75**	**1**	**3.5**	**4**	**1**
Nick Turnbull	55	1	1.5	7	2
Lionell Singleton	**49**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**2**
Alexander Bostic	**46**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Antwan Barnes	**45**	**11**	**4.5**	**0**	**0**
James Black	**31**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Matt Castillo	29	0	0	3	0
Johnathan Sturrup	27	0	1	0	0
Venson Jones	**24**	**4**	**1.5**	**0**	**0**
Myron Acoff	**22**	**2**	**3.5**	**0**	**0**
Lance Preston	20	0	2	1	0
Jonas Murrell	**19**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**
James Knapp	19	0	2.5	0	0
Zach Davis	**19**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Marshall McDuffie	**19**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**
Gerrod Bodie	18	1	1.5	0	0
Brandon Higdon	15	2	3	1	0
Jeremiah Weatherspoon	15	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Julius Eppinger	7	37	5.3	0
Antwan Barnes	**1**	**23**	**23.0**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Julius Eppinger	16	368	23.0	0
Sanchez Anderson	**12**	**200**	**16.7**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Florida Int'l's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-0

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 4 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	23.4	20	123	3.8	236	60.4	15.3	-8	2005	8	29.4	20	164	4.2	212	68.2	12.8
10*	26.1	20	133	4.4	246	57.0	14.5	-6	2004	8	32.5	25	203	4.4	276	66.8	14.7
10*	22.5	19	118	3.9	230	51.1	15.5	-5	2003	10	28.4	22	228	4.4	173	58.8	14.1
–	21.9	14	106	3.2	199	55.0	13.9	+2	2002	–	20.7	20	216	4.4	117	55.7	16.1

2005 STATS BY GAME

FIU 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
–	at Kansas St	10	26-82	3.2	17-34	154	0	21	42-246	5.9	19-31	161	1	+1
–	at Texas Tech	26	38-135	3.6	26-42	214	1	32	23-135	5.9	36-45	518	2	-2
–	at Arkansas St	28	40-98	2.5	30-45	362	4	22	35-304	8.7	11-13	194	3	-5
–	Florida A&M	19	44-244	5.5	15-23	226	0	6	26-28	1.1	10-18	126	4	+2
–	North Texas	18	27-79	2.9	20-32	243	4	11	48-147	3.1	10-15	79	2	-7
–	at Troy	20	26-28	1.1	31-51	247	3	14	45-123	2.7	12-19	150	4	-2
–	at UL Monroe	17	25-60	2.4	21-35	235	1	29	31-100	3.2	32-49	384	1	+2
–	at Louisiana-Lft	14	20-64	3.2	18-34	162	2	30	65-308	4.7	11-13	105	0	+1
–	W Kentucky	24	36-168	4.7	22-36	324	0	19	44-222	5.0	11-14	125	0	0
–	Florida Atlantic	25	52-266	5.1	10-20	114	0	16	34-82	2.4	14-28	172	3	+4
–	Middle Tenn	23	24-124	5.2	22-32	314	1	24	38-107	2.8	27-38	316	4	-2
TOTALS		224	358-1348	3.8	232-384	2595	16	224	431-1802	4.2	193-283	2330	24	-8
AVERAGES		20.4	33-123	3.8	21-35	236	1.5	20.4	39-164	4.2	18-26	212	2.2	-0.7

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2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
St Peter's	NL	27-3	–
at Elon	NL	22-23	–
Butler	NL	42-0	–
† Bethune-Cookman	NL	0-31	–
Georgetown	NL	27-2	–
at W Kentucky	NL	7-56	–
Maine	NL	7-33	–
Gardner-Webb	NL	14-17	–
Jacksonville	NL	39-6	–
Albany	NL	35-26	–
at Florida Atlantic	NL	21-31	–

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Indiana St	NL	10-13	–
at Maine	NL	14-24	–
Bethune-Cookman	NL	14-24	–
Carson-Newman	NL	33-55	–
at GA Southern	NL	35-37	–
Stephen F. Austin	NL	13-35	–
at Troy	NL	10-21	–
Holy Cross	NL	34-23	–
Jacksonville	NL	55-12	–
at Louisiana-Lft	NL	10-43	–
at Gardner-Webb	NL	19-22 OT	–
† Florida Atlantic	NL	23-32	–

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Jacksonville	CANCELLED		
at Youngstown St	NL	22-16 OT	–
Louisiana-Lft	+7	34-43	L
at Stephen F. Austin	NL	31-24	–
at UL Monroe	+9'	20-28	W
McNeese St	NL	27-30	–
at New Mexico St	+10	31-56	L
GA Southern	NL	32-53	–
W Kentucky	NL	14-35	–
Florida A&M	NL	40-23	–
† Florida Atlantic	+13'	10-17	W

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Kansas St	+33	21-35	W
at Texas Tech - #21	+34	3-56	L
at Arkansas St	+9'	24-66	L
Florida A&M	NL	23-6	–
North Texas	-1'	10-13	L
at Troy	+9'	13-18	W
at UL Monore	+10	31-29	W
at Louisiana-Lft	+9	7-28	L
W Kentucky	NL	38-35	–
Florida Atlantic	-1	52-6	W
Middle Tenn	+6	35-31	W

ULM WARHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Steven Jyles won the starting QB job over returnee Daniel DaPrato in the 4th game of 2002 and was the first ULM QB to top 300 yards in 3 or more straight games since 1995. He had a streak of 164 passes without an int and threw for 2,318 (49.2%) with a 17-9 ratio. In 2003 Jyles was hampered by a torn tendon on his ring finger and had 2,112 (55.8%) with a 14-12 ratio (264 rush). True frosh Kinsmon Lancaster looked great in August and almost played in 2004 but Jyles started all 11 and threw for 2,322 (55.7%) with a 12-12 ratio. He also rushed for 587 net yards, a school record for a QB (old record Boyd Cole 453 in '73). Jyles leaves as the SBC's career passing leader (breaking Idaho's Brian Lindgren's mark) and as ULM's all-time career passing leader (topping John Holman, 1979-'82, 7827 yds). He also broke Raymond Philyaw's record for career passing TD's with 55. Jyles had a 3-7 ratio in the first 4 but finished with 2,235 (55.1%) and a 12-10 ratio (558 rush). Lancaster played 10 games in a slash role, hitting just 7 of 24 for 54 (2.25 ypa) but did rush for 270 yards. Lancaster will have to battle Army transfer Chance Payne (PS#382), rFr Darrell McNeal (PS#141), Lynard Barbosa (6-0 200 rFr, PS#265), Beau Ferguson (6-1 215 So, PS#309) and this year's true frosh. Weatherbie says that Lancaster is quicker than Jyles, but it will be tough to match the production of a 4 year starter who was the SBC POY and signed with the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos.

RUNNING BACKS - Prior to 2002 ULM struggled running, as in the previous 8 years the team's high water mark was 129 ypg (3.2) in 1999. In '04 their top returning rusher, Kevin Payne, suffered a groin injury and was not 100%. QB Jyles led the team in rushing and the top RB was JUCO Mason Denham (529, 4.2). In 2004 Weatherbie compared true frosh Calvin Dawson to NT's Jamario Thomas, saying they were similar in durability and speed. He was so confident in the Dawson-Denham tandem that he moved Payne to SS LY and he became 2nd Tm SBC. Denham was not 100% (ankle) and played in just 9 (218, 5.0). Dawson led with 666 (4.9), adding 21 rec. The #2 and #3 rushers were QB's and the #5 was WR Joe Merritt. FB Leo Colquitt had 21 (5.2), with backup FB Mark Banks adding 19. This year Banks and Denham depart. It will be interesting to see if Dawson lives up to the potential Weatherbie saw. Also in the mix are Chris Freeman (5-10 185 Sr), who moves from FS, Sam Crum (5-10 197 So), Jeremy Doaty (5-8 175 So), true frosh Frank Goodin (PS#207) and Demetrice "Tay" Olgetree. I give Dawson a great chance at topping 1,000 yards this year.

RECEIVERS - ULM's best known WR was Miami Dolphins' star Marty Booker who left with school records for both rec and yards in a season. Mack Vincent smashed those numbers in 2002 with 79 rec and 1,198 yards and left as the school's career record holder in 2003. The team got a big addition in Drouzon "Tree" Quillen. I called him 1st Tm SBC in 2004 and he lived up to his potential with 44 (17.2). The other starting WR was Joe Merritt who runs the 100m in 10.5 but he had just 10 rec in 8 starts. Last year Quillen, Merritt and TE Joey Trappey (20 rec '04) returned. The color commentator for Arkansas, former Oklahoma and NFL TE Keith Jackson, whose opinion I respect, said that Quillen is 6'6" 215, can run like the wind and is NFL caliber. Quillen led with 45 (15.7) but opted to leave early for the NFL. Also among the departures this year are Trappey, who was #2 with 42 (10.1), Larry Davenport (3 st, 14 rec), Vincent Mitchell (3 rec) and TE's Jesse Blair (2 rec) and Jeremy Hammock (9 rec, 1 st). RFr Marty Humphrey was crucial in the game winning drive against Ark St with 14 and 19 yard rec and also had 9 vs FIU, finishing #4 (20, 13.4). While there is some talent here, it will be tough to replace two outstanding 1st Tm SBC starters.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Weatherbie's first season they had four starters returning on the O-line but only paved the way for 99 ypg rushing (3.0). In 2004 they had to replace four players who combined for 36 starts and had 3 true frosh starters. Surprisingly, with 5 frosh seeing plenty of action, ULM averaged 3.8 ypc rush and allowed just 9 sacks. Of course, having a mobile QB helps. Last year it looked like they would have 5 sophomores starting but two true frosh won starting jobs. ULM improved to 3.9 ypc rush and again allowed just 9 sacks (2.2%!). This year all 5 starters return and the only losses are 2nd stringers RG Joey Zimmer and C Dorian Beckwith. This is the best O-line Weatherbie has fielded at ULM.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2003 ULM's D-line was injury-plagued, finishing the year a small and inexperienced group but still allowed a respectable 4.2 ypc rush. They basically had one starter back in 2004 and allowed 4.5 ypc rush. Last year they only had to replace one starter and a backup but the unit included DE Brandon Guillory, who at 250 lbs, has 4.42 speed and a 38"VL. Guillory recorded 9.5 sacks and was 1st Tm SBC. He leaves as the career tfl leader here, passing Frank Landry (38 tfl from '71-'74). Surprisingly with a veteran front, ULM allowed 4.6 ypc rush (highest total in 3 yrs) and only recorded 18 sacks.

CB Chaz Williams

This year the losses are heavy, as gone are Guillory (11 st, 40 tkl), DE Alnecco Shine (11 st, 27 tkl, 5 tfl), NT Marbrae Wilson (11 st, 24 tkl, 1.5 tfl), DT Dilandos Johnson (7 st, 17 tkl, 2 sk) and DE Lamont Finley (8 tkl). Only one player returns with starting experience but they have a spattering of HT's and JUCO's, so they could perform better than expected.

LINEBACKERS - In 2003 ULM switched to a 4-2-5 defense but I listed their biggest S under LB. In 2004 the unit had to replace their #1 tackler but had 3 players who combined for 18 starts return. They moved projected starting RB Jason Schule to LB and he started all 11. Last year they had to replace two starters, including their #1 tackler but moved RB Kevin Payne into the unit and he was the team's top tackler with 87. Schule was #2 with 81. This year they lose Schule (11 st, 2nd Tm SBC), 3rd string L.B. Jeter (3 tkl) and Payne who moves to FS. Not listed in the 3 deep below is another converted RB, Ben Murphy (6-0 225 Jr) and Josh Thomas (6-1 195 Fr). Including Josh Thompson at the ROV position, four players return who started a combined 23 games last year, so basically two starters return, including the #5 and #7 tacklers.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishing #115 in my pass D rankings in Weatherbie's first season, ULM had everyone back in 2004 and improved to #57. Shelton Williams was the talk of spring with his 4.35 speed and started 7 games. Last year they had to replace two starters, including a #6 DC and four backups who combined for 4 starts (107 tkl). The less experienced unit dropped to #100 but allowed a top-notch 15-17 ratio vs a light slate of opposing QB's. This year they must replace SS Shelton Williams (10 st, 61 tkl, 4 pbu), CB Darrius Battles (4 st, 29 tkl) and backup SS Josh Jenkins (3 tkl). They move Kevin Payne, who was 2nd Tm SBC LY, from his LSS spot (similar to LB) to the FS spot. First Tm SBC CB Chaz Williams had 5 int last year and five players with starting experience are back, so ULM should move up significantly my the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The highest finish ULM has had in my ST rankings, heading into last season, was #80. They were dead last in the NCAA in 2002 and #99 in 2003. Charlie Weatherbie, who has coached 3 NFL punters, called Joel Stelly the best he's coached. Stelly finished #3, #6 and #10 in the NCAA in punting and last year had a net of 36.7. Ragan Walters (PS#22), Cole Wilson and Stelly combined to hit just 7 of 14 FG's with a long of 42. Walters, who hit a 57 yd FG in HS, missed a 35 yard FG with :12 left vs FIU, but the following week vs MT, rebounded with 42 and 34 yard FG's and 4 xp's. He and Wilson both return. Stelly's net punting helped ULM to its highest ranking yet at #86. PR JJ McCoy fumbled a punt vs Troy but held on to the job (2.9) while Mason Denham avg'd 3.2. Kevin Payne avg'd 28.8 on 13 KR's and Joe Merritt just 19.7 on 16. Stelly had 4 TB's on 44 KO's and Wilson 0 on 4. This year they bring Kirk Botkin to coach the unit. It's hard to imagine that this unit will top last year's finish with the loss of their star punter.

COACHES - Charlie Weatherbie was hired AFTER spring practice in 2003. He retained Mike Collins' entire staff for that season. Weatherbie was the head coach at Navy and Utah St and took them both to bowls. Todd Berry who had been the OC the last two years, left for Miami. This year the new OC is Bob Leahy, who has been an asst HC here the last 3 years. He was an OC at Pitt (1977), Wash St (1976), Okla St (1979-'82), the Buffalo Bills (1985-'86), E Tenn St and Liberty. Last year the new DC was Kim Dameron, who spent the previous four years as the DC at Stephen F. Austin. They add Nate Kaczor, who was the co-OC at Idaho last year, as the new TE coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Charlie Weatherbie stepped into a very tough situation, taking over the team in May 2003. ULM finished 1-11 but had 6 games come down to 7 points or less and could easily have opened up the season 4-3 as opposed to 1-6. They were also -19 in turnovers (see Turnovers=Turnaround pg 312). Weatherbie had spring practice with the team in 2004 and had 15 starters back, the second most in the conference. Despite starting 3 frosh on the O-line, ULM was one of the key teams helping me win the "Most Accurate Magazine" Title. I pegged the 1-11 team for 4th in the SBC and that is precisely where they finished with most other magazines projecting them near the basement. Last year they had 8 starters back on offense including QB Jyles. Their 2004 frosh dominated O-line was made up of 5 soph's and I pegged ULM in the top 3 of the SBC. They were only #5 in the preseason SBC poll despite winning 5 of their last 7 in 2004. In the season finale, ULM controlled their own destiny and could have won the SBC with a victory over ULL which would have made them 6-1 and given them their first winning season since 1993. They drew only 15,505 for this key game. Hurricane Katrina hurt ULM in more ways than one as they were forced to move the NT game to accommodate LSU and NT, which gave them 20 days between Troy and FIU. Being affected by the long layoff, they trailed 24-9 early but did rally and missed a 35 yd FG with :12 left. That, combined with their opening day loss to IAA NW St, a game they led 23-0 at the half, cost them a winning season. Last year's 21.7 ppg was ULM's highest since joining Div IA in 1995. Since they lose two 1st Tm SBC receivers and their star QB and face some tough D's like Alabama, Kansas and Arkansas, they aren't likely to top that number. I do expect this year's offense to be more run-based due to a new QB, a veteran O-line and RB's and a new OC. Despite having a veteran DL last year, ULM allowed 30.8 ppg with 5 starters back and with 5 starters back once again this year, they should improve on that number. ULM has a tougher schedule and are one of the least experienced teams in the SBC making this a rebuilding year.

2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN MAROON)

QB 7 Kinsmon Lancaster So. 5-11 182 PS#289. 1 st WR rFr, 270 rush, 54 yd pass, 9 rec. **13** Chance Payne (6-2 220 So) Army transfer. **3** Darrell McNeal (5-11 198 rFr) PS#141.

RB 22 CALVIN DAWSON JR. 5-9 199 PS#322. 174 ttl yds true. 11 st LY, 666 (4.9), 21 rec (6.2). **20** Erroll Hogan (5-9 195 Sr) 33 yds 3Y. **37** Leo Colquitt (5-8 200 Jr) 21 yds LY.

WR 6 MARTY HUMPHREY SO. 6-1 175 4 st rFr, 20 rec (13.4). **18** LaGregory Sapp (6-3 195 So) 1 st true, 1 rec. **80** Jay Rose (6-2 180 rFr) PS#307. **31** Guy Smith (5-11 180 Fr).

WR 4 RoShon Jacobs Sr. 6-4 218 Susp Indef? 3 st 3Y, 44 (11.9). **16** Adam Hogan (6-2 180 Jr) PS#253QB. 3 rec LY. **82** Robert Mingo (6-1 170 rFr) PS#206DB. **26** Lance Seffens (5-11 145 Jr).

WR 9 JOE MERRITT SR. 6-0 195 1 st rFr, 215 KR yd. 8 st '04, 10 rec (12.9). 10 st LY, 14 (7.9). **84** JJ McCoy (5-10 165 So) PS#462DB. **89** Matt Radzavich (5-11 175 rFr). Track tm.

TE 88 Mitch Doyle So. 6-5 255 PS#145TE. 1 start as a true, 6 games, 0 rec. **81** Justin Waller (6-3 225 rFr). **15** Kenneth "Zeek" Zacharie (6-3 225 So) PS#205TE.

C 62 BRENT GREGSTON JR. 6-2 260 PS#510. 2nd string as rFr. 11 starts C in '05. **65** Brett Thompson (6-3 270 rFr) PS#442. **LS 54** Cody Bauman (5-11 238 Sr). 3 letters.

RG 79 ADAM HILL JR. 6-1 325 PS#255. 11 st LG **true**, 400 bench. 11 st RG LY, **2nd Tm SBC. 77** Joseph Joseph (6-2 285 Jr) 1 st LG rFr. **68** Andrew Norwood (6-3 **325** rFr).

LG 70 AARON SCHUTZ SO. 6-3 310 PS#270. Hvywt wrestler HS. 11 starts LG true. **55** Patrick Avinger (6-3 275 Jr) 5 st RG true. "Big Country". **69** Anthony Washington (6-3 280 So).

RT 76 LARRY SHAPPLEY SO. 6-5 270 PS#100. 11 st RT as **true**. **94** Kyle Kersten (6-4 255 So) PS#500DL. Doug Stroud (6-6 330 Fr) **is PS#78**. AJ DeGroot is PS#412.

LT 75 KYLE CUNNINGHAM JR. 6-4 285 11 starts RT true. 11 starts LT in '05, **2nd Tm SBC. 72** Nicolas Silva (6-2 290 Sr) PS#276JC. Brent Knotts PS#377. May grayshirt.

K 10 RAGAN WALTERS JR. 5-9 179 PS#22. 57 yd FG in HS. 6 of 11 FG's as true, long 37. 6 of 10 FG's LY, long 42. **87** Cole Wilson (5-11 185 Jr) 5 of 8 FG's, long 47, 2Y.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN MAROON)

DE 58 Alaric Coleman rFr. 6-2 238 PS#106LB. **97** Christiaan Cambridge (6-2 262 Sr) 5 tkl as true. 13 tkl '04. 17 tkl, 1 tfl LY. **59** Cecil Pollock (6-2 225 So) PS#395LB. 1 tkl LY.

NT 53 Ricky Williams Jr. 6-2 275 2 tkl rFr. 4 st LY, 24 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **52** Justin Fulmer (6-3 254 rFr) PS#235. #1 tkl'r in spg. **86** Patrick Sturgeon (6-0 235 Jr) PS#498. 405 bench.

DT 90 DeMarcus Carmouche So. 6-5 290 PS#192. 5 tkl rFr. **99** David Cooper (6-1 265 Jr) PS#430JC. In for spring. **57** Patrick Frazier (6-2 275 Jr) PS#602OL. Jake Fincher PS#201LB.

DE 43 Travis Eickman So. 6-3 220 PS#476. 5 tkl rFr. **95** Jameson Jordan (6-4 230 rFr). Eric Denson (6-2 293 Jr) PS#345JC. **78** Victor Gaines (6-1 210 So) very productive spg.

SLB 49 Josh Alexander Sr. 6-0 220 28 tkl, 2 tfl true. RS '03. 4 st L2Y, 56 tkl, 5 tfl. **45** Matthew Freeman (6-1 220 Jr) is PS#428JC. In for spg. **73** Ryan Roussel (6-0 225 Sr) 2 tkl L3Y.

WLB 44 HARRY BRADLEY SR. 6-1 224 7 tkl first 2 years. 11 starts, 43 tkl, 2.5 tfl in '05. **35** Jeremy Moll (6-0 203 So) PS#390. 4 st rFr, 39 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **46** Edward Inyangumia (6-2 220 rFr).

ROV 28 JOSH THOMPSON SO. 6-1 210 PS#222DB. 5 st S rFr, 40 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **12** Lee Livesay (6-2 200 Jr) PS#295JC. **36** Travis Stuart (6-0 210 Jr). **29** Devin Joseph (6-0 204 rFr).

CB 21 QUINTEZ SECKA SR. 6-0 185 PS#270JC. 6 st CB LY, 36 tkl, 5 pbu. **38** Eddie Webb (6-0 180 Jr) 3 st, 14 tkl LY. **42** Larry Brown (6-0 180 rFr). **48** Kerry Fisher (5-8 172 Fr).

CB 24 CHAZ WILLIAMS JR. 6-0 185 10 st CB **true**, 76 tkl, 7 pbu. 9 st LY, **1st Tm SBC**, 46 tkl, 5 int. **32** Greg James (6-1 185 Fr) PS#422. GS. **84** JJ McCoy (5-10 165 So) 12 PR (2.9) LY.

BAN 5 Austin Willis Sr. 6-0 195 PS#295JC. 16 tkl, 9 gm LY. **2** Jarred Frost (5-10 195 Sr) PS#184. 2 st, 3Y, 44 tkl, 1 tfl. **39** James Wright (6-2 206 Jr) 3 tkl LY. **23** Jordan Guillot (5-9 190 rFr).

FS 14 KEVIN PAYNE SR. 6-1 212 2nd Tm SBC RB '03, 1499 yd. 7 st RB '04. 10 st LY, **#1 tkl'r playing at Saf. 34** James Truxillo (6-1 190 rFr). Darnell Barbour (5-10 184 Fr).

P 14 Kevin Payne Sr. 6-1 212 #1 punter in spring. 2nd Tm SBC RB in 2003. 10 starts at the safety position last year. **33** Chris Symmes (5-8 165 Jr). Scott Love is PS#71K.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

OL Doug Stroud 6-6 330 PS#78
DL Eric Denson 6-2 293 PS#345JC
LB Cardia Jackson 6-1 225 PS#183
RB Frank Goodin 5-9 192 PS#207
DB Alex Ibe 6-3 190 PS#217
RB Demetrice "Tay" Ogletree 6-0 193 PS#227
DL Jake Fincher 6-4 217 PS#201LB
DL Aaron Morgan 6-4 210 PS#245
LB Matthew Freeman 6-1 220 PS#428JC
DL David Cooper 6-1 266 PS#430JC
QB Trey Revell 6-4 204 PS#193
OL Andrew Stout 6-3 275 PS#336
OL Brent Knotts 6-6 270 PS#377
OL AJ DeGroot 6-4 275 PS#412
K Scott Love 6-0 180 PS#71
DB Greg James 6-1 185 PS#422 '05
QB Josh Boudreaux 6-4 205 PS#282
DB Preston Fuller 6-0 187 PS#444
OL Josh Andrews 6-5 301 PS#452
DB Jamiah Holder 6-0 180 PS#476
DL Chucky Beyer 6-1 333 PS#495
DB Trent Harrigan 6-3 198 PS#560
WR Guy Smith 5-11 180 PS#485
LB Josh Thomas 6-1 195 PS#785

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Weatherbie's records AT ULM

11-23	Straight Up	1-5	Home Favorite
15-16	Vs The Spread	3-2	Home Underdog
11-8	Off A SU Loss	2-0	Away Favorite
11-9	Vs Conference	9-9	Away Underdog
4-7	Vs Non-Conf	1-2	Off A Bye

2005 RECORD: (5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (20,17,3)
Lost: 21 (9,11,1)

2005 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,617

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2006 Schedule Difficulty-#114

Date	Opponent	TURF	OPEN	LINE	Final Score ULM	Final Score Opp	Win Loss
Sep. 2	Alcorn St	G					
Sep. 9	at Kansas	A					
Sep. 16	at Alabama	G					
Sep. 23							
Sep. 30	Florida Atlantic (HC)	G					
Oct. 7	at Arkansas St	A					
Oct. 14	at Troy	A					
Oct. 21	Middle Tenn	G					
Oct. 28	at Arkansas (Little Rock)	A					
Nov. 4							
Nov. 11	at Florida Int'l	A					
Nov. 18	at Kentucky	G					
Nov. 25	North Texas	G					
Dec. 2	at Louisiana-Lft	G					

2006 Angles, Trends & Notes

Weatherbie was a former Navy (30-45) & Utah St (15-19) head coach.
The Warhawks have won & covered 4 of their last 5 Homecoming games.
ULM is 3-29 SU & 7-17 ATS vs non-conference teams the last 6 years.

The Braves finished 6-5 LY as IAA Southwestern Athletic Conf members.
Last & only time ULM played Alcorn St was a 78-27 win in '92 IAA playoffs.

The Warhawks are just 6-17 ATS their last 8 years after a SU win.
First game w/KU as ULM is 0-8 SU & 1-4 ATS all-time vs current B12 tms.

Could apply: ULM is 5-13 ATS the L/18 games as an AD of 28 or more pts.
ULM is 5-1 ATS the last 5 years before a bye week.

ULM is 1-10 SU & 1-9 ATS after a bye week since 1996.
Could apply: ULM is 2-8 ATS their last 10 games as a home favorite.

ULM is 12-4 ATS in conference road games the last 5 years.
The visitor is 4-1 ATS in this series as SBC members.

The 3 pts ULM held Troy to LY was the schools 3rd all-time lowest mark as a IA program.
This series started on the IAA level in '70 as ULM is 2-5-1 SU & 2-1 ATS vs Troy.

The 232 yds rushing (5.7) was the season high mark for ULM LY vs MTSU.
These 2 schools have avg'd 49 ppg in the series, but 64 ppg the L/4 meetings.

Weatherbie spent 2 ssn ('90 & '91) on UA's coaching staff before becoming a HC.
In their 6 meetings all-time Arkansas has outscored ULM 255-84.

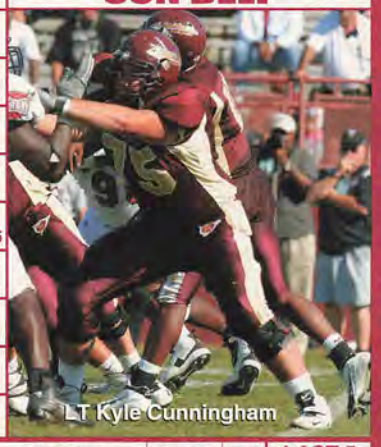
ALL-TIME CAREER RECORDS: Passing: Steven Jyles 8,987 2002-'05
Rushing: Roosevelt Potts 3,061 1990-'92 Receiving: Stepfret Williams 3,177 1992-'95

LY ULM had a 29-17 FD & 484-295 yd edge but 3 TO's resulting in 14 FIU pts cost them.
The Warhawks are 1-1 SU vs FIU all-time (L2Y) but have dropped both ATS.

Wildcats will be the 4th BCS team ULM plays this season (most S/'97).
ULM pulled a huge upset in Lexington 21-14 in 1994 as a IAA program.

This series is all even at 11 wins a piece (1st gm was as IAA program in '78).
The Warhawks are 2-5 ATS since 1997 in home finales.

ULL, ULM & ASU ended up in a 3 way tie for the SBC Champ LY w/5-2 records in conf play.
The favorite is 0-8 ATS since 1998 in the Battle for the Bayou.


LT Kyle Cunningham

STADIUM: MALONE STADIUM (30,427)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	7 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	1-10	2-9	3-9	1-11	5-6	5-6	22-57
Home	3-1	1-4	1-4	3-3	0-5	3-1	2-3	13-21
Away	2-5	0-6	1-5	0-6	1-6	2-5	3-3	9-36
ATS	4-5	1-7	6-4	6-5	4-6	5-6	6-4	32-37
Home Fav	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-3	0-2	2-7
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	2-2	3-1	1-2	0-0	2-0	10-5
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0
Away Dog	2-5	0-6	4-2	3-3	3-4	3-3	3-2	18-25
Favorite	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-3	1-2	4-7
Dog	3-5	1-6	6-4	6-4	4-6	3-3	5-2	28-30
Grass	3-4	1-5	5-3	5-3	3-5	3-4	4-2	24-26
Artificial	1-1	0-2	1-1	1-2	1-1	2-2	2-2	8-11
vs Conf	2-1	1-3	5-1	4-2	3-3	3-4	5-2	23-16
vs Non-Conf	2-4	0-4	1-3	2-3	1-3	2-2	1-2	9-21
Off SU Win	1-3	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-3	2-3	5-14
Off SU Loss	3-2	1-5	6-2	4-4	4-4	3-3	4-1	25-21

2005 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Calvin Dawson	**135**	**714**	**48**	**666**	**7**	**4.9**
Steven Jyles	139	558	122	436	9	3.1
Kinsmon Lancaster	**55**	**270**	**38**	**232**	**1**	**4.2**
Mason Denham	44	226	8	218	0	5.0
Joe Merritt	**4**	**36**	**0**	**36**	**0**	**9.0**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Steven Jyles	379	209	55.1	2235	12	10
Kinsmon Lancaster	**24**	**7**	**29.2**	**54**	**0**	**1**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Drouzon Quillen	45	707	15.7	9	58
Joey Trappey	42	425	10.1	1	26
Marty Humphrey	**20**	**269**	**13.4**	**0**	**53**
Larry Davenport	14	165	11.8	1	27
Calvin Dawson	**21**	**130**	**6.2**	**0**	**23**
RoShon Jacobs	9	125	13.9	0	32
Mason Denham	19	117	6.2	0	19
Joe Merritt	**14**	**110**	**7.9**	**1**	**20**
Jeremy Hammock	9	68	7.6	1	14
Kinsmon Lancaster	**9**	**62**	**6.9**	**0**	**21**
Vincent Mitchell	3	36	12.0	0	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Joel Stelly	59	2634	44.6	2	36.7	0	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ragan Walters	**19-20**	**1-1**	**4-5**	**1-4**	**0-0**	**6-10**	**42**
Cole Wilson	**9-10**	**1-1**	**0-0**	**0-1**	**0-0**	**1-2**	**22**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kevin Payne	**87**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**2**
Jason Schule	81	1	4.5	0	0
Shelton Williams	61	0	3	4	1
Chaz Williams	**46**	**0**	**0.5**	**5**	**5**
Harry Bradley	**43**	**0**	**2.5**	**2**	**0**
Brandon Guillory	40	9.5	8	4	0
Josh Thompson	**40**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**2**
Jeremy Moll	**39**	**0**	**2.5**	**1**	**0**
Quintez Secka	**36**	**0**	**0**	**5**	**1**
Darrius Battles	29	0	1	4	4
Alnecco Shine	27	2	3	0	0
Josh Alexander	**24**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**2**
Ricky Williams	**24**	**1.5**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Marbrae Wilson	24	1	0.5	1	0
Christiaan Cambridge	**17**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Dilandos Johnson	17	2	1.5	1	0
Austin Willis	**16**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Eddie Webb	**14**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Jarred Frost	**11**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
JJ McCoy	**12**	**35**	**2.9**	**0**
Mason Denham	6	19	3.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kevin Payne	**13**	**374**	**28.8**	**0**
Joe Merritt	**16**	**315**	**19.7**	**0**

YR	BOWL	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	ATS

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ULM's All-Time SU Bowl Record 0-0

UL MONROE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - *DEFENSE*

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	21.7	20	141	3.9	210	53.6	16.2	+1	2005	5	30.8	22	190	4.6	210	58.1	13.0
7*	19.2	20	140	3.8	213	55.5	18.4	-1	2004	8	27.5	22	177	4.5	211	59.4	14.1
6*	19.9	18	99	3.0	221	53.3	16.1	-19	2003	5	38.9	21	182	4.2	232	59.6	10.7
8	19.7	18	122	3.5	222	48.3	17.5	-7	2002	9	37.6	23	196	4.7	238	60.0	11.5
6*	13.5	14	74	2.5	171	50.4	18.2	-2	2001	6	31.9	23	137	3.5	265	65.6	12.6
6*	8.7	14	57	2.0	185	53.7	27.8	-17	2000	6	37.7	18	164	4.0	190	56.6	9.4

2005 STATS BY GAME

ULM 2005 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
–	Northwestern St	23	36 - 128	3.6	25 - 41	283	1	18	40 - 120	3.0	15 - 23	229	0	0
–	at Wyoming	16	32 - 94	2.9	16 - 39	126	1	28	45 - 210	4.7	18 - 31	254	1	+1
–	at Georgia	16	38 - 88	2.3	18 - 34	123	3	22	29 - 280	9.7	16 - 24	263	1	-2
–	at Fla Atlantic	21	39 - 172	4.4	19 - 31	214	0	21	42 - 181	4.3	14 - 31	168	3	0
–	Arkansas St	22	34 - 148	4.4	16 - 32	261	0	29	51 - 175	3.4	22 - 32	275	2	+2
–	at Arkansas	19	42 - 177	4.2	15 - 36	150	2	29	49 - 321	6.6	12 - 20	119	1	0
–	Troy	18	34 - 165	4.9	15 - 29	190	0	19	43 - 154	3.6	15 - 29	174	4	+3
–	Florida Int'l	29	31 - 100	3.2	32 - 49	384	1	17	25 - 60	2.4	21 - 35	235	1	-2
–	at Middle Tenn	27	41 - 232	5.7	28 - 44	227	1	20	36 - 126	3.5	20 - 33	272	3	0
–	at North Texas	19	46 - 181	3.9	16 - 33	218	0	18	35 - 125	3.6	19 - 38	242	2	0
–	Louisiana-Lft	14	29 - 66	2.3	17 - 37	136	0	22	57 - 343	6.0	8 - 14	82	0	-1
TOTALS		224	402 - 1551	3.9	217 - 405	2312	9	243	452 - 2095	4.6	180 - 310	2313	18	+1
AVERAGES		20.4	37 - 141	3.9	20 - 37	210	0.8	22.1	41 - 190	4.6	16 - 28	210	1.6	0.1

2001 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Sam Houston St	NL	9-20	–
at Florida - #2	+56	6-55	W
Middle Tenn	+20'	20-38	W
New Mexico St	+13	0-31	L
North Texas	+6	19-17	W
at UCF	+31'	6-38	L
at Louisiana-Lft	+8	12-17	W
at Idaho	+14	38-42	W
Troy	+12	12-44	L
at Arkansas St	+5'	16-7	W
at Cincinnati	+26'	10-42	L

2002 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Mississippi	+31'	3-31	W
at Kansas St	+37'	0-68	L
McNeese St	NL	19-24	–
Arkansas St	-3	21-33	L
Tulane	+13'	9-52	L
Idaho	+10'	34-14	W
at New Mexico St	+18	21-34	W
Utah St	+6	51-48 2OT	W
at North Texas	+17	2-41	L
at Auburn	+35	14-52	L
at Middle Tenn	+17	28-44	W
Louisiana-Lft	+4	34-10	W

2003 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at LSU - #14	+34'	7-49	L
Stephen F. Austin	NL	21-23	–
at Mississippi	+28	14-59	L
Northwestern St	NL	10-14	–
at Utah St	+13'	10-28	L
at Arkansas St	+7'	41-44	W
at Louisiana-Lft	+4	45-42	W
New Mexico St	+4	14-21	L
at Auburn	+37	7-73	L
North Texas	+17'	26-28	W
Idaho	+1'	20-58	L
at Troy	+14'	24-28	W

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at Auburn - #17	+38	0-31	W
at Arkansas	+31	20-49	W
Arkansas St	-6	21-28	L
at Wyoming	+14	10-31	L
at Idaho	-1	16-14	W
Florida Int'l	-9'	28-20	L
at Florida Atlantic	+14	17-13	W
at North Texas	+8	30-45	L
Utah St	-6'	32-25	W
at Middle Tenn	+6	24-37	L
Louisiana-Lft	-4	13-10	L

2005 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
Northwestern St	NL	23-27	–
at Wyoming	+21	0-38	L
at Georgia - #7	+39	7-44	W
at Florida Atlantic	+7'	28-21	W
Arkansas St	+3	31-27	W
at Arkansas	+26	15-44	L
Troy	+1'	27-3	W
Florida Int'l	-10	29-31	L
at Middle Tenn	+11	34-31	W
at North Texas	-4	24-19	W
Louisiana-Lft	-2	21-54	L

WHAT EXACTLY IS A PS NUMBER??

One very important part of my College Football Preview Magazine is an individual players' "PS#". You will see them on almost every page and I find them very important in my analysis of a team. If you are a regular reader of Power Sweep or have purchased my magazine before, I am sure you are very familiar with what each player's PS# stands for. This article is for those of you picking up my magazine for the first time and asking the question listed at the top of the page.

A simple definition for a PS# is my ranking of the players at their positions coming out of high school. I personally do not scout the high school games and rate each player. Covering college football and the NFL like I do takes 52 weeks of the year as it is. I compile my PS#'s based on the many different recruiting services across the country. I like to use all of the biggest and best, and also get some from each part of the country. On the bottom left of this page, I list the top recruiting services that I use.

When we receive a recruiting magazine, we translate each one's ranking into a point system from 1-100. Christy and Loree then log each and every player into the computer and give them the total points from each service. This is a very time consuming process. This year's 2006 Freshmen List has roughly 15,000 players on it!!! Many players are listed by just one or two sources. Some are mentioned by almost every one. The more they are mentioned and the higher they are rated in each publication, the more total points they accrue. After months of entering all of this information, I sort the list by each position and by total points. Naturally, the QB with the most total points then becomes PS#1QB for that year. If a player is PS#99QB, that means he ranks 99th in total points of all QB's coming out of high school that year.

Some positions simply do not have as many players as others. For example, this year's PS#100TE totaled just 151.0 points in my system, while PS#100OL this year has 382.1 points!! The reason is simple. There are FIVE offensive linemen and just one TE on the field. Naturally, there are 5 times as many OL's to choose from as TE's, making it much more competitive. A player with 151.0 points on the offensive line is rated PS#276OL this year. The PS# is not their overall rank in the freshmen class, but their overall rank AT THAT POSITION in the freshmen class.

I also track JUCO's. A JUCO is a player who went to a Junior College after high school and played football there. They use up a year of their college eligibility for every year they play and most come in as juniors. They are older, seasoned players, and usually can make an immediate impact.

So what is the big deal about where they are ranked out of high school? I equate it to where a player ranks in the NFL draft. Obviously, there are some outstanding players in the NFL who were low-round draft picks or even signed as undrafted free agents. However, the majority of the all-stars in the NFL are higher round draft picks and 1st round picks usually make an impact in their first year.

Colleges are much the same. There are plenty of players without a high PS# who end up making it big. For example, Adam Archuleta was an unheralded walk-on at Arizona State who arrived as a slender 180 lbs freshman. He left the Sun Devils' program as one of the most feared defenders in the Pac 10. He increased his weight to a chiseled 215 lbs, while bench pressing over 225 lbs 31 times with 4.36 speed, going as the 1st DB in the 1st round of 2001's NFL Draft. Some kids come into college at 17 or 18, undersized and not yet matured, but then grow into big, strong, fast players and make all conference teams. Just like the NFL, there are a good number of these types of stories. For example, 2000 MVP Kurt Warner was not drafted and played in NFL Europe and the Arena Football League. Other notable UFA's are QB Jake Delhomme (Carolina), WR Rod Smith (Denver), RB Priest Holmes (KC) and TE Antonio Gates (SD). Also, just like the NFL, there are MORE cases of those players who come in highly ranked out of high school, becoming stars and making an immediate impact.

I'll give you some examples: LaVar Arrington was PS#1LB in 1997 and ended up the #2 overall pick in the draft; Peyton Manning was PS#2QB in 1994 and started as a true frosh; TE Tony Gonzalez was PS#1TE; Orlando Pace was PS#1OL and started as a true frosh and, like Manning, was the first overall pick in the NFL draft. In 1995, the top 2 RB's were PS#1 and PS#2 (Kevin Faulk and Ahman Green) while Randy Moss was PS#1WR. In 1996, Tim Couch was PS#1QB. Ron Dayne was PS#3RB and rushed for over 2,000 yards as a true frosh. Corey Dillon was PS#3JC and he powered the Washington Huskies' offense. In 1998, John Henderson was PS#1OL and Marquis Walker was PS#1WR while Julius Peppers was PS#6DL and Carson Palmer was PS#6QB. In 1999, Chris Simms was PS#1QB, William Green PS#8RB and Andre Johnson PS#2WR. These are just some examples but as you can see the stronger the PS#, the better chance the player has of making a big impact in college.

WR Ted Ginn, Jr. of Ohio State was PS#1DB in 2004

I find PS#'s to be very helpful in my handicapping. Many times after players graduate, the talent behind them is unknown because they have not played a lot of college ball. You would expect a 1st or 2nd round draft pick in the NFL to be able to step into an open starting spot quickly and the higher-rated players can usually do just that. That is the value of a PS#.

Before I wrap this article up, I would like to go over a couple of commonly used abbreviations that are in this magazine. Now you know just what a PS# is. Naturally, the PS stands for Phil Steele, or my rating for the players out of high school. I also use HT often. HT is a Highly Touted athlete. In the past this has been a player who ranks in the Top 100 at his position out of high school. Naturally, with 50 states that comes out to about 2 players per state at each position. A VHT (Very Highly Touted) is a player rated among the Top 20 out of HS. I have changed the HT and VHT guidelines in the past couple of years. At K, the ratings drop to Top 10 for VHT and Top 35 for HT. At TE it is Top 15 for VHT and Top 50 for HT. QB is Top 30 for VHT and Top 100 for HT. WR and RB have two spots on most teams, therefore the HT number is up to #150 and the VHT is up to #40. Most teams play 3 or 4 LB's so that number moves to #200 for HT classification and #50 for VHT. The DL's and DB's generally have 4 players on the field. The HT classification is now up to #250 at those positions, while a VHT is among the Top 60 out of HS at their position. The offensive line, which has 5 spots, is up to #250 as an HT and up to #100 for a VHT. Many recruiting publications do not distinguish between OL and DL for their lineman. As a general rule, we put them into the OL category so that position has by far the largest amount of players.

A quick note about the players in my write-ups. Sometimes on the offensive line I will mention that a player was a top-notch wrestler in high school. To me, a top wrestler has very good body control and athleticism which makes for a quality lineman. I also list when a player is from Canada. I do this because not all of the recruiting services cover Canada so those players are generally rated lower in the PS#'s than they should be. Many times the top player out of Canada is an NFL prospect but only has a PS# around 150 or 200. Therefore, they are often more talented than their PS# would give them credit for.

On page 293 are all of this year's top freshmen and JUCO's. This year I am doing it a little differently, listing all the players who accumulated 435 points or more in my freshmen ranking. That would explain the different numbers at each position. By the end of the year, many will have played and some will already be stars. If you like this type of information, you will love my 2001-2006 Complete Freshmen Recruiting Report. It is just $15 and lists all of the top recruits for all of the different positions over the last 6 years. Call 1-800-654-3448 to order your copy today.

RECRUITING SOURCES

I do not scout the high schools personally, but I rely on some great sources to complete my top frosh lists. I subscribe to each of these sources. The colleges themselves use these services' information. Should you want to get the latest on college recruits, I recommend the following sources:

PARADE • 212-450-7000
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PHIL STEELE'S 2006 TOP 525 FRESHMEN

QUARTERBACKS

1. Mitch Mustain Arkansas
2. Matthew Stafford Georgia
3. Tim Tebow Florida
4. Jevan Snead Texas
5. Pat Devlin Penn St
6. Demetrius Jones Notre Dame
7. Zach Frazer Notre Dame
8. Jake Locker Washington
9. Jarred Fayson Florida
10. Josh Freeman Kansas St
11. Isiah Williams Illinois
12. Justin Burke NC State
13. Chris Smelley S Carolina
14. Neil Caudle Auburn
15. Jeremy Ricker Maryland
16. Mario Fannin Auburn
17. Alex Cate Oklahoma St
18. Jeff Lindsay Purdue
19. Taylor Potts Texas Tech
20. Sam Bradford Oklahoma
21. Tyler Lyon Arizona
22. Christian Ponder Florida St
23. Sherrod Harris Texas
24. Mike Hartline Kentucky
25. Antonio Henton Ohio St
26. Austen Arnaud Iowa St
27. Greg McElroy Alabama
28. Orie Lemon Oklahoma St
29. D'Vontrey Richardson Florida St
30. Michael Herrick Mississippi
31. Dexter Davidson Pittsburgh
32. Arvell Nelson Iowa
33. Kevin Riley California
34. Will Fidler Kentucky
35. Nate Davis Ball St
36. Daniel Stegall Miami, Fl
37. Brett Brackett Penn St
38. Cody Hawkins Colorado
39. Alex Loukas Stanford
40. David Cone Michigan

RUNNING BACKS

1. Chris Wells Ohio St
2. James Aldridge Notre Dame
3. Stafon Johnson USC
4. Mike Goodson Texas A&M
5. DeMarco Murray Oklahoma
6. Emmanuel Moody USC
7. Charles Scott LSU
8. LeSean McCoy N/A
9. CJ Gable USC
10. CJ Spiller Clemson
11. Ben Tate Auburn
12. Carlos Brown Michigan
13. Marcus Sims Florida St
14. Knowshon Moreno Georgia
15. Luke Schmidt Notre Dame
16. Sam Shields Miami, Fl
17. Toby Gerhart Stanford
18. Evan Royster Penn St
19. Cordera Eason Mississippi
20. Vondrell McGee Texas
21. Munir Prince Notre Dame
22. James Montgomery California
23. Javarris James Miami, Fl
24. Mon Williams Florida
25. Brandon Minor Michigan
26. Aaron Smith Pittsburgh
27. Richard Murphy LSU
28. Anthony Dixon Miss St
29. Jake Sharp Kansas
30. Derke Robinson Arizona
31. Terry Grant Alabama
32. Brandon Heath Louisville
33. Chane Moline UCLA
34. Josh Adams Wake Forest
35. Chris Brown Oklahoma
36. Jamaal Evans Georgia Tech
37. Chevon Walker Florida
38. Dustin Lindsey Tennessee
39. Stanley Havili USC
40. Baron Batch Texas Tech
41. Latreal Cooper Texas A&M
42. Glyndon Bolasky Arizona
43. Norman Whitley E Carolina
44. Andre Harris Idaho
45. Derrick Davis Mississippi
46. William Griffin Louisiana Tech
47. Tracy Slocum California
48. JoJo Cox Clemson
49. Kevin Collier Pittsburgh
50. Ricky Thenarse Nebraska
51. Keith Rosenberg Washington St
52. Jamar Wall Texas Tech
53. Anthony Elzy N Carolina
54. Lonyae Miller Fresno St
55. Josh Johnson Iowa St
56. Lucas Caparelli Wake Forest
57. Ryan Lindsey Boston College
58. Jeff Smith Boston College
59. Antwan Cobb Texas
60. Demetrius Sumler Colorado
61. Desmond Gee Middle Tenn
62. Graig Cooper Miami, Fl
63. Garry Warren N/A
64. Lance Smith Wisconsin
65. Jaious Singleton N/A
66. Moncell Allen Kentucky

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. Percy Harvin Florida
2. David Ausberry USC
3. Adron Tennell Oklahoma
4. Jamere Holland USC
5. Chris Bell Penn St
6. Vidal Hazelton USC
7. Tim Hawthorne Auburn
8. Dorin Dickerson Pittsburgh
9. Terrence Austin UCLA
10. Greg Mathews Michigan
11. Damian Williams Arkansas
12. Richard Jackson Notre Dame
13. Damon McDaniel Florida St
14. Jared White UAB
15. Andrey Baskin Syracuse
16. Barry Gallup Notre Dame
17. Lance Kendricks Wisconsin
18. Terrell Zachery Auburn
19. Chris Slaughter Auburn
20. Terry Levy Mississippi
21. Montre Webber Texas
22. Justin Williams Florida
23. Chris James Illinois
24. Philip Payne Texas
25. Chris Mitchell LSU
26. Brandon Caleb Oklahoma
27. Jerrod Johnson Texas A&M
28. Jeremy Maclin Missouri
29. Ricky Dixon LSU
30. Robby Parris Notre Dame
31. Josh Chichester Louisville
32. Terrell Reese Arizona
33. Daven Jones Wisconsin
34. Kris Durham Georgia
35. Adrian Cannon Maryland
36. Menelik Holt Nebraska
37. Markeith Summers Mississippi
38. McKay Jacobson BYU
39. Kevin Hagans N/A
40. Dominique Johnson UCLA
41. DeLaShaun Dean Arizona
42. Carl Fisher Northwestern
43. Marques Wilkins Illinois
44. Wes Lyons W Virginia
45. Kenny Brown Texas A&M
46. Michael McCoy Alabama
47. Daniel Lofton California
48. Tony Wilson Georgia
49. Clint Renfro TCU
50. James Cleveland Iowa
51. Sheldon Bell Duke
52. Patrick Robinson Florida St
53. John Maddox W Virginia
54. Kendrick Lewis Mississippi
55. Carlton Salters Arkansas
56. London Crawford Arkansas
57. Trevon Patterson USC
58. Tertavian Ingram Kansas
59. Chris Fulmer N/A
60. Josh Marshall Texas
61. Marckus Boswell Kentucky
62. Preston Parker Florida St
63. Quintin Patilla Michigan

TIGHT ENDS

1. Konrad Reuland Notre Dame
2. Nate Byham Pittsburgh
3. Jermaine Gresham Oklahoma
4. Brandon Warren Florida St
5. NaDerris Ward Georgia
6. Jake Ballard Ohio St
7. Caz Piurowski Florida St
8. Gabe Miller Oregon St
9. Britt Mitchell Texas
10. Lee Smith Tennessee
11. Richard Dickson LSU
12. Paddy Mullen Notre Dame
13. Jeff Cumberland Illinois
14. Drew Gloster Maryland
15. George Johnson Virginia
16. Anthony McCoy USC
17. Dylan Rush UCLA
18. Andre Smith Virginia Tech
19. Preston Dial Alabama
20. Andrew Quarless Penn St
21. Jonathan Massey Vanderbilt
22. Ben Cleveland Arkansas
23. Jason Fox Miami, Fl
24. DeMarcus Dobbs Georgia
25. Jordon McMichael Boston Coll
26. Joe Torchia Virginia
27. Bradley Dedeaux Kansas
28. Bart Coslet Missouri

OFFENSIVE LINE

1. Sam Young Notre Dame
2. Carl Johnson Florida
3. Andre Smith Alabama
4. Stephen Schilling Michigan
5. Matt Carufel Notre Dame
6. Connor Smith Ohio St
7. Jake Bscherer Wisconsin
8. Jared Odrick Penn St
9. Jacques McClendon Tennessee
10. J'Marcus Webb Texas
11. Justin Boren Michigan
12. Justin Anderson Georgia
13. Antonio Logan-El Penn St
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16. JB Walton Penn St
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21. Butch Lewis USC
22. Lee Tilley Auburn
23. Alex Stadler Alabama
24. Bartley Webb Notre Dame
25. Dan Wenger Notre Dame
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27. Jim Barrie Florida
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69. Kevin McCaskill USF
70. Chris Hannah N/A
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72. Pierre Andrews S Carolina
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DEFENSIVE LINE

1. Gerald McCoy Oklahoma
2. Eddie Jones Texas
3. Al (AJ) Woods LSU
4. Micah Johnson Kentucky
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6. Marcus Tillman Mississippi
7. Clifton Geathers Georgia
8. Thaddeus Gibson Ohio St
9. Jamie Cumbie Clemson
10. Robert Rose Ohio St
11. Adam Patterson Michigan
12. Bart Eddins Auburn
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14. Jason Adjepong Virginia Tech
15. Phillip Taylor Penn St
16. Kenrick Ellis S Carolina
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26. John Graves Virginia Tech
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28. Charles Deas LSU
29. Brian Ellis Texas
30. Leslie Stirrups USF
31. Ugonna Chinasa Oklahoma St
32. Chaz Washington Miami, Fl
33. Kallen Wade Notre Dame
34. Kiante Tripp Georgia
35. Ben Alexander Texas
36. Jermaine Cunningham Florida
37. McKenzie Mathews Pittsburgh
38. Derek Burton Oklahoma St
39. AJ Simmons Arizona
40. Chad Roark Oklahoma
41. Mike Gee Virginia Tech
42. Kentrell Lockett Mississippi
43. Lazarius Levingston LSU
44. Mike Smith Nebraska
45. Keith Browner California
46. LT (Lee) Walker Louisville
47. Dekoda Watson Florida St
48. Deantwan Whitehead Louisville
49. John Troutman Penn St
50. Reggie Odom Miss St
51. Justin Hargrove Pittsburgh
52. Sean McWhirter Minnesota
53. John Romero Nevada
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70. Brian Whitmore Maryland
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72. Jon Hargis Arizona St
73. Brandon Antwine Florida
74. Trent Pupello Florida
75. John Ferrara Michigan
76. Aundre Henderson Louisville
77. Jerry Brown Illinois
78. Jonathan Hollins Texas Tech
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80. Chris Lewis Miami, Fl
81. Keith Williams Nebraska
82. Milton Talbert Alabama

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1. Sergio Kindle Texas
2. Brandon Graham Michigan
3. Allen Bradford USC
4. Lamarr Houston Texas
5. Ricky Sapp Clemson
6. Brandon Spikes Florida
7. Akeem Hebron Georgia
8. Joshua Tatum USC
9. Marcus Ball Florida St
10. Jarrell Miller N Carolina
11. Jonas Mouton Michigan
12. Michael Morgan USC
13. Jeremiha Hunter Iowa
14. Ross Homan Ohio St
15. Anthony Lewis Texas A&M
16. Navorro Bowman Penn St
17. Dustin Earnest Texas
18. Mark Johnson Ohio St
19. Jared Norton Texas
20. Morrice Richardson Notre Dame
21. Derrick Odom LSU
22. Toryan Smith Notre Dame
23. Chasman Davis Miss St
24. Dedrick Epps Miami, Fl
25. Cobrani Mixon Michigan
26. AJ Edds Iowa
27. James McCluskey Boston Coll
28. Cody Williams Texas A&M
29. Jacob Cutrera LSU
30. Greg Webster Pittsburgh
31. Van Stumon Arkansas
32. LeBrandon Glover USF
33. Nick Macaluso Stanford
34. Tobi Umodu UCLA
35. Tim Rawlinson Florida St
36. Tommy Becker Minnesota
37. Perry Riley LSU
38. Colin McCarthy Miami, Fl
39. Dan Loheyde Pittsburgh
40. Blake Collier Texas Tech
41. AJ Jones Florida
42. Justin Gent Oklahoma St
43. Mark Herzlich Boston College
44. Eric Gordon Michigan St
45. Bo Harris Auburn
46. Brian Duncan Texas Tech
47. Sam Johnson N/A
48. Aaron Cawlfield N/A
49. John Cornell Mississippi
50. Donnell Williams Oklahoma St
51. Kris Means Iowa St
52. Kevin Green Purdue
53. Rodney Paulk S Carolina
54. Roshaad Byrd S Mississippi
55. Nate Nix Pittsburgh
56. Craig Stevens Auburn
57. Dustin Doe Florida
58. Brandon Jackson Bowling Green

DEFENSIVE BACKS

1. Taylor Mays USC
2. Myron Rolle Florida St
3. Antwine Perez USC
4. AJ Wallace Penn St
5. Darrin Walls Notre Dame
6. Reshad Jones Georgia
7. Deon Beasley Texas
8. Devin Ross Arizona
9. Stevie Brown Michigan
10. Jamar Hornsby Florida
11. Jai Eugene LSU
12. Perrish Cox Oklahoma St
13. Allen Walker Mississippi
14. Ray Small Ohio St
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19. DeAndre McDaniel Clemson
20. Chykie Brown Texas
21. Dominique Franks Oklahoma
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23. Darian Hagan California
24. Asher Allen Georgia
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33. Steve Johnson Kentucky
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35. Sean Merrill S Mississippi
36. Chris Bradwell Troy
37. Paul Griffin Florida St
38. Dario Camacho Purdue
39. Joey LaRocque Oregon St
40. Matthew Harper Oregon
41. Jeff Benjamin Purdue
42. Dexter Manley Oregon
43. Ian Hammond Syracuse
44. Chris Patterson Oklahoma
45. Clarence Bailey S Carolina
46. Philip Loadholt LSU

FROSH RECRUITING RATINGS LAST 5 YEARS

Here are the Top 25 classes of signees for the past 5 years (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings.

2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
1. USC	1. USC	1. USC	1. Florida St	1. Florida St
2. Tennessee	2. Oklahoma	2. Florida	2. Texas	2. Michigan
3. Florida St	3. Miami, Fl	3. Notre Dame	3. Ohio St	3. Texas
4. Oklahoma	4. LSU	4. Michigan	4. Tennessee	4. LSU
5. Michigan	5. Texas	5. Tennessee	5. Notre Dame	5. Notre Dame
6. Iowa	6. Michigan	6. Miami, Fl	6. Miami, Fl	6. Miami, Fl
7. Texas	7. Florida	7. LSU	7. USC	7. Tennessee
8. Miami, Fl	8. Florida St	8. Ohio St	8. Oklahoma	8. Ohio St
9. Ohio St	9. Ohio St	9. Texas	9. UCLA	9. Oklahoma
10. LSU	10. Penn St	10. Oklahoma	10. Michigan	10. Nebraska
11. Georgia	11. Georgia	11. Texas A&M	11. Virginia	11. Penn St
12. Nebraska	12. Tennessee	12. Virginia	12. Penn St	12. UCLA
13. Florida	13. Oregon	13. Georgia	13. Florida	13. USC
14. Texas A&M	14. Texas A&M	14. Maryland	14. South Carolina	14. Washington
15. Virginia Tech	15. California	15. North Carolina	15. Michigan St	15. Stanford
16. Penn St	16. Michigan St	16. NC State	16. Georgia	16. Virginia Tech
17. Virginia	17. Notre Dame	17. Virginia Tech	17. Colorado	17. Arkansas
18. Auburn	18. Maryland	18. Wisconsin	18. Washington	18. Texas A&M
19. California	19. Missouri	19. Florida St	19. Mississippi St	19. Florida
20. Purdue	20. Alabama	20. Iowa	20. Boston College	20. Purdue
21. Arizona	21. Washington	21. Stanford	21. Texas A&M	21. Wisconsin
22. Maryland	22. Nebraska	22. Boston College	22. LSU	22. Kansas St
23. Wisconsin	23. Oklahoma St	23. UCLA	23. Stanford	23. Georgia
24. South Carolina	24. Virginia	24. Alabama	24. Nebraska	24. Iowa
25. Stanford	25. South Carolina	25. Nebraska	25. Auburn	25. Clemson

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4★ Arizona St (-6') 42 OREGON ST 24	WIN	4★ Byu (-4') 35 WYOMING 21	WIN
4★ Colorado (-3) 34 OKLAHOMA ST 0	WIN	4★ Colorado St (-15) 31 UNLV 27	loss
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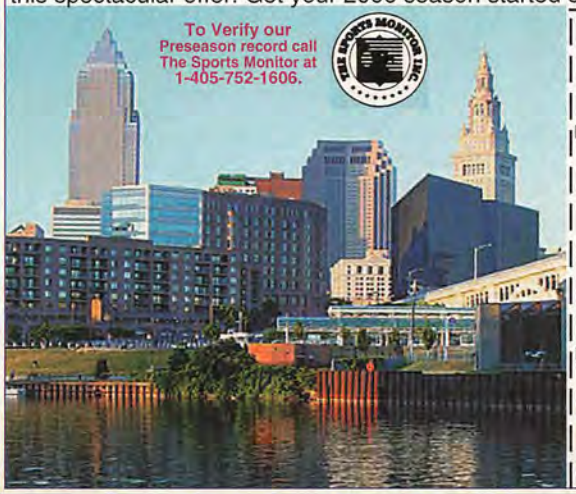

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2006 FROSH RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are the Top 75 classes of 2006 signees (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings.

1. USC
2. Notre Dame
3. Texas
4. Michigan
5. Florida
6. Penn St
7. Georgia
8. Ohio St
9. Florida St
10. Oklahoma
11. LSU
12. Auburn
13. Clemson
14. Pittsburgh
15. Miami, Fl
16. Alabama
17. Mississippi
18. Texas A&M
19. UCLA
20. Arizona
21. Nebraska
22. Oklahoma St
23. California
24. Tennessee
25. Arkansas
26. Iowa
27. Virginia Tech
28. Wisconsin
29. Texas Tech
30. Illinois
31. Maryland
32. Boston College
33. North Carolina
34. South Carolina
35. Kentucky
36. Stanford
37. Louisville
38. Arizona St
39. Mississippi St
40. Washington
41. Oregon St
42. Washington St
43. Kansas
44. Virginia
45. Kansas St
46. Iowa St
47. Purdue
48. Minnesota
49. Oregon
50. Georgia Tech
51. Michigan St
52. West Virginia
53. South Florida
54. Missouri
55. S Mississippi
56. Wake Forest
57. Rutgers
58. Colorado
59. Vanderbilt
60. Duke
61. BYU
62. Northwestern
63. Louisiana Tech
64. Utah
65. Indiana
66. Idaho
67. UAB
68. UCF
69. NC State
70. Syracuse
71. TCU
72. Tulsa
73. Troy
74. San Diego St
75. Bowling Green

CONFERENCE BY CONFERENCE 2006 RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are my 2006 recruiting rankings for each conference. They take into account the strength of the Top 5 signees, Top 10 signees and the average signing grade per player for the overall class. This list is not about the quantity of the freshmen signed but the overall quality of the class. Sometimes a team with a small class of just 15 players may rate higher than one with 30. Here are some interesting notes on this year's signing ratings. Despite a hurricane that interrupted the season last year, S Miss finished 7-5 with a bowl win and this year pulled in the top recruiting class in CUSA (#4 in '05, #7 in '04). Obviously, Katrina hurt Tulane's recruiting, as they finished 2nd to last in CUSA this year (#9 in '05, #4 in '04). Over in the Pac 10, not surprisingly, USC has finished #1 for the 5th consecutive year but I was surprised to see Oregon dead last after much higher finishes recently (#6 in '05, #2 in '04). Clemson pulls a surprise #2 ranking in the ACC (#13 overall) after finishing #6 in 2005 & #9 in 2004. This year the SEC has the most Top 25 teams by far with 8. Followed by #2 Big 12 (5) and then #3 Pac 10 (4). Surprisingly the Big 10 and ACC only finished with 3 teams each in the Top 25. The rankings for Air Force, Army and Navy are not complete because the academies do not release official signee lists until summer. I hope your favorite team did well in the recruiting wars.

BIG 10

1. Michigan
2. Penn St
3. Ohio St
4. Iowa
5. Wisconsin
6. Illinois
7. Purdue
8. Minnesota
9. Michigan St
10. Northwestern
11. Indiana

BIG 12

1. Texas
2. Oklahoma
3. Texas A&M
4. Nebraska
5. Oklahoma St
6. Texas Tech
7. Kansas
8. Kansas St
9. Iowa St
10. Missouri
11. Colorado
12. Baylor

PAC 10

1. USC
2. UCLA
3. Arizona
4. California
5. Stanford
6. Arizona St
7. Washington
8. Oregon St
9. Washington St
10. Oregon

ACC

1. Florida St
2. Clemson
3. Miami, Fl
4. Virginia Tech
5. Maryland
6. Boston College
7. North Carolina
8. Virginia
9. Georgia Tech
10. Wake Forest
11. Duke
12. NC State

BIG EAST

1. Pittsburgh
2. Louisville
3. West Virginia
4. USF
5. Rutgers
6. Syracuse
7. Connecticut
8. Cincinnati

SEC

1. Florida
2. Georgia
3. LSU
4. Auburn
5. Alabama
6. Mississippi
7. Tennessee
8. Arkansas
9. South Carolina
10. Kentucky
11. Mississippi St
12. Vanderbilt

INDEPENDENT

1 Notre Dame
2 Temple

WAC

1. Louisiana Tech
2. Idaho
3. Nevada
4. New Mexico St
5. Utah St
6. Fresno St
7. Boise St
8. San Jose St
9. Hawaii

MOUNTAIN WEST

1. BYU
2. Utah
3. TCU
4. San Diego St
5. New Mexico
6. Colorado St
7. Wyoming
8. UNLV

SUN BELT

1. Troy
2. Florida Int'l
3. ULM
4. Arkansas St
5. Middle Tenn
6. Louisiana-Lft
7. Florida Atlantic
8. North Texas

CUSA

1. S Mississippi
2. UAB
3. UCF
4. Tulsa
5. East Carolina
6. Marshall
7. Houston
8. UTEP
9. Rice
10. Memphis
11. Tulane
12. SMU

MAC

1. Bowling Green
2. Miami, Oh
3. Akron
4. N Illinois
5. Toledo
6. Ball St
7. C Michigan
8. W Michigan
9. Ohio
10. E Michigan
11. Kent St
12. Buffalo

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- Which AFC East team is 23-7-1 after winning by 3 or less?
- Which AFC East team is 9-19-1 after hosting an NFC team?
- Which AFC North team is 12-3 as a favorite vs the NFC?
- Which AFC South team is 4-12 after a SU win?
- Which AFC team is 3-12 in division play?
- Which AFC team is 18-0 SU & 14-2-2 ATS at home in December?
- Which NFC perennial playoff team is 5-17 as a favorite vs AFC teams?
- Which NFC East team is 5-16 as a division away favorite?
- Which NFC team is 2-11-1 as a double digit favorite?
- Which NFC team is 19-6 as a home dog?
- Which NFC South team is 5-16 at home after winning SU & ATS?
- Which perennial losing team is 10-3 after losing by 3 or less?
- Which final 4 playoff team is 1-7-1 as a non-division road dog?
- Which AFC North team is 15-5-2 as a division road team?
- Which AFC West team is 21-6 on the road vs the NFC?
- Which NFC East team is 21-8-1 at home after scoring 14 or less?
- Which NFC South team is 20-7-1 after losing as a favorite?
- Which NFC South team is 11-2-1 as a division away dog?

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For Better or for Worse

By Phil Steele

Close Wins, Close Losses

Give me a computer full of NCAA football statistics and an entire offseason and I'm always going to try and uncover something new. Last year I was thinking, *What happens if a team was fortunate and won a lot of close games, figuring that those teams would probably not be as fortunate the next year. On the flip side, I was thinking, If a team suffered a lot of close losses the previous year, they would be undervalued.* This year we did the research over the last four years and logged in all of the teams that had close wins and close losses (games decided by a TD or less) the previous year. I then ranked the category by NET close wins and losses.

For example: In 2003 TCU benefited from 7 close wins but did have 1 close loss. Therefore, they had a NET total of 6 close wins. Also, Ohio St had 6 close wins and 1 close loss for a net of 5 close wins. Kansas, had one close win and 5 close losses for a net total of 4 close losses. I then ran the records for each of the past 4 years to see how the teams did and I'm pleased to report the trends came up just as expected.

Looking back over the past four years, there have been a total of 94 teams that had a NET of 2 close losses or more the previous year and of those 94, just 21 had a worse record the next year, giving this idea a 77.7% grade. Even more impressive, the more net close losses a team had, the better chance it has at achieving a better record. Teams with 3 net close losses improved or had the same record 80.6% of the time, 4 net close losses improved to 81.8% of the time and in the 4 years, there have only been 4 teams that had 5 net close losses and all four improved the next year. A couple of examples from last year would be W Michigan, which had -3 net close losses and improved from 1-10 to 7-4. Vanderbilt had -5 net close losses in 2004 and improved from 2-9 to 5-6. Penn St had -2 net close losses and improved from 4-7 to 11-1. In other years, Kentucky was just 2-9 but had -3 in net close losses and the next year rebounded to go 7-5. California had 2 net close losses in 2001 and went from 1-10 to 7-5. West Virginia had the same misfortune and went from 3-8 to 9-3. Navy had 3 close losses in 2002 and was 2-10 and improved to 8-4 in 2003.

Listed below is a chart analyzing the last four years and, as you can see, teams that had 5 net close losses have improved their record 4 out of 4 times and this year only one team falls into that category (UAB). The chart lists the total amount of teams that fell into 2 or more net close losses, how many improved the next year, how many had the same record and how many whose record was weaker. As you can see, the success rate is 77.7%

	Total Last 4 Years	Stronger Next Year	Same Next Year	Weaker Next Year	% Better or Same Next Yr
Previous Year 5 Net Close Losses	4	4	0	0	100%
Previous Year 4 Net Close Losses	11	8	1	2	81.8%
Previous Year 3 Net Close Losses	31	23	2	6	80.6%
Previous Year 2 Net Close Losses	48	31	4	13	72.9%
2 or More Net Close Losses	94	66	7	21	77.7%

Here are the teams which had the bad fortune of 3 or more net close losses last year:

	2005 Wins By TD or ↓	2005 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE LOSSES		2005 Wins By TD or ↓	2005 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE LOSSES
UAB	0	5	5	Iowa St	1	4	3
Washington St	1	5	4	Washington	0	3	3
Arizona	1	5	4	Duke	0	3	3
Arkansas	0	4	4	San Jose St	0	3	3
Kent St	0	4	4	Air Force	1	4	3
Fresno St	0	4	4	North Texas	2	5	3
Iowa	0	3	3	Middle Tenn	1	4	3

These are the teams that had 2 net close losses: BYU, E Michigan, Kansas St, Michigan, Michigan St, N Illinois, New Mexico St, Pittsburgh, San Diego St, SMU, S Mississippi and Syracuse. All the teams listed in this box have a great shot at improving their record this year.

Naturally there are some teams that are used to winning close games and I did discover a little difference in the last 4 years. Teams that had 3 or more net close wins the previous year did see their record either stay the same or get weaker the next year 84% of the time, but teams with just 2 net close wins, the same entry level we used for the close losses, did improve their record 17 out of 48 times, meaning they were the same or weaker the next season, just 64.6%.

	Total Last 4 Years	Weaker Next Year	Same Next Year	Stronger Next Year	% Weaker or Same Next Yr
Previous Year 6 or 7 Net Close Wins	2	2	0	0	100%
Previous Year 4 or 5 Net Close Wins	16	13	0	3	81.3%
Previous Year 3 Net Close Wins	32	21	6	5	84.4%
Previous Year 2 Net Close Wins	48	27	4	17	64.6%
3 or More Net Close Wins	50	36	6	8	84.0%
2 or More Net Close Wins	98	63	10	25	74.5%

Let me give you some examples. I mentioned TCU and Ohio St above, well the Horned Frogs who benefitted from 6 net close wins were 11-1, but the next season dropped to 5-6, while the Buckeyes went from 10-2 to 8-4. In 2003, Ole Miss benefitted from 3 net close wins and their record fell from 9-3 to 4-7. In 2002, Notre Dame benefitted from 5 net close wins and finished 10-2 and the next season finished just 5-7. In 2001, Illinois won the Big 10 Title, benefitting from 4 net close wins, going 10-2 and the next year they fell to 5-7. Tennessee went from 10-3 in 2004 achieving 5 net close wins and finished 5-6 last year. Fla Atlantic, who benefitted from 4 net close wins dropped from 9-3 to 2-9. This year there are 13 teams that benefitted from 3 or more net close wins last year and I list the chart below.

Here are the teams which had the good fortune of 3 or more net close wins last year:

	2005 Wins By TD or ↓	2005 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE WINS		2005 Wins By TD or ↓	2005 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE WINS
TCU	5	0	5	Oregon	4	1	3
West Virginia	4	0	4	UTEP	4	1	3
UCLA	4	0	4	Cincinnati	3	0	3
LSU	5	1	4	W Michigan	4	1	3
Nevada	4	0	4	Arkansas St	4	1	3
Northwestern	4	1	3	UCF	4	1	3
Missouri	3	0	3				

These are the teams that had 2 net close wins: Alabama, Arizona St, Ball St, Boston College, Colorado, E Carolina, Florida, Indiana, Nebraska, N Carolina, NC State, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Penn St, Texas, Utah St, ULM, Virginia and Wisconsin. The teams listed here will probably not be as lucky this year.

Much like a stock broker, my job is to find value. Just as a broker finds a stock that is low in value and one he thinks will "win" for him (i.e. go higher). My job on a weekly basis is to find teams that have value on them for the upcoming week. The same is true in the magazine business and I am very proud of our #1 Most Accurate Title over the last seven years and would attribute that Title to the fact that I work on nothing but football 365 days a year and I am always looking to uncover any system or trend that would give me the edge. Here are two more methods for uncovering those underrated teams.

YPP Factor

Three years ago I did an article on ypp and this year I've done a little more in-depth study and will provide you with some solid charts for your review. First of all, let's explain what ypp is exactly. A ypp is simply **yards per point**. An offense is more efficient when their ypp is a **lower** number. If a team had an offensive ypp of 10.0, that would mean for every 200 yards they gained, they scored 20 points. Meanwhile, if they had an offensive ypp of 20.0, then for every 200 yards they gained, they scored just 10 points. On the other side of the ball, defenses want to have a **higher** ypp. Inverting the same thought, if a team allowed 200 yards and had a 20.0 ypp, that means they would allow just 10 points for every 200 yards the opposition traveled, whereas a 10.0 ypp would be 20 points for every 200 yards allowed.

I did some research dating back to 1990 and before I list the 4 charts, let's first look at the offensive ypp's. I did an average and a median of all the teams in the NCAA in our charts since 1990 and the average ypp for a team was 15.372 and the median was 15.4. I found teams that have a high ypp the previous year generally have a stronger record the next season. Let's look at teams that had an unusually high ypp the previous year (an inefficient offense). If you look at the chart to the right you will see that 22 teams have had a ypp greater than 22.3 since 1990 and all 22 have had a stronger or same record the next year. As you can see, the chart goes to 17.5 which still has solid success record, as teams will either have the same or a stronger record 73.9% of the time.

OFFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YR YPP GREATER THAN	Happen Times S/1990	Stronger Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Weaker Record Next Yr	Better Or Same S/1990
22.3	22	21	1	0	100.0%
20.3	59	44	5	10	83.0%
18.4	144	98	18	28	80.6%
17.5	230	148	22	60	73.9%

This year's teams that fall into this category are Buffalo 28.0, Temple 25.4, Fla Atl 21.7, Illinois 20.9, Ole Miss 20.9, NMSt 20.9, Miss St 19.9, N Texas 19.1, Ga Tech 18.9, Syracuse 18.6, Cincinnati 18.6, Marshall 17.9, Troy 17.9, C Mich 17.7, N Carolina 17.5 and Tennessee 17.5

Teams that had an extremely low ypp the previous year usually have a weaker record the next season, but the statistics are not as dominant as the high ypp, probably because there are some teams like USC that will benefit from turnovers on a yearly basis, keeping their ypp low. Still, according to the chart below, teams whose ypp were less than 11.6 the previous year had either a weaker or the same record 72.7% of the time the next year. Last year, of the teams in this category, 5 had weaker records and two finished with the same record.

OFFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YEAR YPP LESS THAN	Happen Times S/1990	Weaker Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Stronger Record Next Yr	Weaker Or Same Record S/1990
11.0	33	18	6	9	72.7%
11.6	77	46	10	21	72.7%
13.6	487	290	35	162	66.7%

This year's teams that fall into this category are Wisconsin 11.59, USC 11.58, Virginia 11.3, Louisville 11.1, UCLA 11.0, Texas 10.2, and Fresno St 10.1

There are a lot of teams that fit into the category of 11.59-13.6, so look on the individual team pages for those numbers. Looking at the history of offensive ypp, these teams should have a weaker record this season.

Now let's look at the teams under the defensive ypp that were fortunate and not so fortunate last year. As the chart below shows, if a team allows a defensive ypp of 13.51 or lower (meaning they gave up a lot of points but not a lot of yards), their record improves or is the same the next year 68.2% of the time.

DEFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YEAR YPP IS LESS THAN	Happen Times S/1990	Stronger Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Weaker Record Next Yr	Better Or Same Record S/1990
11.25	40	26	3	11	72.5%
12.53	223	144	18	61	72.6%
13.51	432	261	34	137	68.2%

There are a lot of teams that fit this category this year but I will list those that fit the second level here: Temple 10.2, Duke 11.1, Idaho 11.1, Rice 11.2, UNLV 11.7, Tulane 11.8, Illinois 11.9, Ball St 12.1, Buffalo 12.2, Oregon St 12.3, Hawaii 12.3, New Mex St 12.4 and Utah St 12.4

Teams that allowed a lot of yards but not a lot of points sound like a bend but don't break D, but generally, as shown below, teams whose defensive ypp was 17.29 or greater the previous year have a weaker or the same record the following year. A lot of teams fit the 17.29 category, but just 2 fit the 19.85 and higher standard and they are Alabama (23.9) and Auburn (20.3). Last year, 6 of the 7 teams that fit the 19.85+ category had weaker records. Of the 46 teams listed in this article last year, an amazing 35 had their record get stronger or weaker, as was forecast by the ypp chart. Five had the same record and just 6 went against the trends meaning that 87% of the teams performed as expected by the ypp factor.

DEFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YEAR YPP IS GREAT THAN:	Happen Times S/1990	Weaker Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Stronger Record Next Yr	Weaker Or Same Record S/1990
22.45	27	22	1	4	85.1%
20.35	76	56	6	14	81.6%
19.85	99	71	7	21	78.8%
17.29	343	203	22	118	65.6%

Here are the 16 teams whose defensive ypp was between 19.85-17.29 in '05: BC, VT, Iowa, Georgia, Miami FL, LSU, Texas, Ohio St, Clemson, Iowa St, Penn St, Texas Tech, Mid Tenn, TCU, Memphis and Wisconsin.

FREE PLAYS EVERY DAY • FREE PLAYS EVERY DAY

By Phil Steele

In other parts of this magazine, I have touched on the fact that FREE is an often misused term in the Sports Service Industry. If you pick up the newspaper, the ads scream out FREE PLAYS, Call 1-800-XXX-XXXX. What you get when you call is pushy salespeople who do not give you their "FREE" plays until you purchase their "much stronger" plays. Sports Illustrated did an excellent exposé a few years ago, showing how these "boiler room" operations worked.

Unfortunately that is the type of operation that dominates the Sports Service Industry. We are very different here at Northcoast Sports. When we say free, we mean FREE. I hope you have already sent in for your FREE 2006 Pro Football Preview (see page 325). If you did, you already know that there were no pushy salespeople, no phone calls and **we did not ask for your phone number**. If you have done so, then you already know first hand that at Northcoast when we say FREE, we mean it and with no sales pressure!

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Every Saturday and Sunday, I designate the Top Weekly College and Top Weekly Pro Late Phone Play. This is simply my Top Play of the Late Phone Selections for the week. Of course, it is part of the EXACT SAME plays we give the monitors, Executive Club Members, Monthly and Weekly Members. I take this Top Play and put it up on Phil Steele's Inner Circle Line (1-900-255-9467) for $30 per call each Sat & Sun, after 11:15 am ET.

Late Phone Plays are our Top 4 to 7 College Selections on Saturday and Top 3 Pro Selections on Sunday. With that established, let's take a look at our FREE Phone Selections. We have 1-800-475-8168, a toll free Complimentary Selection Line. We also have LOCAL complimentary phone lines in 45 different cities (see inside back cover). We have EIGHT FULL SERVICE NORTHCOAST LINES plus audio is available on our website. They are in Cleveland, Honolulu, Chicago, Dallas, New Jersey, Nebraska, Atlanta, Las Vegas and on our website at www.ncsports.com. Just like the Late Phone Selections, we have ONE SET of FREE selections, just different ways to receive them.

To begin, the FULL SERVICE LINES are where you can receive EVERY FREE PLAY we put out. As I mentioned, we have Full Service Lines in eight different locations, plus the Internet as of this writing. There is a strong possibility that we will be going to ELEVEN FULL SERVICE LINES at some point in the near future. **I am looking to expand to Alabama, Pennsylvania and Southern California this season!** If you live in one of those states, call our office at 1-800-654-3448 to see if our Full Service Line is up and running in your area.

A Full Service Line is the ultimate FREE Information Phone. When you call our Full Service Line you will listen to the main menu which will tell you all that is available. After listening to the menu, simply select the number you want to hear. You can stay on the Full Service Line as long as you like. If you listen to the Latest Injury Report and the Las Vegas Line Updates (Button #5), you can punch in your next choice when the report is finished. If you like, you can stay on the line and listen to all 9 extensions in one phone call.

Here is a list of what each button has on the Full Service Lines:

Button #1 - Football Scores - Scores are updated all day and night on Saturday. Best of all they are commercial free!!! We do not update the scores on Sunday because the networks do a timely job of updating the NFL scores. If you call a Full Service Line and select Button #1 on Saturday, you will receive a complete rundown of all the days scores, including any games in progress. They will be in the international rotation and commercial free. Sunday morning you can check on a late night game that was not in your local newspaper by calling and getting the complete scoring recap on Button #1.

Button #2 - Local Guest Handicapper-All of our Full Service Lines have a local guest handicapper. I pick out honest and reliable handicappers and allow them to put up free selections on a cities line that is near them. The hard working handicappers that I have on the line are: **Atlanta** - JB Sports, **Chicago** - Stan Lisowski, **Cleveland** - Billy Coleman, **Dallas** - Master Sports, **Honolulu** - Stan Lisowski, **Las Vegas** - Billy Coleman, **Nebraska** - Master Sports, and **New Jersey** - Stan Lisowski. Our website, www.ncsports.com, has a new guest handicapper every day. They also recap how their plays did the previous day, win or lose.

Button #3 - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Plays of the Week-These are the strongest FREE PLAYS available ANYWHERE. I put a lot of care and detail into selecting these plays and they have a high winning percentage throughout the years. Every Tuesday I put up my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Underdog Play of the Week. This stays on Button #3 of the Full Service Lines for both Tuesday and Wednesday. **As you know, my Underdog Play of the Week is 168-105-2 62% in Power Sweep over the last 22 years!** The Complimentary Underdog Play is usually my #2 choice that just missed out on being the Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep. On Thursday, I put up my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Totals Play of the Week. We own two #1 Titles from The Sports Monitor in NFL Totals Selections (Over/Unders). **This is my top rated Totals play as of Thursday and many times over the years this play ended up being a Late Phone Play on Sunday!** Saturday morning has another big FREE play, as I release my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary College Play of the Week. This is simply my highest rated selection that just missed out on being a Late Phone Play. As an example, if I am using 5 College Late Phone selections, the 6th (and there are usually 40 or more games to choose from) is the one that I put out as my FREE Play of the Week and it was almost a Late Phone Selection! On Sunday morning, it is my Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Pro Play of the Week, which went 10-5-1 67% winners last year. This is our #4 rated NFL selection each week (we release the Top 3 as Late Phone Plays). Why do I put out such quality selections for FREE? I know that once you have called and witnessed first hand the quality of these FREE selections, you will probably come on board for my very best plays by signing up for the Late Phones. Make sure to call each day to get these quality plays.

Button #5 - Offshore and Las Vegas Line Updates and Injury Report-If you want to know if a player will be playing this week or just want to find out the latest injuries, this button is a must. I put all my current injury information on it daily. I also monitor NINE Offshore and Las Vegas Casinos and provide daily line updates, which are provided for news matter only. On Saturday morning (available late Friday night) I update the Overnight Line, Weather and Injury Report and list all the information you need for Saturday's games, including any inclement weather possibilities. Do not go into Saturday without checking out all this up-to-date, and best of all, FREE information.

Button #7 - This Week's Trends and Notes by Phil Steele (Thursday & Friday)-I put up timely information for the upcoming week, including things like the last 4 week's rankings, which tell you where the NFL teams rank recently (just the last 4 weeks stats are taken into account). My Major Moves, Selected Angles and Systems of the Week have shown a high percentage of winners.

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Now the question arises - What is given out on the 800 and Local Complimentary Lines? These two have the same exact plays daily and are taken from the Full Service Lines. Here is what is available on a day-to-day basis on the 800 and Local Comp Lines:

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Tuesday - Guest Handicapper. A free play from one of the top handicappers in the country. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service Line.

Wednesday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Underdog Play of the Week. The same great play that is on Button #3 of the Full Service Lines every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Thursday - A free selection from Phil Steele's Private Play Hotline. An $11 value for free. Same play as on Button #9 of the Full Service Lines.

Friday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Totals Play of the Week.

Saturday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary College Play of the Week.

Sunday - Northcoast Sportsline Complimentary Pro Play of the Week.

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2006 NFL DRAFT A Day for VHT's!!!

By Phil Steele

The NFL Draft is always a big day for the top graduating seniors, some high-quality juniors and a few sophomores in college football. It is the chance to move on to the NFL and make a living playing the sport they have played most of their lives. For first round draft picks it means millions of dollars and sudden wealth. While lower round draft picks do not make millions, everyone makes six figures and that is why a big final year in college is very important.

Being a first round draft pick does not guarantee success. The NFL has lots of stories of first round "busts" over the years, players who never lived up to their potential due to injuries or just poor performance. Every franchise has had some #1 pick who never panned out or who never even started an NFL game. However, the majority of 1st round picks do make it big. In 1999, RB Edgerrin James was a 1st round pick in the NFL draft and ended up leading the NFL in rushing with 1,553 yards as a ROOKIE! One of the most dangerous receivers in football at this time is Oakland's Randy Moss, and he too was a 1st round choice. WR Marvin Harrison led the NFL in total yards receiving in 1999 and 2002 and was the Colts' top choice in 1996. The man orchestrating Indy's offense is Peyton Manning, the first overall pick in the draft in 1998. Jevon Kearse was a first rounder of the Tennessee Titans in 1999 and he simply dominated as a rookie with 14.5 sacks. Kearse not only helped Tennessee get to a Super Bowl, he also played in Super Bowl XXXIX with Philadelphia. In 2000, leading rusher Jamal Lewis led the Ravens to a Super Bowl Championship as a rookie first round pick. He had 2,066 yds rushing in 2003. Jeremy Shockey made a huge impact at TE for the NY Giants. He was a 1st rounder and the only rookie at the 2002 Pro Bowl. In 2004, 1st rounder Ben Roethlisberger started for the Steelers as a rookie and led them to the best record in the NFL, following it up with a Super Bowl win last year. There are great expectations for first round draft picks and many live up to them by eventually getting to the Pro Bowl.

How does a player get to be a first round draft pick? A good starting point to determining a player's grade coming out of college is how that player performs on the field. In most cases, you must be among the most productive players in the college game. However, productivity is not the only criteria. Timmy Chang is the all-time career passing leader in college football with 17,072 yards but he went undrafted. Todd Santos and Eric Zeier were both in the Top 5 when they graduated and neither was a #1 pick. Danny Wuerffel won the Heisman but his phone did not ring until the 4th round. 2001's Heisman winner, NU QB Eric Crouch, waited until the 3rd round before his name was called and he was drafted as a safety. Ken Dorsey, who only lost 2 games as a starter in college, was not drafted until round 7. The top three reception leaders of all-time in IA ball are Taylor Stubblefield, Josh Davis and Arnold Jackson and none of the 3 were drafted. 2003's Heisman Trophy winner Jason White, who was 2004's runner-up for the award, was not drafted and had trouble even signing as an UFA.

NFL scouts concentrate primarily on players' size, speed and strength ratings. A player could have a great senior year, but if his performance in the 40 yard dash is disappointing, he could drop a round or two in the draft. If a player shows up at the NFL Combine out of shape, he'll probably cost himself a large chunk of money in his contract, as he will be drafted lower. It's all about how many reps a player can do at 225 pounds in the bench press and other measurable physical characteristics.

Even after all the number crunching, there are plenty of stories of players who were not drafted and went on to great success in the NFL. You only need to look at the 1999 season. Kurt Warner, a QB who had never been drafted and even played in the Arena Football League, simply became the NFL and Super Bowl MVP. This type of story is great, but the majority of the stars in the NFL are the players who graded high enough to be first round draft picks.

The colleges do not have a draft of high school players, but every school is given an allotment of scholarships and has to recruit players from around the country to fill their needs. Most high school athletes will take the big name schools scholarship offer over the smaller ones. If you are lucky enough to have Florida St, Ohio St or USC offer you one of their precious 15 to 25 scholarships, you usually jump at it. Schools like Hawaii or Middle Tennessee do not even bother to recruit most of the top athletes coming out, as they really have little chance to land them (unless it's a local kid).

Since there is no draft, how do you rate players out of high school? I rely on some great recruiting sources and I have a computer rating system that ends up ranking over 7,500 players out of high school each year. I then assign every player a PS# which shows how highly rated each player is out of high school. I have an entire page devoted to how I determine a PS# (see page 292).

I have come up with my own terminology for the players' rating out of high school on that page. An HT (Highly Touted) is a player who is rated highly at his position. Out of the 7,500+ kids who are on my list coming out of high school, the top 1,435 fall into the HT category. A VHT (Very Highly Touted) is akin to a first round draft pick. There are only 405 of these players each year, with varying amounts at each position. That comes out to just 8.1 players per state, so we are talking about the créme de la créme of recruits.

On page 292, I mention the case of Arizona St LB Adam Archuleta, who was a scrawny 180 lbs out of high school but bulked up to a first round level athlete during his time in college. When a player moves into a college program, he benefits from vastly upgraded weight rooms and nutritional programs. Players will show much greater gains in size, speed and strength in their 3 to 5 years in college than they do once an NFL team drafts them. The recruiting ratings are not an exact science. However, much like the NFL, you will find that the most sought after kids out of high school usually turn out to be the stars of the college game. There are many cases of VHT players stepping in and starting in their true frosh seasons.

This year, I once again, look at the end product of the college game. In late April, after the 2006 NFL Draft was complete, I went back and looked at the PS#'s of all the top picks. **Of the Top 23 players taken in this year's draft, 17 were VHT's, and 2 just missed out on being a VHT. That means that 74% of the Top 23 players were VHT's yet only 15% of all college signees fall into that category.** Of the Top 26 players in the 2005 Draft, 14 were VHT's. Of the Top 25 players in the 2004 Draft, 17 were VHT's. Of the Top 23 players selected in the 2003 Draft, 13 were VHT's. Of the Top 18 players selected in the 2002 Draft, 11 were VHT's and 3 more were near VHT's. Of the Top 13 players selected in the 2001 NFL Draft, 9 were VHT's. In 2000, nine of the Top 12 picks were VHT's. There are generally 2,750 players who are signed to a scholarship by Division IA schools each year. Since there are just 405 players who meet my criteria for a VHT, that means that roughly 15% of all signees are classified as a VHT. In the last 7 years of the Top 12 picks in the draft (84 players), 53 have been VHT's!! That means 63% of the top spots were VHT's and that proves the significance of the rating. Here is a list of this year's Top 23 NFL Draft selections and how they were rated out of high school. As you can see, the 2006 NFL Draft was another VHT day.

2006's NFL DRAFT TOP SELECTIONS

1.	Mario Williams	NC State	VHT	PS#10DL
2.	Reggie Bush	USC	VHT	PS#5RB
3.	Vince Young	Texas	VHT	PS#2QB
4.	D'Brickashaw Ferguson	Virginia	VHT	PS#51OL
5.	AJ Hawk	Ohio St	VHT	PS#40LB
6.	Vernon Davis	Maryland	VHT	PS#8WR
7.	Michael Huff	Texas		PS#134DB
8.	Donte Whitner	Ohio St	VHT	PS#9DB
9.	Ernie Sims	Florida St	VHT	PS#5LB
10.	Matt Leinart	USC	VHT	PS#9QB
11.	Jay Cutler	Vanderbilt		PS#173QB
12.	Haloti Ngata	Oregon	VHT	PS#1DL
13.	Kamerion Wimbley	Florida St	VHT	PS#6LB
14.	Brodrick Bunkley	Florida St	Near VHT!	PS#65DL
15.	Tye Hill	Clemson		PS#134RB
16.	Jason Allen	Tennessee	VHT	PS#17RB
17.	Chad Greenway	Iowa	VHT	PS#41LB
18.	Bobby Carpenter	Ohio St	VHT	PS#26LB
19.	Antonio Cromartie	Florida St	VHT	PS#3DB
20.	Tamba Hali	Penn St	VHT	PS#13DL
21.	Laurence Maroney	Minnesota	Near VHT!	PS#42RB
22.	Manny Lawson	NC State		PS#186DL
23.	Davin Joseph	Oklahoma	VHT	PS#24OL

It will be interesting to see if VHT's will dominate the 2007 NFL Draft as well. The last 6 years I have provided my list of top players for the upcoming NFL Draft. In 2004, only 3 of my Top 11 that were eligible for the NFL Draft were NOT picked in the 1st round. Two of those 3 went in the 2nd round, including LB Karlos Dansby from Auburn, who was the 1st pick of the 2nd round. Last year, once again, 8 of the top 10 were either 1st round picks or are returning this year and my #11 & #12 players were 2nd round picks. Obviously, draft positions will be affected by a player's 2006 performance. In 2001, of the Top 9 players I listed in this magazine, eight entered the NFL Draft and SEVEN were drafted in the Top 18. That's an 87.5% success rate!!!!! Last year only 1 of the Top 9 that were eligible was not selected in the first round and half of the 32 overall were 1st round draft picks. Here are my top players for the 2007 draft.

TOP ELIGIBLE PLAYERS FOR THE 2007 NFL DRAFT

1. QB Brady Quinn, Notre Dame
2. RB Michael Bush, Louisville
3. QB Brian Brohm, Louisville
4. DE Lawrence Jackson, USC
5. LB Paul Posluszny, Penn St
6. QB Drew Stanton, Michigan St
7. TE Greg Olsen, Miami, FL
8. RB Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma
9. WR Dwayne Jarrett, USC
10. DE Gaines Adams, Clemson
11. DE Tim Crowder, Texas
12. MLB Patrick Willis, Mississippi
13. FS LaRon Landry, LSU
14. WR Calvin Johnson, Georgia Tech
15. OT Sam Baker, USC
16. OT Justin Blaylock, Texas
17. DE Adam Carriker, Nebraska
18. DT Frank Okam, Texas
19. WR Ted Ginn Jr, Ohio St
20. LB Keith Rivers, USC
21. CB Antoine Cason, Arizona
22. OT Joe Thomas, Wisconsin
23. RB Marshawn Lynch, California
24. SS Brandon Meriweather, Miami, Fl
25. DE Quentin Moses, Georgia
26. OT Doug Free, N Illinois
27. LB Rufus Alexander, Oklahoma
28. RB Kenny Irons, Auburn
29. OT Levi Brown, Penn St
30. DT Kareem Brown, Miami, Fl
31. OT Jake Long, Michigan
32. WR Jeff Samardzija, Notre Dame

2005 SPECIAL TEAMS RATINGS

In the text of the team write-ups, I have ranked each special teams unit. I devised a formula which takes into account net punting, kick returns, punt returns & kick return defense. The total opportunities each team had was also factored into the equation. As an example, last year, Buffalo punted EIGHTY times and returned only 24 punts all year. Their net punting average was weighted 3.3 times as much as their punt return average ranking due to the difference in attempts. I added a new category a few years ago for net TD/Blk's. A negative number means a team allowed more blocks & TD's than they garnered. A positive number means that they blk'd more kicks and scored more TD's than they allowed. If a team blocked a punt AND returned the same punt for a TD, I only give credit for one TD/Blk. However if a team fumbled a punt snap and the other team recovered I counted that as a blocked punt.

A few years ago I added a formula to grade the kickers as I looked at 6 categories. The first was overall accuracy and that % was multiplied times 5 (graded everything on a scale of 1-5). Then I took the amount of FG's made and divided it into the largest amount of FG's made (24) and that percentage was multiplied by 5. Each counted for 30% of the overall grade. Then I took the 40-49 factors (both # of kicks and %) and did the same and they counted for 30% of the grade each. The 50+ factors counted for 10% of the grade each. This factored in kickers with stronger legs. Speaking of kickers my KR Defense grade includes a formula for TB's on kickoffs. It grades a TB as a 15 yard return and a OOB KO as a 30 yard return and adds them to the actual KR defense numbers so my numbers will differ from the schools in that column. The NCAA also is only allowing a 1" tee on kickoffs so you will see fewer TB's in 2006 and that could make KR's a bigger factor in games.

In past years I have listed a special teams rating, a kicker rating and then last year added a combined special teams ratings. The K rating accounts for about 26% of the overall grade. This year I just list them by the combined rating but for you long time readers looking for the individual ratings, they are in the chart listed below.

Something new for 2006 is NET PUNTING averages, which now include taking away 20 yards for touchbacks. This means net punting averages will for the most part be lower than in years past. We found that the NCAA site did this for all teams. For years we have used the individual team stats but found that 40% were using the net WITHOUT touchbacks (which would mean higher net punting avg's) and 60% were now taking out the 20 yards for touchbacks out of the net. If you check a team's individual stats and find a discrepency with our net punting avg's, then you should also check the NCAA site which uses the same net punting formula we are now using this year.

	Special Tms Including K	Net Punts	KR Off	PR Off	KR Def	KR w/TB	BLK/ TD	ST Ranking	ST Rating	Kick Rating	FG Total	%	50+
1. Texas	13.5	35.1	27.0	15.6	19.0	18.4	8	1	10.54	2.96	14-18	78%	0-1
2. Georgia	13.0	38.7	19.5	13.8	18.4	17.6	3	7	8.74	4.27	23-30	77%	3-5
3. Colorado	12.7	39.1	19.4	10.4	23.3	18.0	3	13	8.16	4.51	22-29	76%	5-7
4. Ohio St	12.1	37.6	23.4	11.2	19.4	16.4	3	3	8.91	3.23	22-28	79%	0-2
5. Fresno St	11.8	33.9	22.1	18.6	17.5	17.5	5	55	9.59	2.22	10-14	71%	0-2
6. Florida St	11.7	35.7	20.1	14.8	20.8	20.7	8	4	8.86	2.87	17-24	71%	0-0
7. Virginia	11.5	33.4	22.3	6.9	19.5	17.0	0	18	7.34	4.12	22-25	88%	1-2
8. UCLA	11.4	35.6	17.6	25.0	19.5	18.2	4	11	8.17	3.28	13-17	76%	1-2
9. Nebraska	11.4	39.8	19.7	12.9	18.3	18.8	0	12	8.16	3.19	19-23	83%	0-0
10. LSU	11.2	39.0	17.0	14.1	17.7	17.4	2	9	8.37	2.85	14-24	58%	1-2
11. Wisconsin	11.1	37.6	20.0	14.7	18.9	17.2	3	8	8.58	2.55	14-20	70%	0-3
12. Memphis	11.1	39.2	20.2	4.8	24.1	19.1	0	38	6.23	4.86	22-25	88%	3-3
13. Arkansas	10.9	38.8	29.2	9.6	21.3	19.9	1	6	8.75	2.12	13-18	72%	0-0
14. Baylor	10.9	36.8	23.9	11.5	18.2	17.0	2	10	8.37	2.49	16-23	70%	0-0
15. Michigan	10.5	35.8	23.4	11.8	21.7	18.0	1	15	7.68	2.86	20-27	74%	0-1
16. Wake Forest	10.5	41.4	16.0	5.3	23.3	20.5	2	31	6.43	4.09	19-24	79%	2-2
17. Stanford	10.5	36.6	22.1	6.6	20.0	18.4	6	14	7.84	2.65	15-23	65%	0-0
18. Oregon	10.4	31.8	24.6	11.3	22.4	21.2	2	39	6.21	4.20	23-33	70%	2-3
19. Boise St	10.4	36.1	24.2	12.8	18.7	19.3	4	5	8.77	1.62	6-10	60%	0-1
20. Iowa	10.4	34.5	16.2	13.1	14.9	14.9	1	26	6.73	3.64	17-21	81%	1-1
21. Rutgers	10.0	31.9	24.8	9.5	23.8	21.9	3	51	5.83	4.16	20-27	74%	2-2
22. Kentucky	9.8	32.9	26.4	17.2	22.1	19.9	0	16	7.62	2.22	12-15	80%	0-0
23. S Mississippi	9.8	37.2	20.2	8.2	21.4	20.4	1	43	6.14	3.68	23-28	82%	0-1
24. UCF	9.7	34.8	18.8	16.5	20.8	17.7	0	28	6.67	3.07	22-34	65%	0-0
25. TCU	9.7	34.0	25.1	12.4	18.7	17.6	1	112	7.14	2.52	6-10	60%	1-1
26. Florida	9.6	38.1	20.6	7.2	19.7	20.3	3	25	6.82	2.80	13-16	81%	0-0
27. Oklahoma	9.6	37.8	18.2	7.4	17.6	16.6	1	30	6.54	3.05	14-22	64%	2-3
28. Miami, Fl	9.5	36.1	18.0	11.0	17.9	17.4	2	23	6.99	2.54	15-20	75%	0-0
29. Kansas	9.5	35.6	20.5	12.1	16.9	16.2	-1	24	6.95	2.51	14-19	74%	0-1
30. Purdue	9.4	36.7	21.2	7.9	22.6	19.3	2	29	6.63	2.77	8-14	57%	1-1
31. Auburn	9.3	37.6	27.3	7.5	21.0	19.4	1	17	7.59	1.68	12-20	60%	0-1
32. West Virginia	9.3	34.5	23.1	15.6	19.3	18.8	1	19	7.32	1.93	11-18	61%	0-0
33. Air Force	9.2	30.6	19.8	10.3	15.5	15.8	-2	48	4.86	4.33	18-21	86%	1-1
34. California	9.1	34.4	19.9	15.6	19.7	18.1	2	20	7.22	1.93	9-16	56%	0-2
35. Washington St	9.1	36.8	19.1	11.6	19.0	18.1	0	27	6.67	2.40	14-22	64%	0-3
36. Connecticut	9.0	32.3	24.3	10.4	18.0	18.2	0	52	5.81	3.16	12-21	57%	1-1
37. Virginia Tech	8.9	34.5	19.0	8.9	20.7	18.3	0	58	5.60	3.27	19-22	86%	0-0
38. Tulsa	8.8	33.4	22.1	9.3	17.2	17.0	-1	83	6.00	2.84	18-22	82%	0-0
39. Notre Dame	8.8	35.3	19.0	14.1	21.2	20.6	2	32	6.42	2.37	12-18	67%	0-0
40. Penn St	8.7	34.9	21.9	10.6	20.8	19.5	0	41	6.18	2.56	16-23	70%	0-1
41. Duke	8.6	35.5	21.8	6.4	18.8	18.2	2	33	6.37	2.24	7-10	70%	0-0
42. Maryland	8.6	35.6	22.1	5.4	20.1	19.3	2	44	6.10	2.50	17-25	68%	0-0
43. Oregon St	8.5	36.3	21.4	7.5	23.0	22.0	-1	67	5.09	3.43	23-28	82%	0-1
44. Kansas St	8.5	32.8	19.3	11.2	17.5	16.8	1	56	5.67	2.85	11-18	61%	2-3
45. Iowa St	8.5	34.3	23.4	8.6	19.6	17.4	0	46	6.08	2.40	14-20	70%	0-0
46. Colorado St	8.5	34.6	20.2	10.8	18.6	17.4	0	36	6.07	2.38	9-16	56%	2-3
47. Wyoming	8.4	34.6	21.2	7.9	19.3	17.1	2	74	6.33	2.07	10-16	63%	0-1
48. UTEP	8.4	36.1	19.0	10.9	19.9	19.9	2	65	6.30	2.07	11-18	61%	0-0
49. North Carolina	8.3	35.1	24.9	9.2	24.0	21.7	0	35	6.35	2.00	11-21	52%	0-2
50. Minnesota	8.2	34.2	21.8	10.5	19.7	19.5	-1	53	5.76	2.44	14-20	70%	0-1
51. Pittsburgh	8.2	30.5	22.2	11.3	19.7	19.1	2	63	5.40	2.77	16-21	76%	0-0
52. Arizona	8.2	36.0	23.6	10.8	19.8	16.5	-5	50	5.88	2.28	7-11	64%	1-2
53. New Mexico St	8.2	38.8	22.0	4.2	20.7	19.6	0	22	7.01	1.14	6-12	50%	0-0
54. Utah St	8.2	33.2	24.1	10.0	24.5	23.4	2	45	6.09	2.06	7-17	41%	1-1
55. USF	8.1	34.1	21.2	12.5	19.7	19.7	0	40	6.20	1.92	11-19	58%	0-0
56. W Michigan	8.1	35.1	19.0	9.2	21.0	20.0	3	49	5.97	2.09	11-17	65%	0-1
57. NC State	8.0	32.8	25.4	6.7	21.7	18.6	1	59	5.55	2.49	15-20	75%	0-1
58. Arizona St	8.0	30.3	24.6	15.0	20.9	16.6	-1	42	6.16	1.81	9-11	82%	0-0
59. Missouri	8.0	32.9	19.6	12.3	23.6	20.7	-1	87	4.47	3.49	14-20	70%	1-1
60. SMU	7.9	33.2	21.7	9.5	19.4	18.5	-3	21	4.69	3.19	17-22	77%	1-2
61. Toledo	7.8	30.9	21.8	7.5	17.6	17.7	-3	76	4.84	2.95	13-13	100%	0-0
62. Marshall	7.8	33.7	22.7	7.7	18.8	19.5	4	34	6.36	1.42	8-17	47%	0-2
63. Louisville	7.8	33.5	20.8	10.1	21.8	21.1	-2	82	4.70	3.05	14-16	88%	3-3
64. Arkansas St	7.8	31.9	19.0	10.0	18.2	18.4	0	81	4.73	3.02	13-22	59%	1-1
65. Ball St	7.7	34.8	21.0	10.7	22.4	21.7	-1	66	5.11	2.62	9-13	69%	1-1
66. E Michigan	7.7	32.7	20.4	6.1	17.0	17.5	-1	68	4.43	3.29	18-25	72%	1-2
67. San Diego St	7.7	36.6	16.4	6.3	21.3	20.4	0	70	4.60	3.07	12-16	75%	2-3
68. N Illinois	7.6	32.1	22.6	8.1	20.4	19.1	-2	84	4.63	3.00	9-13	69%	1-1
69. Navy	7.6	34.5	20.3	8.1	18.4	19.1	0	57	5.65	1.95	9-12	75%	0-0
70. Louisiana Tech	7.6	33.2	23.2	5.3	21.6	20.2	-1	78	4.79	2.80	18-26	69%	0-1
71. Miami, Oh	7.4	32.7	20.6	11.9	20.5	19.0	-3	71	5.01	2.44	19-27	70%	0-0
72. East Carolina	7.3	33.9	18.5	6.6	21.7	17.8	-3	101	3.63	3.68	17-19	89%	1-1
73. Oklahoma St	7.3	33.0	20.4	7.3	20.0	18.5	-3	93	3.96	3.34	11-14	79%	2-3
74. Alabama	7.3	32.6	22.2	7.2	18.6	18.0	0	80	4.74	2.55	17-27	63%	0-1
75. San Jose St	7.3	33.9	20.9	5.4	18.5	18.3	1	103	5.18	2.09	10-15	67%	0-0
76. Texas Tech	7.2	32.3	18.6	9.9	20.8	18.5	-1	77	4.81	2.37	13-18	72%	0-0
77. Troy	7.2	34.1	21.5	12.0	22.5	21.5	-1	60	5.47	1.71	11-20	55%	0-1
78. UNLV	7.1	34.8	20.3	6.5	17.7	18.1	-1	47	5.01	2.07	13-19	68%	0-0
79. Idaho	7.1	32.4	20.0	6.1	25.6	22.0	-2	108	3.16	3.91	16-19	84%	2-3
80. Syracuse	7.1	35.0	22.0	9.6	22.8	20.2	-2	64	5.38	1.68	9-15	60%	0-0
81. Utah	7.0	32.7	22.1	6.5	23.8	21.9	0	105	4.20	2.81	13-15	87%	0-1
82. Middle Tenn	7.0	35.5	21.0	9.0	19.3	18.6	-1	54	5.71	1.28	7-16	44%	0-1
83. South Carolina	6.9	37.6	21.3	4.5	25.0	20.4	-1	91	5.68	1.26	4-6	67%	0-0
84. Georgia Tech	6.9	36.0	20.2	5.7	23.7	21.8	-1	72	4.97	1.92	11-21	52%	0-0
85. North Texas	6.9	34.1	19.8	8.3	16.5	16.7	-1	75	4.85	2.03	8-16	50%	1-3
86. ULM	6.8	36.7	21.8	3.0	22.1	19.2	-1	62	5.45	1.37	7-14	50%	0-2
87. USC	6.8	29.1	21.6	8.6	21.1	21.1	0	88	4.35	2.42	11-12	92%	0-0
88. Tennessee	6.7	33.5	19.8	8.4	18.7	18.7	-2	89	4.27	2.46	14-19	74%	0-1
89. Texas A&M	6.6	32.7	17.9	9.1	20.0	18.3	-2	92	4.11	2.49	15-21	71%	0-1
90. Hawaii	6.6	30.0	18.8	6.5	19.4	19.0	-1	2	3.58	2.98	17-21	81%	0-1
91. Mississippi	6.5	33.5	15.4	8.0	16.5	15.6	0	100	3.69	2.79	10-20	50%	1-1
92. C Michigan	6.3	32.6	20.3	10.3	22.2	21.6	2	73	4.88	1.44	10-19	53%	0-0
93. Bowling Green	6.2	34.9	18.5	13.0	21.3	21.6	-1	68	5.09	1.16	5-9	56%	0-0
94. Michigan St	6.2	33.1	22.3	9.4	21.3	20.2	0	61	5.45	0.79	5-16	31%	0-2
95. UAB	6.2	29.9	20.3	5.9	18.5	19.0	-1	99	3.76	2.46	14-18	78%	0-1
96. Akron	6.2	32.7	20.9	8.0	23.9	21.6	-1	95	3.88	2.33	14-20	70%	0-0
97. Boston College	6.1	31.5	21.0	9.7	17.0	17.0	-3	86	4.48	1.63	11-18	61%	0-0
98. Rice	6.1	34.2	18.8	5.5	24.5	22.6	-3	37	2.95	3.16	18-23	78%	0-0
99. Nevada	6.1	32.8	18.7	9.4	21.5	20.0	-3	98	3.78	2.31	12-15	80%	0-0
100. BYU	6.0	31.7	17.2	7.0	22.5	19.4	-2	85	2.99	2.96	15-17	88%	0-0
101. New Mexico	5.9	33.1	18.3	8.2	24.0	20.6	-2	111	3.52	2.39	14-19	74%	0-0
102. Washington	5.9	33.7	20.4	6.1	27.5	22.6	-2	102	3.62	2.29	11-15	73%	0-1
103. Army	5.9	31.7	18.7	6.8	17.6	17.3	-1	97	3.79	2.07	10-18	56%	0-1
104. Clemson	5.8	29.4	21.9	6.9	22.2	19.3	-5	114	2.48	3.35	24-31	77%	0-2
105. Florida Int'l	5.8	28.3	19.8	7.6	21.7	18.9	2	94	3.92	1.90	11-14	79%	0-0
106. Houston	5.8	27.6	19.1	11.5	20.5	20.3	-1	110	3.05	2.71	13-22	59%	1-3
107. Kent St	5.6	34.1	17.9	7.1	16.3	18.7	-2	96	3.79	1.81	8-11	73%	0-0
108. Tulane	5.4	33.5	21.0	11.3	23.1	22.8	-3	118	4.16	1.26	4-9	44%	0-2
109. Vanderbilt	5.4	30.3	20.3	6.3	22.7	20.8	-2	113	2.88	2.51	12-17	71%	0-0
110. Northwestern	5.3	31.1	19.2	14.7	21.8	21.2	-3	106	3.49	1.85	12-22	55%	0-2
111. Illinois	4.9	31.9	20.1	4.6	32.1	21.2	-4	115	2.13	2.75	13-20	65%	1-2
112. Louisiana-Lft	4.8	30.1	16.9	11.6	22.7	21.7	1	78	3.00	1.80	7-11	64%	0-0
113. Cincinnati	4.8	30.9	18.4	6.8	24.1	23.9	-3	90	1.74	3.04	16-19	84%	0-1
114. Mississippi St	4.8	31.8	19.7	6.4	19.7	18.2	-3	109	3.06	1.72	7-12	58%	0-0
115. Indiana	4.5	32.9	23.1	6.3	22.7	21.5	-3	104	3.56	0.95	3-6	50%	0-0
116. Ohio	4.1	32.4	18.6	8.0	20.7	19.1	-2	107	3.21	0.93	4-9	44%	0-0
117. Florida Atlantic	4.0	33.7	15.4	5.2	23.7	23.1	-2	116	2.11	1.85	4-10	40%	1-1
118. Buffalo	2.8	30.5	16.6	4.0	17.5	18.1	0	117	1.88	0.91	4-13	31%	0-1
119. Temple	0.8	27.3	18.4	3.5	26.3	21.7	-6	119	-0.80	1.64	5-9	56%	0-2

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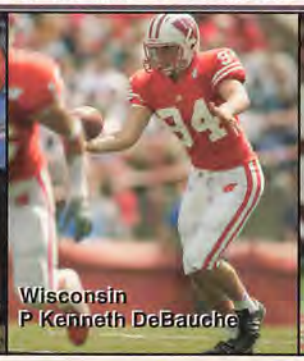
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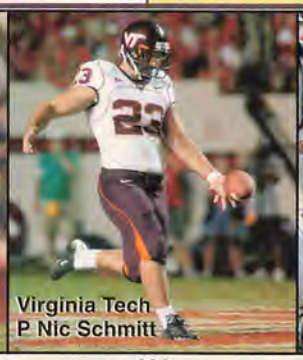
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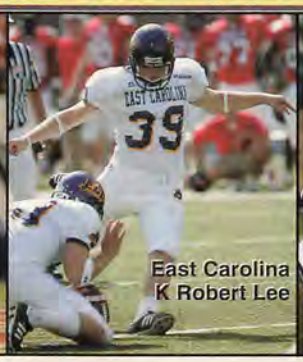
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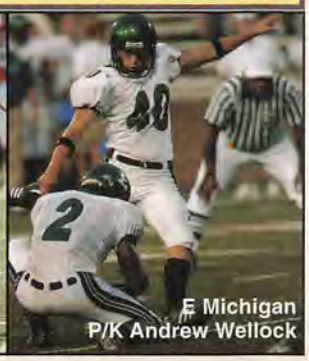
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PHIL STEELE'S DRAFT GUIDE

On page one of the magazine I thank you for purchasing Phil Steele's College Football Preview and you do have my heartfelt thanks for that!! I could also have noted the additional bonus you receive in Phil Steele's 2006-'07 DRAFT GUIDE, as it is basically included in the magazine! Let me explain.

In the front of the magazine I list my Top QB's, RB's, WR's, etc for each season. This is done with a heavy emphasis on who I think will be taken in next year's draft as well. On this page are some of last year's AA Team. As you see, eight of the top nine RB's I listed last year were either drafted or they are returning to college ball. The other was quickly signed as a free agent. The same could be said for the OT's, as 13 of the top 14 were either drafted, signed as UFA or are returning for another year and 10 of the top 10 QB's!

Over the past three years on this page of "Tops" there have been 507 players listed. Of those 507 only 32 players fall into the category of not being drafted or signed as a free agent or are not returning which means 93.7% found a home!!. There were 66 players who signed as UFA's (Undrafted Free Agents) in the three years. That means that 409 (80.7%) were either drafted or returned to school for another year.

Thanks for purchasing my NFL Draft Guide. See pages 7-15.

2005's TOP POSITIONS

QUARTERBACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Matt Leinart	USC	1/10	Arizona
2.	Vince Young	Texas	1/3	Tennessee
3.	Reggie McNeal	Texas A&M	6/193	Cincinnati
4.	Chris Leak	Florida		Returning
5.	Omar Jacobs	Bowling Green	5/164	Pittsburgh
6.	Brad Smith	Missouri	4/103	NY Jets
7.	Chad Henne	Michigan		Returning
8.	Bruce Gradkowski	Toledo	6/194	Tampa Bay
9.	Tyler Palko	Pittsburgh		Returning
10.	Charlie Whitehurst	Clemson	3/81	San Diego
11.	Darrell Hackney	UAB	UFA	Cleveland
12.	Kellen Clemens	Oregon	2/49	NY Jets
13.	Drew Tate	Iowa		Returning
14.	Brodie Croyle	Alabama	3/85	Kansas City
15.	Paul Pinegar	Fresno St	UFA	Jacksonville
16.	Jay Cutler	Vanderbilt	1/11	Denver

RUNNING BACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	DeAngelo Williams	Memphis	1/27	Carolina
2.	Reggie Bush	USC	1/2	New Orleans
3.	Adrian Peterson	Oklahoma		Returning
4.	Laurence Maroney	Minnesota	1/21	New England
5.	Gerald Riggs, Jr.	Tennessee	UFA	Miami
6.	LenDale White	USC	2/45	Tennessee
7.	Marshawn Lynch	California		Returning
8.	Leon Washington	Florida St	4/117	NY Jets
9.	PJ Daniels	Georgia Tech	4/132	Baltimore

WIDE RECEIVERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Martin Nance	Miami, Oh	UFA	Buffalo
2.	Todd Watkins	BYU	7/218	Arizona
3.	Derek Hagan	Arizona St	5/144	St Louis
4.	Ted Ginn, Jr	Ohio St		Returning
5.	Jarrett Hicks	Texas Tech		Returning
6.	Calvin Johnson	Georgia Tech		Returning
7.	Mike Hass	Oregon St	6/171	New Orleans
8.	Robert Meachem	Tennessee		Returning
9.	Steve Smith	USC		Returning
10.	Maurice Stovall	Notre Dame	3/90	Tampa Bay
11.	Demetrius Williams	Oregon	4/111	Baltimore
12.	Ryan Moore	Miami, Fl		Returning
13.	Andre Caldwell	Florida		Returning
14.	BJ Vickers	Arizona		Dismissed
15.	Jovon Bouknight	Wyoming	UFA	Carolina
16.	Greg Lee	Pittsburgh	UFA	Arizona
17.	Chad Jackson	Florida	2/36	Florida
18.	Dorien Bryant	Purdue		Returning
19.	Steve Breaston	Michigan		Returning
20.	Santonio Holmes	Ohio St	1/25	Pittsburgh

TIGHT ENDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Leonard Pope	Georgia	3/72	Arizona
2.	Marcedes Lewis	UCLA	1/28	Jacksonville
3.	Zach Miller	Arizona St		Returning
4.	Joe Newton	Oregon St		Returning
5.	Vernon Davis	Maryland	1/6	Maryland
6.	Tim Day	Oregon	UFA	Chicago
7.	Matt Herian	Nebraska		Returning
8.	Dominique Byrd	USC	3/93	St Louis
9.	Daniel Coats	BYU		Returning
10.	TJ Williams	NC State	6/202	Tampa Bay

OFFENSIVE GUARDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Max Jean-Gilles	Georgia	4/99	Pittsburgh
2.	Davin Joseph	Oklahoma	1/23	Oklahoma
3.	Mark Setterstrom	Minnesota	7/242	St Louis
4.	Matt Lentz	Michigan	UFA	NY Giants
5.	JB Closner	Alabama		Unsigned
6.	Nate Livings	LSU	UFA	Cincinnati
7.	Rob Sims	Ohio St	4/128	Seattle
8.	Dan Mozes	W Virginia		Returning
9.	Aaron Lips	Louisiana Tech		Unsigned
10.	Tyler McMeans	Miami, Fl	UFA	Chicago
11.	Manuel Ramirez	Texas Tech		Returning
12.	Tony Palmer	Missouri	7/243	St Louis
13.	Fred Matua	USC	7/217	Detroit
14.	Will Allen	Texas	UFA	New Orleans
15.	Kili Lefotu	Arizona	7/230	Washington
16.	Jeff Byers	USC		Returning
17.	Tyler Reed	Penn St	6/200	Chicago

OFFENSIVE TACKLES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	D'Brickashaw Ferguson	Virginia	1/4	NY Jets
2.	Jonathan Scott	Texas	5/141	Detroit
3.	Marcus McNeill	Auburn	2/50	San Diego
4.	Eric Winston	Miami, Fl	3/66	Houston
5.	Andrew Whitworth	LSU	2/55	Cincinnati
6.	Jeremy Trueblood	Boston Coll	2/59	Tampa Bay
7.	Ryan O'Callaghan	California	UFA	New England
8.	Zach Strief	Northwestern	UFA	New Orleans
9.	Adam Stenavich	Michigan	UFA	Carolina
10.	Justin Blaylock	Texas		Returning
11.	Derek Morris	NC State		Returning
12.	Jami Hightower	Texas A&M		Unsigned
13.	Daryn Colledge	Boise St	2/47	Green Bay
14.	Winston Justice	USC	2/39	Philadelphia

CENTERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Greg Eslinger	Minnesota	6/198	Denver
2.	Mike Degory	Florida	UFA	St Louis
3.	Kyle Young	Fresno St		Returning
4.	Donovan Raiola	Wisconsin	UFA	St Louis
5.	Ryan Cook	New Mexico	2/51	Minnesota
6.	Pat Ross	Boston Coll	UFA	Seattle
7.	Nick Mangold	Ohio St	1/29	NY Jets
8.	Jason Spitz	Louisville	3/75	Green Bay
9.	John Sullivan	Notre Dame		Returning
10.	David Castillo	Florida St		Unsigned
11.	Marvin Philip	California	6/201	Pittsburgh

DEFENSIVE ENDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Mario Williams	NC State	1/1	Houston
2.	Mathias Kiwanuka	Boston Coll	1/32	NY Giants
3.	Manny Lawson	NC State	1/22	San Francisco
4.	Loren Howard	Northwestern		Transferred
5.	Parys Haralson	Tennessee	5/140	San Francisco
6.	Darryl Tapp	Virginia Tech	2/63	Seattle
7.	Eric Henderson	Georgia Tech	UFA	Cincinnati
8.	James Wyche	Syracuse	7/213	Jacksonville
9.	Tamba Hali	Penn St	1/20	Kansas City
10.	LaMarr Woodley	Michigan		Returning
11.	Devan Long	Oregon	UFA	Carolina
12.	Stanley McClover	Auburn	7/237	Carolina
13.	Jason Jack	Texas A&M		Returning
14.	Ray Edwards	Purdue	4/127	Minnesota

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1	Abdul Hodge	Iowa	3/67	Green Bay
2	Spencer Havner	UCLA	UFA	Washington
3	D'Qwell Jackson	Maryland	2/34	Cleveland
4	Aaron Harris	Texas		Unsigned
5	Dan Connor	Penn St		Returning
6	Anthony Schlegel	Ohio St	3/76	NY Jets
7	Freddie Roach	Alabama	UFA	New England
8	Trent Bray	Oregon St	UFA	Miami
9	Leon Williams	Miami, Fl	4/110	Cleveland

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Rodrique Wright	Texas	7/226	Miami
2.	Haloti Ngata	Oregon	1/12	Baltimore
3.	Gabe Watson	Michigan	4/107	Arizona
4.	Jesse Mahelona	Tennessee	5/169	Tennessee
5.	Orien Harris	Miami, Fl	4/133	Pittsburgh
6.	Dusty Dvoracek	Oklahoma	3/73	Chicago
7.	LeKevin Smith	Nebraska	6/206	New England
8.	Kyle Williams	LSU	5/134	Buffalo
9.	Baraka Atkins	Miami, Fl		Returning
10.	Quinn Pitcock	Ohio St		Returning
11.	Anthony Montgomery	Minnesota	5/153	Washington
12.	Claude Wroten	LSU	3/68	St Louis
13.	Babatunde Oshinowo	Stanford	6/181	Cleveland
14.	Pat Massey	Michigan	UFA	San Diego
15.	Kwakou Robinson	Virginia		Unsigned
16.	Gerald Anderson	Georgia		Unsigned
17.	Joe Bryant	Texas A&M		Returning
18.	Jonathan Lewis	Virginia Tech	6/177	Arizona
19.	Johnny Jolly	Texas A&M	UFA	Green Bay
20.	Tony Jenkins	Syracuse		Returning
21.	Kedric Golston	Georgia	6/196	Washington

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Ahmad Brooks	Virginia		Suppl Draft
2.	Chad Greenway	Iowa	1/17	Minnesota
3.	AJ Hawk	Ohio St	1/5	Green Bay
4.	Will Derting	Wash St		Unsigned
5.	Ernie Sims	Florida St	1/9	Detroit
6.	DeMeco Ryans	Alabama	2/33	Houston
7.	Terna Nande	Miami, Oh	5/137	Tennessee
8.	Kai Parham	Virginia	UFA	Dallas
9.	Rocky McIntosh	Miami, Fl	2/35	Washington
10.	Bobby Carpenter	Ohio St	1/18	Dallas
11.	AJ Nicholson	Florida St	UFA	Cincinnati
12.	Paul Posluszny	Penn St		Returning

CORNERBACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Jimmy F Williams	Virginia Tech	2/37	Atlanta
2.	Jason Allen	Tennessee	1/16	Miami
3.	Alan Zemaitis	Penn St	4/122	Tampa Bay
4.	Antonio Cromartie	Florida St	1/19	San Diego
5.	Michael Huff	Texas	1/7	Oakland
6.	Charles Gordon	Kansas	UFA	Minnesota
7.	Darrell Hunter	Miami, Oh	UFA	Arizona
8.	Kelly Jennings	Miami, Fl	1/31	Seattle
9.	Chijioke Onyenegecha	Oklahoma	UFA	Washington
10.	Harrison Smith	California	UFA	Detroit
11.	Travis Johnson	Mississippi		Unsigned
12.	Ashton Youboty	Ohio St	3/70	Buffalo
13.	Leon Hall	Michigan		Returning
14.	Antoine Cason	Arizona		Returning
15.	Will Blackmon	Boston Coll	4/115	Green Bay
16.	Tye Hill	Clemson	1/15	St Louis
17.	Cedric Griffin	Texas	2/48	Minnesota
18.	Brett Bell	Wisconsin		Unsigned
19.	Josh Lay	Pittsburgh	6/174	New Orleans
20.	Demetrice Webb	Florida	7/236	Jacksonville
21.	Devin Hester	Miami, Fl	2/57	Chicago

FREE SAFETIES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	LaRon Landry	LSU	5/146	Baltimore
2.	Pat Watkins	Florida St	5/138	Dallas
3.	Wesley Smith	Memphis		Unsigned
4.	Nate Salley	Ohio St	4/121	Carolina
5.	Ko Simpson	S Carolina	4/105	Buffalo
6.	Scott Ware	USC	UFA	Philadelphia
7.	Greg Blue	Georgia	5/149	Minnesota
8.	Jaxson Appel	Texas A&M	UFA	Tennessee
9.	Jahmile Addae	W Virginia	UFA	Tampa Bay

STRONG SAFETIES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Darnell Bing	USC	4/101	Oakland
2.	Bernard Pollard	Purdue	2/54	Kansas City
3.	Charlie Peprah	Alabama	5/158	NY Giants
4.	Greg Threat	Miami, Fl	UFA	Atlanta
5.	Daniel Bullocks	Nebraska	2/40	Detroit
6.	Sabby Piscitelli	Oregon St		Returning
7.	Jarrad Page	UCLA	7/228	Kansas City
8.	Donte Whitner	Ohio St	1/8	Buffalo

2005 PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE RANKINGS

Here are my rankings for pass efficiency defense. Taken into account are total yards, TD's, int's and completion % just like the NCAA does. THE KEY DIFFERENCE between the NCAA pass D rankings and mine is that I also factor in the strength of opposing pass attacks faced. **For example, Maryland (5-6) finished #8 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defensive rankings in 2004. They allowed opposing QB's just 48.3% completions with a 7-6 ratio. When I factor in the strength of their opponents' pass attacks, they ranked only #41 in my rankings. Their toughest pass offense faced was #52 Temple and not only did their other 10 opponents finish in the bottom half of the pass offense rankings, but 5 were in the bottom 32! Conversely, USC, which simply won the national championship, finished only #34 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defense rankings, but #1 in my rankings as they took on NINE teams rated higher than Maryland's toughest pass attack faced including the #5, #7 and #12 attacks and still yielded just 53.8% with a 13-22 ratio.** Listed are the raw numbers as well as the computer's final rankings taking into account the strength of the opponent faced.

#	TEAM	YPG	ATT	COMP	%	TD	INT	GRADE	OPP
1.	Miami, Fl	152.2	354	165	46.6	8	14	13.2	8.92
2.	Virginia Tech	154.2	387	192	49.6	11	19	13.0	9.06
3.	Alabama	160.8	352	175	49.7	9	11	12.9	9.73
4.	NC State	191.5	380	185	48.7	10	13	12.7	9.60
5.	LSU	175.3	431	204	47.3	12	10	12.6	9.35
6.	Texas	172.0	436	223	51.1	10	11	12.2	9.29
7.	San Diego St	220.8	407	236	58.0	10	18	12.1	10.79
8.	Penn St	211.7	435	246	56.6	11	16	12.0	10.21
9.	USC	230.4	452	270	59.7	18	22	11.9	11.71
10.	TCU	221.2	425	222	52.2	14	26	11.7	8.81
11.	California	240.3	454	254	55.9	14	15	11.6	10.60
12.	Nebraska	207.9	415	212	51.1	13	13	11.6	9.42
13.	Florida	204.9	375	196	52.3	16	16	11.5	9.98
14.	Oregon	223.8	443	252	56.9	22	23	11.5	10.48
15.	Baylor	216.3	390	200	51.3	14	16	11.3	9.14
16.	Oklahoma	216.1	438	232	53.0	20	13	11.2	10.21
17.	Tulsa	183.3	358	193	53.9	9	22	11.1	8.77
18.	Michigan	207.8	391	223	57.0	14	12	11.1	10.75
19.	Wisconsin	249.8	476	246	51.7	25	16	10.8	10.44
20.	Georgia Tech	213.6	384	205	53.4	16	21	10.7	9.04
21.	Arizona	225.1	341	200	58.7	13	12	10.5	11.30
22.	South Carolina	186.5	365	204	55.9	10	12	10.5	9.33
23.	Ohio St	207.9	405	246	60.7	8	6	10.5	10.96
24.	Pittsburgh	152.8	295	147	49.8	10	14	10.5	7.86
25.	Clemson	196.0	373	211	56.6	10	14	10.5	9.33
26.	Arkansas	209.4	336	171	50.9	20	12	10.4	9.77
27.	Georgia	169.6	369	211	57.2	8	16	10.4	8.77
28.	Toledo	191.3	388	215	55.4	16	15	10.3	9.17
29.	Tennessee	215.7	364	218	59.9	9	9	10.1	10.36
30.	Wyoming	207.4	348	195	56.0	19	14	10.1	10.07
31.	Utah	223.7	393	214	54.5	19	15	10.0	9.75
32.	Iowa St	242.3	446	256	57.4	12	22	10.0	8.65
33.	Connecticut	158.5	283	132	46.6	10	14	10.0	7.27
34.	N Illinois	222.0	444	254	57.2	19	11	10.0	10.19
35.	Miami, Oh	207.8	368	215	58.4	16	20	10.0	9.18
36.	Syracuse	185.5	293	161	54.9	12	14	9.9	9.14
37.	Northwestern	262.3	425	247	58.1	20	20	9.9	10.42
38.	Texas Tech	180.4	378	208	55.0	12	12	9.8	8.48
39.	Kansas	220.0	420	238	56.7	20	15	9.7	9.63
40.	Louisiana Tech	248.1	398	227	57.0	19	16	9.7	9.91
41.	Wake Forest	252.7	397	218	54.9	22	14	9.7	10.14
42.	Notre Dame	264.6	410	218	53.2	18	13	9.6	9.85
43.	USF	165.4	308	160	51.9	11	13	9.6	8.00
44.	Fresno St	198.4	405	239	59.0	16	9	9.6	10.40
45.	Boston College	220.8	426	260	61.0	10	11	9.5	9.71
46.	New Mexico	254.3	373	214	57.4	20	15	9.5	10.68
47.	SMU	250.0	400	232	58.0	16	17	9.5	9.50
48.	Colorado	248.2	482	280	58.1	15	14	9.5	9.62
49.	North Carolina	211.0	328	189	57.6	13	11	9.5	9.93
50.	W Michigan	303.1	435	270	62.1	20	15	9.5	9.05
51.	Florida Atlantic	176.6	280	145	51.8	10	14	9.4	7.95
52.	Boise St	261.8	504	276	54.8	31	15	9.0	10.23
53.	Houston	220.2	415	219	52.8	21	12	8.9	8.54
54.	Buffalo	173.6	316	174	55.1	22	9	8.9	9.23
55.	Kansas St	230.5	374	208	55.6	18	8	8.8	9.48
56.	Auburn	199.0	360	202	56.1	8	8	8.8	8.31
57.	Middle Tennessee	197.8	329	191	58.1	11	14	8.7	8.32
58.	UCLA	235.3	411	244	59.4	19	8	8.7	10.63
59.	Purdue	287.3	393	231	58.8	21	14	8.6	10.91
60.	Marshall	178.5	267	150	56.2	13	9	8.6	9.05
61.	Indiana	202.5	301	166	55.1	14	7	8.5	9.11
62.	Kent St	190.6	318	193	60.7	15	12	8.4	9.20
63.	Missouri	217.0	387	219	56.6	18	13	8.4	8.60
64.	Memphis	279.8	431	237	55.0	23	12	8.4	9.81
65.	Minnesota	257.1	410	233	56.8	19	8	8.3	10.02
66.	Virginia	224.6	401	249	62.1	15	15	8.3	9.17
67.	West Virginia	201.1	370	221	59.7	12	17	8.3	7.96
68.	Stanford	285.9	388	236	60.8	21	12	8.2	11.55
69.	Bowling Green	203.8	308	181	58.8	18	16	8.2	8.93
70.	S Mississippi	234.3	370	213	57.6	18	15	8.2	9.00
71.	Mississippi St	195.0	316	194	61.4	13	12	8.1	8.91
72.	Mississippi	179.4	311	176	56.6	12	6	8.0	8.09
73.	Nevada	269.3	438	245	55.9	30	11	8.0	10.54
74.	Florida St	200.8	404	239	59.2	15	12	8.0	8.35
75.	Arizona St	289.0	413	246	59.6	21	12	8.0	11.15
76.	Idaho	237.7	346	206	59.5	23	13	7.9	10.27
77.	Maryland	184.8	274	168	61.3	4	9	7.9	8.52
78.	Washington St	289.1	413	245	59.3	27	10	7.9	11.57
79.	Oregon St	298.7	383	202	52.7	31	12	7.8	10.55
80.	East Carolina	184.9	306	181	59.2	11	15	7.8	7.57
81.	Akron	180.8	365	214	58.6	18	7	7.8	8.92
82.	Army	173.9	304	194	63.8	10	12	7.7	8.39
83.	Louisville	210.0	367	199	54.2	16	9	7.7	7.75
84.	Michigan St	244.9	378	229	60.6	25	8	7.7	11.07
85.	Ohio	283.2	383	240	62.7	18	15	7.6	10.27
86.	Colorado St	206.0	306	180	58.8	19	13	7.6	9.50
87.	Troy	183.8	325	190	58.5	10	5	7.6	7.80
88.	E Michigan	210.0	358	224	62.6	18	11	7.4	9.00
89.	UCF	241.5	419	248	59.2	23	19	7.4	8.60
90.	UTEP	212.8	400	228	57.0	25	14	7.4	8.06
91.	Iowa	256.7	445	276	62.0	18	10	7.3	9.21
92.	San Jose St	296.0	407	256	62.9	21	13	7.3	10.66
93.	Tulane	178.5	286	167	58.4	17	7	7.2	8.41
94.	Vanderbilt	223.8	326	188	57.7	17	8	7.2	8.64
95.	C Michigan	280.7	435	250	57.5	25	8	7.0	9.02
96.	Arkansas St	191.7	339	193	56.9	17	13	6.9	7.10
97.	UAB	224.3	346	211	61.0	16	16	6.9	7.64
98.	Oklahoma St	214.2	310	191	61.6	15	5	6.8	9.45
99.	Cincinnati	221.3	320	184	57.5	14	7	6.7	7.82
100.	ULM	210.3	310	180	58.1	15	17	6.7	6.89
101.	Navy	222.8	362	228	63.0	19	10	6.5	9.00
102.	Duke	204.0	296	176	59.5	22	9	6.4	8.75
103.	Utah St	261.5	370	230	62.2	24	7	6.4	10.61
104.	Texas A&M	304.6	398	241	60.6	21	12	6.4	9.20
105.	Hawaii	250.8	380	236	62.1	25	9	6.3	10.38
106.	Kentucky	243.3	384	239	62.2	24	5	6.2	9.59
107.	Washington	275.7	379	253	66.8	24	9	6.0	12.02
108.	Louisiana-Lft	190.2	293	170	58.0	21	6	5.8	7.48
109.	Ball St	256.6	360	228	63.3	25	8	5.8	10.09
110.	BYU	269.3	411	259	63.0	25	9	5.7	9.67
111.	Rutgers	239.3	394	241	61.2	20	6	5.6	7.96
112.	Air Force	255.0	324	213	65.7	16	9	5.5	9.59
113.	North Texas	215.7	275	172	62.5	15	10	5.4	8.02
114.	New Mexico St	264.0	406	252	62.1	30	7	5.4	10.19
115.	UNLV	250.1	319	210	65.8	18	5	5.1	10.32
116.	Rice	242.5	290	190	65.5	19	6	4.6	10.09
117.	Temple	259.3	325	215	66.2	29	10	4.2	10.52
118.	Illinois	235.3	309	204	66.0	27	4	3.9	10.00
119.	Florida International	211.8	283	193	68.2	19	10	3.8	7.20

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PHIL STEELE'S 2006 PLUS/MINUS POWER RATINGS

If you have read the other parts of the magazine, I am sure you are familiar with the fact that I have SEVEN different sets of power ratings that I create each preseason to give me 7 different ways of looking at a team. For the first time in the magazine I will provide you with one of those sets here. It is the one that will most closely resemble what Las Vegas power ratings will be when they establish numbers for this year's games. Let me take a minute of your time to give you a little history on my fascination and dependency on power ratings when analyzing a team in the preseason and during the season. I am in my mid 40's and I started following College Football with great intensity at about 10 years old. At that time (being a numbers guy) I devised my own set of power ratings which was based mostly on where the preseason magazines I was reading ranked the teams. Being 10, I even awarded points at that time for how many pictured players each team had in the magazines. I updated those ratings during the season based on the final scores of the games and that is how most were done.

One of the reasons for this particular article is that a few years later after compiling my ratings (and no longer counting pictures), I stumbled upon the Game Plan magazine written by Joe Del Popolo. In the front of the magazine was a set of power ratings for each team!! I now had two sets of power ratings on each team and I updated them both during the year giving me two different ways of looking at the strength of a team. This year I thought for all of you who like to use a set of power ratings, that I would provide you with ONE of my 7 sets. Is this the main set of ratings that I use? No, that would be my Power Poll rankings which are a combination of the 7 sets. This is a very solid set of numbers, however, what I have noticed is that it most closely resembles what Las Vegas uses at the start of the season to make lines on games, so it is very useful.

First of all, let me tell you about some of my other power ratings. One of my main sets is the talent rating. For this I rank each position on every team from 4 for weakest to 10 for strongest in the country. They are ranked to the decimal. For example, I will rate a QB position at 7.87 if I feel they are a hair weaker than a 7.89 team. I add all of the positions up, add in special teams and coaching and that set is ready. The second one to look at is the Power Plays numbers. I take a look at last year's final numbers which not only take into account the score of the game but the strength of each team's offensive rush, pass and defensive rush and pass. When doing my power ratings I always award what I call a Plus/Minus for each position. If a team had an All American VHT QB last year and is going to an inexperienced one that is not a VHT then they would rate a minus 6. If a team had no experience at a position, suffered through injuries last year with poor production, but now has everyone back including the injured players who are much more experienced, while adding new talent to the mix then they would rate a plus 6. Everything else falls in between. To make my Power Plays numbers for THIS year I looked at last year's and applied the Plus/Minus for each position to them to develop the computer projection. I mentioned that I rank each position from 4 to 10 which gives me a fresh set of numbers based just on this year and have a formula which takes the talent of each position (example: pass offense would be QB plus WR plus O-line) and converts it to a Power Plays number. I compare the two Power Plays numbers derived from two different methods then put my own thoughts into refining the figures and come up with an opening number for the next season. I could write a book (or a magazine for that matter) on how I devise each of the 7 sets but that gives you some idea of how I do two sets of my power ratings.

As for the ratings listed below, these are my Plus/Minus ratings. I first take last year's final Plus/Minus ratings which are derived mostly by the score of each game last year and the strength of opponents played. Losing to USC by 5 would move a team up in the ratings (USC would have been expected to win big) while beating Buffalo by 20 last year would probably have moved the same team down. I then take my aforementioned Plus/Minus ratings and add them to the totals. Some teams are weaker than last year and drop in the rankings while the ones that are improved move up. As mentioned this is just ONE set of power ratings but it is the one that most closely resembles the ones that Las Vegas derives for each team. A note here is that on page 315 I rank the teams based on the Power Poll which is all 7 ratings combined so that page does indeed differ with this one as far as rankings. The Plus Minus ratings are a good set of ratings but I personally put more weight into the Power Poll as it combines all 7. Without further ado, here is my current 2006 Plus/Minus ratings for the upcoming season. I hope you find them useful.

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 PLUS/MINUS POWER RATINGS

BIG 10

Ohio St	141.26
Michigan	133.39
Iowa	130.39
Penn St	128.52
Wisconsin	127.35
Purdue	127.04
Michigan St	126.96
Minnesota	126.74
Northwestern	123.59
Illinois	113.04
Indiana	112.09

BIG 12

Texas	144.26
Oklahoma	136.35
Texas Tech	131.13
Nebraska	129.61
Texas A&M	126.74
Iowa St	126.17
Colorado	125.96
Missouri	124.50
Kansas	124.48
Kansas St	123.87
Oklahoma St	119.96
Baylor	114.13

WAC

Boise St	127.74
Fresno St	124.48
Hawaii	119.48
Nevada	119.09
Louisiana Tech	113.09
Utah St	105.92
Idaho	105.87
New Mexico St	101.48
San Jose St	101.28

SEC

Auburn	133.83
LSU	133.78
Georgia	132.00
Florida	131.91
Tennessee	130.78
Arkansas	130.39
Alabama	129.00
South Carolina	126.87
Vanderbilt	115.26
Kentucky	113.04
Mississippi	113.04
Mississippi St	112.76

PAC 10

USC	142.04
California	134.11
Oregon	130.83
Arizona St	128.35
UCLA	127.83
Arizona	124.61
Washington St	123.65
Oregon St	122.65
Stanford	119.87
Washington	114.46

SUN BELT

Louisiana-Lft	108.65
Middle Tenn	103.57
Troy	101.57
North Texas	100.02
Arkansas St	96.91
Florida Int'l	96.22
Florida Atlantic	95.74
ULM	93.22

BIG EAST

West Virginia	138.91
Louisville	133.00
Pittsburgh	124.04
USF	120.43
Connecticut	118.35
Rutgers	116.91
Cincinnati	113.13
Syracuse	109.48

CONF USA

Tulsa	119.43
S Mississippi	118.96
UTEP	117.15
Houston	116.59
UCF	116.17
Memphis	116.04
UAB	113.43
East Carolina	111.87
SMU	110.96
Marshall	110.96
Rice	107.00
Tulane	104.13

MT WEST

Utah	128.65
TCU	128.22
BYU	123.65
San Diego St	116.61
Air Force	114.22
Colorado St	113.85
New Mexico	113.78
UNLV	111.61
Wyoming	111.58

ACC

Miami, Fl	133.80
Florida St	132.77
Virginia Tech	132.74
Clemson	132.39
Boston College	127.00
Georgia Tech	126.89
Maryland	126.70
NC State	125.37
Virginia	125.00
Wake Forest	123.17
North Carolina	121.22
Duke	105.83

MAC

N Illinois	121.35
Toledo	119.59
Akron	115.54
Miami, Oh	114.48
Bowling Green	113.61
W Michigan	111.30
Ball St	110.22
C Michigan	109.04
Kent St	108.76
E Michigan	108.52
Ohio	103.87
Buffalo	93.00

INDEPENDENT

Notre Dame	135.43
Navy	120.78
Army	109.74
Temple	95.65

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#1 SEVEN STRAIGHT YEARS!!

-by Arne K. Lang

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A few years ago it seemed as if the top newsstands carried as many football magazines as Baskin-Robbins has ice cream flavors. There aren't as many of these magazines around today. The drop-off is due in large part to the Internet, but another contributing factor is that smart shoppers developed a loyalty to the magazines produced by Phil Steele. Folks that habitually purchased multiple magazines discovered that Phil's publication was indispensable and others superfluous.

At the venerable and venerated Gamblers Book Shop in Las Vegas, one could see this trend taking flight. At this establishment, which carries every football magazine known to man, Phil Steele's College Football Preview magazine was quick to outdistance its competitors, flying off the shelf from the first year of its inception. An independent survey, uncorrupted by obligations to advertisers, subsequently proved what patrons at Gamblers Book Club already knew. For seven years running, Phil's publication has been rated the most complete magazine of its kind.

The survey – the only one of its kind – rates preseason football publications, using a host of different variables blended into a complex mathematical formula that eliminates subjective opinions. Categories include forecasting accuracy, information quality, information quantity, recapping information and price. Each category is assigned a different weight for the purpose of determining the final numerical rating. Forecasting accuracy is the category weighted highest to determine the overall score.

The ratings, the brainchild of a man named Chris Stassen, were first published in 1993 – two years before the advent of Phil Steele's first preseason annual – but Phil had no knowledge of these ratings until 1997 when he stumbled across Stassen on the Internet. This serendipitous encounter was disconcerting.

Phil's publication was rated sixth, a ranking influenced heavily by his below average performance in prediction accuracy. While this placement was above the norm, Phil was chagrined. He was also mystified, as he knew that his preseason Top 25 identified more bowl-bound teams than several of the rival publications that were accorded a higher ranking.

Probing deeper, Phil found the reason for the discrepancy. Stassen's assessment was based on final conference standings. Phil's preseason ratings were tailored to his assessment of how many wins a team would have in the hopper when it had completed its full schedule. There's a loose correlation between the two but it's not uncommon for the weaker of two teams to finish with a better record in conference play. In 1997, there were several instances where this was true. Phil was thus penalized for not configuring his forecasts to fit the Stassen model.

Had this reporter been Phil Steele, he would have politely requested that Mr. Stassen rethink his methodology. But Phil accepted his rating as constructive criticism because the Stassen survey had a noble purpose – identifying the best value for the consumer. Beginning in 1998, Phil tweaked his publication with an eye toward winning the Stassen competition. This meant not only adjusting his forecasts but analyzing more teams to better satisfy the yardstick of information quantity.

His first college football annual had write-ups on 88 teams. Beginning in 1998, the list was expanded to include the full gamut of Division IA schools. The smaller schools initially had only a summary paragraph but this was bumped to a full page in 1999 and subsequently to two full pages for teams in the MAC in 2000. In 2002, Phil expanded to two full pages on ALL 117 teams (now 119 teams).

The first year that Phil played by Stassen's rules, so to speak, his magazine placed fifth in forecasting accuracy. However, there was considerable bunching at the top of the scale and he finished only four points off the leader. In 1999 Steele came in 3rd in accuracy out of the 16 publications and websites that Stassen monitored. Street and Smith had the best score at 138 points (as in golf the lower the score the better) and Steele's magazine was at 143.

In case you're curious, Stassen tabulates each magazine's forecasting accuracy by comparing the predicted finish with the actual finish of each team in each conference. In cases where two or more teams shared a placement by finishing with identical conference records, the score for that team is derived from the most favorable of the tied positions. For example, in the SEC in 2003, Tennessee, Florida and Georgia all tied for first in the SEC East in conference games. For purposes of the Stassen survey, the three 6-2 teams finished first, second or third, whatever placement was most favorable for the forecaster. In 2003, everyone had those teams in the top three, so no points were assessed for their forecasts.

In 2002, Ohio State won the National Title. That year, Phil had the Buckeyes rated his #1 surprise team. No other publication picked Ohio State to win the Big 10, let alone the National Title. The following year, Phil's publication was the ONLY magazine to even pick eventual co-National Champ LSU to win the SEC West!!! He had LSU his #2 surprise team in the country. That same year, Phil achieved a perfect score in the Big 12 South for the *second straight season.*

Last year, the nation's most disappointing team was Tennessee. Both major polls ranked Tennessee #3 at the onset of the season. Nine of the 12 magazines in the Stassen survey rated the Vols either the second or third best team in the COUNTRY and 10 of Phil's competitors had Tennessee #1 in the SEC East. Phil placed Tennessee way down at number 15 in his preseason rankings, seven slots lower than any competitor, and was the ONLY magazine to pick Tennessee to finish lower than second in the division. The following table shows how Phil fared last year in the SEC. The table shows us at a glance how Stassen's grading system works. Keep in mind that a perfect score for any set of teams is ZERO.

Team	Conference Record	Conference Standing	Phil Steele's Forecast	Prediction Missed By
EAST				
Georgia	6-2	1st	1	0
Florida	5-3	2nd (Tie)	2	0
S Carolina	5-3	2nd (Tie)	4	1
Tennessee	3-5	4th (Tie)	3	1
Vanderbilt	3-5	4th (Tie)	5	0
Kentucky	2-6	6	6	0
WEST				
LSU	7-1	1 (Tie)	1	0
Auburn	7-1	1 (Tie)	3	1
Alabama	5-3	3	3	0
Arkansas	2-6	4	3	1
Mississippi	1-7	5 (Tie)	5.5	0
Mississippi St	1-7	5 (Tie)	5.5	0
				Total Pts: 4

As you can see, Phil had the best mark (lowest total points) in the SEC at 4. While a couple of magazines did come in close at 6 total points (Lindy's and ATS), one finished with 11. Phil's was the ONLY magazine to call for LSU to match up vs Georgia in the SEC Title game.

Publication & Total Pts	Phil Steele	Athlon	The Sporting News	Lindy's	Street & Smith	Gold Sheet	GamePlan	Blue Ribbon	ATS Consultants	Total Points
Tennessee	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	12
Florida	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2.5	17.5
Georgia	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2.5	24.5
South Carolina	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	36
Vanderbilt	5	5	5	4	6	6	5	5	5	46
Kentucky	6	6	6	6	5	5	6	6	6	52
East Total Points	**2**	**6**	**8**	**6**	**8**	**8**	**8**	**6**	**5**	
Louisiana St	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	10
Auburn	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	2.5	22.5
Alabama	3	2	3	3	3	2	1	3	2.5	22.5
Arkansas	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	36
Mississippi	5.5	5	5	5	6	5	5	4	6	46.5
Mississippi St	5.5	6	6	6	5	6	6	6	5	51.5
West Total Points	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**1**	

Alabama RB Kenneth Darby

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The Stassen site is so complete that it keeps tabulations of how the magazines have fared in each of the past seasons and also has charts based on the past 3 and 5 years. It even has an all-time chart which rates just the 5 magazines that have been around from 1993-2005. Steele's magazine did not get placed on the all-time list because it was not around until 1995. It did however come up #1 overall in the past seven years (1999-2005) in the category of Prediction Accuracy. The accompanying table shows the complete results.

	Rank	7 YR Ttl Score	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
PHIL STEELE	1	986	132	125	155	153	148	130	143
LINDY'S	2	1007	129	148	149	150	155	124	152
THE SPORTING NEWS	3	1018	145	133	146	131	173	135	155
ATHLON	4	1019	134	147	149	144	162	134	149
JIM FEIST	5	1029	140*	147*	141	148	162	129	162
STREET & SMITH	6	1038	139	143	147	155	180	136	138
GAME PLAN	7	1051	157	145	141	154	165	132	157
FOOTBALL ACTION	8	1062	140*	147*	182	142	166*	136	149
ATS CONSULTANTS	9	1067	133	159	165	147	158	147	158
BLUE RIBBON	10	1068	147	151	153*	154	177	136	150*

* Record was not available on site, so used an average score of all ranked services.

The Stassen site tabulates all of the conferences and then comes up with the overall ratings for the magazine accuracy. In 2001, Steele vaulted to first place in forecasting accuracy, outdistancing his nearest competitor by 7 points, the widest gap since 1995. In 2004, Phil repeated this feat, thereby joining two venerable publications – Street and Smith and Lindy's – as the only multiple winners in this category. As indicated in the table below, Phil's publication has the top overall rating in accuracy over the last seven seasons combined.

Forecasting accuracy is not the most salient consideration when this reporter goes shopping for football magazines. Paramount is the density of information and the trustworthiness of that information. In this regard, the Steele publication is unsurpassed.

By way of illustration, take returning starters, a crucial factor when developing a mental picture of each team before the season starts. The problem that one encounters is a lack of uniformity. Theoretically, a returning starter is a player that started more than half his team's games but some schools count players that fell a tad shy of this requirement. Complicating matters, some schools platoon extensively and are inclined to list both players as returning starters if they shared a position. One can usually sort this out by going to a team's website, but why even bother? For a mere $8.95, one can have this information right at his fingertips.

Rated best overall in 1999 and 2000, Steele's magazine was awarded its highest rating ever in 2001, scoring 78 of a possible 80 points!! Steele's overall rating for 2001 was 17 points higher than the runner-up (a thicker and much more expensive publication that is a spin-off of a distinguished college basketball annual) and a mind-boggling 50 points higher than the publication that finished at the bottom of the Stassen survey! (For verification, access the Stassen Report at www.preseason.stassen.com, or take a bit longer road and type in the keyword "stassen."). In 2002, Phil's publication matched the 78 grade of the year before and **once again stayed on top of the poll by 17 points.** In 2003 it dropped to a 72 grade and in 2004, had the same grade (lost some points under accuracy) but was still #1 by 16 & 9 points. Last year the total score was 77 and the next closest magazine was The Sporting News at a solid 65 points, so the margin moved back up to 12.

The Steele publication lists the number of starts for each player on the preseason two-deep – career starts as well as the previous season – plus relevant statistics, including defensive statistics that one simply doesn't find in other publications. Moreover, he identifies which players were blue-chip recruits coming out of high school, allowing us to better evaluate the impact of suspensions and injuries.

The inclusion of such an awesome amount of information demands abbreviations, artifices that function as shoehorns. The late gifted wordsmith Mort Olshan fairly invented a new form of literature, deploying acronyms and slang in such a fastidious manner that he was able to squeeze a ton of information onto a multi-paneled "sheet" that fits neatly into the breast pocket of a sports jacket. Phil Steele has elevated the circumvention to new heights.

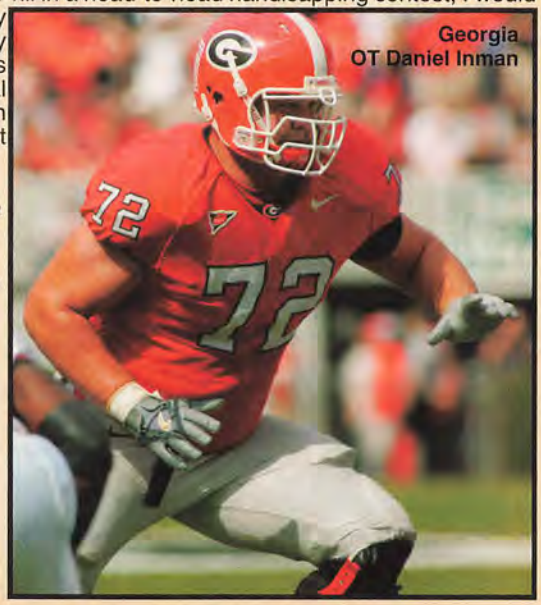
By now, it seems that every adult male in America knows the meaning of ATS (against the spread). But what about KD (knockdowns by an offensive lineman) or TFL (tackles for loss behind the line of scrimmage) or VHT (very highly touted recruit)? Steele's magazine is replete with acronyms of this sort, with a handy reference table. A casual fan of college football might find these tidbits somewhat hard to digest, but the result is an astoundingly meaty publication that makes it an essential reference source for anyone who loves college football.

Perhaps only another compiler can fully appreciate Phil Steele's work ethic. For the past four years, this reporter has been associated with a rival football annual. I am the "write-up man," preparing a general overview of the 119 teams that are currently on the Las Vegas betting board. Excavating pertinent facts and then blending them into a coherent presentation is a laborious task and the pressure builds as one gets closer to the deadline imposed by the national newsstand distributor. When I am finished with this exhausting exercise, what I have helped birth is a very useful publication that I would highly recommend, but yet with write-ups that read like "Cliff's Notes" when juxtaposed against Phil Steele's incredibly thorough analysis of each team.

There's an extra benefit to this work assignment as it sharpens my effectiveness as an oddsmaker. Likewise, Phil Steele has a dual purpose in manufacturing his publications. He profits from royalties from newsstand and subscription sales, but his painstaking research gives him a leg up when the season starts. The information he needs to make sound judgments during the course of the season is now right at his fingertips.

Phil has reached the point in his career when he could rest on his laurels and assign the work to subcontractors, but that would inevitably reduce his handicapping proficiency. He'd be the first to concur that there's no substitute for doing one's own homework, but that's easier said than done. There are only 24 hours in a day.

In common with Phil, this reporter prides himself on having an informed opinion and being able to spot a soft opening line. Being a fellow with a sporting disposition, I'm willing to back my opinions with a friendly wager, even in those rare instances when my opinion is at odds with my friend Phil Steele. But let's get one thing straight. If I were matched against Phil in a head-to-head handicapping contest, I would insist that he lay me odds. In any competition of this kind, the perennial Stassen champion would go to post the favorite.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DRAFT DAY PARTY HANGOVER

By Phil Steele

Draft day is an exciting day for many college football players, as they find out which professional team they have a shot at playing for in the future. Many players who will be 1st or 2nd round draft picks have draft parties to celebrate their high selection and the upcoming riches they will receive by signing an NFL contract. College football teams also enjoy draft day, as having players selected to the NFL gives coaches a recruiting edge in the future. They can then tell incoming high school recruits how many different players they have sent on to NFL careers. The more successful programs will always land the top-notch athletes who want to seek a pro career.

While there is a lot of happiness on draft day, it can be a precursor for trouble for many college programs. My staff and I went back and researched how teams did after having a large amount of players selected in the draft. We have found that almost 4 out of every 5 teams that rank among the top in the NCAA in players drafted struggle the next year and have a weaker record. I call it the Draft Day Party Hangover Effect.

Mario Williams of NC State
First Overall Pick of the NFL Draft

Let me explain how I came up with this theory. I have taken the last nine years' drafts and analyzed not only the amount of players selected but also the rounds in which they were selected. Let's face it, there are only 32 players in all of college football who end up being a 1st round draft pick in a season. Replacing a player with that ability is often very difficult. For the system that I created, 7 points are awarded if a player was picked in the 1st round. A 2nd round pick garnered 5 points, a 3rd round pick four, 4th round three, 5th round two and a sixth or seventh round pick just one point. In the NFL there's not much difference between a 6th or 7th round pick and a high quality undrafted free agent signee, so I did not lend a high level of merit to being picked in the last 2 rounds. Using this point system I went back and plugged in the last 9 years' draftees and found some interesting results. I limited my research to those teams that totaled 12 or more points, which makes them among the best in the NCAA. I will now review these results for you year-by-year.

I do have one elimination factor which makes sense. You have to look at the points that a team lost last year and even if they "earned" 12 or more draft points this year, if that total was LESS than the total points they earned the previous season, the team is actually in better shape. Let's face it, some programs turn out tons of draft picks every year and 12 is a low total for some teams. As an example, last year Ohio St "earned" 13 points but did not make the list because in 2004 they earned an all-time record 51 points. The 2005 squad was in much better shape than the draft-ravaged 2004 squad.

In the past nine years I have gone thru year-by-year and recapped how the teams that earned 12 or more points have fared. The results have been VERY consistent. In the 9 years there have been 170 teams, that have earned 12 or more points (and also more points than they earned the previous year). Of those 170 teams 120 or 70.6% have had a WEAKER record the next season. Eleven have had the same record. Only 39 or 22.9% have managed to improve their record. The best year for this system of NFL Draft hangover was 1998 when 18 of the 21 teams had a weaker record the next year. That means that basically 7 out of every 10 teams that earns 12 points in the draft will have a weaker record the next year. I will give you a couple of examples and then fine-tune the system even further to reveal systems that have hit 90% and 100% over the nine years!!!

Here are some examples of the teams that earned 12 points and how they have done from one year to the next. Houston earned 12 points and after a 7-5 finish in 1996, dropped to 3-8 in 1997. In **1998** Wash St earned 20 points and went from a Rose Bowl berth (10-2) down to 3-8 and last place in the Pac 10. Cincinnati and Clemson each earned 14 points and Cincinnati dropped from 8-4 in '97 to 2-9, while Clemson fell from 7-5 to 3-8. In **1999** Arizona had 12 points and plummeted from 12-1 to 6-6, UCLA (15 pts) went from 10-2 to 4-7 and Notre Dame (14 pts) fell from 9-3 to 5-7. In **2000** Alabama (20 pts) went from 10-3 and thinking National Title to a massively disappointing 3-8 season, and Marshall (17 pts) went from a perfect 13-0 to an 8-5 season. In **2001** Kansas St (18 pts) went from 11-3 to 6-6 and Washington (12 pts) from 11-1 to 8-4. In **2002** Stanford (14 pts) went from 9-3 down to 2-9 and BYU (14 pts) went from 12-2 in 2001 to a losing record of 5-7 in 2002. Oregon, a BCS team from 2001, went from 11-1 to 7-6 after earning 21 draft points. In **2003** Notre Dame (16 pts) went from 10-3 to 5-7 and Illinois (13 pts) went from 5-7 to 1-11. In **2004** Mississippi (12 pts) went from 10-3 to 4-7, Washington (17 pts) went 6-6 to 1-10 and Maryland (14 pts) went from 10-3 to 5-6. Last year (**2005**) Utah earned 14 pts and went from 12-0 down to 7-5. As you can see, losing a lot of quality players to the NFL does have an impact on teams the following year and, as mentioned, 77.1% of teams that earned 12 or more points have had weaker or the same record the next year.

This year as I was going thru the records of teams from last year's chart, I could not help but notice that of the TOP 7 that I had listed, ALL 7 had a weaker record in 2005! Now you would think that the more points a team earns (which means the bigger the draft losses) the higher chance they would have of a weaker record the next year. I tossed the numbers into the computer and that assumption is dead on. If you go back over the last nine years, there have been 41 teams that have accumulated 24 or more points. Of those 41, 36 have had a weaker record the next year and one team has had the same record the next year. That means that 37 of the 41 teams or 90.2% failed to improve their record the next year after earning 24 or more draft points. Here are some notable losers from this segment of draft casualties. In 2001 Wisconsin (29 pts) went from 9-4 to 5-7. In 2000 Michigan St (24 pts) went from 10-2 to 5-6. In 1998 North Carolina went from 11-1 to 6-5 after earning 29 points. West Virginia was 8-4 in 1998 but after earning 26 points they dropped to 4-7 in 1999. In 1997 Colorado (24 pts) went from 10-2 to 5-6. Teams that earned 24 or more points will have a weaker record roughly 90% of the time.

In 2004 Ohio St set an NFL record for amount of players drafted in a 7 round draft and, in the process, earned 51 draft points in my system. The Bucks went from 11-2 to just 8-4 and from the Fiesta Bowl to the Alamo Bowl. My next question is, how do the biggest draft losers fare the next season? In the past 9 years there have only been 10 teams that have earned 35 or more points in the draft. How do those teams fare the next year? ALL TEN have had a weaker record the next season! The biggest falls from this group were the 2003 Penn St Nittany Lions, which went from 9-4 to just 3-9, Florida St's 2001 squad, which went from 11-2 in 2000 to 8-4 in 2001, the 2005 Oklahoma Sooners who went from 12-1 to just 8-4 and the 2002 Tennessee Volunteers who went from 11-2 in '01 to just 8-5 in '02.

Over the last 9 years teams that earned....

12 or more points - Weaker or same record 131 of 170 (77.1%)
24 or more points - Weaker or same record 37 of 41 (90.2%)
35 or more points - Weaker record 10 of 10 (100.0%)

With that in mind, this year there were 21 teams that earned 12 points or more from their losses in the NFL draft, 7 that earned 24 or more and 4 that had 35 or more points. Some teams normally graduate a large amount of NFL players and are actually in better shape than the previous year, as they lose less points. There are 4 teams that qualify in this category: Oklahoma (25), Georgia (18), Wisconsin (14) and Virginia (13).

One thing I have pointed out in past years is that the National Champ does have a good shot at appearing on these lists. Last year Texas was one of the teams that lost less points (15) than they had the previous year (18) so they were just listed in the text and not the box. In the past 9 years there have been 10 National Champs (LSU and USC were co-champs in 2003) with all 10 having earned 12 or more points in the draft the previous year. The two teams that overcame the biggest draft losses and still managed to win a title were the 2001 Miami Hurricanes, who had 34 points and still won the title, and the 1998 Tennessee Volunteers who had 32 draft points but still went from 11-1 to 12-0 and took home the crown. Six of the 10 actually earned 20 or more points in the draft loss category.

TEAM	POINTS LOST IN 2006 NFL DRAFT
Ohio St	49
USC	44
Florida St	39
Miami, Fl	38
Texas	26
NC State	26
LSU	23
Virginia Tech	21

TEAM	POINTS LOST IN 2006 NFL DRAFT
Alabama	18
Penn St	18
Oregon	16
Boston College	15
Tennessee	14
Maryland	13
UCLA	13
Purdue	12
Clemson	12

According to past history, in reviewing the 17 teams in the box to the left, only 3 or 4 will manage to improve their record this year. BUT the National Champ is very likely to be one of the overall 21 teams on the Draft Day Hangover Lists.

Coaching Changes

by Phil Steele

There is something to be said for coaching stability as it usually takes a couple of years for a new head coach to get a program going. They usually have their best success when they have a team full of their own recruits and their offensive and defensive systems have been in place for a couple of years. The first few years can be rough on a new head coach as they inherit players who now have to learn new schemes on both offense and defense and he has to learn the individual players strengths and weaknesses. Pete Carroll won two straight National Titles but in his first year the Trojans opened up at 2-5 and finished at just 6-6 after the bowl. Tommy Tuberville's first team at Auburn was just 5-6 but in his 6th season they were a perfect 13-0. Nick Saban's first LSU team started off 3-3 and finished just 8-4 but in his 4th year they won a share of the National Title. In Bob Stoops first year at Oklahoma, the Sooners were just 7-5 including a bowl loss to Mississippi. Since then they have won a National Title and played in two more championship games. Dennis Franchione's first years at New Mexico and Texas A&M (combined 7-16) both resulted in losing seasons but they rebounded to a winning year in his second seasons at both schools. Les Miles went 4-7 in his first year at Oklahoma St followed by 3 winning years. Al Groh's first year at Virginia produced a 5-7 record but he has had 4 winning years since. Jim Tressel was just 7-5 his first year but won a National Title in his 2nd. Kirk Ferentz was a combined 4-18 his first two seasons but the Hawkeyes have now been to 4 straight Jan bowls. Tom O'Brien was just 8-14 his first 2 years but has taken BC to 7 straight bowls winning the last 6. Sonny Lubick's first Colorado St team had a losing season but he followed it up with 10 straight winning seasons. Pat Hill's first two Fresno St teams went a combined 11-12 but since then have had 7 straight winning years.

I could continue with examples of excellent coaches who struggled in their first year or two (like Woody Hayes who won just 4 games in his first season at Ohio St). The reason I bring up these examples are twofold: first it shows that Athletic Directors should have a little more patience before firing a head coach for a losing season. Also I wanted to point out that there are individual unit rankings in the lower right hand corner on each of the conference pages. You will notice that I have FIRST year coaching staffs graded lower than you would normally expect. As an example I have Chuck Long at San Diego St rated at the bottom of the Mountain West in the coaches rankings. This does not mean that I think he has the weakest staff in the conference but because they are in their 1st year in an up-and-coming league I will list them behind more established coaches.

What sparked this article was Ole Miss' dumping of David Cutcliffe just one year after the Rebels shared the SEC West Title with LSU. East Carolina fired John Thompson after just two years which really does not even give the new guy a chance.

SLOW STARTERS

Let me go over some programs that stuck with coaches for much longer than expected thru many losing seasons but have ultimately been rewarded. The best example comes from Virginia Tech. Frank Beamer had successive years of 2-9, 3-8, 6-4-1, 6-5, 5-6 and 2-8-1 to start his tenure. Amazingly Virginia Tech stuck with him. Can you imagine another program that would stick with a head coach thru a streak like that?? Beamer has done an amazing job building his program including having one of the best strength training programs in the country. They are now a National Title contender on a yearly basis and simply won the ACC title in their inaugural year in the conference despite being picked 7th in the preseason ACC poll. Joe Novak started out 1-10, 0-11, 2-9 and 5-6 his first 4 years at N Illinois and once again, they opted to stick with him. They have simply had 6 consecutive winning seasons since. Darrell Dickey was DONE at North Texas. His first 3 teams went 3-8, 2-9 and 3-8 and in 2001 they opened the season 0-5. Their AD was under HEAVY pressure to get rid of Dickey not just at the end of the season but RIGHT THEN so they could have some hope. Since that point they won an amazing 26 consecutive SBC games (including the final 5 in 2001! They went to four bowls with 4 league titles. Navy's Paul Johnson went 2-10 in his first year but the Middies have been to three straight bowls winning 8, 10 and 8 games in those seasons. Rocky Long inherited a New Mexico team that went 9-4 in Franchione's last season and his first squad went just 3-9. Two more losing seasons followed but they stuck with him and the team has now had 5 consecutive years of .500 or better taking team to 3 bowls. Jeff Bower took over a team at S Miss that was 8-4 in 1990. His first team went 4-7 and two years later when expectations were high for his team that returned 16 starters they were a woeful 2-8-1. SM surprisingly stuck with him and the Golden Eagles have now had 12 straight winning years. Walt Harris' 2nd Pitt squad went just 2-9 and followed that the next year with another losing season. Clearly a lot of alumni thought the program was headed in the wrong direction but they had 5 straight winning seasons after that and were in a BCS bowl game in 2004. When Barry Alvarez took over at Wisconsin he went 1-10 in his first year and followed that up with two more losing seasons. The Badgers simply went to 11 bowl games in his tenure and he retired with an amazing 3 Rose Bowl wins under his belt. Dan McCarney of Iowa St had his team go 3-8, 2-9, 1-10, 3-8 and 4-7 his first FIVE years. Can you imagine an AD in today's climate sticking with this guy? The Cyclones have since gone to 5 bowl games in the last 6 years! Bill Snyder went 1-10 at Kansas St in his first year and had 3 losing seasons his first 4 years but they stuck with him and he rewarded them with 11 out of 12 winning years taking an also-ran and making them a National Title contender. As you can see sometimes patience is a virtue.

BAYLORED

OK let's take a look at the Baylor situation. Constant head coaching changes are a bad thing. I mentioned earlier that when a new head coach comes in he struggles early as the players have to learn his systems and he has to learn the players strengths and weaknesses. He also inherits another coach's players and many times they not only do not fit his system but they signed with the school because of the other coaching staff. Many times personality or disciplinary conflicts arise and many players depart a program after the coaching change, leaving a team short on scholarships as well. I call this section "Baylored" because that school provides the most prominent example of how constant head coaching changes hurts a program. Let's go back to 1996. Baylor had 5 winning years out of 6 despite facing their tough SWC foes on a weekly basis. They were 7-5 in 1994 and 7-4 in 1995 and the amazing part was that HC Chuck Reedy was bringing in recruiting classes on par with teams like Texas and Texas A&M, even finishing ahead of the big boys some years! In this day and age a winning record for a Big 12 team would make them a perennial bowl team. In 1996 they had a nightmare season as the team was besieged by injuries and also dropped some close games like a 28-24 loss to Oklahoma, a 28-23 loss to Texas and a triple OT loss 49-42 to Missouri. (those type of losses would look pretty good currently). They still finished 4-7 and clearly, if not for the injuries, could have had a winning season. Amazingly Baylor FIRED coach Reedy! That was 1996. They have played NINE years of football since and have topped THREE WINS just once in that span (last year) (5)! First they brought in Dave Roberts in 1997 and then after two losing seasons FIRED him! They brought in Kevin Steele and gave him 4 years before the axe fell. As mentioned with constant coaching changes keeping the full compliment of scholarship players has been a problem. Baylor has a record of 8-72 in the Big 12 and some years has been outgained by an avg of over 200 ypg in league play. Hopefully they will give Guy Morriss some time as he has made strides with this team that has been handicapped by constant coaching turnover.

FLIGHT DELAY

They do not run the option in the NFL so this category strictly applies to the college game. I have said many times the last few years that it take 3-4 years for an option team to successfully move to a pass offense. Why does such a switch take so long? A college team is basically built from 5 different recruiting classes with the classes from 3, 4 and 5 years ago being the most important. A college coach who runs an option offense can be very successful in the college game. To be a success he must be able to bring in big, powerful run blocking offensive linemen who are known more for power than pass blocking. His choice of WR's is generally not made on the guy that will make the most catches but the one who may be the best downfield blocker. The QB's in an option offense are valued more for their mobility than for their passing acumen. When a coach comes in and tries to move to a pro style passing offense or a pure passing offense he finds himself ill equipped to do so. He needs fleet pass catching WR's, QB who are known for their accurate passing and also need a solid pass blocking line. By the time a coach recruits those type of players and the starters spots are taken by those type of recruits, it is usually at least two years down the road and possibly 3 or 4. Two big name schools that recently went thru the switch and their struggles bear out what a difficult transition it can be.

Notre Dame was a run based attack under Lou Holtz with option style QB's and continued in the same vein after his departure. When Ty Willingham took over he inherited a team that avg'd 102 ypg passing the previous year hitting 50% with a 4-11 ratio. The top 2 QB's threw for just 1,071 yards but had 893 gross yards rushing. While ND did win their first 8 games under Willingham but it was hardly due to offensive prowess. They had just 11 FD's and 203 TOTAL yards offense in a win over Purdue. Later they had 10 FD's and 185 TOTAL yards offense in a win vs Pitt. That offense averaged just 313 ypg with the QB's hitting 50.4%. The next season they brought in a pure passing QB in Brady Quinn. Quinn however was a freshmen and the offense was just in its second year so he was not yet surrounded by the O-line and receivers you need in a West Coast offense. He threw for 1831 yards but only completed 47.3% with a 9-15 ratio. The third year of the offense showed solid improvement as you would expect. Quinn upped the totals to 2,586 yards passing, improved to 54.1% completions and had a 17-10 ratio. Last year with all 11 offensive starters back and in the 4th year of the switch, Charlie Weis stepped into a great situation and Quinn exploded with 3,919 yards passing (64.9%) with a 32-7 ratio. There were no Jeff Samardzija on the roster in Willingham's first year but thanks to his recruiting, the team is much better equipped to run the pro offense.

When Nebraska hired Bill Callahan he stunned the Husker faithful by announcing that he was ditching the option offense and converting to a pro style pass attack. Some said it was about time and thought he would have immediate success. The 2003 NU team was a solid 10-3. I did not make a lot of friends in Lincoln when the next year in my magazine I picked Iowa St, who had finished 2-10 the previous year to finish AHEAD of Nebraska in the Big 12 North! Joe Dailey threw for 2,025 yards the most at that school since Dave Humm way back in 1972. Unfortunately he completed 49.4% with a 17-19 ratio and the Huskers had their first losing season since 1961! Now, let's not pin the whole thing on Dailey as he was recruited as an option QB, had OL's in front of him that were recruited for run blocking and were just learning the pass blocking schemes. He also did not have a fleet of pass catching WR's like most passing schools have. Callahan looked to speed up the system so he went the JUCO route (something ND did not do). He brought in PS#18 JC QB Zac Taylor (no freshman QB growing pains), JC WR's and JUCO OL's. Despite bringing in JC's the offense did not take off right away. In the first two games vs IA foes in the 2nd year of the offense they avg'd 103 ypg passing with just 45% completions. The unit got better as the season went on and Taylor threw for 392 yards generating 30 points vs Colorado in the season finale. For the season NU still completed just 53.8% and only increased their passing yards by 37 ypg. This is now the third year of the switch and they should have the same type of production increase you saw at ND in 2005 as they are a year ahead due to the JC infusion.

SOME TOUGH SHOES TO FILL

Following a legend is never easy. Vince Lombardi had an incredible run with the Green Bay Packers but after 4 straight NFL titles, stepped down. Phil Bengtson was the unlucky guy who took over a team where anything less than an NFL title would be considered a weak season. Unfortunately he not only failed to bring home a championship but suffered 2 losing seasons in 3 years before being fired after going 6-8 in 1970. Ron Zook had the misfortune of being the guy that took over for Steve Spurrier at Florida. A few days after taking the job www.fireronzook.com got started and anything less than an undefeated season and National Title was construed as a failure. Some other coaches stepped into tough spots recently. Dennis Franchione left TCU after a great 10-2 season to take the job at Alabama. Gary Patterson unfortunately went 6-6 his first year but did flirt with an unbeaten season in 2003. At Ohio Jim Grobe had one of the best seasons at the school in recent memory in 2000 going 7-4 and contending for the MAC title. He left for the ACC and Brian Knorr inherited raised expectations and was let go after 4 losing seasons. Tommy Bowden led Tulane to a 12-0 season in 1998 with 16 returning starters. He left for Clemson and Chris Scelfo inherited a rebuilding squad and had nowhere to go but down in his first year and they went just 3-8 but he has guided the team to two winning seasons since then.

Some coaches have stepped into this type of tough situation and thrived. Urban Meyer led Bowling Green to a super 9-3 season and left for Utah and his ass't Gregg Brandon guided the Falcons to 3 winning seasons including a pair of bowl wins. Mike Price led Wash St to their first ever back-to-back 10 win seasons in the school's history before bolting for Alabama. Long time ass't Bill Doba took over and led them to ANOTHER 10 win season and a Holiday Bowl win over #4 Texas. Dirk Koetter left Boise St after a 10-2 season, their best ever, and while Dan Hawkins' first squad "only" went 8-4 he did a remarkable job there going 45-7 in the next 4 years before moving onto Colorado.

RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

There are just some coaching openings that have early success written all over them. In 2004 for example I pointed out many times in the magazine that UTEP's Mike Price was stepping into a great spot. Gary Nord took over at UTEP and guided the team to a 8-4 record and a rare bowl in his first year. He opted to build the program the right way by getting away from bringing in JUCO's and not only signed almost all freshmen but redshirted most of them, building the team's depth. He suffered thru 3 losing seasons but had put all of his eggs in the basket of the 2004 season as he knew he would have success with a deep and veteran squad. Unfortunately they fired him so Mike Price took over a team that had -15 in turnovers the previous year (see page 312) and was just 2-11. When a new head coach comes into some early season success it gives a losing team new found confidence. They then buy into the new coach's program more quickly. UTEP went on to their 1st back-to-back winning seasons since 87-88 and will benefit once again thanks to Nord biting the bullet and taking those redshirts. Keith Burns was doing the same thing at Tulsa and also did not catch many breaks his last few years as his team was hit hard by injuries. His final team had just 9 seniors and naturally new head coach

Kragthorpe inherited a team with the most returning starters in the WAC (17). Some early season success had them more confident and the team rewarded the new guy going from 1-11 to 8-4. Urban Meyer took over a Utah team that was one of the most snakebitten teams in the NCAA in 2002. Between 2000-2002, Utah was among the MWC leaders in ypg vs conf foes and in 2000 and 2002 they finished with losing seasons overall despite outgaining and outscoring their opponents on the year. In 2002 they had FIVE losses by 8 pts or less! The talent was there and when Meyer achieved some early season success, the team started gaining confidence and won those close games that had escaped his predecessor Ron McBride. Just two years later they were undefeated. There were 12 new coaches last year and there were a few success stories besides the heavily publicized hires of Charlie Weis, Florida's Urban Meyer and LSU's les Miles. Bronco Mendenhall took over a snakebitten BYU team that had 3 close losses and outgained league foes by 54.6 ypg, 2nd best in the MWC in '04, taking them to a bowl in '05. W Michigan's Bill Cubit took a 1-10 team to a 7-4 record becoming bowl eligible.

Now let's take a look at SOME of this year's head coaches and I will put them into some of the categories listed above. Keep in mind many of this year's new guys will go thru the typical 1st years that I described previously.

2006 NEW COACHES
RIGHT PLACE RIGHT TIME:

Last year I had 7 coaches mentioned in this section. Five of the 7 saw their team's records improve from 2004 including Cubit.

CHUCK LONG, SAN DIEGO ST

Last year the Aztecs had one of the most physically talented teams in the MWC. They whipped 3 MWC bowl teams in BYU, Utah and Colo St by an avg of 16.7 ppg! They also should have beaten TCU at home (lost by 3). Somehow this talented but sometimes underachieving team went just 5-7. Taking over an underacheiving team would almost always get you in this category. SDSt however is finally downgrading its schedule as well and nearly made my "Going Up" Box (31) on page 318. They had two net close losses (see page 299). Long has a veteran QB to work with and RB Hamilton is another year removed from his injury and should be close to 100%. They have 8 starters back on defense. Not only are they poised for success this year but he has taken over a sleeping giant. San Diego is a major market and has great weather. That gives him a recruiting edge in the conference and that can lead to much bigger things down the road.

DENNIS ERICKSON IDAHO

Nick Holt took over a tough situation as in his first year he was playing in the Southern oriented Sun Belt with a team from Idaho and had just 8 returning starters and played an NCAA high 17 true frosh. In his 2nd year he had a bunch of players recruited for Sun Belt play that had to step up to a stronger conference in the WAC. As you would expect the 3 Sun Belt teams finished at the bottom of the WAC standings. Despite those factors I enjoyed watching Idaho play as they were more competitive than their 5-18 record the last two years as Holt was instilling a toughness into the team. I was VERY surprised that this year with 16 returning starters he decided to move on to another job. I felt whatever coach they hired would be in a good spot but they simply brought in a big name coach in Dennis Erickson who won a National Title at Miami Florida and has been an NFL head coach. He will not be the usual big fish in a small pond (out of place) as one of his first coaching jobs was as the HC here at Idaho and he also coached the Seahawks in the NFL up here in the Northwest. It's a nice situation and they should at least double last year's win total.

CHRIS PETERSON, BOISE ST

I must admit when Dan Hawkins took over at Boise I expected him to go thru some growing pains in his first head coaching job. As expected their record went from 10-2 to 8-4 and they did not go to a bowl in his first year. After that he rattled off seasons of 12-1, 13-1 and 11-1 achieving even greater success than his predecessor. In 2003 and 2004 he had just 10 starters back each year. The good news for Chris Peterson is that he was the OC here for the past 5 years and were part of all that success. Also Boise is off a down year at 9-4 and "only" a WAC Co-Championship. More good news is he has 18 returning starters and gets most of the crucial WAC games at home on the Blue turf where they are almost unbeatable. That means Boise should improve its record in Peterson's first year.

AL GOLDEN, TEMPLE

Temple had never finished in the basement of the Big East but when it was announced they were being kicked out of the conference their chance of competing for a bowl plummeted. Players transferred and recruiting fell off. Bobby Wallace turned to JUCO's to help out and they won just 3 games his last 3 years. While Al Golden won't win a lot of games this year he only needs one win to improve over last year's 0-11 season. This job was not an attractive one in recent years but now with the move to the MAC they will be competitive. That will help recruiting and they are in a major market of Philadelphia playing in an NFL stadium which should help as well. There is no pressure on Golden to win THIS year so he can build the program the right way and play some youngsters to build for the future. Last years schedule was ridiculous due to being an independent but now with the MAC schedule looming ahead this program will be on the rise. I would also like to compliment Bobby Wallace who was an excellent Div II coach and would have done better here if not for the tough circumstances of being booted out of a BCS conference.

RICK STOCKSTILL, MIDDLE TENN

MT had the most athletic talent in the Sun Belt last year but somehow won just 4 games. MT outscored Sun Belt foes by a league high 7.4 ppg and yet were 3-4 in league play. If you take over an underacheiving team odds are that you will end up in this section. MT has 9 starters back on offense including QB Marks and better talent on D than you would expect with only 4 starters back on that side of the ball. The win total has been 4, 4, 5 and 4 the last four years and Stockstill should have no trouble at least matching those numbers and perhaps the team can start playing up to their talent level.

FLIGHT DELAYED

TODD GRAHAM, RICE

Rice has run the Wishbone offense for years and Ken Hatfield did an excellent job using the bone to keep them competitive. His QB's, RB's, WR's and O-line were all recruited with the option in mind. This year Rice will either use an option QB (see ND or Nebraska 1st yr of switch) or a true frosh QB (see Brady Quinn's frosh season at ND). He has a veteran offensive line to work with but they must learn pass blocking schemes and have been known as run blockers their entire career. Rice also takes on my #36 rated schedule which is the toughest of the CUSA teams and it includes mismatches vs Texas and Florida St. You can definitely expect a couple of years of growing pains with this offense and especially in 2006 vs a very tough schedule.

BAYLORED

Last year the whole reason for me to write this article was the ridiculous firing of coach Cutliffe at Mississippi where he had done a GREAT job. I think it may be decades before you see Ole Miss be bowl eligible for 5 straight years and go to 5 bowls in a 6 year stretch like they did under Cutcliffe. This year I have a coaching change here which I think will be a positive in future years and I almost put Turner Gill in the "Right Place Right Time" category but this team is still feeling the effects of being Baylored back in 2001.

TURNER GILL, BUFFALO

Now it is a given that the Buffalo HC job is not the most sought after one in the NCAA. Craig Cirbus took the team thru the tough switch from IAA to IA. It is very tough to compete in IA ball with a small roster made up of IAA recruits. Cirbus went thru that and had the team building. They actually won 2 MAC games and got their first win over a IA foe in 30 years in 2000. They also only lost to league power Miami, Oh by 1 and trailed a powerful Marshall team by 3 at the half. They had finally caught up to the MAC and now could compete on a yearly basis. BAYLORED. Buffalo then let go Cirbus despite a solid building job and brought in Jim Hoefer. Nothing against Jim Hoefer but this was a fragile building program and a coaching change means players will leave. The players that must learn new systems and the coach must learn the players. In 2001 with a veteran team they did improve to 3-8 but the coaching transition left them with fewer scholarship players than their foes due to attrition and the Bulls have won just 5 games the last 4 years. Turner Gill does have the benefit of not being the coach to take over after such a switch but he has just 12 starters to work with and is implementing new schemes. He will win more than 5 games in his first 4 years and Buffalo should be on their way to recovering from being Baylored in the near future but with this years schedule it may be tough to get many more than last years 1 win.

TOUGH SHOES TO FILL

Last year I had 3 coaches listed in this category. The teams they took over were a combined 25-11 69% in 2004. All 3 coaches saw their records go down and two inherited a team with a winning record and ended 2005 with a losing record. The 3 coaches with tough shoes to fill in 2005 combined to go 15-19 44% or 10 games worse than their team's 2004 records. Here is this year's coach who is not stepping into a good spot.

BRET BIELEMA, WISCONSIN

Talk about a tough job to step into. Barry Alvarez took over a team that had to play in the tough Big 10 vs teams like Michigan and Ohio St. The school never really was up to those standards and had exactly one Rose Bowl trip in their entire history and that was back in 1962. From 1985-'90 they averaged ONE Big Ten win per season. After a slow start at 1-10, 5-6 and 5-6 (see slow starts at beginning of article) he simply would go on to an 8-3 bowl record and his three Rose Bowl WINS are the 2nd most ever next to the legendary Woody Hayes. Those are some big shoes to fill to begin with. Now let's throw in the fact that this team grossly OVERACHIEVED in 2005. When Alvarez announced it was his last year he did indeed squeeze every possible win out of the talent he had at his disposal. Last year they were outgained in Big 10 play by 120.4 ypg which is a stat you would expect from a team that went either 1-7 or 0-8 in the conference. Amazingly thanks to a +13 in TO's and some incredible YPP's (see page 299) they somehow went 5-3 and won a January bowl. Completely outmatched talent-wise they gave the supreme effort for their beloved coach and beat a superior Auburn team. This year they also have just 11 returning starters. Normally all those factors would have me calling for a losing season especially with a first time head coach. Bielema, however, is saved by the fact that the Badgers have a GREAT schedule with most of their winnable Big 10 games at home and a soft non-conf slate. I rate them with the #71 toughest schedule overall, the weakest in the Big 10. That gives them a shot at a bowl but there is no way this squad wins 10 games like they did last year.

NO DESIGNATION

This is a new category for this year. Some new coaches have conflicting things working for them and it is tough to toss them into any one category above.

RON PRINCE, KANSAS STATE

Now you would figure the easiest coach to slot into the TOUGH SHOES TO FILL category would be Ron Prince. I just can't say enough about the job Bill Snyder did at KSt. He took over a woebegone program that had achieved FOUR winning seasons in FIFTY TWO YEARS!!! They had the worst overall program record in the NCAA in win loss percentage. They already played in the Big 8 where they had to face powers like Oklahoma and Nebraska every year but then it turned into the Big 12 where teams like Texas and Texas A&M now popped onto the schedule. Taking that situation and turning the team into national title contenders is the reason why fans call the turnaround the Manhattan Miracle. Everything reached a Zenith here in 1998 when they finally dethroned Nebraska and were 11-0 and only had to dispatch a beatable Texas A&M team in the Big 12 title game and they would have been playing for the National Championship. Prior to Snyder's arrival the only way you could put National Championship and Kansas St in the same sentence was to include either the term "watching" or the phrase "has no chance". The Cats were 17' pt favorites for the Big 12 Title game and the only question was who would they be playing for the Title! The Cats lost that game and while they were 10-0 in 1999, they lost at Nebraska 41-15. His last great achievement came in 2003 the Cats knocked off #1 Oklahoma in the Big 12 Title game winning their first conference championship since 1934. The Cats won 81 games in one EIGHT YEAR stretch under Snyder. If you want a TOUGH SHOES TO FILL spot I can almost guarantee that unless they go to 13 or 14 games per year you will not see Kansas St AVERAGE OVER 10 WINS per season in an eight year stretch in the next 20 years. Those shoes are IMPOSSIBLE to fill. Now let's take a closer look at the KSt situation. Coach Snyder did not catch many breaks these last few years and his final two went just 4-7 and 5-6. This year they have 17 returning starters and are really a very talented team. Frankly I was a little surprised Snyder did not stick around for an extra year as I would have had them a clear contender in the Big 12 North with him at the helm. KSt should open up 3-0 and I have them favored in 6 games so it is actually a Right Place Right Time scenario and that is why Prince is here under no designation.

DAN HAWKINS, COLORADO

Last year Colorado was the most talented team in the Big 12 North and won the division but could have had a much better year than they did. They were thinking of offering Barnett a contract extension when the team was 7-2 and their only losses were at Miami and Texas. The bottom fell out and after two embarrassing blowout losses he was let go. With an interim head coach CU lost the bowl. Those factors normally would have me placing Hawkins in the RIGHT PLACE RIGHT TIME category. The things that keep me from placing him there is all of the off-field distractions that have been going on at Colorado the last few years with the main one being their recruiting fiascoes. They also have placed the NCAA's most stringent recruiting restrictions on themselves. Also let's take a look at the basic fact that you may not realize it but Colorado has actually WON the Big 12 North FOUR out of the last 5 years and I cant see Hawkins winning 4 Big 12 North titles the next 5 years (TOUGH SHOES TO FILL).

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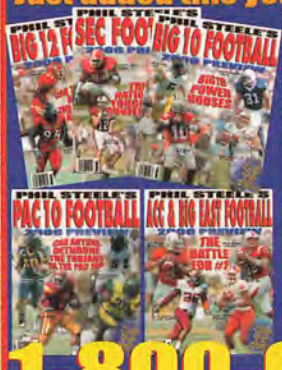

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NCAA TEAM EXPERIENCE RATINGS

Experience can be a big thing in college football. A player gains valuable experience for every year he plays and becomes a better player because of it. Players also mature physically while they are in college and there is a big difference between a raw 17 or 18 year old true Freshman and a mature and physically stronger 22 year old Senior. Some teams that send their players away on missions like BYU, routinely have Seniors up to 25 years old. There is also a coaching adage that for every Freshman starter you have, you lose one game. With that in mind, we compiled the following chart. It lists the total amount of Senior starters on the team as well as Seniors in the two deep. It also shows all of the Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen starters and the total amount in the two deep. I then devised a point system to break down the most experienced teams. I awarded 3 points for every Senior starter, 2.5 for every additional Senior in the two deep, 2 points for every additional Jr starter, 1.5 for every Jr in the two deep, 1 point for an additional Sophomore starter, 0.5 for a Soph in the 2 deep. I then subtracted 1 point for every Frosh starter and .5 for every Frosh in the two deep. The total points column uses that formula to figure out the total points awarded to a team. This page ranks the conference in total points order and the number before the team is where they came up in my overall ranking of all the teams in the NCAA. This list was compiled in April and there have been some changes to the 2 deep in May which might not be accounted for, but it will give you an idea of the most experienced and least experienced teams in the NCAA this year.

NCAA RANK	ACC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
41	CLEMSON	12	4	3	5	15	9	7	9	0	4	69
45	BOSTON COLLEGE	6	3	13	7	19	10	3	8	0	4	67
45	NC STATE	8	3	10	9	18	12	3	5	1	5	67
75	NORTH CAROLINA	9	4	6	7	15	11	5	5	2	6	62
75	MIAMI, FL	7	2	10	5	17	7	5	11	0	4	62
81	GEORGIA TECH	7	2	12	4	19	6	3	10	0	6	61
81	WAKE FOREST	9	2	9	5	18	7	4	7	0	8	61
81	MARYLAND	7	2	9	7	16	9	6	7	0	6	61
96	VIRGINIA	5	2	10	7	15	9	7	7	0	6	58
105	DUKE	6	3	7	5	13	8	7	10	2	4	55
107	VIRGINIA TECH	7	1	10	6	17	7	4	6	1	9	54
119	FLORIDA ST	6	0	7	7	13	7	5	10	4	5	46

NCAA RANK	BIG 10	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
45	MICHIGAN ST	9	2	9	7	18	9	4	9	0	4	67
45	NORTHWESTERN	9	3	6	8	15	11	7	7	0	4	67
58	MICHIGAN	8	5	9	2	17	7	5	11	0	4	66
58	PENN ST	10	6	3	3	13	9	9	8	0	5	66
69	INDIANA	9	3	6	7	15	10	6	7	1	5	63
88	WISCONSIN	6	3	6	9	12	12	9	6	1	4	60
96	IOWA	8	4	9	2	17	6	4	8	1	8	58
96	ILLINOIS	5	3	10	6	15	9	7	6	0	7	58
107	OHIO ST	9	3	6	2	15	5	5	10	2	7	54
111	PURDUE	4	2	7	7	11	9	10	8	1	5	52
117	MINNESOTA	8	0	8	6	16	6	4	6	2	10	49

NCAA RANK	BIG 12	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
9	COLORADO	8	9	8	6	16	15	6	3	0	4	77
14	BAYLOR	14	6	4	7	18	13	2	4	2	5	75
23	NEBRASKA	10	2	7	9	17	11	5	10	0	1	72
28	IOWA ST	11	4	7	7	18	11	2	8	2	3	70
35	TEXAS TECH	14	3	4	3	18	6	4	11	0	5	69
45	MISSOURI	9	3	9	5	18	8	4	10	0	4	67
60	TEXAS	10	1	7	9	17	10	4	8	1	4	65
64	KANSAS	9	6	5	5	14	11	7	4	1	7	64
75	TEXAS A&M	4	5	11	5	15	10	7	7	0	5	62
75	KANSAS ST	10	1	7	8	17	9	5	5	0	8	62
88	OKLAHOMA ST	6	5	6	9	12	14	7	4	3	4	60
99	OKLAHOMA	7	3	6	5	13	8	8	9	1	5	57

NCAA RANK	BIG EAST	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
11	LOUISVILLE	8	5	10	8	18	13	4	8	0	1	76
23	WEST VIRGINIA	9	6	8	7	17	13	4	5	1	4	72
28	SYRACUSE	9	5	10	4	19	9	3	8	0	5	70
35	RUTGERS	12	4	5	3	17	7	5	11	0	4	69
45	CINCINNATI	6	6	9	5	15	11	6	9	1	2	67
69	CONNECTICUT	8	3	7	6	15	9	6	10	1	3	63
81	PITTSBURGH	9	4	6	3	15	7	6	10	1	5	61
99	USF	3	4	10	6	13	10	9	6	0	6	57

NCAA RANK	CONF USA	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
5	UAB	15	8	4	9	19	17	0	3	3	2	84
9	UTEP	13	8	6	3	19	11	3	4	0	7	77
15	MEMPHIS	10	8	7	3	17	11	4	8	1	3	74
23	TULSA	12	2	8	9	20	11	1	7	1	4	72
28	SMU	9	6	9	6	18	12	2	6	2	4	70
35	EAST CAROLINA	9	4	9	8	18	12	3	5	1	5	69
35	S. MISSISSIPPI	7	3	10	9	17	12	5	7	0	3	69
45	HOUSTON	8	5	9	4	17	9	5	8	0	5	67
45	MARSHALL	9	5	9	3	18	8	3	10	1	4	67
64	UCF	8	4	4	8	12	12	10	5	0	5	64
69	RICE	8	3	4	10	12	13	9	5	1	4	63
99	TULANE	8	3	8	4	16	7	5	7	1	8	57

NCAA RANK	INDEPENDENTS	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
1	NAVY	16	8	4	10	20	18	2	4	0	0	95
2	ARMY	15	4	6	14	21	18	1	4	0	0	91
45	NOTRE DAME	11	2	8	3	19	5	3	14	0	3	67
107	TEMPLE	10	5	0	3	10	8	9	8	3	6	54

NCAA RANK	MAC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
11	OHIO	10	7	10	3	20	10	2	8	0	4	76
26	TOLEDO	7	9	9	5	16	14	4	4	2	4	71
28	KENT	7	7	10	4	17	11	4	8	1	3	70
45	BALL ST	9	4	4	7	13	11	9	8	0	3	67
75	MIAMI, OH	8	2	8	6	16	8	6	9	0	5	62
81	AKRON	8	3	9	5	17	8	4	8	1	6	61
93	BUFFALO	6	5	7	5	13	10	8	6	1	6	59
103	C MICHIGAN	9	3	6	3	15	6	5	10	2	6	56
103	W MICHIGAN	6	2	6	7	12	9	10	7	0	6	56
105	E MICHIGAN	6	1	11	5	17	6	4	10	1	6	55
113	N ILLINOIS	9	4	5	1	14	5	6	7	2	10	51
117	BOWLING GREEN	6	3	7	3	13	6	9	4	0	12	49

NCAA RANK	MT WEST	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
3	AIR FORCE	11	7	10	11	21	18	1	4	0	0	90
8	TCU	12	5	4	10	16	15	6	4	0	3	78
19	SAN DIEGO ST	9	4	11	7	20	11	2	7	0	4	73
41	UTAH	9	2	10	7	19	9	3	9	0	4	68
41	UNLV	10	5	7	6	17	11	4	5	1	6	68
45	BYU	9	6	6	7	15	13	4	6	3	3	67
69	COLORADO ST	7	3	10	6	17	9	5	7	0	6	63
81	WYOMING	11	3	6	5	17	8	4	5	1	9	61
93	NEW MEXICO	7	1	10	9	17	10	4	5	1	7	59

NCAA RANK	PAC 10	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
6	WASHINGTON	10	6	9	10	19	16	2	6	1	0	82
19	WASHINGTON ST	10	5	8	5	18	10	3	11	1	1	73
19	OREGON ST	8	2	11	11	19	13	3	7	0	2	73
35	USC	6	4	11	8	17	12	5	7	0	3	69
45	OREGON	7	5	9	7	16	12	5	6	1	4	67
45	ARIZONA	7	4	8	10	15	14	5	6	2	2	67
60	STANFORD	11	5	6	5	17	10	3	5	2	7	65
69	UCLA	6	0	13	8	19	8	3	11	0	3	63
69	CALIFORNIA	7	5	7	7	14	12	7	4	1	6	63
75	ARIZONA ST	9	2	10	5	19	7	2	9	1	6	62

NCAA RANK	SEC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
19	ARKANSAS	10	4	8	8	18	12	3	8	1	2	73
28	LSU	8	7	9	5	17	12	4	5	1	5	70
60	ALABAMA	9	5	6	6	15	11	6	5	1	6	65
60	AUBURN	11	5	8	1	19	6	1	11	2	5	65
64	FLORIDA	12	3	7	4	19	7	2	7	1	8	64
81	GEORGIA	10	4	8	3	18	7	2	8	2	7	61
88	TENNESSEE	9	1	7	8	16	9	5	7	1	6	60
88	KENTUCKY	7	3	8	4	15	7	6	12	1	3	60
93	MISSISSIPPI ST	9	3	6	4	15	7	6	9	1	6	59
99	VANDERBILT	9	2	8	5	17	7	5	4	0	11	57
111	SOUTH CAROLINA	6	1	9	6	15	7	6	7	1	8	52
115	MISSISSIPPI	3	4	9	5	12	9	8	6	2	7	50

NCAA RANK	SUN BELT	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
7	LOUISIANA-LFT	9	8	7	8	16	16	6	3	0	3	79
15	NORTH TEXAS	8	5	10	9	18	14	3	6	1	2	74
26	ARKANSAS ST	8	8	9	5	17	13	4	3	1	6	71
28	TROY	7	8	10	4	17	12	5	3	0	7	70
41	MIDDLE TENN	8	6	10	3	18	9	4	7	0	6	68
88	ULM	7	4	6	7	13	11	8	5	1	6	60
113	FLA ATLANTIC	5	3	5	3	10	6	11	12	1	4	51
115	FLA INT'L	11	0	4	4	15	4	5	9	2	9	50

NCAA RANK	WAC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
4	BOISE ST	12	7	7	8	19	15	3	7	0	0	86
11	SAN JOSE ST	10	6	8	7	18	13	4	5	0	4	76
15	NEVADA	11	4	6	9	17	13	4	7	1	2	74
15	FRESNO ST	11	4	7	7	18	11	4	8	0	3	74
28	HAWAII	9	6	6	6	15	12	6	7	1	3	70
35	LOUISIANA TECH	8	5	8	7	16	12	6	5	0	5	69
64	NEW MEXICO ST	9	4	7	6	16	10	6	4	0	8	64
64	IDAHO	10	4	8	5	18	9	3	5	1	8	64
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TURNOVERS = TURNAROUND

BY PHIL STEELE

Turnovers can have a huge impact on games and on a team's season. They can also lead to many misleading final scores. ALL of the previous week's misleading final scores are listed on the front page of my Power Sweep Newsletter. By reading about them each week you can uncover some solid line value for the upcoming week's games. Let's take a look at several examples.

North Texas was extremely lucky to beat Middle Tennessee. NT benefitted from a 5-0 turnover advantage and also both teams missed 2 FG's a piece. MT was intercepted at the NT 7 and fumbled at the NT 20. MT had a 270-122 yard edge and led 7-0. They had a 3rd & 2 at the NT 7 and were not only intercepted in the endzone but it was returned 99 yards for a TD, for a 14 point swing and NT ended up winning 14-7. The next week, we used Tulsa (+3') as the Underdog Play of the Week in Power Sweep and the Hurricane crushed the overrated Mean Green, 54-2!

UTEP had a commanding 30-17 FD edge and also had a 505-374 yard edge vs Memphis. Unfortunately, the Miners were -6 in the turnover category and actually lost the game 27-20. In UTEP's next game, they were only a 7 pt favorite at Tulane but rolled to a 45-21 win. Memphis was a 1.5 point favorite in their next game at UCF but they were pounded by a 38-17 margin.

Kentucky and South Carolina were in an even game in the 3Q. Kentucky scored a TD but missed an xp and trailed 17-16. After SC got a TD, UK turned the ball over on three consecutive possessions, including a fumble that was returned 19 yards for a TD. SC rolled to a 28 point win only having a 24-20 FD edge. Two games later, UK was a 1 point home dog to Mississippi St and pulled the outright upset, 13-7. In the Gamecocks' next game, they barely got the SU win and did not cover vs Vanderbilt.

Florida International set a school record for turnovers with 8 against North Texas. FIU had an 18-11 FD edge and 322-226 yard edge but lost the game due to the turnovers, 13-10. In their next game, FIU covered vs Troy (+9'), losing only 18-13. Meanwhile NT, the beneficiary of all of those turnovers, was thrashed at Louisiana Tech 40-14, in a game that was not even that close.

Michigan St blew numerous redzone opportunities vs Northwestern and was -3 in turnovers for the game, MSU piled up 28 FD's. Due to the turnovers, including an 86 yard fumble return for a TD, MSU lost to the Wildcats 49-14. The next week, they pounded Indiana, 46-15 (-17') and we used a Top Late Phone Play on Michigan over an overrated Northwestern. The Wolverines, a small 2 pt road favorite, rolled to a 33-17 win.

UAB had a 430-358 yard edge and led 21-10 vs UCF but imploded with four 4Q turnovers and lost 27-21. The next week, an underrated UAB went on the road and knocked off CUSA leader UTEP, 35-23 as a 7' point dog. UCF was an 11 pt away favorite and barely got past Rice by 3.

Utah had a 441-285 yard edge vs New Mexico and led the game 27-19 but a -3 turnover deficit, including a fumble return for a TD, cost the Utes the game. The next week New Mexico was a 12 pt home favorite vs Air Force and the Falcons pulled the upset, 42-24. The next week an underrated Utah was a 10 pt dog at BYU and pulled an upset, winning 41-34 in OT.

In 2004, Indiana was off an extremely misleading final in their upset win over Oregon. Oregon had a 21-12 FD edge and an amazing 495-198 yardage edge but somehow (-5 TO's) LOST, 30-24. Indy not only had a late game on the West Coast and a late trip back to Bloomington, but had to travel the next week to face a Kentucky team that was well rested and coming off a bye. Thanks to the misleading final, UK was only -2 vs the Hoosiers. We used Kentucky as a 4★ Late Phone Play and they won (one of only two wins all year for the Cats) in a 51-32 throttling of Indy.

In 2003, UAB struggled late without QB Hackney who was injured. The Blazers were outgained by USF 336-277 but a +5 in TO's masked the tough time their offense had as they pulled out the road win. The next week we used a Top Late Phone Play on Houston, who was -1 at home, and the Cougars rolled to a super easy 56-28 win vs overmatched UAB.

Back in 2002, Florida St could have beaten Virginia by as much as a 61-0 margin. They had a 397-62 rushing edge but, in the first half alone, FSU was int'd at the VA 1, fumbled at the 3 and was int'd in the EZ from the 2, costing the Seminoles 21 points. Later they missed a FG from the 9, so altogether FSU had 4 possessions inside the 10 for 0 points. Virginia got a TD pass with :29 left for the backdoor cover (+26') "only" losing 40-19, after trailing 33-0. In FSU's next game we used them as our FREE September 5★ for Power Sweep subscribers and the Seminoles whipped Maryland 37-10 (-15) to deliver the easy win.

Arizona St dominated N Carolina with a 34-19 FD edge in their 2002 game, but due to THREE turnovers, ASU actually lost outright 38-35. The next week NC hosted NCSt and were whipped 34-17 (+6'). The same week that ASU lost to N Carolina, Oregon St was outgained by UCLA 625-353. OSU lost at home only 43-35, thanks in part to a blocked punt for a TD and then a 19 yard fumble return for a TD with 2:09 left. With both teams off misleading finals, the next week we used Arizona St (+3) at home over Oregon St as a rare 5★ Late Phone Play and the Sun Devils won outright at home by a 13-9 margin.

I could list many more examples, but as you can see, turnovers can determine the outcome of a game. They can also lead to some solid line value during the course of the season. **Each week in Power Sweep I provide a section called "Misleading Final Scores" which allows you to take advantage of the public's perception of a final score.** Turnovers can not only make a difference in a game but can make the difference between a winning and losing season.

Three bowl teams from 2000 that benefitted from double-digit turnovers all finished with losing records in 2001, without the benefit of the turnovers. Northwestern went from 8-4 to 4-7, Notre Dame from 9-3 to 5-6 and Oregon St went from 11-1 to just 5-6.

The majority of 1999's big turnaround seasons were by Air Force, Arizona, Tulane and UCLA, which all finished with positive double digit turnover margins in 1998. Those 4 were a combined 46-4 for the '98 season!!! In 1999, those 4 were just 19-26!! Wow, turnovers can indeed equal turnaround. The NCAA's largest single season turnaround happened in 1999 when Hawaii went from 0-12 to 9-4. The Warriors made this article that year as they were -10 in 1998 in turnovers but finished +1 in 1999. Next are some more examples.

In 1991, California was 10-2 with a win in the Citrus Bowl. They benefitted that year from a remarkable +17 turnovers. The very next year, with 13 returning starters, the Bears fell to 4-7! Were the turnovers a factor? Indeed they were, as Cal went from +17 in '91 to -13 in '92!

In 1995, Louisville benefitted from +21 in turnovers and had a successful 7-4 year. In 1996, with a more talented squad, they were -17 and had a losing record.

One of the best examples is S Mississippi. In 1991 they were 4-7 and had only 4 returning starters in 1992. What looked to be a tough year turned out surprisingly well as S Mississippi went 7-4! The reason was +14 turnovers! The next year, this 7-4 team had 16 returning starters and a bowl seemed in the works. Their 1993 record was only a stunning 2-8-1! How could this be? The Eagles were -11 in turnovers.

Last year 12 teams made this article after benefitting from double digit turnovers in 2004. Of those 12, only ONE ended 2005 with more wins than the year before and 9 had less wins (2 had the same amount of wins). Teams going from a winning record and a bowl to a losing record, after benefitting from TO's in 2004 were Okla St, Pittsburgh and Troy.

Teams that benefitted from double digit turnovers the previous year rarely get a repeat of that good fortune. In the last 13 years, 195 teams have had plus double digit turnovers. Of those 195, 126 have had weaker records the following year (65%). Only 45 teams (23%) have improved their record and the other 23 had the same record. **Teams with a positive double digit TO ratio had weaker or the same records 76% of the time since 1996.** Listed below are last year's fortunate teams:

GOING DOWN?

TCU	+21	Louisiana Tech	+13
USC	+21	Miami, Oh	+13
Florida	+18	Oregon	+13
Tulsa	+18	Wisconsin	+13
Iowa St	+14	UCF	+12
S Mississippi	+14	E Michigan	+10
West Virginia	+14		

Let's take a look at some teams who had terrible luck (lots of turnovers) in one year then drastically improved the next year without those turnovers.

In 1996, Wash St was -10 in turnovers and they made this column. WSU went from 5-6 all the way to 10-2, losing in a close Rose Bowl game. Two teams (Missouri and Pittsburgh) went from -10 or more turnovers and poor seasons in 1996, then turned into bowl teams in 1997. In 1998, 8 of the 11 teams in this category had better records and most of them showed significant improvement. BYU, Illinois, Texas, Rutgers and Louisville all improved by anywhere from 3 to 6 games in the win column! In 1999, 10 teams went from double digit negative turnovers to stronger seasons, including Hawaii (previously mentioned). Clemson and Illinois also went from losing teams to bowl squads.

Iowa St was a poor 4-7 in 1999 but was actually only outscored by an average of 2 points per game, despite being MINUS 10 in turnovers. Naturally ISU made this article and not only achieved a winning record but went 9-3 with a bowl win. The Cyclones finished +5 in turnovers in 2000. In 2001, 15 teams made this article after having double digit negative turnovers in 2000. Only 2 of the 15 teams had a weaker record in 2001!!! Teams like Utah, USC, N Carolina and Louisana Tech all made it to bowl games, after sitting home for the holidays in 2000.

In 2002, California went from -18 and a 1-10 season to 7-5 (+18), a winning record!! Penn St went from -11 to +12 in turnovers and their record went from 5-6 to 9-4. In 2002 Purdue led the Big 10 in both offense and defense but finished just 7-6, due to -10 in turnovers and 9 missed FG's. They lost a lot of close games. In 2003, the team benefitted from +12 in turnovers and this time most of the close games went their way. Purdue finished 9-3 during the regular season and was a Big 10 contender. Navy was 2-10 in 2002, but -14 in TO's for the year. In 2003 they held onto the ball much better and improved to an 8 win season and a bowl berth. Memphis also went from a double-digit TO losing year to a bowl in 2003. North Carolina, UTEP and Texas A&M had that distinction in 2004.

Overall 14 teams made this list last year and TWELVE (2 had the same amount of wins) had better records in 2005 (86%)!! Of the 14 teams, ZERO had a weaker record in 2005!!!! That means that of last year's 26 teams (Going Up AND Going Down), only ONE went against the trend, 4 finished with identical records as 2004 and 21 (81%) had their record change as forecasted by this article!!!!

As I previously stated, if a team received bad breaks the year before, they will usually be headed for better fortune the following year. In the past 13 years, there have been 157 teams that have finished the season minus double digits in turnovers. Of those 157 teams, 107 (68.2%) have had better records the next year! **Teams with a negative double digit TO ratio had stronger or the same records 79% of the time since 1996.** Which teams are headed for better fortunes and better seasons?

GOING UP?

UTEP	-10	Oregon St	-14
Illinois	-11	Buffalo	-15
Kent St	-11	Oklahoma St	-15
Tulane	-12	Rice	-17
Wyoming	-12	N Mexico St	-23

If you like this type of information, you will love the front page of Power Sweep. Each week in "This Week's News and Notes," I review such information as "Misleading Final Scores" and much, much more. Keep tabs on all of these teams this year and watch how turnovers WILL EQUAL turnaround in 2005!

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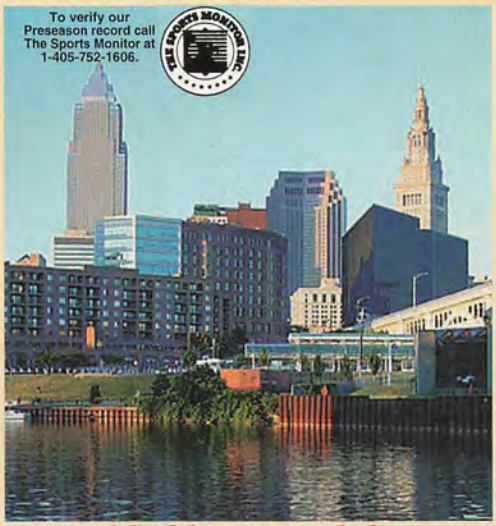

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THE POWER POLL TOP 119

Once again, I would like to thank EVERYONE who sent in their questionnaire over the last few years with your comments about my magazine. Again, I am overwhelmed by the kind comments from those of you who appreciate all the hard work that goes into this magazine each year.

As I clearly point out in the front of the magazine MY College Top 40 is based on where I think each team will finish and NOT how I rate the teams talent-wise. I stress each year that my surprise teams are often teams that have decent talent but a GREAT schedule. One of the prime examples this year is my #1 surprise team Louisville. The Power Poll talent ratings have Louisville rated #14 in overall talent heading into the year, but I list them in my preseason Top 5 and give them the prized title of my #1 Surprise Team. They simply have the schedule and talent with most of my sets of power ratings projecting them to go undefeated this year. Getting West Virginia and Miami (Fl) at home where they won by an average of 55-16 last year helps.

For the Top 119 I could have continued on from the 47 teams I list in my Top 40 and taken that down to #119 but the weakest teams listed may be those that face the toughest schedules so I did not feel that would be a fair representation. Therefore I decided to give you my Power Poll Top 119. Let me explain why I call it the Power Poll and how it is derived.

A few years back, before the computers got involved in the BCS, there was no doubt there were some flaws in the polls. Teams rated #2 or #3 in the country really were not that talented and were only the 5th or 6th best team. One internet site decided to produce a poll of the top handicappers and sportsbook managers each week and invited me to join. The reason they did this was Las Vegas sportsbooks earn their living handicapping college football and take it more seriously than many writers. They also spend more time evaluating all the teams then the time-pressed coaches do when they do their polls. A Las Vegas sportsbook's power rating is a truer reflection of the strength of a team. I myself work 365 days a year and especially during magazine time (March, April, May) and the football season (August thru January) there are many 15-18 hour days put in and it is solely working on FOOTBALL. When they invited me to join the poll, I wanted to give them the best set of power ratings in the country to help make the poll as accurate as possible. The dilemma I had was which set?? As I mention throughout the magazine, I have SEVEN different sets of power ratings that are based on different factors. One is based on the individual talent level and performance of each position on each team and those are added up for the rating. Another is based on my Power Plays numbers which include rushing and passing offenses and defenses plus special teams. Another is a continually updated power rating based on the score of the games and the strength of opponent (see page 318).

What I decided to do was combine all seven into one rating which gave me a very solid overall ranking for each team as it takes in EVERY factor using it as my main set of power ratings. These numbers will differ from page 305's Plus or Minus ratings as THAT set is just one of SEVEN used to compile this main number. As mentioned earlier these numbers will differ from my Top 40 because the Power Poll is concerned ONLY with the strength of the team and does not worry about who they will play for the upcoming season or how many games they should win in 2006. Keep in mind this is basically MY COMPUTER'S Top 119. Without further adieu and at YOUR REQUEST here is my 2006 Preseason Power Poll.

1	Oklahoma	31	TCU	61	North Carolina	91	Vanderbilt
2	Texas	32	Alabama	62	UCLA	92	UNLV
3	USC	33	Boston College	63	Stanford	93	Army
4	Ohio St	34	Missouri	64	Houston	94	Louisiana Tech
5	Notre Dame	35	Boise St	65	Northwestern	95	Louisiana-Lft
6	Auburn	36	Georgia Tech	66	Oklahoma St	96	Kent St
7	Michigan	37	Washington St	67	Connecticut	97	Eastern Michigan
8	California	38	Utah	68	USF	98	Ohio
9	Florida St	39	Colorado	69	Kentucky	99	Syracuse
10	Florida	40	Navy	70	S Mississippi	100	Tulane
11	Miami, Fl	41	Pittsburgh	71	UCF	101	Idaho
12	Arkansas	42	Minnesota	72	Air Force	102	SMU
13	LSU	43	Kansas St	73	Nevada	103	Utah St
14	Louisville	44	Fresno St	74	Toledo	104	Ball St
15	Tennessee	45	Tulsa	75	Illinois	105	Middle Tennessee
16	Virginia Tech	46	Iowa St	76	Baylor	106	Miami, Oh
17	Iowa	47	Wisconsin	77	Memphis	107	Duke
18	Clemson	48	BYU	78	Marshall	108	Rice
19	Oregon	49	Wake Forest	79	Colorado St	109	Troy
20	Georgia	50	UTEP	80	Mississippi St	110	Bowling Green
21	Nebraska	51	NC State	81	UAB	111	North Texas
22	Penn St	52	South Carolina	82	Mississippi	112	San Jose St
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24	West Virginia	54	Virginia	84	East Carolina	114	Florida Atlantic
25	Arizona St	55	San Diego St	85	Indiana	115	New Mexico St
26	Michigan St	56	Northern Illinois	86	Akron	116	Florida International
27	Arizona	57	Washington	87	Wyoming	117	ULM
28	Maryland	58	Rutgers	88	Western Michigan	118	Temple
29	Texas A&M	59	Hawaii	89	Central Michigan	119	Buffalo
30	Purdue	60	Kansas	90	Cincinnati		

magazine "deadline" from the end of December through the middle of May.

During the months of January and February, I read through the MOUNTAINS of information that was underlined and begin to write the teams for the magazine. I give myself about 4 hours to read through it and that team is all I focus on for 4 hours. I find it interesting when a writer in the 2nd week is calling for a QB to be benched but then is talking about what a great QB he is at the end of the year after a big game. It really gives me a feel for what went on with the team last year. During March, April and May it is time to get all the latest info on the teams and analyze the freshmen and JUCO signees. I also read through all of the information from the spring practices. We finally wrap-up the magazine in the middle of May. My next month is spent going over each individual game for the upcoming year. I look at all the history between the teams, read the last 2 years of past histories on their matchups and look at my computer ratings to see if there are any mismatches (big strong O-line vs small weak DL, etc). In June and July I go through the NFL for the upcoming year and do my hundreds of radio shows, and then it is August and time to start watching the games and trying to find line value. Much like I make selections for my magazine each year and pride myself in being the Most Accurate Preseason Magazine over the last 7 years, I pride myself on being the most accurate NFL and College football handicapper over the last 17 years.

The title on this page is "A Different Type of Sports Service" and the reason I wrote the article is to inform people (many have seen "Two for the Money") of my honest sports service. Many people do not use sports services and like to handicap by themselves. Odds are, if you are that type of person, you probably read my magazine as it has at least twice the amount of information as any other college football magazine. I like to make stock picks myself as well, but for big trades, I always consult a broker to make sure I am not missing anything important. Still many people out there also use other sports services. If you have, odds are you have stumbled upon a "Boiler Room" operation. Here are some of the things that the Boiler Room operations do and why Northcoast is a DIFFERENT type of service.

Boiler Room Services - SALES PEOPLE. If you have ever had dealings with a Boiler Room service, that means you have likely been harassed by pushy phone salesmen whose only interest is to get you to buy more. One of the sources I talked with to get information for this article worked in one of those places and had some interesting revelations. He told me you must have a lot of BIG GAMES. If a big game loses, they are instructed to call that customer back and tell them that was not the "real" BIG play, the "real" BIG play goes TODAY. He said their research shows that more people actually buy BIG games off of losses than they do off of wins! I personally find it hard to believe that the "Boiler Room" operations make more off a big loss, but I guess desperate people do desperate things. I suppose that is how it works in the world of high-pressure sales.

How is Northcoast Sports different? First of all, as I explained earlier, we do not ask for your phone number and NO salespeople will call you. To me, every play I put out is important but I do have five to seven 5★ plays over the 26 weeks of football. You will never see me have a 5★ one week during the regular season, and then if it loses, try and put out another 5★ the next week. How many phone calls will you get from Northcoast Sports during the course of the year? ZERO. How many pushy salespeople will you encounter when you call our offices? ZERO. Like I said, most "Boiler Room" types that I talked to for research for this article were AMAZED we did not have any customer phone numbers and no high-pressure sales staff.

Boiler Room Services GET AS MUCH AS THEY CAN OUT OF CUSTOMERS. Another source was telling me these "Boiler Room" operations are all about getting every penny possible out of a customer. In the movie, we saw some guys make a lot of money off the plays and then get talked into higher and higher fees. We also saw how people were pressured into paying more money and making bigger and bigger bets until, as you would expect, they went bankrupt. Someone who ran a Boiler Room operation was trying to get advertising in my magazine (fat chance). He was trying to get an idea for my customer base and said that he did not really care about my Power Sweep subscribers, but wanted to know how many of the BIG GUYS I had. He said, "You know, the ones who send you $25,000 or more?" When told that we had ZERO big guys, he laughed and asked again because he did not believe me. Another operator I interviewed said he had sales staff that could get people to sign up for their "Full Service" package for anywhere from $50,000 to $100,000 for a season, but once they got that, they went for a Platinum Service charging even more until they pushed the customer to his financial restraints. Have you ever seen those ads saying a play must win or you get my entire season for free? Nice gimmick. Here is how it works. They give you a play and if it wins, they sell you hard. If it loses, they give you free service for the year. The problem is, when you call for your free service, they tell you those are average plays but if you want the "real good" plays you have to pay and they have a great play right now. It all goes back to getting every penny out of the customer possible.

How is Northcoast Sports different? I study nothing but football for a living. With 23 #1 Titles over the last 17 years and the Most Accurate Magazine over the last 7 years, I find that hard work does indeed pay off. If you read my article "10 Keys to a Winning Season" (pg 26) you will learn that I preach Money Management and that you should never exceed 5% of your bankroll on any one bet. It also states to NEVER double up when down to try and get even and NEVER double up when ahead to try and make a killing. I will also let you know that I appreciate each and every one of my customers. If your only purchase with Northcoast Sports is my magazine, then thank you very much. If you do not gamble, then I do not want to talk you into it. If you are a gambler, remember, no one should ever wager more than they can AFFORD to lose and there is no such thing as a SURE THING (more on that later). At Northcoast, we do not have numerous clubs like the other guys with different kinds of picks to talk you into. If you read the "Free Plays Every Day" article (pg 300), you know that we have one set of Late Phone Plays that you can purchase by the week, month or season. If you join our Executive Club you get an 800 number and passcodes and you can call for the plays from the first NFL preseason game in August through the Pro Bowl in February and get all of my very best plays every game day with nothing else to buy. The Executive Club sells for $4,500 but there are plenty of preseason discounts. The earlier you sign up for Executive Club, the better your price is. You will not hear from a salesperson all year as we will not have your phone number and I read the plays to you every game day on a tape.

Boiler Room Service - CAN'T LOSE GAMES - A big selling tool in the industry is the "Lock Game," the "Sure Thing" and the "Can't Lose" game. One of the guys I interviewed said they had a suggested script with every question anticipated by the customer. They were told to guarantee ANYTHING if it got the person to buy. They were instructed to tell the person to bet their rent money on their games. As mentioned earlier, they actually make more after one of their big games losses as they get a desperate person to bet more on an "even bigger game".

How is Northcoast Sports different? First of all, I have been handicapping for 25 years. BELIEVE me, there is no such thing as a sure thing. I could give you a bunch of hard luck losses. Needing to pick just one I'll look back at 1999. Syracuse was -4 at home against a Virginia Tech team I felt they matched up well with. Syracuse had huge edges along the lines and they crushed teams in the Dome back then. I had a 5★ on Syracuse and the game went exactly as planned as Syracuse had a 23-6 FD edge and a 420-152 yard edge. Stats like that usually mean a 4 to 5 TD win. The final score? Syracuse won 28-26 and did not cover! Remember, I always emphasize that you should never bet more than you can afford to lose, and I recommend **not exceeding over 5% of your bankroll on any one wager**. Each year I have 4 Games of the Year (College, Pro, Bowl, Playoff) which are included in the five to seven 5★ Selections I release each YEAR. The last 7 years, these Games of the Year have gone **20-8 (71.4%)**. I am very proud and happy to have a 20-8 record on my biggest plays over 7 years, but notice there are 8 losses in that span. Yes, indeed any game can lose. If you believe in a "Can't Lose Lock" game then you probably also believe in the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy and you should NOT be gambling in the first place!

Boiler Room Service - FIXED GAMES - These Boiler Room operations with their banks of sales staff (like in the movie) will also prey on people with the "fixed game" ploy. They tell you a game is fixed and "Can't Lose" (see above). Some even put in their newsletters that they know coaches and have talked to them about their gameplans, etc.

How is Northcoast Sports different? You would never hear someone from Northcoast tell you that we had information on a fixed game or that we knew a player or coach and had inside information. Just the thought that a game could be fixed disgusts me. I am a football fan and love the sport and everything about it. I personally hope that no games are EVER fixed as it would taint the sport of football. Also, I am a numbers guys and into statistics, and a "fixed" game would skew the statistics and affect my handicapping. I will also tell you that as the writer of a national football magazine, of course I have come in contact with players and coaches over the years. I will also tell you that I am supremely confident in my handicapping ability. I do not need to try and cheat or corrupt the game by trying to get information on an upcoming game. I would never do that as it would hurt all parties involved. I would NEVER have contact with a coach or player during the season to try and get information on an upcoming game. If you are a gambler and you are looking for this type of information, then please do NOT call Northcoast as we hope that type of thing does not even exist.

Twenty Five Year Anniversary

I remember when I started Northcoast back in 1982. I had no previous records to hype and no real customers to begin with. I was also just 21 years old. Being young, things never move along quick enough for you. I told my Dad that I was going to just make up some great records like 20-1 on my plays and send out a flyer. Since I had no previous customers, who would know? At that point he sat me down and had a VERY SERIOUS discussion with me. He told me that is not the way I was raised and that there was no "Get Rich Quick" scheme that ever worked out in a good way. He said to remain honest and good things will happen. The fact is his advice was very sound. Our Late Phone selections are monitored by BOTH the Sports Monitor of Oklahoma City and Sports Watch of Las Vegas. While the Boiler Room operations may make big money off of some customers, they end up losing them and many Boiler Rooms are falling by the wayside. Here at Northcoast, we have customers that have been with us since 1982 and I appreciate each and every customer I have. My Dad passed away in the late '80's and never saw the magazine with my name on it, but I would like to thank him for that very sound advice he gave me back in 1982.

WHICH TEAM PLAYS THE TOUGHEST SCHEDULE?

The question arises each year, "Who plays the toughest schedule?" At the beginning of the season, the NCAA usually releases a rating of each team's schedule based on their opponents' win/loss record from the previous season. This is a good method but it does have its flaws.

The first flaw is basing the ratings on opponents' records from last year. Let's look at a clear-cut example from 2001. Nebraska opened with a pair of games vs Troy and TCU. Troy was in their first year of IA ball. TCU was a Top 20 team in 2000 but was in a rebuilding year with a new coach in 2001. San Jose St opened with a pair of teams that were in my Top 20 in terms of talent in 2001 (Colorado and USC). Both made it to bowls in 2001 with Colorado just missing out on playing in the National Title game. Clearly San Jose St faced the much tougher pair of opening games. However, based on 2000's records, **the NCAA would say that Nebraska, whose foes were a combined 19-4 (83%) in 2000, faced a VASTLY tougher schedule than San Jose St, whose foes were a paltry 8-15 (35%)!!! That is a MAJOR flaw, as USC and Colorado would both have been prohibitive favorites over TCU and Troy in 2001**.

The second flaw is basing it on pure overall records. If a team plays a IAA school that was 12-0 in 2005, that would count as a MUCH tougher game in the NCAA ratings than facing a team like Tennessee, Wash St, Mich St, Purdue, Oregon St and Maryland, all teams that had losing seasons last year but should be bowl teams this season. To give you an example from 2002, my ratings foresaw that teams playing Kansas St were facing a Top 10 team based on my preseason ratings. The NCAA strength of schedule ranking rated a game against a power like Kansas St as just a game vs a 6-6 opponent (2001 record). Kansas St finished #7 in the AP poll for 2002 and walloped their opponents by an average score of 45-12, not exactly numbers from a typical middle of the road opponent. In 2003, my Power Ratings had both Nebraska and Purdue as Top 25 teams but the NCAA only gave the teams credit for the 7-7 and 7-6 records they had in 2002. Once again, facing a Top 25 team is a far cry from facing a .500 foe. Last year, judging a team based on their previous season's record, teams that drew Notre Dame (6-6) and Alabama (6-6) appeared to be drawing an average team but my ratings had those two as bowl caliber teams and I rated the Tide a darkhorse National Title contender. ND was #5 in the final regular season poll and, at one point, Alabama was 9-0 and #3 but by going by 2004's record, both were supposed to be mediocre foes.

Let me delve a little further in 2003's ratings. Coming into the year, I rated Notre Dame as the team that would face the toughest schedule for the 2003 season. When the season was over, they did indeed face THE TOUGHEST schedule. The NCAA rankings at the start of the year only had ND's schedule ranked the 49th toughest, a fairly average slate. Let's take a look at some of their opponents. The Irish faced 10 bowl eligible teams with only BYU and Stanford not making the cut. Their opponents in 2003 finished a combined 97-55. **Once again, my strength of schedule is based on THIS YEAR'S strength of opponents NOT on opponent records from the previous year.** Mich St was a poor 4-8 in 2002. My Power Ratings had the Spartans as a bowl caliber team and they ended up 8-5. Navy was 2-10 in 2002, which is what the NCAA method logged in for ND's toughest schedule ranking, but Navy was one of the most improved teams in the country and went to a bowl in 2003. My overall ratings had the Irish facing 11 bowl caliber foes prior to the season, but basing it on their opponents' final records of 2002 it looked like a mediocre slate. They ended up facing teams that were ranked #1, #6, #9, #11 and #18 in the final AP poll, plus bowl squads from Pitt, Navy, Mich St and BC. Hardly a mediocre schedule as they faced 9 teams with winning records, the 2nd highest total in the NCAA that year!

Let's take a look at a couple of other examples from 2003. Alabama took on the 3rd toughest schedule in 2003 and coupled with some other problems, dropped from 10-3 to just 4-9. Iowa St took on the 8th toughest schedule and went from 7-6 to 2-10. NINE teams that took on my Top 14 schedules ended the season with a losing record!! Who benefitted from the easiest schedules in 2003 to get to a bowl? Memphis took on the #111 slate, Boise St #109, Navy #108, North Texas #105 and Tulsa #98. Two of those teams went from losing records to a RARE bowl appearance. At the start of 2002, Ohio St did not rank in my Top 10 (in terms of talent) in any of my 7 sets of preseason Power Ratings but three of them called for an undefeated season for the 7-5 Buckeyes. My preseason strength of schedule said they only faced the 38th toughest schedule and OSU's schedule finished at #40. The schedule was a factor in the Buckeyes taking home the National Title. In 2003 these pages showed LSU with the #47 schedule. Much like Ohio St, I said many of my sets of Power Ratings had LSU going undefeated and they were my #2 Surprise Team in the front of the magazine. Here is a list of those who ended up playing the toughest schedules in 2005. The 2005 bowl eligible teams are in **boldface**. As you can see, Ark St took on the softest schedule and made their first bowl in school history, with UTEP and Toledo each facing a bottom 6 schedule and making it to a bowl.

2005's TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

1. North Carolina	41. Washington St	81. SMU
2. Michigan	**42. Wisconsin**	**82. UCF**
3. Northwestern	43. Vanderbilt	**83. S Mississippi**
4. Illinois	**44. Colorado St**	**84. Louisville**
5. Ohio St	**45. NC State**	**85. Tulsa**
6. Stanford	46. Baylor	**86. Fresno St**
7. USC	47. Duke	**87. Texas Tech**
8. Minnesota	48. Oklahoma St	88. Idaho
9. Georgia Tech	**49. LSU**	89. Marshall
10. Washington	50. San Diego St	90. Utah St
11. Colorado	**51. Virginia**	91. **LA Tech**
12. Notre Dame	**52. Nebraska**	**92. Rutgers**
13. Oklahoma	53. Kansas St	**93. Houston**
14. Maryland	54. Ball St	94. Buffalo
15. Purdue	**55. Alabama**	95. E Michigan
16. UCLA	56. Kentucky	**96. Boise St**
17. Temple	**57. Missouri**	**97. Memphis**
18. Michigan St	58. Rice	**98. Akron**
19. Arizona St	**59. Iowa St**	99. **N Illinois**
20. Tennessee	60. Cincinnati	100. San Jose St
21. Arizona	61. Air Force	101. Connecticut
22. Texas A&M	62. Mississippi	**102. Nevada**
23. Wake Forest	63. Wyoming	**103. Navy**
24. Oregon St	**64. BYU**	104. Tulane
25. Penn St	**65. USF**	105. UAB
26. Indiana	66. Mississippi St	106. Florida Atl
27. Texas	**67. TCU**	107. North Texas
28. Boston College	**68. Auburn**	108. **Bowling Green**
29. South Carolina	69. Pittsburgh	109. **Miami, OH**
30. Florida	70. Hawaii	110. Kent St
31. Oregon	71. UNLV	111. **W Michigan**
32. Kansas	**72. California**	112. Middle Tenn
33. Virginia Tech	73. **New Mexico**	113. ULM
34. Georgia	**74. Utah**	**114. Toledo**
35. Clemson	75. Army	115. Troy
36. Iowa	76. New Mexico St	116. **Louisiana-Lft**
37. Miami, FL	**77. West Virginia**	**117. UTEP**
38. Arkansas	78. East Carolina	118. Florida Int'l
39. Florida St	79. **C Michigan**	**119. Arkansas St**
40. Syracuse	80. Ohio	

Now let's turn our attention to 2006. This year I again decided to see what the NCAA method would come up with for toughest opponents faced and compare them to my chart, which I always list in the magazine. Let us first look at the NCAA rankings. In the right hand column is a chart of all 119 teams and the combined 2006 opponents' records from last year. It is ranked in order of highest % of opponent wins (or toughest schedule) to lowest % of opponent wins (or easiest schedule).

On the next page are my rankings for the nation's toughest schedules this year. These rankings take two major factors into account. The first is my 7 sets of personal Power Ratings. This ensures that a IAA team is rated much lower than Tennessee, which was 5-6 last year but will be ranked this preseason.

2006's OPPONENT WINNING %

	Foe Wins	Foe Loss	Foe Win%
1. Duke	92	52	63.9%
2. Iowa St	93	53	63.7%
3. Northwestern	88	53	62.4%
4. Florida	88	54	62.0%
5. Cincinnati	86	55	61.0%
6. Michigan	85	55	60.7%
7. Colorado	86	56	60.6%
8. Arizona	85	56	60.3%
9. Nebraska	84	56	60.0%
9. Texas Tech	84	56	60.0%
9. N Carolina	87	58	60.0%
12. Notre Dame	83	56	59.7%
13. Maryland	84	57	59.6%
14. Kentucky	84	58	59.2%
15. Texas A&M	82	57	59.0%
15. Baylor	82	57	59.0%
17. Washington	83	58	58.9%
18. Tennessee	82	59	58.2%
19. Rice	83	60	58.0%
20. Stanford	81	59	57.9%
20. Miss St	81	59	57.9%
22. NC State	83	61	57.6%
23. Ga Tech	81	60	57.4%
24. Ohio St	80	60	57.1%
24. Illinois	80	60	57.1%
26. Kansas St	80	61	56.7%
27. Oklahoma St	78	61	56.1%
27. Wash St	78	61	56.1%
27. Mississippi	78	61	56.1%
30. Miami, FL	79	62	56.0%
31. Indiana	78	62	55.7%
31. Oklahoma	78	62	55.7%
31. Arizona St	78	62	55.7%
31. Oregon	78	62	55.7%
35. E Carolina	79	63	55.6%
36. Temple	76	62	55.1%
36. California	76	62	55.1%
38. Oregon St	84	69	54.9%
39. Penn St	77	64	54.6%
39. S Mississippi	77	64	54.6%
39. Houston	77	64	54.6%
42. USC	75	63	54.3%
42. Marshall	75	63	54.3%
44. Pittsburgh	76	64	54.3%
45. Minnesota	75	64	54.0%
45. Arkansas	75	64	54.0%
47. San Diego St	76	65	53.9%
48. UNLV	75	65	53.6%
49. Virginia	74	65	53.2%
50. Iowa	75	66	53.2%
50. Colorado St	75	66	53.2%
52. USF	72	64	52.9%
53. Michigan St	73	65	52.9%
53. Kansas	73	65	52.9%
55. Tulane	75	67	52.8%
56. UCLA	73	66	52.5%
56. Air Force	73	66	52.5%
56. North Texas	73	66	52.5%
59. Syracuse	71	66	51.8%
60. Purdue	78	73	51.7%
61. E Michigan	70	66	51.5%
62. Florida St	71	67	51.4%
63. Clemson	72	68	51.4%
63. Memphis	72	68	51.4%
65. Missouri	71	68	51.1%
66. Boston College	71	69	50.7%
67. Buffalo	70	69	50.4%
68. Auburn	70	70	50.0%
68. Georgia	69	69	50.0%
68. UAB	70	70	50.0%
71. BYU	69	70	49.6%
71. Utah	69	70	49.6%
73. S Carolina	68	69	49.6%
74. Texas	67	69	49.3%
75. Connecticut	67	70	48.9%
76. Toledo	66	69	48.9%
77. Wisconsin	67	71	48.6%
78. W Michigan	67	72	48.2%
79. Ball St	65	70	48.1%
79. Akron	65	70	48.1%
81. Wyoming	67	73	47.9%
82. Florida Int'l	65	71	47.8%
83. Hawaii	72	79	47.7%
84. Fresno St	67	74	47.5%
85. Alabama	65	72	47.4%
85. LSU	65	72	47.4%
87. New Mexico	66	74	47.1%
88. N Mexico St	65	73	47.1%
89. Rutgers	64	72	47.1%
90. TCU	64	73	46.7%
90. Troy	64	73	46.7%
92. Virginia Tech	64	74	46.4%
92. Bowling Green	64	74	46.4%
92. C Michigan	64	74	46.4%
92. Kent St	64	74	46.4%
96. Middle Tenn	63	73	46.3%
97. Wake Forest	64	75	46.0%
98. Florida Atl	62	73	45.9%
99. Utah St	64	77	45.4%
100. Idaho	63	76	45.3%
101. Ohio	62	75	45.3%
102. San Jose St	64	78	45.1%
103. LA Tech	68	83	45.0%
104. Tulsa	62	76	44.9%
105. W Virginia	61	75	44.9%
106. UCF	61	76	44.5%
107. Vanderbilt	61	77	44.2%
108. Louisville	60	76	44.1%
108. Army	60	76	44.1%
108. Navy	60	76	44.1%
111. LA-Lft	59	75	44.0%
111. ULM	59	75	44.0%
113. SMU	60	77	43.8%
114. N Illinois	59	76	43.7%
115. Arkansas St	57	77	42.5%
116. UTEP	59	80	42.4%
117. Nevada	59	82	41.8%
118. Boise St	55	83	39.9%
119. Miami, OH	54	82	39.7%

The second factor is the amount of home and away games played. As an example, this year some teams will have as many as 9 home games, while others play as many as 8 on the road.

Listed on page 318 are this year's toughest schedules rated from the most difficult to the easiest. The toughest schedule according to my rankings this year belongs to USC while the easiest belongs to Louisiana-Lft.

Let's pick out some teams to show you the flaws of just using last year's overall opponent records. N Texas takes on the NCAA's 56th toughest schedule. The Eagles play in the Sun Belt Conference (3 teams in IAA

3 years ago) and, while they do draw Texas and Tulsa, they also face Akron, Louisiana Tech and SMU in the non-conf slate. There are 95 schools that play in the Big Ten, Big 12, Big East, Pac 10, ACC, SEC, WAC, Mt West and CUSA and any coach of those teams would love to trade their schedule for NT's, which my ratings rank as the 113th toughest schedule.

Picking out a MAC or a Sun Belt team's schedule and showing how flawed it is by just using last year's opponent's win/loss, is like shooting fish in a barrel. According to last year's records, Cincinnati will play the 5th toughest schedule. While they do play some powerhouses, they still face a CUSA slate and my ratings have them #43. Houston plays the NCAA's #39 toughest schedule but has non-conference games vs Rice, Grambling, Okla St and Louisiana-Lft along with their CUSA slate and a LOT of BCS schools would love a schedule like that. **Ranking teams by winning percentage shows that Houston plays a tougher schedule than USC!!! USC plays all 9 Pac 10 schools including Oregon, Cal and Ariz St and in non-conf play faces Notre Dame, Arkansas and Nebraska all three who are in my Top 20!!!**

Let me get a little more in-depth and point out some flaws among the major conferences. Vanderbilt finally faces a cupcake schedule according to the NCAA's win/loss percentage and rank #107. However, they play in the tough SEC East and outside their division will have matchups vs Michigan, Alabama and Arkansas. If given a Sun Belt or CUSA schedule (which would put the Commodores in a bowl) I would agree, but with this slate I rate them #49 and they probably won't gain bowl eligibility. According to last year's records, LSU faces an easy slate at #85, as their foes were 65-72 (47%). The Tigers get the much improved Arkansas team, Tennessee, Florida and Auburn (all Top 25) all on the road! They also have much improved Arizona, my pick to win the Sun Belt (Louisiana-Lft) and Alabama on their slate. My ratings have them at #32.

In 2004 on these pages I looked at Iowa St's schedule and forecasted a turnaround season. Of their 11 foes, only 1 ranked in my Top 25 at the start of the year. While teams like N Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska all had great seasons in 2003, I said they were far from powers in 2004. Based on 2003's records, Iowa St faced the 8th toughest schedule in the country!!!!! My ratings had their schedule at #60 and I felt only 1 of their foes would be in the Top 25 and just 5 or 6 in bowls (which is a low number for a BCS school) at the end of the year. When the dust cleared, Iowa St faced only 5 bowl teams and came within a missed FG of winning the weak Big 12 North, hardly the 8th toughest schedule in the land.

As a comparison, I also said that based on 2003's record, Kentucky had the 105th toughest schedule or 15th easiest in 2004, with their opponents just 63-76 (45%). I looked at their schedule and saw 5 Top 25 contenders, as well as projected 2004 bowl teams like S Carolina and Louisville. I said that Kentucky clearly played a much tougher schedule than Iowa St, yet based strictly on 2004's records, Iowa St played the 8th toughest and Kentucky the 15th easiest. UK's foes finished the year at 72-56 (#20), hardly an easy schedule.

Here are the teams with the biggest discrepancy in the two methods of determining toughest schedule and you can check out each team's schedules to see which method you think is better. I list the difference in ranking between the two in ( )'s. Most UNDERRATED schedules (i.e. teams that face a tougher slate than NCAA % rankings): 1. Vanderbilt (58), 2. LSU (53), 3. UCLA (52), 4. USC (41), 5. Louisville (40), 6. Wake Forest (38), 7. Michigan St (38) and 8. Texas (36).

Here are the most OVERRATED schedules (i.e. teams that face an easier slate than NCAA % rankings): 1. Houston (58), 2. North Texas (57), 3. Texas A&M (42), 4. Cincinnati (38), 5. Memphis (35), 6. San Diego St (34), 7. Kentucky (33), 8. Pittsburgh (31), 9. S Mississippi (31) and 10. New Mexico St (30).

As usual last year the teams playing the toughest schedules did not have a great deal of success. In 2004's magazine, I rated the toughest schedules prior to the year. Among the Top 17 toughest slates, four teams went from being in a bowl in 2003 to no bowl game in 2004.

PHIL STEELE'S 2006 TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

1.	USC	31.	Mississippi	61.	East Carolina	91.	Navy
2.	Stanford	32.	LSU	62.	Wyoming	92.	San Jose St
3.	Washington	33.	Florida	63.	Colorado St	93.	UCF
4.	UCLA	34.	Air Force	64.	Kansas	94.	C Michigan
5.	Oregon	35.	Syracuse	65.	Alabama	95.	W Michigan
6.	Washington St	36.	Rice	66.	Marshall	96.	Buffalo
7.	Notre Dame	37.	Mississippi St	67.	Utah St	97.	Houston
8.	Iowa St	38.	Texas	68.	Louisville	98.	Memphis
9.	Tennessee	39.	Oklahoma St	69.	UAB	99.	Ball St
10.	California	40.	Iowa	70.	S Mississippi	100.	SMU
11.	Arizona	41.	Kansas St	71.	Wisconsin	101.	Tulsa
12.	Oregon St	42.	Maryland	72.	UNLV	102.	Toledo
13.	Colorado	43.	Cincinnati	73.	Arkansas	103.	Hawaii
14.	Oklahoma	44.	Florida St	74.	West Virginia	104.	Miami, OH
15.	Michigan St	45.	Illinois	75.	Pittsburgh	105.	Akron
16.	Duke	46.	Missouri	76.	Connecticut	106.	Florida Int'l
17.	Ohio St	47.	Kentucky	77.	Louisiana Tech	107.	Bowling Green
18.	Northwestern	48.	Georgia	78.	Virginia Tech	108.	Middle Tenn
19.	Baylor	49.	Vanderbilt	79.	Rutgers	109.	Boise St
20.	Arizona St	50.	Miami, Fl	80.	USF	110.	Ohio
21.	Michigan	51.	Boston College	81.	San Diego St	111.	Kent St
22.	Minnesota	52.	BYU	82.	TCU	112.	Florida Atlantic
23.	North Carolina	53.	Clemson	83.	New Mexico	113.	North Texas
24.	Indiana	54.	Auburn	84.	Fresno St	114.	ULM
25.	Virginia	55.	Temple	85.	Utah	115.	N Illinois
26.	Texas Tech	56.	Tulane	86.	E Michigan	116.	Troy
27.	Penn St	57.	Texas A&M	87.	Idaho	117.	Arkansas St
28.	Nebraska	58.	Purdue	88.	UTEP	118.	New Mexico St
29.	NC State	59.	Wake Forest	89.	Army	119.	Louisiana-Lft
30.	Georgia Tech	60.	South Carolina	90.	Nevada		

How did the teams that faced the toughest 20 schedules in my ratings fare the previous years? In 2002 of the teams that faced the 21 toughest schedules, only two made it into the Top 10 at the end of the year. In 2001, of the teams that faced my Top 20 schedules, only 1 team made it into the Top 10 at the end of the year (Tennessee), while none of the teams that faced the Top 20 toughest schedules in 2000 made it in!! The highest finisher in 2000 was Michigan at #11.

Conversely in 1996, Army & Wyoming faced the two easiest schedules and were a combined 20-2 during the regular season. In 1998 (in this article) I pointed out that Tulane had a similar soft schedule and they simply went UNDEFEATED! In 1999, I asked, "Who will be this year's Tulane?" I answered myself by saying Marshall. The Herd then thundered their way to another UNDEFEATED season!!! TCU had a shot at an undefeated season in 2000 and simply went 10-1 in the regular season. In 2003, I noted the strongest teams playing the easiest schedules. I said TCU, facing the #96 schedule, was one of my surprise teams and they flirted with an undefeated season. **In 2004, I listed both Utah and Boise St as non-BCS teams with talent, an easy schedule and a shot to run the table and both finished the regular season unbeaten!!!** Last year Arkansas St played the #119 schedule and made it to a bowl after going 3-8 the previous year! The easiest schedules for non-Big East BCS teams this year belong to Virginia Tech and Arkansas, so keep your eyes on these up-and-comers.

In 2004 I added a new feature to this article and took a look at the teams who have much easier, and much tougher schedules than the previous year. **I listed the 10 teams who took on the most improved (softer) schedules in 2004 than 2003. Out of the 10 teams, NINE had better records in 2004 than 2003 or 90%!!!!! Overall the 10 teams had a combined record in 2003 of 51-75 40.4% and improved to 69-50 58% in 2004, including Auburn, which went from 8-5 to a perfect 13-0 and Iowa St which went from 2-10 to a bowl!! Last year, of the 10 teams in the "Going Up" box, EIGHT had better records in 2005 than in 2004. Four teams went from a losing season to a bowl, in BYU, Kansas, Houston and Ark St.** Here are the teams with easier schedules that should have better success in 2006 and the number in the parenthesis is the difference (easier) from last year's schedule:

GOING UP????

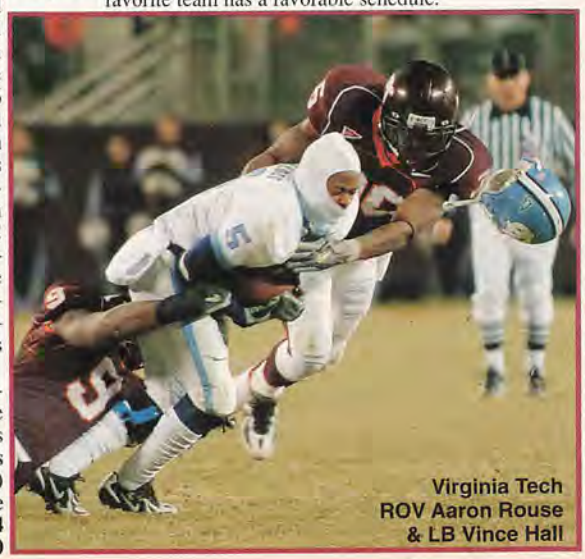
1. Ball St (45)
2. Virginia Tech (45)
3. Purdue (43)
4. N Mexico St (42)
5. Illinios (41)
6. Temple (38)
7. Wake Forest (36)
8. Arkansas (35)
9. Texas A&M (35)
10. Hawaii (33)

In 2004, we took a look at the 10 teams that faced a tougher schedule and I said their records may drop because of it. Those ten teams combined for a 72-55 57% mark in 2003 but the same 10 were just 44-67 39.6% in 2004!!!! Once again, 90% of the teams saw their record go down and the only team that did not was Vandy, which went from 2-10 to 2-9 because they played one less game!! The most notable dropees that made the list were powerhouses Kansas St and Maryland who were coming off 11 and 10 win seasons respectively and both had losing seasons!! Last year only ONE of 10 teams in the "Going Down" box managed to have a better record. Here are the teams with harder schedules that may see some dropoff in 2006 and the number in the parenthesis is the difference (harder) from last year's schedule:

GOING DOWN???

1. California (62)
2. Texas Tech (61)
3. Iowa St (51)
4. UAB (36)
5. Mississippi (31)
6. Miss St (29)
7. Baylor (27)
8. Oregon (26)
9. Virginia (26)
10. Connecticut (25)

The computer shows me that there are some other teams with one or more of the sets of Power Ratings calling them to have undefeated seasons. Naturally, if a team is projected at the top of my Power Ratings, it has a greater chance of going unbeaten. In 2002, three sets called for Ohio St to go unbeaten and the Buckeyes were the surprise team in the country. In 2003, 11 teams were rated in two or more sets of my Power Ratings with a perfect record. That included the Top 6 in the final AP poll that were all among the 11 teams I listed on this page. Last year USC and Texas made this list. Here are this year's teams which one or more sets of my Power Ratings forecast a perfect season possibility for Ohio St, Michigan, Iowa, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Texas, Miami (FL), West Virginia, Virginia Tech, USC, California and Auburn. Keep in mind that good health, a positive turnover ratio and a little luck are needed to go unbeaten. I hope your favorite team has a favorable schedule.



Virginia Tech ROV Aaron Rouse & LB Vince Hall

SPRING GAME NOTES . . .

AIR FORCE - The Blue rallied for an 18-17 win as a bad snap forced a hurried 49 yd FG att by the Silver on the final play. DeBerry was happy with the spring but is concerned about the lack of depth noting that they need to stay healthy to be successful. The Blue was led by QB Jim Ollis who rushed for 78 yd on 19 carries and hit 4 of 9 passes for 24. Ollis was also the standout of LY's spring game. Shaun Carney, the starting QB, played very little for the Silver with 1 rush att and 2 passes. The two teams combined for 9 TO's. Smith saw the majority of the time for the Silver and hit 5 of 10 for 58 yd and only 1 att rushing. **AKRON** - The annual Blue/Gold game was won by the Gold (1st Tm Defense) 31-16. Luke Getsy hit 12 of 19 for 162 yd. Jabari Arthur had 3 rec for 67 yd incl a 31 yd TD. Marcus Patterson had 4 catches for 60 yd, Jermaine Lindsay 3 for 56, Johnny Long 4 for 50 and TE Kris Kasparek 5 for 35.

Air Force
NG Gilberto Perez

ARIZONA - In the spring game they pitted the #1 offense vs the #1 D. 8,400 fans were on hand at Arizona Stadium as the D lost to the offense 29-20. K Nick Folk nailed a wind-aided 62 yd FG. Willie Tuitama hit 10 of 21 for 145. Chris Henry, who was the #1 RB coming out of the spring, had 34 yd on 11 carries. Adam Austin hit 5 of 19 for 45 and Chris Heavner hit 2 of 3 for 23. The D recorded 4 sk, 5 tfl and 5 pbu. **ARIZONA ST** - QB Rudy Carpenter, was the offensive capt for the White rolled over the Maroon, 31-7 and the defensive capt was S Josh Barrett and the two chose teams. Carpenter said his most important choices were RB Shaun DeWitty and WR Michael Jones. DeWitty rushed for 121 yd incl 111 in the 1H and Jones had 7 rec for 142. **BAYLOR** - No score was kept in the Green/Gold spring game. Shawn Bell, in the new spread offense, hit 24 of 34 for 239 with 3 TD's and 1 int. WR Trent Shelton had 6 rec for 133 and an 82 yd TD. Of their solid RB combo, RB Whitaker seems a better fit for the new spread offense. The inexperienced Bears D held the offense to 43 yd rushing on 30 carries thanks in part to 7 sk. DT Quincy Jackson had 3 sk. Bill Bradley's D usually does a good job vs TTech's offense which made the fact that they were in control a little less of a surprise. The offense had no FD's in their first 6 series in the redzone and 1 net yd settling for 3 FG's. There were 3,500 were in attendance and admission was free with the first 1,000 fans receiving a coupon for a free item at the concession stand. **BOISE ST** - The Blue team (1st team offense) vs 2nd team D. They scored a TD with 1:00 left and went for 2 but CB Orlando Scandrick broke up a pass and the White prevailed in front of nearly 6,000 fans. In the 1H both offenses were stopped at the one. Third string QB Bush Hamdan guided a 97 yd drive that ended on a fmbl on 4th & goal from the one. Starting QB Jared Zabransky was the top rusher with 42 yd while 2nd string RB Jon Helmandollar had 40 for the White. Zabransky did not have a scoring drive and was picked off twice. Taylor Tharp hit 8 of 9 for 74 yd and Hamdan hit 11 of 18 for 121. Nick Lomax hit 4 of 5 for 50 yd for the White team. Helmandollar added 3 catches for 54 yd. The top tacklers were from the 2nd string D in CB Rashaun Scott and LB Dallas Dobbs. **BOSTON COLLEGE** - Backup QB Chris Crane led the White to a 27-17 win over the Maroon which was QB'd by starter Matt Ryan. Ryan hit 37 of 53 for 289 yd but did have 3 int, 2 by S Paul Anderson. Crain hit 9 of 13 for 124 and working vs the 1st Tm D, rallied them for the win. Andre Callender had 88 yd rushing on 21 carries. LY's #1 tackler, FS James Silva, had 2 int incl a 31 yd IR TD, 2 pbu and 4 tkl. He was the only DB starter healthy enough to play. RB LV Whitworth had a 69 yd TD run for the White. After only hitting a long FG of 39 yd LY, Ryan Ohliger connected on a 43 yd'r. WR Clarence Megwa had 7 rec for 95 yd. **BUFFALO** - While the stats were not pretty, QB Drew Willy hit 6 of 21 passes for 59 yd with 1 int but his strong performance overall in the spring earned him a clear cut starting job. WR Ernest Jackson had 4 catches for 51 yd. TE Bryan Kisabeth suffered a severe knee inj and may miss the season. DE James Judges had 7 sk in the final 2 scrim's. The Blue defeated the White 63-53, and early on Gill called for a flea-flicker, which went for a 61 yd TD. The scoring system allowed pts for plays of 10 yd or more and there was really only 2 TD's early on. DB Mario Henry had an 89 yd fmbl ret for a TD which counted for 13 pts. Tony Paoli hit 6 of 9 for 80 yd and guided an 11 play, 65 yd drive for a TD. RB Jared Patterson had 39 yd on 12 carries. True frosh Tom Drewes led the D with 11 tkl. **CALIFORNIA** - The D was ahead of the offense and QB Steve Levy mentioned that even the 3rd string D has a lot of speed. DeSean Jackson had a 57 yd PR for a TD and a 70 yd TD rec on the first play. Tim Mixon had an 85 yd IR TD and Cal's ST blk'd 2 punts that turned into TD's on short returns. QB Levy even had 43 and 42 yd punts during the scrim. Marshawn Lynch rushed for 50 yd and 2 TD's and Justin Forsett had 45 yd on 1 TD. Kyle Reed hit 7 of 8 for 23 yd and Steve Levy hit 3 of 9 for 32. Joseph Ayoob, who had an impressive spring, missed the game (inj). Ayoob should be more effective in the new offense as he ran a pure spread offense at JC. Nate Longshore (#1 QB out of the spring), is also the least mobile of the 4 QB's which does not help him in the new offense. **CINCINNATI** - DE Tony Carvitti had a big spring and after recording 4 sk and 2 tfl in a mid-spring scrim, he earned 1st Tm DE honors. About 1,500 were on hand at Nippert Stadium for the game. The D dominated the offense winning 76-39 in a game where points were awarded for FD's and forcing punts. DT Adam Hoppel had 2 sk. Dustin Grutza hit just 4 of 14 for 3 yd with 2 int and Nick Davila was the leading passer with 5 of 15 for 86 with 1 TD and 1 int. Third string QB Tony Pike hit only 1 of 9 passes for 6 yd as the QB's were under pressure. None of the QB's looked good. Dantonio said Grutza is the starting QB but the gap "is closing." Craig Carey hit 1 of 3 for 6 yd. Greg Moore led in rushing with 54 yd on 11 carries. Entering the QB picture at the end of the spring was Davis Wess (PS#230) who played LB LY and experimented at WR and RB during the spring. **CLEMSON** - There were 17,500 were on hand at Death Valley as Coach Bowden mixed up the spring game. As opposed to having the 1st and 2nd units face each other, they split the squads. The White defeated the Orange 24-14 despite the effort of WR Rendrick Taylor who had 4 rec for a spring record 174 yd. Orange QB Will Proctor actually threw an int on 3 consecutive passes and CB Sergio Gilliam snagged 3 int while CB Will Gaddis had one for a 35 yd TD. Clemson's QB's were sacked 13 times and fired 7 int combining to hit 22 of 44 for 342 yd. LY Gaddis struggled to learn the D but this year is one of the MIP and had a huge spring game. All is not bad for the CU offense as in the scrim prior to the spring game, the 3 QB's combined to hit 34 of 44 for 416 yd and 5 TD's with no int. While the D dominated the spring game, in their earlier scrim, the offense dominated as CU ran for nearly 200 yd and piled up 581 yd offense. In the first spring scrim, the 3 QB's combined to hit 30 of 51 for 373 yd. **COLORADO** - Dan Hawkins did not get the usual type of offensive production he likes to see in the spring game. Two of the 4 TD's came on ST's as Stephone Robinson returned a kick 59 yd for a TD and LB Jordon Dizon fell on a blk'd punt for another. Neither Bernard Jackson or Brian White led a sustained scoring drive. Jackson hit 4 of 8 passes for 28 yd, while White hit 10 of 24 for 102. Jackson, who is more of a runner than a passer, had 60 yd rushing on 10 carries and WR Robinson had 3 reverses for 50 yd on the ground. The top TB was Hugh Charles who had 41 yd on 10 carries. RB Mell Holliday, who is 2nd on the depth chart out of the spring, had 6 carries for just 2 yd. The game was played in front of 6,400 and Hawkins, who said he'd let Crosby possibly try a 70 yd FG this year, allowed him to att 5 kicks of 62 yd or longer. Crosby is also the frontrunner for the punting position and avg'd 50.3 on 4 punts. Dusty Sprague had 6 catches for 51 yd. The top tacklers were DE Walter Boye-Doe and LB Dizon who both had 7. Cody Crawford blk'd 3 punts. **CONNECTICUT** - The Blue/White game looked like a high scoring shootout as the White (1st Tm D) defeated the Blue with the 1st Tm offense 41-10 in front of 9,000. Of the 51 pts scored just 14 came on offensive TD's. The Blue had just 160 ttl yd (9 on the ground). Terry Caulley had 5 carries for 2 yd and Lou Allen just 23 yd on 15 carries. RFr Donald Brown led the White with 57 yd on 22 carries and rFr Andre Dixon added 48 on 18 carries. Brown had a 83 yd KR TD for the White which also scored on a fmbl ret and blk'd punt for TD's. DJ Hernandez, who took the #1 spot in the spring at QB, hit just 12 of 28 for 135 but had 54 yd rushing. **COLORADO ST** - Bkup QB Gartrell Johnson, who has improved his bench to 360 lbs, had 58 yd on 11 carries vs an improved Rams D. Caleb Hanie completed 10 of 13 for 99 yd and 2nd string QB Billy Farris hit 5 of 7 for 52 yd. In the deep receiving corps, 3rd string Rashaun Greer had 4 rec for 44 yd. **DUKE** - Duke had a 35 play, controlled scrim and 3rd string RB Re'quan Boyette got an 8 yd TD run on the 2nd to last play to give the offense a 38-37 win over the D. Zack Asack hit 4 of 7 for 59 yd while Marcus Jones, who played QB and WR LY but is now a full-time QB, hit 2 of 7 for 33 yd. In an earlier 65 play spring scrim, Asack hit 6 of 13 for 72 yd and Jones was 5 of 12 for 51. The top RB in that scrim was Aaron Fryer who had 15 carries for 56 yd. **FLORIDA** - True frosh QB Tim Tebow guided the Orange to a 24-6 win over the Blue. Rain was in the forecast and they went through a 30:00 rain delay at halftime. Despite that, about 45,200 fans were on hand and 13 potential starters DNP. Chris Leak's stats were hurt by dropped passes. He hit 17 of 33 for 145 with 1 int. Cornelius Ingram, who moved to WR, had 7 rec for 58 yd and will likely be used in the slash role. Tebow hit 15 of 21 for 197 yd and showed the mobility that Meyer likes as he ran the ball 11 times. **FLORIDA ST** - There were 11,200 on hand at Doak Campbell Stadium. True frosh S Myron Rolle had a 64 yd IR for a TD and the D rolled to a 23-12 win. The spring Off MVP was awarded to RB Antone Smith. The top rusher was Russell Ball who had 6 att for 27 yd but he injured a knee in the 2H. Drew Weatherford hit 9 of 12 for 75 and after not throwing an int the entire spring, he did have one in the game. Weatherford led the ACC in int LY. **FRESNO ST** - After a week of rain, the spring game was played on a wet field but a sunny day helped draw over 3,300 fans. QB Tom Brandstater hit just 1 of his first 7 then connected on 7 of this last 10 for 121 yd. Sean Norton hit 7 of 13 for 140 yd and one TD. Ryan Colburn was just 4 of 15 for 48 yd and 2 int. As expected, Paul Williams led with 3 rec for 141 yd and Marlin Moore had 3 catches for 41 yd. RB Dwayne Wright who DNP LY looked healthy with 7 carries for 46 yd incl a 32 yd run on his first carry. Rich Owens was 8 for 27 and Shannon Dorsey had just 12 yd on 8 carries. Bkup RB Clifton Smith missed the spring with injuries. **GEORGIA** - In UGA's G-Day game, Joe Tereshinski hit just 2 of 7 for 45 yd playing with the 1st Tm offense. Joe Cox tossed 4 int incl 2 that were returned for TD's in front of 18,530. Cox had 162 yd passing and 185 yd in IR yd vs him and one an 80 yd'r by Ramarcus Brown. Matthew Stafford hit 5 of 12 for 102 yd with 2 drops. **GEORGIA TECH** - In GT's final spring scrim K Travis Bell, who only has a career-long FG of 48, nailed a 51 yd'r that would have been good from 56 showing improved leg strength. Reggie Ball hit just 2 of 7 with an int and Taylor Bennet was the star hitting 19 of 25 for 115 and 5 TD's. In the previous spring scrim, Tashard Choice rushed for 79 yd and Jamal Evans had 80 yd on 16 carries. A question mark for fall is CB Jahi Word-Daniels who had a very impressive spring but suffered what appeared to be a major injury at the end of the practices. **HAWAII** - UH doesn't play a traditional spring game and approximately 600 fans showed up for a 43 play scrim that did not involve many starters. The D allowed only 1 play longer than 32 yd but DC Glanville was not happy afterwards saying the only defensive player showing intensity was rFr Brashton Satele. Third string QB Inoke Funaki got the majority of the reps and hit 10 of 19 for 147 yd (3 sk). Glanville noted that Funaki was good at improvising. Overall the star of the spring

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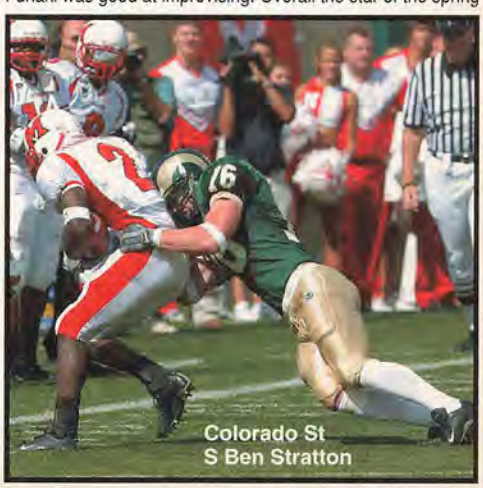
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was a player that probably will not make the 115-man roster this fall in Lewis "Lou-Dog" Santos. Santos, who had not played ball since Pop Warner, joined the Warriors in the spring. His effort and determination on almost every play made him a fan favorite and even the starters chanted his name prior to the spring scrim. Washington had a 70 yd TD in an earlier spring scrim showing off his 4.27 speed. **ILLINOIS** - In the Orange and Blue spring game, Walter Mendenhall rushed 10 times for 52 yd and Rashard Mendendhall had 44 yd on 7 carries. Walter also had a 35 yd TD rec. Tim Brasic was 8 of 18 and Billy Garza hit 9 of 20 for 120. Jody Ellis played for the Orange and had 4 rec for 56 yd. Pierre Thomas had 12 carries for 55 yd and EB Halsey had 54 yd on 7 carries. The Orange (1st string D and 2nd string offense), trailed 17-0 but scored 20 2H pts in front of 5,329. Isiah Williams (PS#11), the backup QB, led the comeback. **INDIANA** - The Cream defeated the Crimson 31-27 and there were 4 TD passes of at least 60 yd. Blake Powers connected with Andrew Means on a 76 yd score and James Bailey for an 84 yd TD. He also had a 60 yd pass to Bailey. He hit 8 of 11 for 289 yd. Graeme McFarland hit 5 of 5 for 73 yd and 1 TD and Kellen Lewis 14 of 23 for 130 yd. Hoeppner called Lewis a special talent. Bryan Payton led the RB's with 51 yd on 9 carries while Demetrius McCray had 9 att for 35 yd. Star WR James Hardy did not play. **IOWA ST** - Bret Meyer hit 20 of 25 for 249 yd and 2 TD's leading the 1st Tm to a 42-28 win in front of 5,000. The final score was actually 42-7 as the backups were spotted 21 pts to start on a sun-splashed day. WR John Davis tore an ACL and is questionable for the fall and starting LB Matt Robertson was dismissed after spring practices. McCarney said that Barkema

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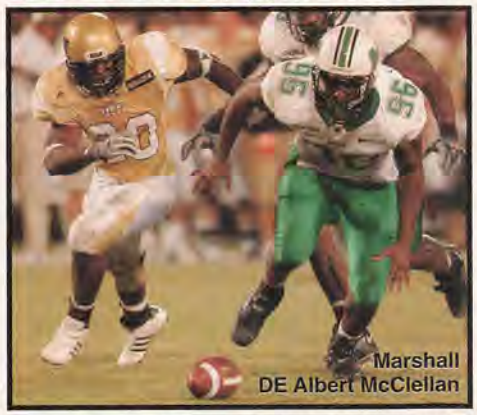
and Nickel were the best PAIR of TE's they've ever had here. **KANSAS** - Kerry Meier took control of the starting QB job during the spring and capped it off hitting 16 of 28 for 184 yd and 3 TD's leading the 1st string White squad to a 28-7 win over the Blue in front of 5,200. Meier also added 36 yd on 7 carries. Brian Murph led the White with 5 catches for 39 yd and RB Jon Cornish rushed for 60 yd on 15 carries. Mangino has toyed with the idea of moving #2 QB Barmann to TE but he is hesitant to do so as that would leave the backup to true frosh Todd Reesing. Reesing hit 7 of 14 for 102 yd and he has a powerful arm. LB Jake Schermer led the Blue with 7 tkl and JUCO CB Blake Bueltel, who started for the White, had 2 pbu. Mangino commented that the D-line is probably more physical than any that he's had here. **KANSAS ST** - In front of 31,875 at the spring game, Allen Webb hit a 53 yd TD pass to give the White a 21-14 win in front of 31,875 at the spring game. Webb hit 5 of 6 for 79 yd. Also on the White was Dylan Meier who hit 7 of 10 for 53 yd with 1 int. The Purple QB's were Allan Evridge (6-12 for 72), Josh Freeman (5-7 for 57) and Kevin Lopina (2-3 for 24). Lopina opted to transfer shortly after the game. The leading rusher for the White was Donny Anders who had 67 yd on 14 carries. Meier had 21 yd rushing and WR Antonio Brown had 11 yd on 2 carries. The Purple's Terry Petrie had 38 yd on 6 carries and Thomas Clayton had 19 yd on 4 rec carries. Purple WR Jordy Nelson led with 4 for 36 while Yamon Figurs had 60 yd on 3 rec. LB Ross Diehl led the Purple with 5 tkl in the spring game but a week later was arrested for battery (status is up in the air). If you watched the spring and compared it to KSt games of the past, the biggest difference was that the QB's, (under Snyder threw plenty of deep passes and while they had lower completion %'s, WR's had outstanding ypc's) threw lot of shorter passes, is shifting to a more West Coast Offense. **LOUISIANA-LFT** - Deon Wallace (PS#89, 4.35 spd), ripped off a 57 yd swing pass and scored on the next play leading the White to a 13-10 victory at Cajun Field. Jerry Babb and Michael Desormeaux spent a lot of time on the sideline so 3rd & 4th string QB's John Hundley and Conner Morel saw a lot of action in the 3rd Tm practices. Phillip Nevels had a 79 yd TD rec from Desormeaux for one score. Many notable defensive players sat out the scrim incl 6 starters. **LOUISIANA TECH** - LT has just 2 starters returning on D while the offense is a veteran group. It was surprising that in their Capital-Bone Bowl the #1 D (White) defeated the Blue (#1 offense) by a 16-9 score. One of the stars was converted RB Weldon Brown who moved to safety. **LOUISVILLE** - The Red beat the White 49-7. Brian Brohm DNP but backup QB's Hunter Cantwell, Pat Carter and Bill Ashburn combined to throw for 511 yd. Cantwell hit 20 of 30 for 321 and 3 TD's and his final pass was int'd but that was actually his first int of the entire spring. Carter hit 3 of 3 passes for 63 yd and led 2 TD drives working with the 1st Tm. Duke transfer Corey Thompson had 6 catches for 61 yd with Mario Urrutia leading with 143 yd on 5 catches. ND transfer Chris Vaughn missed the game with an injury but would have been with the 1st Tm. DE Brandon Cox recorded 4 sk. The Red had a 556-170 yd edge over the 2nd string White. Bill Ashburn, who QB'd for the White hit 13 of 23 for 127 but had 3 int. Sergio Spencer was the top RB for the White with 74 yd on 17 carries. **MARSHALL** - The spring game was played in front of 17,346 and it was a story of two halves. They brought back the 1996 team as well as actor Matthew McConaughey and former MU stars and current NFL players Randy Moss and Chad Pennington to help attendance. In a strange spring scoring system, the offense led 43-28 but the D scored 24 straight pts and rallied for a 62-47 win. The DC attributed the rally to them having a smaller D and said smaller guys are generally better conditioned. RB Ahmad Bradshaw rushed for 142 of the offenses 272 rushing yd. RB Paco Jones had 92 yd rushing and 35 yd receiving. Bernard Morris hit 8 of 14 for 64 yd, Derek Devine hit 4 of 11 for 36 and Jimmy Skinner 3 of 11 for just 27. Shawn Lauzon topped the rec with 67 yd on 6. Chubb Small, who is supposed to be the backup RB, did not fare well in the final 2 spring scrim combining for 29 yd on 16 carries. One of the most talked about things concerning spring practice was that a W Virginia student was caught spying on MU's practices. FG problems continued to plague MU and Ian O'Connor missed 2 FG's for the Green.

MIAMI, (FLA) - Kirby Freeman, who thought about transferring announced after the spring game that he would stay allowing the coaching staff a big sign of relief. Freeman did hit just 6 of 17 for 26 yd with 2 int and had 25 yd rushing on 4 carries. They used a spring scoring system awarding pts for various plays and the D won 31-14 in front of roughly 9,000 fans. Starter Kyle Wright hit 8 of 14 for 45 yd. James Bryant, who moved from FB to MLB had 5 tkl and 3 tfl. **MIDDLE TENNESSEE** - MT was extremely happy that their artificial turf was being replaced and that took effect after the spring game. There were 1,806 fans on hand. Patrick Jackson QB'd the White and hit 16 of 23 for 200 yd. DeMarco McNair led the Blue with 32 yd on 10 carries and JC Bradley Nix had 21 yd on 10 carries for the White. Jonathan Grigsby led the rec with 5 for 82 yd (2nd straight year he led in the spring gm). Taron Henry had 112 yd rec on just 4 catches. DE Sean Mosley paced the D with 3 sk and LB JK Sabb had 2 tfl, 7 tkl, 1 sk and a pbu. Eugene Gross led the rushers with 158 yd on 21 carries. QB Clint Marks was on the losing Blue squad but he hit 17 of 24 for 261 yd. **MICHIGAN ST** - MSU did not have a spring gm but in a 115 play spring scrim, AJ Jimmerson rushed for 132 yd on 28 carries. Todd Boleski nailed two 52 yd FG's. In the battle for the backup QB spot, Brian Hoyer hit 11 of 18 for 154 with 3 TD's while Domenic Natale hit 5 of 10 for 187 and also threw an 82 yd IR for a TD. Drew Stanton hit 6 of 13 for 61 and did not throw an int. About 4,500 fans were on hand. The star def player of the spring was JUCO SS Nehemiah Warrick and Smith said he'd love to have 11 players like Warrick on D. **MINNESOTA** - It was the UM starters vs the backups and the score showed that as UM starting team won 42-3. Bryan Cupito hit 17 of 25 for 251 with 3 TD's and with two of the top 3 RB's out, JC Brylee Callendar rushed for 110 yd and 3 TD's. The starting D allowed 3 FD's. Mike Chambers led the rec with 87 yd on 5 catches. Despite Callendar's performance, OC Browning said, "We don't have a RB right now that's capable of playing at the B10 level. We have to find a legitimate RB." **MISSISSIPPI** - The Red squad rolled over the Blue 40-14. The Red had the Rebels' #1 D and #2 offense and after the game Ed Orgeron, said there was a big dropoff between the 1st and 2nd team D's. BenJarvus Green-Ellis rushed for 47 yd on 11 carries in a game played in front of 22,486. Seth Adams QB'd the Blue offense and hit 14 of 30 for 147 and 2 TD's. Billy Tapp was the Red's QB and hit 8 of 14 for 127 with 3 TD's. Hiram White led all rushers with 90 yd on 20 carries and ex-QB Bruce Hall added 58 yd on 14 carries. The game's top tackler was Rogers Loche (10) and Antonio Turner, a converted RB, had 7 at LB. A star of the spring was DL Peria Jerry who finished with 6 tkl and 4 tfl. **MISSISSIPPI ST** - An estimated 4,500 fans were on hand for the Bulldogs' spring game which Sylvester Croom kept to just 55:00 long. The Maroon squad (mostly starters) won 14-3. Mike Henig, who was voted Off MIP of spring hit 5 of 10 for 60 yd. The D was ahead of the offense almost all of the spring and one of the TD's came on a 50 yd IR for a TD by Anthony Johnson. The Maroon had 97 yd offense on 25 plays and the White 40 yd offense on 25 plays. **MISSOURI** - Chase Daniel was outstanding hitting 11 of 12 for 120 yd and 2 TD's. Three completions went to 6'6" TE Chase Coffman as Daniel's Gold beat the Black 60-43. Pinkel had declared the QB competition wide open to start the spring but Daniel appeared in control at the end. The Tigers' top 2 TB's were out and Connell Davis had 11 carries for 44 yd playing in front of 9,416. In 3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scrim prior to the spring game, Daniel hit 38 of 68 for 443 yd with a 3-2 ratio. Greg Bracey (track tm) has 4.2 spd and had little impact in his first 2 years, but showed signs of emerging working with the 1st unit and had 5 rec in the spring scrim. He came down with mono just before the start of preseason practices LY. **N ILLINOIS** - In 2006 the spring game was dominated by the D as the White beat the Red 6-0 in front of about 1,800. Dan Nicholson hit 18 of 30 for 104 with 2 int and Ryan Morris 13 of 23 for 126 with 1 int. Montell Clanton had 50 yd rushing on 9 carries. Starting QB Phil Horvath sprained an ankle and played just one series. Clanton also led the receivers with 7 catches for 43 yd. Cas Prime had 73 yd on 15 carries and star TB Wolfe, top WR Davis and top TE Nordin all DNP. Novak said that Wolfe was 85-90% healthy and should be 100% by June. **N TEXAS** - Soph Matt Phillips hit 11 of 18 for 242 guiding the Green to a 38-14 win. The Green led 24-0 thanks in part to a 33 yd TD pass from WR Quinn to WR Nwigwe. JC Woody Wilson hit 7 of 15 for 165 for the White. Devon Cox led the White with 36 yd on 7 carries and WR Brandon Jackson had 4 rec for 120. RFr Evan Robertson led the Green in rushing with 52 yd on 14 carries. Fourth string QB Jonathan leans hit 4 of 5 for 34 yd. Projected starting QB Daniel Meager missed the spring game (shoulder). **NEBRASKA** - WR Grant Mulkey (5 st LY) started the spring game but surprisingly was dismissed from the team 4 days later and will transfer. It was played in front of 57,415 and the Red, consisting of the 1st team offense and D, won easily 35-7. The White offense managed just 4 yd of total off on 31 snaps going vs the 1st string D. Joe Ganz and Beau Davis combined to hit 4 of 19. Zac Taylor hit 14 of 21 for 184 yd playing in just the 1H with Callahan running a simple offense that concentrated on the run. The Red offense had 47 rushes and just 27 passes. Marlon Lucky had 84 yd on 15 carries and Cody Glenn 98 yd on 16 att. The White's only score was a Titus Brother's 100 yd KR for a TD. **NEVADA** - About 600 showed at Mackay Stadium for the spring game which include some fisticuffs among the competing squads. In the 99 play Silver/Blue scrim, the D had its best outing of the spring. QB Rowe hit 16 of 23 for 232 yd. Both bkup QB's, Nick Graziano (thumb) and Travis Moore (shoulder) DNP. NT Matt Hines had 9 tkl. Caleb Spencer had 78 yd on 4 catches and the leading rusher was Luke Lippincott who had 41 yd on 14 carries behind a struggling O-line. Kyle Eklund had 13 att for 23 yd and Mike Kanellis had 9 carries for 115 yd. Robert Hubbard DNP. **NEW MEXICO** - The Cherry/Silver spring scrim was played in front of an announced crowd of 1,566. Kole McKamey hit 10 of 17 for 233 and 2 TD's. Chris Nelson hit 9 of 12 for 53 and 3rd string rFr Donovan Porterie was 6 of 11 for 52. Travis Brown led the WR's with 4 rec for 114 yd and Marcus Smith had 3 for 77. The top TB was Martelius Epps who had 16 for 75 yd. Paul Baker had 67 yd on 10 carries and Robert Ferguson had just 33 yd on 10 carries. FB Matt Quillen had a 70 yd TD run on a fake punt. Quincy Black led the D with 9 tkl and 3 sk. **NEW MEXICO ST** - In the Crimson Bowl, Chase Holbrook looked as solid as Mumme expected hitting 22 of 30 for 343. Keep in mind LY Joey Vincent threw for 339 yd and Royal Gill for 236. The Crimson won 42-24 as it had the starters and top reserves while the White featured the 2nd and 3rd string. White WR Jamel Hobson had 8 rec for 211 yd. Akieem Jolla (Crimson) had 6 rec for 62 yd. White QB Scott Grantham hit 19 of 40 taking on the #1 D. The White started with a 14-0 advantage and led 24-14 at half. LY 2 Aggies were members of the 3-4-5 Club (300 lb power clean, 400 lb bench, 500 lb squat). This year there are 12 members. **NORTH CAROLINA** - The NC QB battle continued on in the spring. Dailey hit 8 of 15 for 65 yd and had a fmbl that was ret'd for a TD. Cam Sexton had a couple of deep passes called back on pen and finished just 2 of 3 for 13. Barrington Edwards led all rushers with 58 yd on 11 carries. LY's backup QB Joey Bozich was moved to FB.

The Blue won 14-7 in a game played in rain and the offenses were conservative due to the slick field. **NC STATE** - LB Patrick Lowery won the Award Def MVP in the spring. A late addition to the LB corps was FB Reggie Davis (PS#93) who moved in the final week. He had 7 tkl in the spring game which tied him for tops in the spring game along with JC Neal. Jamelle Eugene led in rushing with 108 yd on 16 carries. Backup QB Mike Greco had a 60 yd TD run and also had a 60 yd TD pass to 6'6" Kyle Newell. DB Ben Brasher had a 70 yd IR for a TD. QB Daniel Evans who was with the 2nd string offense, hit 7 of 13 for 53 but had two int. RB Andre Brown who was voted the Off MVP in the spring had 58 yd on 10 carries and Toney Baker ran for 114 yd on 9 carries. QB Marcus Stone hit 10 of 18 for 94 yd. **NORTHWESTERN** - Andrew Brewer, who also worked at WR in the spring, hit 6 of 8 for 52 yd and 1 TD and also ran 10 times for 89 yd. He had a 21 yd rec as well. CJ Bacher hit 8 of 11 for 121 yd and 2 TD's with an int with 2 carries for 16 yd and Mike Kafka was 7 of 15 for 46 yd with 2 int and had 71 yd rush on 8 att. The offense outscored the D 64-32 in the spring scoring system and the game consisted of 70 plays. Brandon Roberson was actually the top rusher with just 20 yd on just 9 carries. **OHIO ST** - Troy Smith played 1 series and hit 4 of 4, and led the team 62 yd for a TD and was on the sidelines for the rest of the game in front of 63,649 including 23,600 walk-ups. The attendance was blessed by good weather and the ticket price was just $5. The 3 bkup QB's generated a grand total of 3 pts. Justin Zwick was 4 of 6 for 32 yd in 2 series. Todd Boeckman was 13 of 27 for 189 and 2 int and Rob Schoenhoft was 9 of 28 for 109 with 1 int but led a 44 yd drive for 3 pts. True frosh RB Chris Wells rushed for 48 yd on 11 carries, Maurice Wells had 35 yd on 10 att and Erik Haw rushed for 38 yd on 10 carries with starter Pittman held out due to injury. The Scarlet defeated the Gray 12-0. **OKLAHOMA** - Stoops scaled back after losing numerous players in the spring game in the past. The D won 41-30 and the only offensive TD came on a 43 yd TD pass to Jauquin Iglesias. WR Paul Thompson had 4 rec for 82 yd. Rhett Bomar hit 11 of 22 for 173 but had an int. Bkup Joey Halzle hit just 8 of 21 for 69 with 3 int. Alan Patrick had 11 carries for 29 yd. Peterson had 5 rush att for 2 yd and 3 rec for 31 yd but was ruled down on contact (wasn't allowed to be tackled). **OKLAHOMA ST** - Bobby Reid hit 12 of 22 for 248 and 3 TD's but had 2 int. He came into spring in a QB battle but is the clear-cut starter out of the spring. He led the Orange to the win. True frosh Alex Cate, will likely RS. Zac Robinson hit 5 of 12 for 12 with an int while Al Pena hit 5 of 9 for 26 with 1 int for the White. JC Anthony Parks had 3 rec for 81 yd for the Orange incl a TD and Adarius Bowman had 73 yd on just 2 rec with D'Juan Woods getting 63 on 2 rec. Mike Hamilton had 77 yd rushing on 16 carries and Calvin Roberts had 12 carries for 51 yd and Zac Robinson added 31 yd on 7 carries as the Orange whipped the White 38-6. Martel Van Zant and Jacob Lacey each had long IR for TD's in a game played in front of roughly 15,000. The White, consisting of the bkups was given a 14-0 lead to start and an extra 14 pts at the half. The technical score was 38-34. **PENN ST** - Austin Scott had a 39 yd run early and QB Anthony Morelli hit 14 of 26. There was talk that PSU may switch to a 3-4 D at times this year but they did not show it in the Blue-White game. S Nolan McCready had a 75 yd IR for a TD off of walk-on QB Mike Hart. The Blue defeated the White 17-0 in front of 18,000 fans in a game played in steady rain. Morelli finished 13 of 16 for 191 guiding 2 TD drives in limited action with the 3rd string off taking on the 2nd string D. Two stars, who missed the bowl game, WR Derrick Williams and RB Tony Hunt saw action. Hunt had 4 carries for 20 yd and Williams looked in midseason form with 3 rec for 58 yd, one rush for 17 yd and completed 1 of 2 passes. Bkup QB Paul Cianciolo hit just 2 of 7 for 19 yd with a couple of ugly throws when working with the bkups against the 1st string D. With the 1st string off, he hit 4 of 8 for 78 yd but did have an int. Kevin Suhey hit 9 of 14 for 103 yd for the bkup White squad. **PITTSBURGH** - WR Oderick Turner had a big spring and hauled in 2 TD passes incl a 60 yd'r from 2nd string QB Bill Stull but then twisted an ankle and missed the 2H. Starting RB LaRod Stephens-Howling had just 15 yd on 10 carries and Kelvin Drewery had 30 yd on 5 carries. Conredge Collins had 46 yd on 4 carries and has warmed up to the FB position. Due to a lack of depth on the OL, Pitt's D recorded 12 sk vs the 2nd string OL. DE Charles Sallet had 6 sk in the game played in front of 3,503. Tyler Palko hit 17 of 27 for 172 and a TD while running for 35 yd. **PURDUE** - In the first spring scrim, Curtis Painter hit 17 of 28 for 330 with 4 TD's and no int, and while the numbers sounded good, the coaches graded his performance even higher after watching the films. Kory Sheets had 12 carries for 116 yd until an ankle inj. The off put up some big numbers, in 125 plays they had 797 yd with 519 of those through the air. TE Jerry Wasikowski had 6 rec for 125 yd. WR Dorien Bryant (PS#11) had 6 for 87 but 2 TD's. Bkup QB Joey Elliott hit 13 of 29 for 149 and 1 TD and 2 int. LB Jason Werner snagged 2 int after moving from S. **RICE** - Rice's DC, Paul Randolph, likes to blitz but was not allowed to do so in the spring game. The 1st Tm D still dominated and led the Blue to a 35-6 win. The D had 2 int, 2 safeties and forced 4 consec punts. The Gray had a poss start at the Blue 11 and missed a 21 yd FG. Chase Clement who finished the spring at the #1 QB spot, had a big gm hitting 32 of 43 passes for 371 and 3 TD's. **RUTGERS** - The White defeated the Scarlet 14-0 and the star was RB Raymell Rice who had 62 yd on 7 carries. The wind and rain hurt the QB stats. Mike Teel hit just 4 of 10 for 25 and Jabu Lovelace hit 2 of 10 for 25 yd. Dimitri Linton actually led the RB's with 69 yd on 7 carries. **SAN DIEGO ST** - The leading rusher in the first 3 spring scrim combined was not Lynell Hamilton or Brandon Bornes, it was 5'8" Atiyyah Henderson. The most impressive QB of the spring was returning starter Kevin O'Connell and in the Red and Black game he hit 15 of 26 for 155 yd. Darren Mougey hit just 4 of 8 for 16 after hitting 6 of 7 passes the previous 2 scrim's. Kevin Craft connected on just 7 of 16 for 46 yd with 1 int. During the team's first 3 spring scrim 62% of the plays were runs as Chuck Long tried to develop a tougher, hard-nosed attitude. **S MISSISSIPPI** - Jeremy Young took hold of the #1 QB spot after the spring guiding 2 TD drives on 2 poss. In the spring game he hit 6 of 10 for 77 yd. Mich St trans Stephen Reaves, who played for

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both the Black and Gold, hit 7 of 10 for 80 yd and Travis Clark, who also played on both, hit 14 of 22 for 154 yd. He had a TD pass but also the game's lone int which came on a deflection. Todd Wilson was 0-2 for zero yd and Michael Burks 1 of 1 for 35 yd. The leading rusher, as expected, was Cody Hull for the winning Gold as he had 68 yd on 11 carries. Conrad Chanove had 64 yd on 11 carries. CJ Barrows had 25 on 4 carries for the Black. The Gold had a 19-8 FD edge and won 14-9 with the starters coming out after the first two scores. The top receiver was TE Shawn Nelson who had 77 yd on 5 rec. LB Gerald McRath paced the Black team with 3 sk and also was the top tackler with 9 and ROV Ladarius Webb was #2 with 8. Brett Favre called the plays in the 1H and Bower noted that he never called an option. Hanford Dixon was also on hand as an honorary coach. Bower did say that he was disappointed that there were so many players hurt in the spring and they did not have punts or KO's due to the amount of injuries. The game was played in front of 5,619. **SYRACUSE** - Perry Patterson hit 9 of 11 for 150 yd as the offense beat the D 34-25 in the Orange spring game before 2,677 fans. Joe Fields hit 8 of 10 for 103 yd incl the games longest completion of 56 yd to Jeremy Horne. Even though the D did not blitz, the Orange O-line yielded 8 sk. The sack total was inflated due to the fact the QB was ruled down when he was touched. 5'4" walk-on Max Meisel had 2 rec for 23 yd and was carried off the field on the shoulders of the Orange. Kareem Jones, who was running #3 at RB, had 41 yd on 10 carries. WR Rice Moss had 4 rec for 78 yd and RB Curtis Brinkley had 34 yd on 13 carries. **TEMPLE** - Temple's Cherry and White game was played in a downpour. Depth is still weak and in the fall they will be joined by 23 frosh and 12 preferred walk-ons. WR Travis Shelton ret'd a KR for a TD. Four different QB's saw action. Fr Andrew Case played one series and Temple ran 98 plays with the D having the edge. The top 3 QB's were Clancy, Dunston and Kelly. Vaughn Charlton will join the mix in the fall. **TENNESSEE** - Erik Ainge led the White to a 34-7 win over the Orange in front of 15,411 at Neyland Stadium. Ainge hit 14 of 22 for 210. Robert Meachem (PS#5) hauled in a 70 yd TD pass and keep in mind LY's longest TD pass was 24 yd during the entire season. Jonathan Crompton hit 15 of 19 for 102 yd for the Orange. WR Jayson Swain had arthroscopic surgery on his knee at the end of spring practice and said if he is not 100% when the season comes around, he may RS. **TEXAS** - 41,200 fans were on hand at Royal Memorial Stadium as the Orange battled the White. Colt McCoy hit 7 of 11 for 75 yd and had 1 int. True frosh Jevan Snead hit 9 of 13 for 97 yd with 1 TD and 1 int. Snead led 2 TD drives while McCoy led a drive for a FG. **TEXAS A&M** - In the Maroon and White game, the White won 27-24 as they got a 39 yd FG in the final seconds. The offenses dominated as the 1st Tm off scored 4 TD's on 5 poss vs the 1st Tm D. Stephen McGee played with a black jersey meaning he could not be hit and he hit 4 of 4 passes guiding 2 TD drives. Jorvorskie Lane had 11 att for 44 yd rushing and Keondra Smith was the leading rusher with 56 yd on 8 att. QB McCoy had 7 rushes for 45 yd. TE Martellus Bennett (just returned from basketball tm) led with 4 rec. **TROY** - Troy has the perfect QB for their new offense in VHT Omar Haugabook who had a big T-Day scrim hitting 14 of 20 for 200 yd and 3 TD's. He guided 5 TD drives on the day with 0 int. Carl Meadows hit 11 of 15 for 87 and 1 TD. Julian Foster hit 6 of 14 for 41 and Larry Dockery had 9 of 16 for 30 adding a TD but tossed the only int. RB Kenny Cattouse had 6 carries for 74 yd and a TD and FB Sean Dawkins added 31 yd on 4 trys. JC Albert Mack had a 91 yd KR for a TD. The top receivers were Daniel Coleman (5-25), Gary Banks (4-62) and Toris Rutledge (4-58). **TEXAS TECH** - The offense won the Red (off)/ Black (def) game, 16-0. Naturally the D played well vs Tech's potent offense. 6,500 turned out on an extremely windy day (50 mph gusts). Graham Harrell hit 27 of 38 for 227 yd while Chris Todd hit 15 of 23 for 119. RFr CB LaShawn Vation had 6 tkl and a couple of pbu. Tech is switching its home field to FieldTurf and this game took place at Lowery Field which also has that surface. During one spring scrim, Leach put WR Robert Johnson (PS#12JC) at QB. He was expected to be the starting QB when he signed but they only did it so the D could work vs the option. Johnson is firmly installed at the WR slot. In a spring scrim, Harrell hit 22 of 33 for 284 yd while Todd was 12 of 17 for 144. **TULSA** - The Blue/Gold game was played in front of about 1,000 at Skelly Stadium. It was a 52 play workout and the D yielded 189 total yd incl just 34 on the ground. The offense began 6 series at its 35 yd line and 2nd Tm QB David Johnson engineered a 9 play, 65 yd drive for the lone TD. Dropped passes plagued the QB's and Smith finished 10 of 18 for 100 yd with 1 TD and 2 int and Johnson was 7 of 11 for 55 yd with 1 TD and zero int. Tarrion Adams led with 33 yd rush and Okla trans Courtney Tennial had 29 yd on 6 carries. Adams also led in rec with 48 yd and Cauvey Jackson was #2 with 28. JC Devin Adair had 2 catches for 1 TD and Donnie Johnson had 1 TD on 1 rec. On 12 poss TU's offense scored 3 TD's and 2 FG's but most of the scores came on drives started on the 20 of the D. QB Smith said that the Tulsa D was "the best that I've gone against" and one of the stars on the D was LB Alain Karatepeyan who had 2 sks on consec plays. **UAB** - The big question of the UAB spring game was who would be in line to replace Darrell Hackney at QB. Leading the depth chart was Chris Williams and he hit 12 of 17 for 161 and 2 TD's, both to Willie Edwards. Bkup QB Sam Hunt hit 10 of 20 for 108 with 1 int. Third string QB Joseph Webb did some damage running 5 times for 60 yd and while he hit just 6 of 14 for 56, he had two deep passes that were thrown on a tight spiral and fairly accurate but fell incompl. Dan Burks was the leading rusher with 62 yd and WR Willie Edwards who was a pleasant surprise all spring, had 3 rec for 66 yd and a couple of TD's. Steven Brown, the coach's son, had 3 rec for 40 yd. Watson Brown compared his team's defensive speed to that of a solid SEC team and said nobody in CUSA can run better than their D. **ULM** - In a spring-type scoring system, the Maroon D dominated the White off 65-43. The star was true frosh DB Greg James who had 2 IR for a TD incl a 96 yd'r which gave the D 12 pts (5 for int, 7 for TD). Kinsmon Lancaster who took charge of the QB pos in the spring hit just 9 of 22 for 116 yd with 2 int. He had a 50 yd pass to Marty Humphrey. Lancaster, wearing a yellow no contact jersey was not allowed to run, which is one of his strengths and starting G Shultz and Hill both missed the final 2 scrim. RB Calvin Dawson DNP in any of the spring scrim after recovering from offseason shoulder surgery. Erroll Hogan had a 46 yd TD run and led the RB's. The QB ? was who would be the backup and Chance Payne hit 10 of 17 for 96 while Darrell McNeal hit 4 of 11 for 42 w/2 int. McNeal also worked at WR and had 3 rec. The 4th QB contestant, Lynard Barbosa hit 1 of 4 for -2 yd and tossed the lone int. **UNLV** - Shane Steichen came out of spring as #1 QB and hit 4 of 8 for 52 in the game. Behind an unstable OL, Rocky Hines only hit 1 of his first 6 but hit 6 of his final 7. RB Lafayette Fletcher had 33 yd on 4 carries and Ronnie Smith rushed for 41 yd on 4 carries. Top RB Erick Jackson surprisingly had -9 yd on 6 carries. The depth on the OL is thin and the newcomers this fall are expected to contribute immed The top rec was Corey Anderson who had 4 for 48 yd and 3rd string DB Ryan Tillman had 6 tkl to lead the D. **USC** - An estimated crowd of 15,000 was on hand as Mark Sanchez hit 13 of 21 for 146 with 1 TD and 0 int. John David Booty and most of the TB's missed the game with injury. FB Ryan Powdrell had 81 yd on 10 carries playing the TB role but that included a 56 yd run. Walk-on WR Brad Walker had 7 rec for 75 yd. On D, LB Rey Maualuga had 9 tkl and LB Coach Clay Matthews son, Clay, had an int, a FF and a FR. Michael McDonald (Paul's son) hit 19 of 27 for 191. **USF** - 3,862 showed at Raymond James Stadium. Carlton Hill hit just 5 of 15 for 40 yd and was plagued by fmbl's during practices. Matt Grothe who was contending with Julmiste at the #2 spot, got off to a slow start throwing an IR for a TD but finished 11 of 19 for 167. Hill actually missed half of spring (acad). Julmiste rushed for 59 and hit 6 of 13 for 87. LSU

trans Amp Hill had 8 catches for 87 yd as the White rolled over the Green 36-10. **UTAH** - Utah's Red/White saw the bkup team start with a 16-0 lead but the White rallied for a 22-21 win. Tommy Grady saw action for both teams and hit 8 of 16 for 144 with 2 scores. Brett Ratliff who was #1 QB all spring, hit 5 of 12 for 37 while Kevin Dunn hit 5 of 11 for 59. QB Johnson and star DB Eric Weddle DNP. The game was decided on a Kevin Dunn-to-Sean Smith 20 yd TD pass on the last play (White's only score). **UTEP** - The White, which was comprised of mostly 1st teamers rolled to a 24-5 win over the Blue. On the first handoff, Marcus Thomas raced 61 yd setting up his own TD and finished with 78 yd on 7 carries. Jordan Palmer hit 16 of 20 for 216 yd with 1 TD and 1 int. The leading rec was surprisingly Josh Fematt who had 4 for 58 and Chris Day added 54 yd on 3 catches. Bkup QB Joe Castro hit 5 of 8 for 54 yd while Brandis Dew was just 6 of 20 for 79 yd. Fla St transfer Lorne Sam hit 3 of 7 for 26 yd. The leading tacklers were LB Landon Goodwell (9), DB Michael Montero (8) and SS Phillip Moss (7). **VIRGINIA** - The White defeated the Blue 10-7. Bkup K Noah Greenbaum missed on a 51 yd'r but nailed a 44 yd FG on the final play for the win. 7,869 were on hand. A much larger crowd was expected but a steady rain and cloudy conditions kept it lower. QB Chris Olsen was named a captain after the spring (1 of 4). The 3 MIP Awards went to OLB Clint Sintim, DE Jeffrey Fitzgerald and TB Mikell Simpson. **VIRGINIA TECH** - Sean Glennon had a very steady spring and in the game hit 5 of 7 for 36 without a mistake. Cory Holt had a long TD pass but also threw an int on his first pass and was 4-12 for 83 with 31 yd rush. Glennon is a clear #1 out of the spring. Officials estimated 25,000 in attendance but HC Beamer estimated 39,000. It was just a 32:00 game. QB Ike Whitaker who was reinstated mid-spring hit 6 of 6 for 85 yd with a TD. Fourth string QB Greg Boone (6'3" 265) may move to another position but the big man is light on his feet and interesting to watch. He was 285 lbs LY but has trimmed off 20. **WASHINGTON** - Heavy rain, swirling winds and cold temps. It was noted in the spg that QB Isaiah Stanback (375 bench) actually is stronger than several of his OL. He had an impressive spg completing 3 deep passes and led the purple to a 24-3 win over the Gold. He only hit 6 of 9 but for 190 yd (31.6 ypc!). LY the spring game final score was 3-0. This was a matchup of starters (Purple) vs the bkups (Gold). Carl Bonnell and Johnny DuRocher split time with both teams. Bonnell hit 4 of 12 for 25 but had a 28 yd run. DuRocher hit just 6 of 16 for 65. P/K Ryan Perkins who was contending for both jobs, suffered a knee inj in the spg game and will likely miss the season. UW used to draw a lot more to the spg game (1976 30,000 paid to attend) but roughly 5,000 fans were on hand. Stanback appears as much more of a leader. Rankin led the Purple with 7 carries for 50 yd. Kenny James, who was anointed the starter after the spring, struggled with 19 yd on 7 carries. JR Hasty had 30 yd on 10 carries for the Gold. Felix Sweetman hit 2 of 9 passes for 26 yd. **WASHINGTON ST** - A morning snow might have kept the crowd down a little at the WSU spring. The RB's combined for just 49 yd rush while the QB's threw for 243. In an earlier spring scrim DeMaundray Woolridge rushed for 35 yd on 9 carries and later had just 28 yd on 14 carries. Alex Brink, after struggling in the prior week's scrim hitting 4 of 12 for 21 yd, connected on 12 of 19 for 181 in the game. In the 2 scrim Gary Rogers hit 12 of 25 for 112. Cole Morgan hit 7 of 12 for 86 and Arkelon Hall hit 3 of 6 for 39. The top WR was TE Jed Collins who had an excellent spg and he caught 5 for 61 yd. Jason Hill, who turned down a shot at the NFL, had 172 yd on 9 rec in the 2 scrim comb. Darryl Blunt had 5 punts with a 46.4 avg in the game and Fritz Brayton had 5 for 39.8. The leading tacklers for the game were LB Brian Hall (9), DE Mkristo Bruce (8), LB Steve Dildine (8) and CB Tyron Brackenridge (6). WSU QB legend Jack Thompson's son, Anthony, is the leading candidate at LS and he hauled in a TD rec. **WEST VIRGINIA** - Jason Colson had a big game playing both slot rec and TB. Patrick White hit 23 of 30 for 215 and bkup TJ Mitchell hit 7 of 13 for 101. The Gold defeated the Blue 48-31. QB Jarrett Brown, who had worked his way to #2, sprained an ankle on the 3rd play. Nate Sowers, who missed most of the spring with a shoulder inj, threw for 93 yd. Brandon Barrett (PS#12) had 5 rec for 111 yd and may live up to his VHT billing. **WYOMING** - The Cowboys turned the ball over 9 times in two spring scrim. One of the stars of the spring was bkup LB Sean Claffey who had 15 tkl, 5 tfl, 4 sk in the two scrim. In the game itself, the off beat the D 48-31 using a modified scoring system. Jacob Doss hit 8 of 12 for 104 yd and was #1 QB out of the spring but I still expect Karsten Sween to win the job either in Aug or Sept. Stinson Dean took the bulk of the snaps and threw for 128 yd. Sween was only 3 of 11 for 7 yd as they decided to open up the playbook. WR Evan Weatherspoon, who has been compared to Jovon Bouknight, led the WR's with 3 rec for 78 yd. Wynel Seldon had 50 yd on 10 carries but had 2 fmbl's and Devon Moore had 13 rushes for 44 yd. True frosh Marcell Gipson did well at CB during the spring (played RB in HS) and will contend for a starting job. He had an int and also got a tfl on 204 lb RB Seldon. 15,000 were on hand for the 94 play scrim. In the first spring scrim, Doss hit just 3 of 15 for 7 yd while Sween hit 9 of 17 for 149. WY also had much easier practices on their new art turf field after slipping and sliding on the grass in inclement weather.

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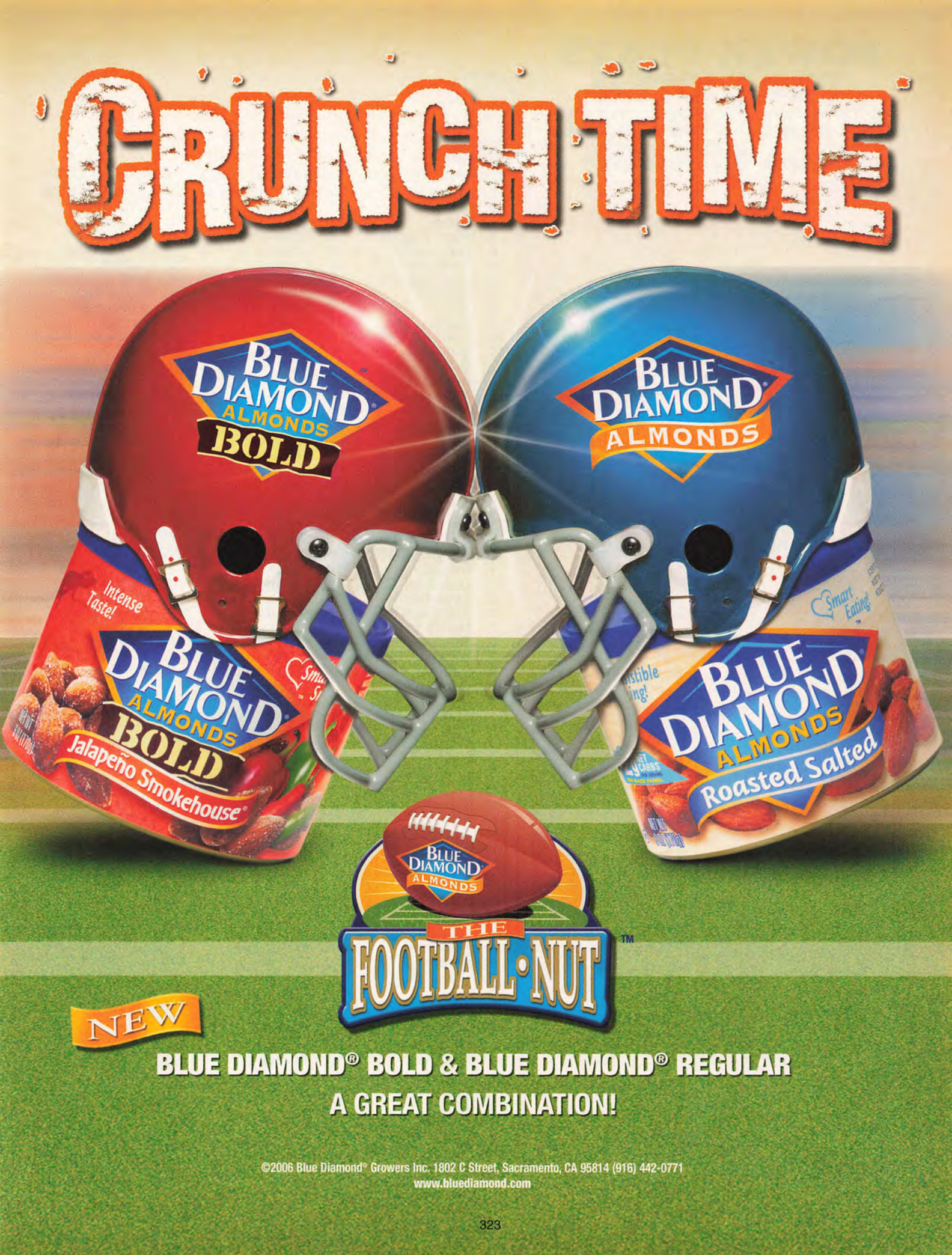
Most of our Power Sweep readers are familiar with the weekly News & Notes and College Fax Report sections in Power Sweep. These sections are filled with the hard to find information that just did not fit into the weekly college writeups. Well, with SO much information gathered for this year's magazine, on this page we will feature some information that just wouldn't fit.

ARKANSAS - The Hogs led Vandy by 11 in the 4Q but lost and then were embarrassed at USC allowing a school record 736 yards in a 70-17 rout. They surprisingly rushed for 237 vs Bama's tough D which was nearly 100 more than the next closest Tide foe had but blew a halftime lead vs Aub and then despite a 216-52 rush edge over #4 UGA, lost by 3. They led S Car 10-7 and had a 356-187 yd edge but lost. In the finale, they missed 2 FG's and had a failed 2 pt conv, losing by 2 to #3 LSU. **AUBURN** - Carl Stephens, the PSA announcer for games in Jordan-Hare Stadium for the L/43 yrs announced his retirement this season and Aub fans are familiar with the term "You're so right Carl" which Shugg Jordan used to answer to Stephens questions in interviews. Auburn fans use that phrase to signal that they are in agreement with each other. In 2003 the Tigers were in many folks Top 5 heading into the year with talk of an unbeaten season. They played great in '04 and like the WV team of 2004 who had a chance at an unbeaten season but disappointed with this record, they rebounded in 2005 to finish 12-1. **BAYLOR** - Surprisingly against Neb, down 23-14, they brought Parks off the bench and his three poss ended in a fmbl and 2 int. Baylor had outplayed TT and trailed just 6-0 in the 4Q but off the bench came Parks and after an int and fmbl, Tech turned a close game into a 28-0 blowout. Amazingly they went to Parks as the starter vs Texas and the team was shutout for the second straight week with 201 ttl yd. Amazingly it was Parks again that got the start vs Missouri. This time, after he threw an int which was ret'd for a TD and a 7-0 deficit and he then engineered 6 FD's and 80 yd in 48 plays, Bell came off the bench finally with 2:45 left in the 3Q. Bell hit 18 of 29 for 206 yards almost guiding a comeback. **CALIFORNIA** - Since Tedford's arrival, season ticket sales have climbed each year. In '02 the Bears sold 16,200 but moved up to 22,500 in '03, a school record 34,100 in '04 and another school record 40,134 in '05. **HAWAII** - Last season they had an excruciating tough loss to Boise where they led 20-7 at the half but gave up a 69 yd blk'd FG TD, had 2 xp's blk'd, including one that was ret'd for 2 and an IR TD, and lost despite a 556-430 yd edge. While UH's D all'd 35.7 ppg, their first two games were vs Mich St and USC, two of the most explosive off in the country. In WAC play, UH allowed 30.5 ppg. Beside Boise, they also suffered a tough loss to Fresno where they had a 27-17 FD edge but on an amazing 9 drives inside the redzone, managed just 13 points. They managed to win 2 WAC road games but a loss to Nevada in 33° temp, was a key to their losing season. Despite Owens and Ayat still being on the team, they finished just #43 that year. Last year they had to replace those two but returned their P and top KR Jason Ferguson who was injured and missed the year. ST's cost them the Boise game when two blk'd K (FG & xp) resulted in 9 Boise points and they also allowed Boise's punter to run for a FD after a bad snap and allowed a 92 yd PR TD. Jones called P Milne probably one of the best players on the team but surprisingly he avg just 36.1 (net 30.0). True frosh Dan Kelly hit 10 of 15 with a long of 46, had 2 blk'd and had 11 TB's on 68 KO's. The top KR was Andre Taylor (21.4) but the team had just 11 PR's as Taylor found the bench after letting numerous punts bounce in front of him. The Warriors dropped to #90. **IDAHO** - Moscow, ID is the dry pea and lentil capital of the world and is an out-of-the-way location which gives them a solid home edge. Idaho plays its home games in the Kibbie Dome (102-48-1 SU there since 1975) which has very rough turf. In fact the carpet is laid out 2 hours before kickoff resulting in a lot of injuries. It's a small stadium but very loud and the elevation of 2,583 feet with the inside Dome temp 72° makes it tough for opponents in the 2H. **IOWA** - Iowa's population is just 2.95 mill, the lowest in the Big 10 with the next lowest being Wisconsin. Iowa was not quite as impressive as the score would indicate vs Ill with 2 blk'd FG's, a missed FG, an int at the 2 as Ill had a 229-220 yd edge at the half but trailed 35-7. Purdue, down by 6, was int'd in the EZ and Iowa won by 17. Indy ran 101 plays to Iowa's 57 and had a 446-425 yard edge but Iowa won by 17. **IOWA ST** - RB Stevie Hicks had 122 vs A&M and 149 vs Kan St where ISU tallied 42 and 45 points. Unfortunately Hicks was injured a good portion and missed 3 complete games. On off LY, ISU was 6-2 in games that RB Hicks was able to start and just 1-3 without him. ISU had knocked off #8 Iowa but then they barely escaped Army to go to 3-0. They lost to Neb in OT on the road with the pass bouncing off a DL's hands in OT which would have been the clinching int. They had their first lead in Memorial Stadium since 1981. The next week Baylor won their first ever B12 road game as ISU fumbled into the EZ leading by 3 in the 2H. The next week they led Missouri 24-14 but allowed an 87 yard drive for a TD with :20 left and once again lost in OT. **KANSAS** - I'd like to wish a happy retirement to Kansas play-by-play announcer Max Falkenstein who last year completed his amazing 60th year as the KU announcer and retired after the bowl game. **MICHIGAN ST** - WJR, which has broadcast Michigan games for 30 years to its Detroit audience, has switched to Michigan St for the 2006 season. The Spartans ST were a nightmare. Goss started with the FG duties and hit 2 of his first 3 but then just 2 of the next 8. Kyle Mayer hit 4 of 5 xp's and was expected to take over for the slumping Goss but suffered a groin inj. Walk-on true frosh Matt Haughey hit just 1 of 5 FG's with a long of 31 and that does not even include a bobbled snap vs Penn St (no att) so the K's combined for just 5 of 16. **NEBRASKA** - In 2004 their four captains were 1 Sr, Jr and a soph but one graduated, one left early for the NFL and two quit so zero returned LY. **OHIO ST** - The D was clearly #1 and even better than the stats as they allowed 2 garbage TD's vs Miami, recorded a school record 12 sacks vs Mich St and Indy's only score was a fmbl ret for a TD and Illinois' only score was an xp for 2. They also held a potent Nwestern team avg'ing 508 ypg to just 7 points and 251 yards and allowed SDSt just 3 FD's while holding Iowa to just 13 yards in the 1H. They did amazingly allow 578 yd to Minnesota, the 2nd most in school history. **PURDUE** - Trailing ND 7-0 they were int'd in the EZ and would get rolled 49-28. Trailing Iowa 23-17 they had a 2nd & 8 at the Iowa 14 but were also int'd in the EZ and misplayed an int and it turned into an 87 yard TD for Iowa. Three times in the 1H they had TO's in the redzone vs Nwestern incl a fmbl into the EZ for a TB and lost by 5. Against Wisconsin they had a 428-280 yd edge but gave up 84 and 62 yard IR's for TD's in the loss. When they lost at Penn St they dropped to 0-5 in the B10 and their final 3 wins were vs teams which went just 3-21 in B10 play. The D was shredded in one 4 game stretch allowing 572, 621, 538 and 603. Brees finished his career in 2000 as the Big 10's career leader in pass att, compl, yd, TD's, ttl off and had 939 yards rush, the best ever for an NCAA QB with over 10,000 yards pass. Kyle Orton (PS#11) who has a cannon for a right arm and has prototypical NFL size, started the last 3 as a true frosh. Tiller ran a conservative off, showed so much confidence in Orton that in his first 3 starts he all'd him to throw 62, 52 and 74 passes and he was the MVP of the Sun Bowl. **USF** - Frank Harry (PS#42JC) was in for the spring but left the team in April but the door is open for his return. **TULSA** - Tulsa almost upset Okla LY in a game much closer than the final score would indicate. They led the game in the 4Q and allowed a late TD giving OU the lead. OU then got a defensive score for a TD on the last play of the game with no time left on the clock for a very deceiving 31-15 final. **USC** - RB David Kirtman was very underrated LY and had a key play vs Oreg when he took a screen pass with the team trailing 13-0 and powered through 3 Ducks for a 10 yard gain and a FD. He also led the team in receiving vs Ariz St and was an outstanding blkr. **UTEP** - Gary Nord had a tremendous first year at UTEP going 8-4 and landing a bowl bid. He built the program the right way bringing in frosh as opposed to JUCO's and redshirting almost all of them. He was clearly building for the '04 season and had just six seniors in '03 but 25 juniors, 23 of whom had redshirted. **WAKE FOREST** - Ryan Plackemeier had a tremendous career and I could write half a page on his accomplishments but we'll sum it up as he was the Ray Guy Award Winner, had an amazing net of 46.7 last year and leaves as the NCAA's all-time career leading punter in terms of average (45.5) beating out Shane Lechler (Tex A&M 1996-'99) and Ray Guy of S Miss (44.67 from 1970-'72). He was also WF's fourth ever 1st Tm AP AA following Bill Armstrong (1976), Brian Piccolo (1964) and Bill George (1949). **WISCONSIN** - Since the Badgers travel better than any other team in the NCAA, we can expect a large amount of fans in Cleveland. Here are some interesting things to see and do while in town. There is shopping at Tower City, a three level indoor shopping center across from Jacobs Field/ Quicken Loans Arena as well as fine restaurants all over the city. You can also catch an Indians game at the Jake (they play earlier in the week), visit the Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame or Great Lakes Science Center which are in the same vicinity as the game.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POWER PLAYS PROJECTED STATS FOR THE 2006 SEASON

My Power Plays Projections take into account the strength of opponent faced. Each week during the season it projects a box score for each upcoming game with yards rushing, passing and points, etc. I thought it would be fun to plug in the Power Plays numbers vs their opponents' ratings and project the entire season. The chart to the left is the 2006 season projected statistics.

SEC	OFF RUSH	OFF PASS	OFF PTS	DEF RUSH	DEF PASS	DEF PTS	YPG DIFF	PPG DIFF
Arkansas	210	235	31.8	80	180	16.1	185	15.6
Florida	165	270	30.5	85	205	18.0	145	12.5
LSU	180	235	31.1	130	175	18.0	110	13.1
Alabama	200	210	25.5	120	200	17.4	90	8.1
Auburn	205	215	30.5	120	215	15.5	85	15.0
Georgia	165	235	27.4	120	200	16.1	80	11.3
Tennessee	140	245	24.9	130	200	20.5	55	4.4
South Carolina	110	290	27.4	175	195	22.4	30	5.0
Kentucky	180	220	25.5	175	225	29.3	0	-3.8
Mississippi	130	205	18.0	170	195	24.3	-30	-6.3
Mississippi St	130	185	16.8	160	190	23.6	-35	-6.9
Vanderbilt	135	215	22.4	175	235	26.8	-60	-4.4
BIG 10								
Michigan	185	275	33.6	110	185	15.5	165	18.1
Ohio St	235	250	34.3	110	225	18.6	150	15.6
Iowa	215	270	32.4	105	240	18.0	140	14.4
Michigan St	210	295	33.6	165	240	26.1	100	7.5
Purdue	220	265	34.9	120	265	24.3	100	10.6
Penn St	190	225	29.9	100	215	19.3	100	10.6
Minnesota	215	220	29.3	165	235	28.0	35	1.3
Northwestern	210	255	29.3	195	240	31.8	30	-2.5
Wisconsin	165	215	28.6	145	215	21.1	20	7.5
Illinois	180	260	24.9	200	230	31.1	10	-6.3
Indiana	110	255	22.4	215	225	33.0	-75	-10.6
BIG 12								
Texas	295	210	38.0	100	185	16.1	220	21.9
Oklahoma	190	250	31.1	70	185	14.9	185	16.3
Nebraska	135	280	29.3	130	165	18.6	120	10.6
Texas A&M	255	210	31.8	125	235	23.6	105	8.1
Texas Tech	80	400	35.5	155	235	21.8	90	13.8
Missouri	210	225	30.5	140	220	23.6	75	6.9
Kansas St	170	230	29.9	145	220	27.4	35	2.5
Kansas	160	210	24.3	135	210	23.0	25	1.3
Colorado	140	210	24.9	85	245	20.5	20	4.4
Iowa St	140	265	27.4	155	265	28.6	-15	-1.3
Oklahoma St	175	210	26.8	170	235	27.4	-20	-0.6
Baylor	60	290	21.8	190	220	29.9	-60	-8.1
ACC								
Florida St	150	315	33.6	100	205	16.1	160	17.5
Virginia Tech	205	185	30.5	95	140	12.4	155	18.1
Miami, Fl	165	260	31.1	100	175	13.6	150	17.5
Clemson	205	210	28.6	90	195	14.9	130	13.8
Maryland	190	250	28.0	135	200	21.1	105	6.9
Georgia Tech	185	215	24.3	90	225	19.9	85	4.4
Wake Forest	190	195	27.4	125	190	21.1	70	6.3
Boston College	185	220	24.9	130	210	18.6	65	6.3
NC State	150	200	21.8	155	190	21.1	5	0.6
North Carolina	120	200	19.3	135	190	23.0	-5	-3.8
Virginia	145	220	24.3	155	225	24.3	-15	0.0
Duke	120	120	14.3	210	215	33.0	-185	-18.8
PAC 10								
California	215	250	31.1	90	230	19.9	145	11.3
USC	185	285	36.1	95	240	19.3	135	16.9
Arizona St	160	345	34.9	135	260	26.1	110	8.8
Oregon	170	280	34.3	135	235	24.9	80	9.4
Oregon St	150	285	29.3	120	270	30.5	45	-1.3
Washington St	150	295	27.4	140	270	28.0	35	-0.6
Arizona	135	270	26.8	140	230	23.0	35	3.8
Washington	135	225	19.9	135	265	27.4	-40	-7.5
Stanford	95	280	25.5	190	270	31.8	-85	-6.3
UCLA	135	245	28.0	200	290	34.3	-110	-6.3

2006 PROJECTED RUSH OFFENSES

1. Navy
2. Texas
3. West Virginia
4. Texas A&M
5. Air Force
6. Louisiana-Lft
7. Ohio St
8. TCU
9. Purdue
10. Iowa
11. Minnesota
12. California
13. Arkansas
14. Michigan St
15. N Illinois

115. New Mexico St
116. Troy
117. Texas Tech
118. Florida Int'l
119. Baylor

2006 PROJECTED PASS OFFENSES

1. Hawaii
2. Texas Tech
3. Notre Dame
4. Arizona St
5. Louisville
6. UTEP
7. Florida St
8. New Mexico St
9. Houston
10. BYU
11. Michigan St
12. Utah
13. Washington St
14. South Carolina
15. Baylor

115. ULM
116. Air Force
117. Louisiana-Lft
118. Duke
119. Navy

2006 PROJECTED SCORING OFFENSES

1. Louisville
2. Boise St
3. Texas
4. Notre Dame
5. Hawaii
6. USC
7. Texas Tech
8. Arizona St
9. Purdue
10. Oregon
11. Ohio St
12. Florida St
13. BYU
14. Michigan St
15. Michigan

115. Syracuse
116. Florida Atlantic
117. Duke
118. Buffalo
119. Temple

2006 PROJECTED TOTAL OFFENSES

1. Hawaii
2. Louisville
3. Notre Dame
4. Arizona St
5. Michigan St
6. Texas
7. BYU
8. Purdue
9. Iowa
10. Ohio St
11. Texas Tech
12. USC
13. Florida St
14. Utah
15. California

115. Florida Int'l
116. Syracuse
117. Buffalo
118. Temple
119. Duke

2006 PROJECTED RUSH DEFENSES

1. TCU
2. Oklahoma
3. Arkansas
4. Florida
5. Colorado
6. California
7. Clemson
8. West Virginia
9. Georgia Tech
10. USC
11. Virginia Tech
12. C Michigan
13. Texas
14. Florida St
15. Miami, Fl

115. Duke
116. Indiana
117. Temple
118. East Carolina
119. Buffalo

2006 PROJECTED PASS DEFENSES

1. Virginia Tech
2. Nebraska
3. Pittsburgh
4. Connecticut
5. Miami, Fl
6. LSU
7. USF
8. Arkansas
9. Utah
10. San Diego St
11. Oklahoma
12. Texas
13. Michigan
14. Kent St
15. Akron

115. Stanford
116. C Michigan
117. Utah St
118. UCLA
119. San Jose St

2006 PROJECTED TOTAL DEFENSES

1. Virginia Tech
2. Oklahoma
3. Arkansas
4. Miami, Fl
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6. Texas
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13. Utah
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1. Virginia Tech
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San Diego St	170	240	29.9	155	180	21.8	75	8.1
New Mexico	180	185	24.9	130	230	27.4	5	-2.5
Colorado St	130	235	23.6	175	195	25.5	-5	-1.9
Air Force	250	145	27.4	180	255	31.8	-40	-4.4
Wyoming	125	230	23.6	175	220	27.4	-40	-3.8
UNLV	135	215	22.4	155	235	29.9	-40	-7.5
CUSA								
Tulsa	205	240	31.8	130	195	20.5	120	11.3
Houston	155	305	29.9	155	205	24.9	100	5.0
UTEP	140	315	32.4	130	235	24.9	90	7.5
Marshall	165	230	24.3	140	220	26.1	35	-1.9
UCF	195	230	28.0	155	240	26.8	30	1.3
Memphis	140	270	26.1	160	235	25.5	15	0.6
UAB	195	170	21.8	130	250	25.5	-15	-3.8
S Mississippi	140	210	26.1	150	230	23.6	-30	2.5
East Carolina	120	260	25.5	225	200	29.3	-45	-3.8
SMU	155	165	21.1	125	265	24.3	-70	-3.1
Tulane	95	240	22.4	200	225	33.6	-90	-11.3
Rice	135	210	20.5	210	250	36.1	-115	-15.6
WAC								
Hawaii	110	425	36.1	170	240	30.5	125	5.6
Boise St	210	245	38.6	105	230	21.1	120	17.5
Fresno St	185	235	32.4	135	235	23.6	50	8.8
Nevada	170	255	31.8	135	255	29.3	35	2.5
Idaho	135	265	28.6	185	255	36.1	-40	-7.5
Utah St	150	230	23.6	160	275	34.9	-55	-11.3
New Mexico St	90	310	24.9	195	265	33.0	-60	-8.1
Louisiana Tech	140	230	27.4	200	245	32.4	-75	-5.0
San Jose St	170	190	23.6	180	300	36.8	-120	-13.1
INDEPENDENTS								
Notre Dame	165	345	36.8	140	205	21.8	165	15.0
Navy	325	105	32.4	135	195	21.8	100	10.6
Army	175	155	23.6	150	205	24.9	-25	-1.3
Temple	105	170	12.4	215	240	39.9	-180	-27.5
MAC								
N Illinois	210	255	33.0	140	195	21.1	130	11.9
Toledo	185	240	28.0	130	220	24.9	75	3.1
Akron	120	265	22.4	140	190	21.8	55	0.6
C Michigan	175	210	23.0	95	275	23.0	15	0.0
W Michigan	100	265	27.4	115	240	25.5	10	1.9
Kent St	135	235	23.0	180	185	26.1	5	-3.1
Ohio	195	180	23.6	140	240	24.3	-5	-0.6
Bowling Green	130	240	25.5	190	220	27.4	-40	-1.9
Miami, Oh	120	235	26.1	180	250	31.8	-75	-5.6
E Michigan	135	210	23.0	200	220	29.3	-75	-6.3
Ball St	125	205	23.0	165	240	29.3	-75	-6.3
Buffalo	110	170	12.4	230	200	32.4	-150	-20.0
SUN BELT								
Louisiana-Lft	245	145	24.9	160	225	26.8	5	-1.9
Middle Tenn	125	240	23.6	160	210	24.3	-5	-0.6
Troy	90	250	21.1	150	205	24.3	-15	-3.1
North Texas	190	160	20.5	175	215	26.1	-40	-5.6
Arkansas St	150	170	18.6	170	195	24.3	-45	-5.6
Florida Atlantic	130	175	15.5	180	205	28.6	-80	-13.1
ULM	165	150	18.6	210	200	30.5	-95	-11.9
Florida Int'l	75	230	17.4	180	230	29.9	-105	-12.5

MIP OFFENSIVE RUSH

1.	Kent St
2.	Alabama
3.	Mississippi
4.	Idaho
5.	Florida St
6.	Maryland
7.	UAB
8.	Clemson
9.	Kentucky
10.	North Texas
11.	Iowa
12.	Boston College
13.	Tulsa
14.	Nebraska
15.	Ohio St
115.	Washington St
116.	USF
117.	USC
118.	Rice
119.	Memphis

MIP OFFENSIVE PASS

1.	Memphis
2.	Rice
3.	Arkansas
4.	Troy
5.	Baylor
6.	Oklahoma
7.	South Carolina
8.	USF
9.	Illinois
10.	Ohio
11.	California
12.	Stanford
13.	Nebraska
14.	Michigan
15.	Kentucky
115.	Northwestern
116.	Miami, Oh
117.	ULM
118.	Vanderbilt
119.	UAB

MIP OFFENSIVE POINTS

1.	New Mexico St
2.	Illinois
3.	Kent St
4.	Oklahoma St
5.	Idaho
6.	Tennessee
7.	North Texas
8.	Ohio
9.	Arkansas
10.	Georgia Tech
11.	Marshall
12.	Hawaii
13.	Troy
14.	Purdue
15.	Utah St
115.	Toledo
116.	Bowling Green
117.	UCLA
118.	Texas
119.	USC

MIP TOTAL OFFENSE

1.	Kentucky
2.	Nebraska
3.	Florida St
4.	Kent St
5.	Illinois
6.	Oklahoma
7.	Arkansas
8.	South Carolina
9.	Ohio
10.	North Texas
11.	Michigan
12.	Miami, Fl
13.	Idaho
14.	Utah St
15.	Ohio St
115.	Bowling Green
116.	Minnesota
117.	UAB
118.	Miami, Oh
119.	USC

MIP TOTAL DEFENSE

1.	Ball St
2.	Arkansas
3.	Illinois
4.	Oklahoma
5.	Wake Forest
6.	Texas A&M
7.	Ohio
8.	Florida St
9.	New Mexico St
10.	W Michigan
11.	Missouri
12.	Temple
13.	San Diego St
14.	North Texas
15.	Colorado St
115.	Middle Tenn
116.	Alabama
117.	Louisiana Tech
118.	Miami, Oh
119.	Iowa St

MIP DEFENSE POINTS

1.	Texas A&M
2.	Arkansas
3.	Arizona St
4.	Ohio
5.	Wake Forest
6.	San Diego St
7.	Colorado St
8.	Utah
9.	Wisconsin
10.	Ball St
11.	Notre Dame
12.	Oklahoma
13.	Michigan
14.	TCU
15.	Navy
115.	Louisiana Tech
116.	Alabama
117.	Iowa St
118.	Miami, Oh
119.	Buffalo

FUN FACTS ABOUT 2006 PROJECTED STATS - Only one BCS team is in both the Top 10 for MIP Offensive PPG AND Defensive PPG. That is Arkansas and Power Plays has them outscoring their foes this year 31.8-16.1. Overall the best ypg diff (Off ypg - Def ypg) goes to Texas (+220) and Louisville (+200). In 2004 a big debate during the end of the season was if the non-BCS bowl teams like Boise and Utah deserved a BCS bid. One argument against them was that if they played in a tougher conf, like the Pac 10 or SEC, they would not be undefeated. I feel that argument had merit and since it is easy to do on a computer, I have switched some teams into different schedules just to see how much of a difference it would make. Below are the teams vs which schedule I have them matched up against and their ypg and ppg projections.

			AVG SCORE
Wash St	vs	Wash St schedule	27.4-28.0
Boise St	vs	Boise St schedule	38.6-21.1
Wash St	vs	Boise St schedule	36.7-19.8
Boise St	vs	Wash St schedule	29.2-29.2

Wash St faces the 6th toughest schedule in the country this year and will have to fight just to get to a bowl. Boise faces the #109 schedule and has a shot at an unbeaten season. If Boise faced Wash St schedule, this projected unbeaten team would have a break even season scoring just as many pts as its opp. If Wash St had Boise's schedule, they would go undefeated and win by an avg of 37-20!!!

		AVG SCORE
Washington vs	Washington schedule (#3)	19.9-27.4
Washington vs	#119 schedule	28.6-14.8

N Texas has been to four bowl games in 5 years playing in the Sun Belt conference. Washington has been 3-19 the last 2 years. UW, this year, takes on the 3rd toughest schedule facing all 9 Pac 10 foes plus Oklahoma and Fresno St. It will be tough for UW to have a winning year vs this slate and my projected stats show them being outscored 20-27 on the season. Now put them in the SBC taking on UL Lafayette's #119 slate and they would likely go undefeated and win by an average of 28.6-14.8!

			AVG SCORE
Notre Dame	vs	ND schedule	36.8-21.8
Boise St	vs	Boise St schedule	38.6-21.1
Arizona	vs	Arizona schedule	26.8-23.0
Notre Dame	vs	Boise St schedule	46.8-14.8
Arizona	vs	Boise St schedule	34.8-14.9
Boise St	vs	Arizona schedule	30.5-29.5

Notre Dame and Boise figure to be two of the top scoring offenses in the NCAA this year. ND faces a #7 schedule and Boise the #109 slate. I also tossed Arizona, who plays the #9 schedule, into the mix. Against their current schedules, Boise would score 38.6 ppg, ND 36.8 and Arizona 26.8. ND, taking on Boise's schedule, would total 46.8 ppg and win by 32 ppg! Arizona, which due to their tough schedule, is only projected with a 26.8-23.0 edge on the year and would win by a 35-15 average facing the Boise schedule. Put Boise in the Pac 10 and they would still be successful but instead of outscoring foes by an average of 17.5 ppg, the margin drops to 1.0 ppg.

On this page I list the teams that are projected to show the most improvement in offensive rush, pass and points as well as the total offense, total D and defensive points. The teams making the biggest gains are not only much improved but facing weaker foes. A couple of notes as I look at the charts above. Kent St will have the biggest gain in the rush offense scrapping the Texas Tech style attack and bringing in some top notch RB's. In pass offense, Memphis cannot rely on DeAngelo Williams anymore and is switching to a spread pass offense. Nebraska is now in the 3rd year of their offensive switch and should have one of the most improved offensive ypgs. Texas A&M allowed 31.2 ppg last year but Power Plays is calling for them to trim that to 23.6 the biggest defensive ppg improvement. I could do an entire magazine on these charts but don't have the room. Compare the forecasts at the end of the year and let's see how close they are.

WHO WILL WIN THE HEISMAN?

The best college football player of the season receives the Heisman Trophy, the most talked about award in college football. Every week, sports shows list which prospective candidates are rising & falling on the list to win the Trophy.

Predicting who will win the Heisman is a tough task, even with a couple of weeks left in the regular season and there is always plenty of debate. With just a few weeks left in 2002's race, Carson Palmer was not even in the Top 5 but he still ended up winning. Naturally, it is even tougher predicting the winner four months prior to the season.

In 1998, I listed Ricky Williams of Texas as my Heisman Trophy favorite. Things did not look good for Ricky when the Longhorns were humiliated by UCLA and Kansas St in back-to-back weeks and he had just average games in both. It was said at the time that his Heisman chances were GONE. When the smoke cleared Ricky broke the NCAA career rushing record and was the recipient of the coveted trophy.

In 1999, I listed Ron Dayne of Wisconsin as my Heisman favorite. Much like Ricky, Ron's chances of winning the Heisman appeared to go out the window after Michigan shut him down and then he fumbled late in the Badgers' upset loss to Cincinnati. When the season was over, Wisconsin was in the Rose Bowl and Dayne had broken Williams' career rushing mark and won the Heisman.

In 2000, I had the only preseason publication in the country that called for Chris Weinke to win the Heisman and he was not even on many folks' lists at the start of the year. This long shot simply delivered my THIRD straight winner, despite the big odds. Michael Vick was by far the preseason favorite in 2000 but came up short.

In 2001, I missed with Chris Simms but did have Heisman winner Eric Crouch listed as #3 coming into the year. It would have been tough to pick who was going to win the Heisman that year, even on the morning of the presentation, as the voting was one of the closest ever.

In 2002, NO ONE pegged Carson Palmer to win the Heisman prior to the year and he was about a 100-1 longshot over the summer but I did have him #7 that year on my list of Preseason Heisman Favorites.

In 2003, Jason White was listed at 30-1 odds to win the Heisman with 20 players listed ahead of him so another darkhorse won the award. I missed for the 3rd time in 5 years with Maurice Clarett of Ohio St (but we all know that story). In 2004, White finished 3rd in the voting but one of the favorites, Matt Leinart, took home the trophy. Last year Leinhart was my pick but didn't become the 2nd two-time winner with his teammate Reggie Bush beating him out. Had the vote taken place AFTER the bowls, Vince Young would have won it. Still, choosing six months before the Heisman is awarded and hitting 3 of the last 8 winners is still a decent record. Here are this year's favorites:

MY FAVORITES

1. Brady Quinn, Notre Dame
Brady has made great strides, from completing 47.3% as a frosh to 54.1% as a soph to 64.9% in the first year with Weis as HC. He threw for 3,919 yards with a 32-7 ratio in '05. ND QB's used to always be front-runners and Weis has awakened the echoes in South Bend.

2. Ted Ginn, Jr, Ohio State
He is one of the most exciting players in the NCAA. He can play RB, WR, QB, KR and PR and is a threat to score any time he has the ball. He may also play some CB and can you imagine offensive players trying to tackle him after an int?

3. Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma
If Adrian was not a true frosh he would likely have taken home the trophy in '04. Last year injuries did him in. This year he is the top player on my top ranked team (and healthy).

4. Kenny Irons, Auburn
Any key offensive player for a team I think can go unbeaten should rank high and Irons fits the bill. Despite only starting the last 9 in '05, he rushed for 1,293 yards.

5. Troy Smith, Ohio St
Vince Young played his best in the big games and Troy Smith also follows that pattern. He has had huge games vs Michigan in each of the last two years and a big bowl game vs ND. He was also #1 in pass efficiency in the Big 10 last year and is a dangerous runner.

6. Michael Bush, Louisville
He was injured at the end of last year but had 23 rushing TD's and at 6'3" 250lbs, he is also a good receiver out of the backfield. If he played for one of the big boys, he would be my favorite.

7. Kyle Wright, Miami, Fl
I was impressed with Kyle in the big games last year and he is now a veteran QB that is good surrounded with talent. Miami should be favored in all 12 games and are my favorite to win the ACC. Plus he is 50-1 to win the trophy!

8. Drew Stanton, Michigan St
In the 1st half of 2005, you had to consider Stanton a Heisman candidate, as he was #1 in the NCAA in pass efficiency and had a 14-3 ratio. Not much went right for the Spartans in the 2H of '05 but he and they should rebound in '06.

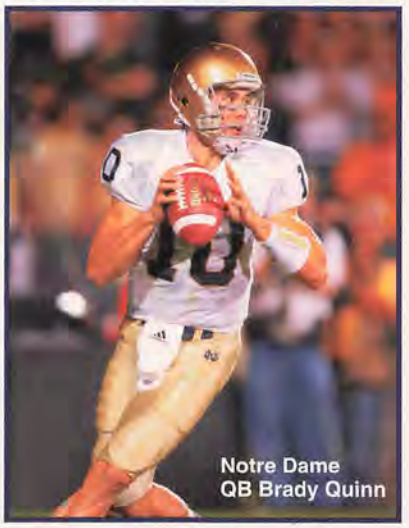
CONTENDERS

This list is heavy on experienced QB's that could put up big stats for National Title contenders which has been the formula for five of the last 6 Heisman Trophy winners.

Chris Leak, Florida
He was a Heisman contender prior to 2005 yet struggled in Meyer's offense but is now in the 2nd year of the system.

Brian Brohm, Louisville
If the Cards knock off Miami, Fl and WV at home, he may be battling his RB teammate for the trophy.

Drew Weatherford, Florida St
He played well most of last year and should FSU knock off Miami in the opener he has a chance


Notre Dame
QB Brady Quinn

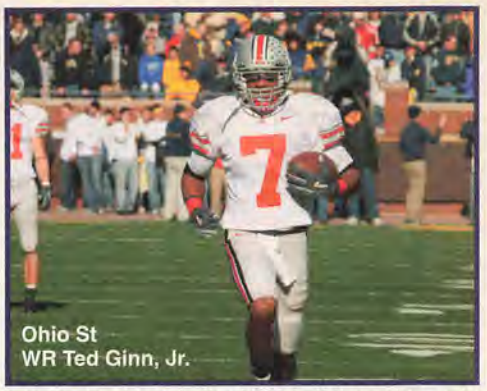
to guide Bowden back to a National Title game. (odds are 50-1 and worth a look).

Drew Tate, Iowa
Tate took the team on his shoulders in 2004 and had even better stats in 2005. I rate Iowa as a possible surprise team and the Hawks' offense looks potent.

Marshawn Lynch, California
Cal is one of my surprise teams with a shot at the title and he is the "Lynchpin" of the offense and should be among the nation's top rushers.

John Beck, BYU
He could put up some huge stats this year in his 4th year as a starter and while he's a longshot, a BYU QB has won the Heisman before.

Chad Henne, Michigan
One of my 7 sets of Power ratings calls Michigan the top team in the NCAA. If they play up to their talent level he could be in for a big year.


Ohio St
WR Ted Ginn, Jr.

Graham Harrell, Texas Tech
Tech's QB's have put up big numbers and have not really been contenders as of late but that could change with this guy.

Derrick Williams, Penn St
Had his frosh year cut short by injury but RB/WR/KR/PR (the Ginn mold) and is dangerous.

POSSIBILITIES

Here are some quality players that will put up big stats but aren't likely to be playing for a National Title contender or may play for a title contender but have to split the stats with other prime players.

Alley Broussard, LSU
Dwayne Jarrett, USC
Tyler Palko, Pittsburgh
Steve Slaton, West Virginia
Michael Hart, Michigan
Kenneth Darby, Alabama
Erik Ainge, Tennessee
Garrett Wolfe, N Illinois
Kevin Kolb, Houston
Jamaal Charles, Texas
Jared Zabransky, Boise St
Bret Meyer, Iowa St
JaMarcus Russell, LSU
Blake Mitchell, South Carolina
Willie Tuitama, Arizona
Darius Walker, Notre Dame
James Davis, Clemson
Jordan Palmer, UTEP

DARKHORSES

Lorenzo Booker, Florida St
Thomas Brown, Georgia
Kregg Lumpkin, Georgia
Steve Breaston, Michigan
Sam Keller, Arizona St
Shaun Carney, Air Force
Jamario Thomas, North Texas
DeShawn Wynn, Florida
Calvin Johnson, Georgia Tech
Darren McFadden, Arkansas

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RB	Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma	3-1
QB	Brady Quinn, Notre Dame	6-1
QB	Troy Smith, Ohio St	8-1
QB	Chris Leak, Florida	12-1
RB	Mike Hart, Michigan	12-1
RB	Steve Slaton, West Virginia	12-1
WR	Ted Ginn, Jr, Ohio St	15-1
RB	Marshawn Lynch, California	20-1
RB	Darius Walker, Notre Dame	20-1
RB	Michael Bush, Louisville	25-1
QB	Chad Henne, Michigan	25-1
RB	Kenny Irons, Auburn	25-1
WR	Dwayne Jarrett, USC	25-1
RB	Kenneth Darby, Alabama	30-1
QB	Drew Tate, Iowa	30-1
QB	Brian Brohm, Louisville	40-1
QB	Blake Mitchell, South Carolina	50-1
WR	Derrick Williams, Penn St	50-1
QB	Drew Stanton, Michigan St	50-1
QB	Drew Weatherford, Florida St	50-1
QB	Kyle Wright, Miami, Fl	50-1
QB	JaMarcus Russell, LSU	75-1
QB	Reggie Ball, Georgia Tech	75-1
QB	Bret Meyer, Iowa St	90-1
RB	James Davis, Clemson	90-1
QB	Willie Tuitama, Arizona	100-1
QB	John Beck, BYU	100-1

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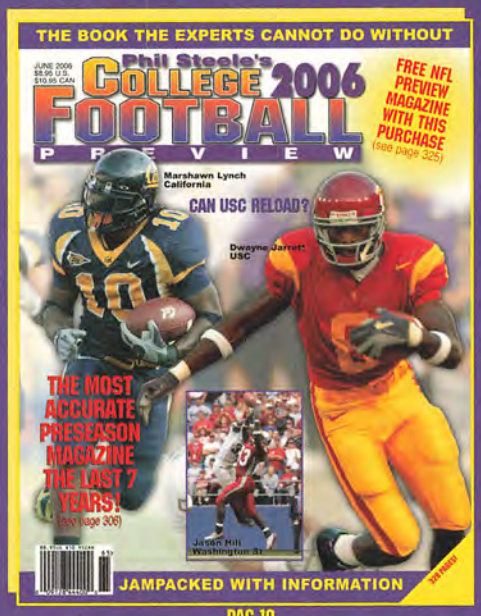
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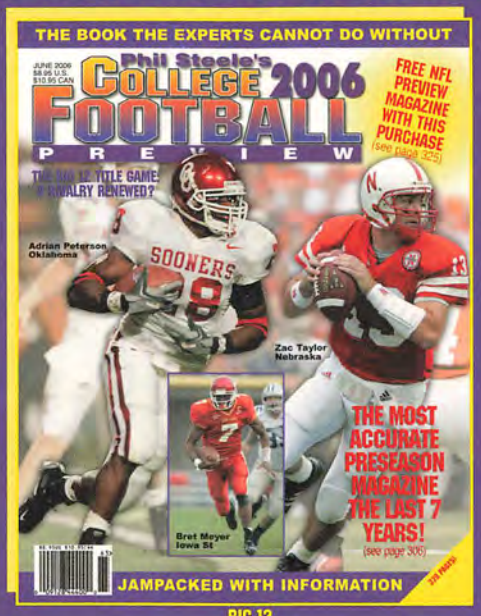
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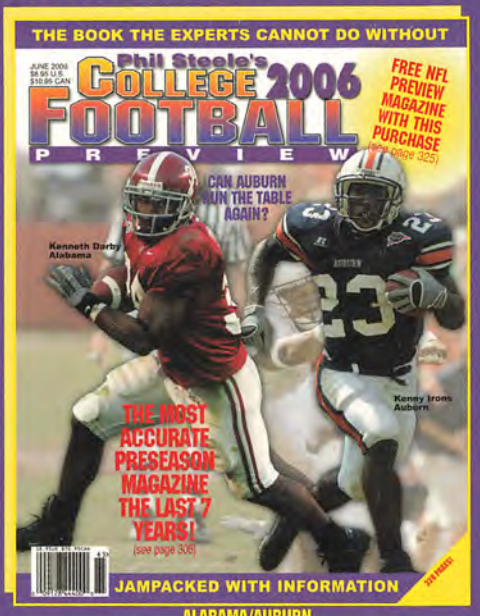
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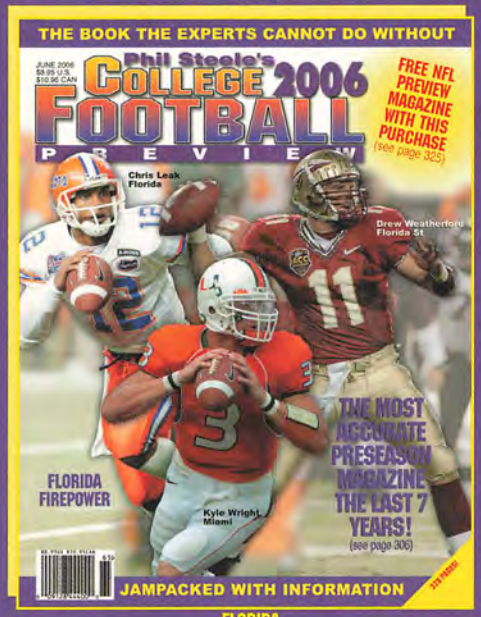
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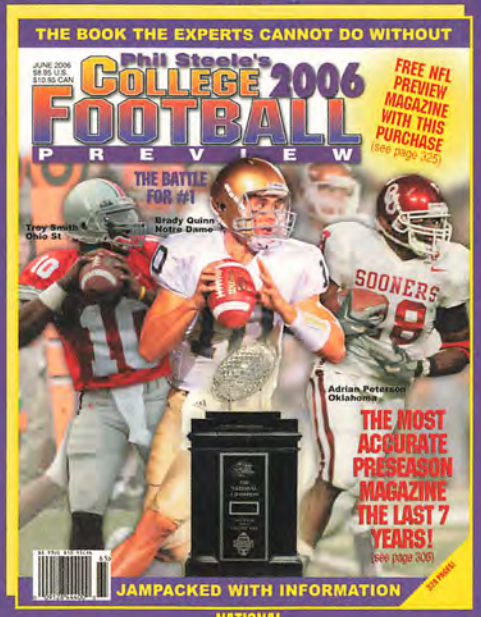
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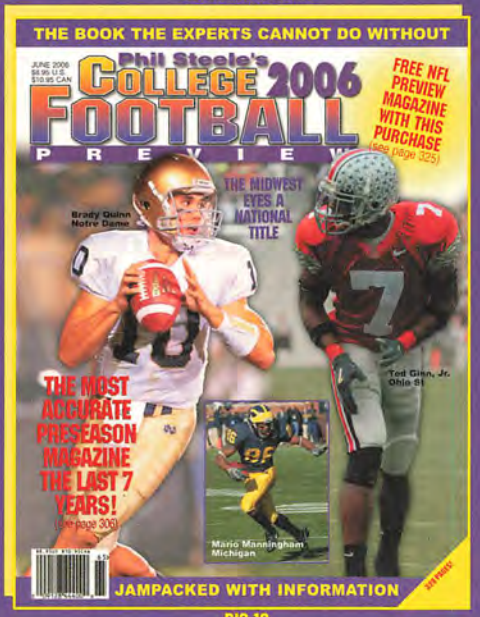
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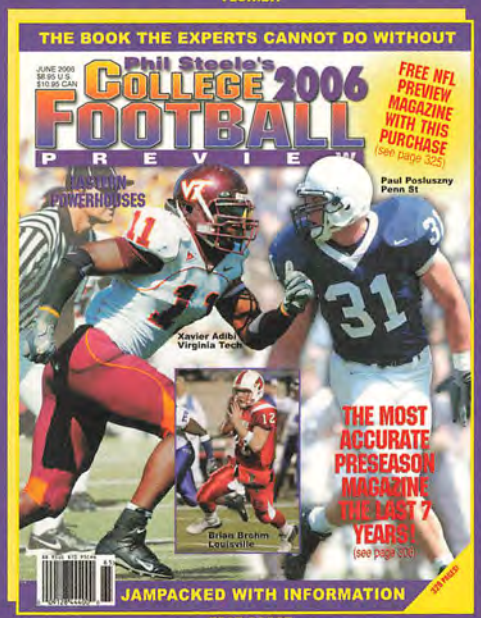
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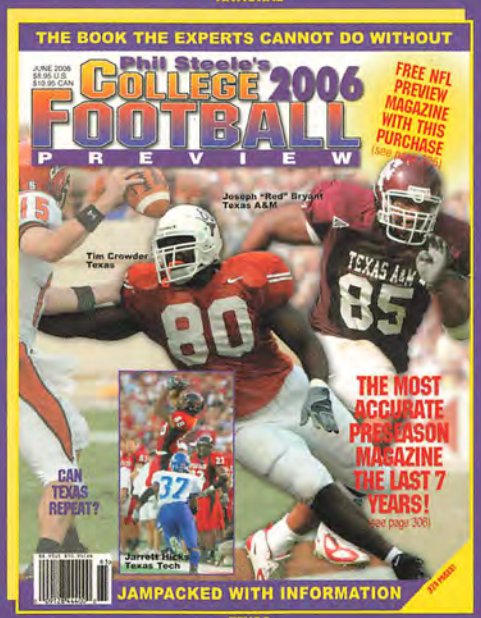
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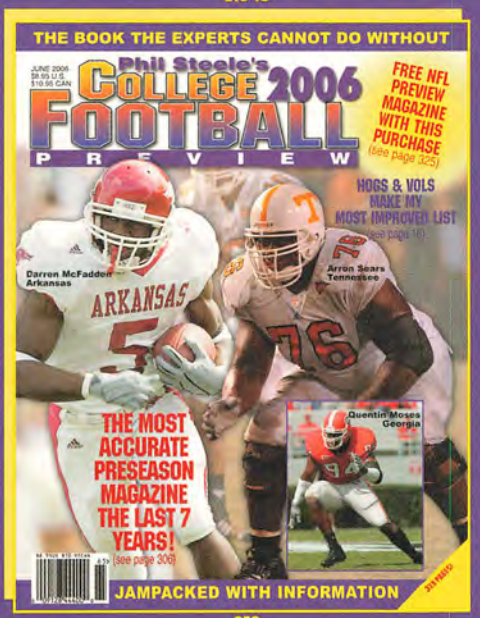
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